



Winnersh Rangers FC Newsletter Summer 2016

Chairman's message



With the season now in full swing I hope everyone is enjoying their football.

Bearwood rec is looking particularly fine at the moment and I think the separate 5 a side pitch is really helping with preserving all the pitches.

I also hope you are all enjoying the new training facilities at Goals. Obviously with these being purpose built for football it is much better than Leighton Park School. However this has come at a not insignificant cost to the club. We have been able to absorb the additional cost this year and use some of the float we have managed to accrue through fundraising, but should the general consensus be to carry on with those facilities next season then we may need to review the subscriptions costs for next season. Please let your manager know how much you value the better facilities at Goals as this is the only way we get the feedback we need to make decisions moving forward.

Whilst on the subject of Goals and this is particularly aimed at the 'Primary School' aged children, we have decided that ALL children must be collected by a parent from the pitch. The manager is responsible for each child until they have been 'handed over' to a parent/guardian and we can no longer allow the children to run off into the clubhouse to find a parent as often we do not know if they have been collected – I am sure you understand that your child's welfare is of major concern. Ideally parents should not be sat in the clubhouse as it is your responsibility to take you child to the toilet should it be needed. The manager needs to know where the parent is at all times and we cannot allow any parent to leave goals during the training session.

As some of you may be aware there have been health concerns raised over the use of 3G pitches and the rubber crumbs (which I am sure you are all sick of clearing up when you children remove their shoes!). Please see the attached link

<https://www.iog.org/news/telegraph-why-3g-pitches-are-being-ripped-holland-over-health-fears>

We have discussed this at committee level and obviously we can only really take the advice of the FA which says the rubber passes the EU requirements.

Also, as we only train for one hour a week and not specifically goalkeeper training (therefore kids are not 'rolling around' on the floor) we feel any risk is very low.

We will be instructing managers to make sure the children avoid sitting/lying on the floor and avoid eating, throwing or generally playing with the rubber crumb from now on, to really minimise any potential risk.



Should you have any further concerns on this matter please raise them with your manager or myself, who will in turn discuss with the committee. If there are a lot of concerns then it may well sway the decision on the future of us training at Goals.

If I do not see you individually before let me take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Regards,

Stuart

Sponsorship

As always we are on the lookout for sponsorship – be it for the club as a whole or for individual teams. So if you know of any businesses that would like to get their names splashed across the front of our shirts please let me know – chairman@winnershrangers.com

Merchandise

Don't forget there are a number of WRFC items for sale – see the website for details or there are quite a few items for sale in the Purple Café at the rec on a Saturday. They make perfect Christmas presents!

FA Respect and Winnersh Rangers FC Code of Conduct

I would like to remind parents that you have all been asked to 'sign up' to the FA's Respect campaign and the Winnersh Rangers FC Code of Conduct. These are important documents that explain what is expected from everyone connected with the club and their behaviour towards others. Please spend a few moments looking them up on the clubs website and familiarise yourselves with what we expect from all.

WRFC Committee – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

With a number of our older teams naturally coming to the end of their runs we have found that we will be quite a bit short on committee members for next season. Please have a think about joining the committee and having an input into how YOUR club is run. It really does not take up too much time. Please e-mail me at chairman@winnershrangers.com with any questions to for any more information

Quiz and Curry Night

We are currently looking at the last Saturday in February (25th) 2017 for the Quiz and curry night.

Raffle

Again due to competition from schools we have decided against a Christmas raffle and will hold it around Easter next year.



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Fun Football Facts

Fact 1: The Korean soccer player, Ahn Jung-hwan, who scored and knocked Italy out of the 2002 World Cup, immediately lost his contract with his Italian club Perugia for 'ruining Italian soccer.'

Fact 2: The word "soccer" was first used in England before the USA adopted it.

Fact 3: Hitler grew to hate soccer because it couldn't be fixed to ensure German victory over non-Germans.

Fact 4: Greenland can't join FIFA because not enough grass grows there for a soccer field.



Soccer School Autumn 2016 Update

The new season has started in the usual boisterous way for this year's Soccer School, with a mix of children from last year and an influx of new enthusiastic budding footballers. The early numbers are encouraging with a regular eight children racing around after each other. If the year goes the same way as previous years this will increase as children starting school want to play football with their newly made friends.

The group who have remained from last year include Connor Burns, Ryan Graves, Dylan Howard, Callum Nanda, Alex and Harry Rushworth and Max Watts. Joining them are Harrison Evans, Harry Mitchell and Ben Wilson. There are a number of others who have shown an interest, but are yet to dip their toe into a game of 'Zombies'. Stuart Rowlinson and Phil Reakes continue their coaching partnership and try to choose other teams for the children to represent other than Spurs and Reading.



As always we started at Bearwood Rec, but moved indoors to The Holt School when winter training began at the beginning of October. The emphasis is always on having fun, so there are a lot of football games played. The tag games are always the ones that seem most popular, but the relay races and Pirates are close behind. At the same time as having fun we are always trying to introduce and reinforce some core football skills such as running with the ball, turning and changing direction. It is great to see the kids smoothly executing the drag back turn after just a few sessions.



Winnersh Rangers Avengers (U9s): Season Review

Who would have predicted the earthquake that went through the squad during the summer break? The squad ended last season with two full playing squads, making up the Arrows and Bullets, with a complement of sixteen children across the section. All seemed set fair for this season with the prospect of new players joining who would continue the progress of the squad to two healthy seven a side teams in readiness for the new season. Even as two players left to seek a new challenge it didn't seem as if there were any major issues ahead.



Unbelievably, the two players that wanted to leave the club started a deluge and when the boys returned to training at the end of the summer there were only six left of the original sixteen: one from the Arrows and five from the Bullets. The loyalty of the remaining Arrow, Deenan Gill, is exemplary and he should take a great deal of praise for wanting to keep the team alive. The five remaining Bullets of Josh Meredith, Nathan Hirta, Dylan Nanda, George Barton and Jay Bagga, also deserve praise and shows they have a spirit which will make them a stronger team as a result.

But to have a squad that could even start the new season the age group needed more players. So it was welcome that Dylan Burke and Harry Murphy joined to make up the new look Arrows squad for 2016-2017. They are both boys of ability and they have ensured that the squad, not only exists, but is competitive. So the U9s Arrows were on their way.

Inevitably, the early season results have been challenging with heavy losses in the first few games. But suddenly that developing strength of character started to come to the surface and the last few results have been very close - one being in the Shield against a team from a higher section. There is no doubt that the squad is on its way in no uncertain terms and there is the making of a decent little football team here. Watch this space for the unfolding story.





THE BARBARIANS ARE BACK!

Hi Everyone,

Well here we go again the new season is here – hooray! Our season started on Saturday 10th September with a home game against Ascot United and all the boys (and some of the dad's) turned up with their shiny new football boots, clean kit and great feeling of excitement. Having only had a couple of training sessions before the start of the season and I wasn't sure if we had prepared the boys enough for our first game, but within a couple of minutes into the game all my worries disappeared and the boys carried on from where they left off from last season and played brilliantly. We ended up winning the game with a very healthy score line but what was most pleasing for me was the way we played. All the boys showed their skills with running with the ball, passing, moving into space and shooting and it was a dream start for us. We all left the game buzzing and couldn't wait for the next game with the first one under our belts.

Our second game was against Finchampstead Kestrels, a team that beat us 6-1 in the cup last year. Following the previous weeks win we turned up in high spirits but knew it was going to be a difficult match. As soon as the whistle blew the boys got stuck in straight away and they kept up the high level commitment to win the ball and again showed that skills we had been practising in training were being used in the game. After an end to end and very exciting game (my nails all bitten) we got the result we deserved and we had won our second game in a row.

I would like to give a big THANK YOU to the best parents and supporters a team could have. Like last season the support and contribution before, during and after the games is excellent and without these people my job would be whole lot harder.



**Winnersh Rangers U7s Barbarians
EBYFL Presentations Day - June 2016**



East Berkshire FA Award Presentation

Team (Left): Max Pulleyn, Dylan Chick, Jack Lovett, Jude Evans, Dan Atkinson, Nived Rujith, Josh Smith

Manager / Coaches (Left): Darren Lovett, Phil Chick, Dave Smith

Have a good season.

Regards,

Phil Chick – Winnersh Rangers U8's Barbarians Manager.

Winners of the EBFA Respect Award 2015-16



WRFC CLUB MERCHANDISE

Merchandise	Price
	Scarf: £4
	Hoodies: Junior £15, Senior £18.50
	Training Jackets: Junior £21, Senior £24
	Boot Bag: £10



	<p>Gym Sack: £9</p>
	<p>Gloves: £6</p>
	<p>Beanie Hats: £7</p>

Final Message from the Editor

Thank you to everyone who sent a contribution to this edition of the Newsletter, I will aim to do another publication in the spring and so if you have anything you wished to submit please send it through to dragons@winnershrangers.com.

Thanks again and Merry Christmas,

Matt Joy

