



WINNERSH RANGERS FC

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Chairman's Message

We are already fast approaching Christmas and the half way point in the season. Up to now, the season has been uninterrupted by the weather but unfortunately it looks like it is just about to bite hard.

As a club we continue to prosper in terms of the number of teams we run and the number of boys and girls (and men and women) we provide football opportunities to. Indeed, one of our most successful teams last season was the Men's team who won the Reading Men's League Cup final. As a result of their success, we now have a Men's Reserve team and a U18s team this season. The frightening thing about this (from a personal perspective) is that 4 members of the cup winning team were actually playing for me in my U11s team (7 or 8 years ago)!!!

However, as a club, we are constantly struggling with the increasing costs of providing first class training facilities. The hourly charges of floodlit astro facilities continue to escalate (despite the economic downturn as demand for these facilities continues to be high and prices reflect this). Therefore, as a club, fundraising is critical to us maintaining our annual subscription fee as low as possible. I would therefore ask that you support us by firstly contributing to your team's hamper prize for the Christmas Raffle and secondly by selling as many tickets as possible. Last year, our raffle was the most successful in the club's history and the prize winners were overwhelmed by the quality of the prizes. So lets do even better this year.

Thanks for your continued support.



It is amazing what a difference a new look can do!

The Winnersh Rangers website has a new look and feel and even though the content has not been changed substantially, it now looks like a completely new site.

Future enhancements will include a new Winnersh Rangers shop section where you can purchase club merchandise.

Please take a look at www.winnershrangers.com and we would welcome any suggestions on content and feedback to make further improvements so please send any comments to webmaster@winnershrangers.com

Special thanks to Adrian Betteridge who has redesigned the site and been our webmaster for several years now.

U12 Typhoons - taking the league by storm

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Typhoons have a great start to their first 11-a-side season although we have struggled with school conflicts on Saturdays (more of that later). Despite only a few training sessions and no friendlies, we kicked off the season with a convincing 4-2 home victory over Bracknell Town Junior Panthers on 11th September. We then followed this up on 18th September with another great victory away to Sandhurst Royals. The score was 5-2 this time and we would admit the score-line flattered us a little. Unfortunately, our league match at home to Bracknell Cavaliers FC Saints on 25th September was cancelled as we couldn't field a side due to school conflicts. We had to concede the match and the points. A similar situation resulted for the following week's Cup fixture but our opposition were also suffering from poor availability and conceded the match to us. We had a tough league match on 9th October and went down 4-2 away to Wokingham & Emmbrook despite leading 2-1 at half-time. On 16th October we came up against a very strong Camberley Boys Royals team at home, didn't



do ourselves justice and lost the game 5-1. We then had an excellent 3-1 away victory against Woodley Wanders Youth Lions despite being 1-0 down at half-time on 23rd October. However, Woodley extracted their revenge when they defeated us in a home Cup Match 3-2 on 6th November. We then managed to recruit three new players, and a very warm welcome to them and their parents, and the availability position has now much improved. On 13th November, James, John and Matt all made their debuts in a good 2-1 home victory over Ascot United Hawks. The 20th November saw us gain a great 2-0 away victory over Curley Park

Rangers Spartans. As this is written then the cold snap has started and our game against Barton Rovers Royals on 27th November has been postponed due to a frozen pitch. Summarising our season to date then we have had 8 league games where we have won 5 of them, lost 2 of them and conceded 1. We have had 2 Cup matches where we won 1 on a concession and lost the other. So, all in all, a very promising start to the season.

Keith Perkins & Paul Hunt

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - 18TH DECEMBER



Raffle Draw to be held at Pavilion Cafe on Saturday 18th December at 11.00am. Everyone welcome.

The Christmas raffle is the only occasion the club ask all club members to contribute to a fund raising event each year. We have been running the Christmas Raffle every year since the club's inception and every year it contributes greatly to the club's finances.

Last year, thank to a great idea from Fiona Stevens, we asked every team to donate a hamper with a different theme. We had 25 great prizes as a result with themes ranging from Chocolate to Wine, A Ladies and Mens Night In to the more traditional Food & Wine hampers.

All we ask is that you donate a prize to your team's hamper and you sell as many tickets as possible.

NEW PLAYERS WANTED



Winners Rangers FC

Are looking to recruit new players (both girls and boys) at all age groups from U6s (Soccer School) through to U12s (Year 6)

For more information, see our website www.winnershrangers.com or contact Neil Chalfont 07818 441950 Email: chairman@winnershrangers.com



As a club we are always looking for new players of all ages and capabilities.

Currently the following teams are looking for new players:

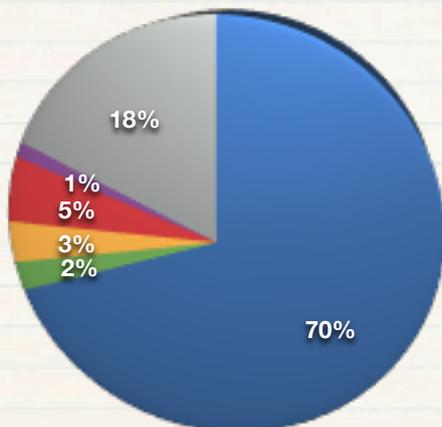
- Soccer School
- U7s
- U12 Cyclones
- All Girls and Ladies teams

Anyone knowing of friends or family interested in joining a great club should contact Neil Chalfont at (chairman@winnershrangers.com) and he will direct the enquiry to the relevant manager.

The U11s are also looking to recruit additional players in preparation for next season when they move to 11-a-side.

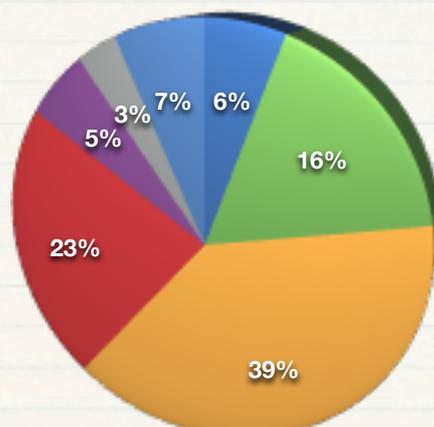
Where the club's money comes from (and goes)!

Income



- Subscriptions
- Raffle
- Clothing Sales
- Cafe
- Sponsorship
- Tournament

Expenditure



- League Affiliation Fees
- Training Facilities
- Coaching & Referees
- Tournament
- Kit & Equipment
- Pitches
- Presentation Evening

Winnersh Rangers reaches out to Uganda



Recently Zach Hemmings visited Uganda on a school trip and he asked the club to donate some old playing kit.



Zach wrote: "I had an amazing experience working alongside the children who attend Valley View Primary School in Jinja Uganda. It was a really busy fortnight teaching football skills, painting classrooms and with the money we had all raised in England before leaving we managed to provide a much needed school kitchen. The village is incredibly poor and the families have very little but my lasting memory is of how happy the children were.

I want to thank Winnersh Rangers for their very kind donation of football shirts, socks and shorts. The children were delighted with them and looking forward to continuing their football after we'd left. The kit will help enormously.

Best regards,

Zach

Soccer School - the foundation of our future success

Soccer School has been going really well this year, with numbers up to 15 some weeks so we have been kept busy.

A mixture of promising talent with kids who are kicking a football for the first time is a real eye-opener but levels of enthusiasm are both equal, which as you can imagine is off the scale.

Any manager out there (especially those with sulky teenagers) should come along and see the pure enjoyment these little ones get from their football time, it is priceless. Soccer School has helped me to re-examine some of my training methods with my older U11 team with an emphasis firmly back on the fun.

Whilst I love coaching the current Soccer School there is a need to find more people to get involved before the beginning of next season when the players will start playing matches also.

One parent – Mark Tomkinson - has kindly stepped forward to manage and coach but with player numbers where they are we expect to have enough for two teams for next season.

Should you be interested in helping out in a coaching or management (or both) role please contact me at soccerschool@winnershrangers.com

Many thanks

Stuart Rowlinson

CLUB SHOP

The club provides a range of items that make the perfect Christmas present for members of the club.

Currently we have rain jackets, hats and scarves available - please contact Dave Elwood at equipment@winnershrangers.com if interested.

As mentioned, we are looking to create an online shop in the New Year and expand our range of items to include items such as boot bags. Therefore look out for another communication on this early in 2011.

REFEREES

The club is dependent on having people volunteering to referee our games.

Prior to the current season we sponsored a referees training course and over 12 people attended and qualified as referees.

The course took place over 10 weeks and everyone had to pass the exam and has subsequently had to referee a number of qualifying matches to get their FA badge.

Anyone interested in refereeing should contact Stuart Rowlinson.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2011

Tournament - Sunday 5th June

Presentation Evening - Friday 10th June

DONATION

The club relies on donations and sponsorship so we would like to thank Black River Asset Management for a generous donation of £750 earlier this season.

Any sponsorship is of course gratefully received and any interest should be addressed to Neil Chalfont or Dave Elwood.