

Winnersh Rangers FC

# NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2009



## Chairman's Message

We are already two months into the season -where does time go?! As with all football clubs, each team entered the new season with anticipation and hope and as you see in this edition, many of your teams have had recent success and continue to do so. All the committee ask is that everyone enjoys their football but also remembers the FA Respect campaign and plays in a sporting and fair manner – something Winnersh Rangers are reknowned for.

During the Summer, the club held their second annual tournament. This year the event was expanded to include 4 boys and one girl's section and again we managed to sell out. Despite the best attempts of the weather to ruin the day (it was raining extremely heavily with Thunder & Lightning when I woke at 5am on the Sunday morning), the event was again a huge success. We have subsequently received a lot of plaudits for the organisation and fantastic venue which is extremely gratifying. The Winnersh tournament has certainly made its mark on the local tournament scene.

Of course, the other great bonus is that it generated a sizeable profit this year which helps to maintain our subscriptions at the lowest possible level. I am sure you can all appreciate that running a club of the size of Winnersh Rangers not only takes a lot of effort but is expensive when it comes to floodlit astro training facilities, pitches and equipment. We are constantly looking for sponsorship either for individual teams but also the club as a whole. If anyone knows of any company interested or willing to help us in any way, then we would love to hear from them, although we do appreciate in the current economic climate this is a challenge.

The committee would sincerely like to thank the companies who have sponsored teams this season – this support is greatly appreciated. Similarly, we are also looking for one or two committee members so again if anyone is interested, please step forward and contact me or any other member of the committee.

Enjoy the new season and good luck.

Neil Chalfont  
Club Chairman

## U7s Players

The U7s are urgently looking for 4-5 additional players so they can enter a side in the East Berks League in the New Year. If you know of any children who will turn 7 this school year and are looking for a club to join please ask them to **contact Neil Chalfont on 0118 9272578.**

## Referee Course

Stuart Rowlinson is putting together a WRFC exclusive referee course. So far we have about 17 juniors from the U14s. We are looking for a few adults to join the course. **Interested? Please call Stuart on 0118 9783187.**

## Christmas Raffle

By now you will have received your raffle tickets to sell, each team is being asked to donate a themed hamper as a raffle prize so please contribute to your team's hamper and try to sell as many tickets as possible. The raffle is an essential fundraising event that helps to keep our subs low. Plus you might be lucky and win one of the fabulous prizes!

Respect 



## Winnersh Rangers Tournament – June 7th 2009

The club held its 2nd annual tournament in June and it proved to be another huge success. Despite the best attempts of the weather on the Saturday afternoon and night prior to the tournament, the sun came out and shone on the event.

This year the tournament was expanded by one age group so that the boys section catered for U7s through to U10s and the girls section was for U12/U13s. Nearly 100 teams entered representing over 40 local clubs and even some coming from further afield.

Bearwood College provided a fitting venue with its excellent pitches and facilities and we thank them for their support and condition of the grounds. Many people attending remarked on the venue, the organisation and time keeping of the event. The club's principle in organising a tournament has always been to run a small but quality event with the aim of generating a profit for the club.

### The winner's of each section were:

U7s: Finchampstead  
 U8s: Westwood Wanderers  
 U9s: Lower Earley Predators  
 U10s: Ascot Utd Lions  
 U13 Girls: Reading Girls

### Some of the comments we received:

*"I'd just like to thank you and your colleagues for the tournament this morning. Lovely surroundings and well run (plus lucky the rain stayed away!)."*

**Keith Bushell – Ascot Utd**

*"We found everything well organised and had a very enjoyable day. Once again, thank you to everyone involved. We look forward to returning next year."*

**Emma Caswell - Woodley Saints**

*"A great tournament last weekend, thank you for the great organisation."*

**Nicola Boniface - Finchampstead**

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for their contribution on the day – its success depends on volunteers and your support on the day. Therefore please mark the weekend of 5th/6th June 2010 in your diaries already!



## BLIZZARD WIN THE FA CUP!

The Blizzard Under 11 team took part in the Crusader Boys and Girls FC summer tournament over the August Bank holiday weekend. As well as playing lots of football, the boys had the chance to pose for a picture with the FA cup.

This years tournament was very special in that it was renamed The Rio Hamblin Memorial Invitation in memory of the sad passing due to cancer of 11 year old Rio, the daughter of Mark, the under 10's manager.

As a mark of respect a minutes applause was held before each playing session and I am proud to report that the boys observed this perfectly.

**Paul Hunt, Manager**



## CONGRATULATIONS!!



Our mens team were recently named Team of the Month for the entire Reading League.

"We have had some success, well only success actually. Played 8 ..WON 8 we are top of Mens Division 3 with 24 points." **John Dunford, Manager**



## U10 Girls Raiders Get off to a flying Start!

The U10 girl's Raiders team have joined a league for the first time, having been formed just last season and playing only the odd friendly.

The team has joined the South Chilton Minor League playing matches at Kensington Park in Reading every Saturday morning. After 6 games, we lie second in the league with 4 wins and 2 losses, scoring 21 goals.

The girls are making excellent progress and improvements can be seen every game and during training. They are developing a good team spirit and I'm sure they will have a successful season.

**David Brown, Manager**

## U8 Bears

Last seasons U8 Bears won their section at the Binfield FC Tournament in May. They were unbeaten in 4 matches and the goal scorers on the day were Tom Davies, Luke Rodhouse and William Rowe.  
**Alan Rodhouse, Manager**

## U13 Turbos

We've managed to get together a squad of 17 boys, 4 of which have com across from the now sadly disbanded Spitfires. These are Joel Belton, Tom Ryan, Max Hargrave & Kieran Binyon. We've also added 3 completely new members, through advertising in local schools.

Theale Tigers was our first tournament and the hottest day of the year, however, we made it to the Quarter Finals! 'We are clearly progressing as a team, I feel certain we will be hard to beat in the league this season' commented Coach Gareth Howell

**To date the Turbos are top of their division and remain unbeaten!**



## QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

Sat Feb 27th 2010  
Tickets on Sale Soon



## THE PURPLE CAFÉ

The Purple Café is an essential part of WRFC fundraising, it's one of the activities we perform to keep annual subs to a minimum.

Unfortunately the café has been suffering from a lack of volunteers, so I'd like to explain what café duty entails.

Each Saturday 2 teams are asked to provide 2 volunteers for café duty. One team taking 8.30 - 10.30 and the other 10.30 - 12.30. The half hour at the beginning and the end of each session is for setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Teams are allocated on a rota basis and we try to keep café duty to a minimum for each team.

All we need you to do is cook sausages and bacon and make tea and coffee, something we can all do. The girls who sell the sweets sort out the money, so there's no need to be doing maths in your head! Also there are detailed instructions given to volunteers beforehand.

We find that it's the same parents offering to help each time. Please spare a thought for the people who always offer to help, when it's your teams turn please volunteer, it's only 2 hours and it can be a lot of fun.

## Keep Warm & Dry this Season

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Child & Adult sizes available

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