



WINNERSH RANGERS FC

SPRING 2011 EDITION



Chairman's Message

Amazingly we are coming towards the end of another league season and before we know it the tournament season will be here. Our tournament is on Sunday 5th June and has proven to be one of the most successful and popular local tournaments. This will be our 4th event and it now has a reputation based on its location at Bearwood College, its format and its organisation. It is something I am very proud of.

Its success however depends on volunteers and therefore I would welcome (or should I say need) offers of help on the weekend of the 4th and 5th June as we need 30-40 helpers over the 2 days to set up, run the BBQ and help with car parking, traffic management and programme selling. Please contact me if you can help if only for 1-2 hours as this is the club's main fund raising event.

Speaking of volunteers, we also need a number of new committee members. The club will only develop and thrive with new blood joining the committee. We are looking for 3-4 new committee members to replace some long standing volunteers who intend to stand down at the AGM in June. Anyone interested can refer to the club's website where there is an overview of all the committee roles and responsibilities. Again if you are interested, please contact me.

Finally, I want to thank you all for contributing to the success of the Christmas raffle which raised over £1600 this year - a club record. I personally have to thank Fiona Stevens for organising it and making it such a success. Also I want to congratulate her on the birth of her twin sons this month!



What does FA Charter Status Mean for WRFC

The FA Charter Standard Club Programme was established in February 2001 to provide recognition that clubs are well run, sustainable, with child protection and safety paramount. It also recognises the club's commitment to coaching, player and coach development and the raising of standards of behaviour in the game. WRFC obtained their Community Level status in 2008 and we are one of few clubs locally with this level of accreditation. It is essential that we are seen to be a valued member of the local community supporting local schools and providing opportunities for players of all ages and sexes opportunities - again anyone willing to help us with any of these activities, please let us know.

U11 Vipers - a venomous attack!

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Following an eleven match unbeaten run the U11 Vipers are now up to second in their Division. This year, the team is much improved and our success has been built upon a solid defence that has given us the best record in the division. So far this season our record reads played 11, lost, just 2 games.

Without a regular keeper the boys are taking it in turns to wear the goalies jersey and we have seen some excellent performances this season, it's giving them all an appreciation of the goalies role and how hard it is to organise everyone from behind! In front of the rotating keeper has been the solid back three of Luca di Gangi, Max Harrall and new recruit Theo Beckett. Not many teams have been able to break through this defence and with most teams opting to play just two at the back, our defence is harder to get through than most! Theo, with an impressive turn of speed is capable of tracking back and tackling almost everyone who does get through!

Across midfield and into attack there are plenty capable of scoring

a goal or two. Joda Burgan, golden boot winner for the last couple of years has really got a fight on this year and despite scoring his first hat-trick against Pinewood there is competition for the trophy from Ben Wiltshire, Joe Baker and Patrick Davis. Linking the front with the back has been Luke Douglas, JJ Hughes and Thomas Morris who have all put in some impressive midfield performances.

The top of the division is very close and with some teams carrying more games in hand than others, the end of the season is going to be very tight. Having beaten top of the table Darby Green a couple of

weeks ago the next few weeks will be crucial and it sees the Vipers scheduled to play some of the other title contenders including Burghfield, Twyford and Sandhurst Town.

In this last part of the season and in our final year of 7 a-side football it's really pleasing to see how far everyone has come in the 5 years they have been together. Thanks to Nigel and new assistant coach Joe for helping them all improve so much.

Martin Douglas



SOCCKER SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

Thinking ahead to next season we all need to help promote the WRFC Soccer School (for Year 1 under 6's).

As well as recruits we are also looking for someone to step forward to manage & coach soccer school next season.

Should anybody be interested please contact Stuart Rowlinson 07917 373214
training@winnershrangers.com

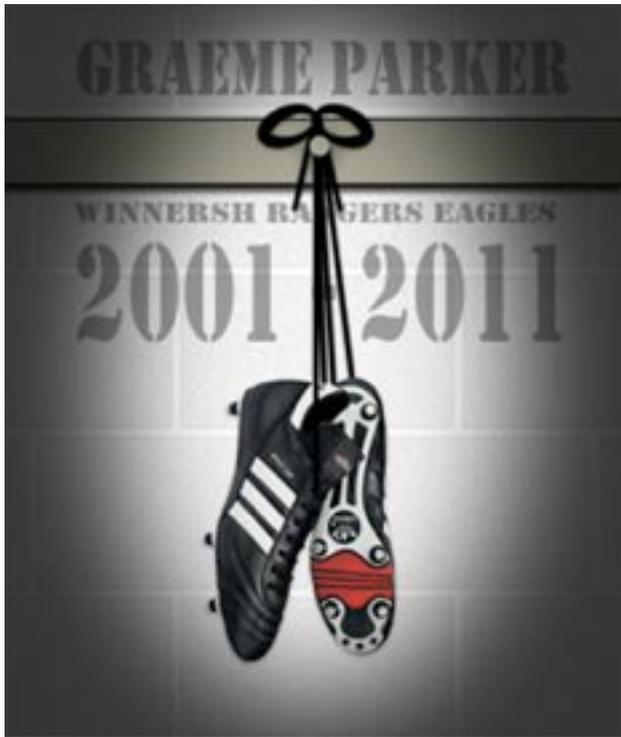
Under 7's Season 2011-2012

We have a cracking set of players currently in Soccer School and the idea is to run 2 teams from the beginning of next season.

We have one volunteer in Mark Tomkinson willing to take one team and we are actively seeking parents to get involved. The second team will need a manager/coach (these roles can be split with the management being purely administrative).

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GRAEME PARKER - A WRFC STALWART



All good things have to come to an end and WRFC have a lot to thank Graeme Parker for. After 10 years involvement with the club, Graeme is retiring and hanging up his boots.

Not only has Graeme been the manager of the Eagles from U8s to the current U18 age group, he has also been actively involved in the committee for many years and the club's "unofficial" photographer.

For me, together with Chris Jones, Graeme transformed our Presentation Evening into one of the best around with the fantastic photo montages with accompanying music. Suddenly the event became a visual record of each team's season and it had the added benefit of keeping all the boys and girls quiet and interested during the transition between teams. We certainly have a lot to thank Graeme for!!

MEN'S TEAM UPDATE

The season of 2010/2011 so far has been a rocky ride for the Men's team, especially with the introduction of our 2nd team. The reserves play in Div 4 of the Reading Football League currently sitting 1 place off the bottom. Richard Wingrove took the reins of the reserves pre-season and although the team has not competed with the top teams of the league it has been an enjoyable season with a notable win in the league cup against AFC Corinthians who play 2 divisions above them. Richard is looking to build on the efforts of his first season for 2011/2012.

The 1st team have also found the season a struggle especially when looking back at the success of last season; runners up in Division 3 and winning the league cup. Currently the league position shows us sitting mid table with 6 games to go and 4 games in hand on other teams, we have an outside shot of coming 3rd and reaching promotion (fingers crossed).

Most enjoyable part of the season so far has been the Berks and Bucks Cup run through to the last 16. Finally being knocked out by an away win to Buckingham FC in the Hellenic Conference Division.

John Dunford
Men's Team Manager

Turbo-charged day out!



In recognition of their achievements last season and in the first half of this season, the U14 Turbos had a karting afternoon at Team Works Karting in Reading during half term.

The day began sedately enough, with the safety briefing and preliminary laps, but once the proper racing started, the competitive streak that has served them so well this season, really took over!



Lap times got quicker & quicker, margins of clearance when overtaking & cornering got finer and finer, resulting in more than a few collisions!

Initially, the strikers and our captain who seems to have boundless energy were heading the leader board, and this trend continued for some time.

Suddenly, from almost nowhere, one of the defenders put in a blistering time, which instantly pushed him up to second.



There was less than a second between the top two, and that was how it remained as the laps ran out and the racing came to an end.

An enjoyable day out, thoroughly deserved by the players, and which will hopefully spur them on for the remainder of the season. We would all like to say a big thank you to Gareth Howell for organising the event.



U10s Lions - roaring to success

The under 10 Lions finally lost their 21 month unbeaten league record with a defeat against local rivals Pinewood in the Autumn. The manner in which the boys accepted the loss to a team that have been fierce rivals since the under 7 age group was commendable - and paved the way for the boys to go on and have a positive new year thus far.

Two solid displays ensured two victories against a talented Binfield side either side of Christmas pushing the Lions up the league.

With Ascot providing stern opposition as always, once more the boys turned on an amazing display of passing football and clever finishing to outclass the Typhoons 3-0 on their own pitch.

In between the team has had a successful cup run. As of now, victories against Henley, Hawley and Camberley has seen us reach the semi finals once more. This year we will be facing a team who stand between us being victorious in the league also.

We have 3 matches against New Windsor in the next 2 months and providing we maintain our league form against the other opposition, the matches will hold the key as to where we finish in the league and if we have a chance of surpassing our runners up place in last years cup. Currently placed 2nd in the league with games in hand our destiny is in our own hands, The season has been fantastic already so it would be the icing on the cake if we can challenge on both fronts until the end

The whole squad have been great in grinding out victories and also playing some fantastic football. They are a credit to themselves, their parents and the club. Lets hope they can keep things going till the end of the season.

Lastly, I would like to thank the parents for their continued support as well as my coach Mark Bennett for his commitment.

Dave Elwood
U10 Lions Manager.

CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Please remember the club only exists based on the efforts of volunteers whether this be as a manager, a coach or as part of the committee.

We are interested to hear from anyone who is willing to help out in any way. We are particularly keen to hear from new club members with children in the younger age groups who would be willing to help us out in any way.

Anyone interested should contact Neil Chalfont on 07818 441950.

TEAM SPONSORSHIP

The club relies on sponsorship whether this be on a team or club level.

Sponsoring a team can be a great way to get your company name displayed on a football shirt and demonstrate your commitment to the local community.

Team sponsorship starts at about £300 (dependent on whether 7 or 11-side team) and is for a period of 3 years so is actually good value for money. Any individual or company interested in helping the club should contact Neil Chalfont or Dave Elwood.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2011

Tournament - Sunday 5th June

Presentation Evening - Friday 10th June

Club AGM - Tuesday 14th June

TOURNAMENT ADVERTS

Any local companies wanting to advertise in the WRFC tournament programme should contact Neil Chalfont. on 07818 441950 or chairman@winnershrangers.com

A half page advert is £30 and a full page ad is £50 (excluding artwork which needs to be supplied).