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NEWSLETTER

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# Welcome to the 2005/06 Season

Welcome back and I hope you all had a good summer. There have been a number of changes over the last few months which I'd like to update you with:

## TEAM NEWS

I would like to welcome Sally Heron and Nick Baker to the management team. Sally runs the U9 Girls "Sapphires" team who play in the South Chiltern Minor League on Saturday mornings at Palmer Park. They have had a very successful start to the season and we wish them the very best for the future. Sally is assisted by husband Mark as well as Dean Potter who is the team coach. Nick is taking on the U8 Girls "Crusaders" who are just getting off the mark. Very few of the girls have had any experience of playing football at all and so this season will be spent training them up on their basic skills before arranging some friendlies in the New Year. Nick has two coaches - Martin Druce and Lud Moran.

Sadly I have to report the demise of three of our teams - the U15 "Moguls", the U14 "Tornadoes" and the U13 "Lions". The Moguls were managed by Dave Simmill and have been in existence since the club's formation. The Tornadoes was the girl's team run by Andrew Davies and the Lions were run by Andy Hadjiphanis. I would like to thank everyone involved for being part of Winnersh Rangers and for representing the club so admirably. Their departure will be a sad loss to the club.

Penny Jones, manager of the U11 Girls "Falcons" has handed over her duties to Billy Griffiths and Jacqueline Hemmings has given up her post as manager of the U15 Girls. Responsibility for the team has been handed over to coach Chris Jones. Julian Hemmings has relinquished his duties with the U9 Rockets leaving Matthew Brabyn solely at the helm. Simon Vickery who ran the U7s "Hurricanes" last year, was in the unusual position of having his son (Oliver) playing a year above himself. Oliver has now stayed with his rightful age group and Simon has bowed out of his management role. I would like to thank all the above for their valued contributions to the success of the club.

The U7s, run by Neil Chalfont and Gareth Howell, take part in their first league games this year and we wish them the very best of luck. The Soccer School for the U6s meanwhile continues to be run at The Forest School on Thursday evenings under the management of Steve Freemantle.

## BEARWOOD RECREATION GROUND

You may have noticed a different pitch layout down at the Rec' this season. As the club expands and our teams get older, the need for bigger pitches increases. We have therefore added a second 11-a-side pitch to the formation as well as a fifth pitch (marked in yellow) within it. By using the facilities at Bearwood Primary School for the U7s I am delighted that we have once again been able to accommodate all teams in our home area.

Don't forget to make use of the Purple Café which is open every Saturday morning from 9.00am to 12.00pm serving up hot food and drinks. The Café is manned by teams of volunteer helpers and once again I would like to thank everyone involved for their efforts - it is most appreciated! If you are interested in helping in the café, please contact Bernadette Render on purplecafe1@winnershrangers.com

You may have noticed that the newsletter now has an official name - The Purple Patch. This name was created by Dave Simmill our very own Vice Chairman and Kit and Equipment Secretary and we thought it most appropriate. Hope you like it!

And so, may I wish you all a very successful, but more importantly, an enjoyable season and remember - it's only a game!

Martin Belton, Chairman



## www.winnershrangers.com - up and running!

The committee are delighted to announce that we now have a new webmaster - Adrian Betteridge who manages the U11 Girls "Kestrels" team. Adrian set up his own website for the Kestrels: [www.betteridges.net](http://www.betteridges.net) which has proved a big hit with his players and parents alike and we are delighted that he has transformed the Winnersh Rangers website. The new site is now up and

running so go in and have a look! The committee would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Adrian for what is already a fantastic achievement. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ian Ryding for all his efforts over the last few years. The U11 Cougars also now have their own up and coming website and the link is: [http://uk.geocities.com/cougars\\_world](http://uk.geocities.com/cougars_world)

## HIVE OF ACTIVITIES AT THE BEES' GAME



A group of around 60 Winnersh Rangers players and their parents went to the Bracknell Bees first home game of the season against Sheffield on 4th September courtesy of David Taylor Estate Agents. The game was competitive, physical and exciting and caused no end of hysteria from our youngest members who were sat immediately behind the goalie. A great time was had by all and we are really looking forward to our next visit

David Taylor Estate Agents who sponsor the Bees have agreed to donate 100 tickets for four home games at The Hive to the club. Details of the next eligible match will be issued shortly. Anyone interested in tickets should contact Andy Cooley on email [publicity@winnershrangers.com](mailto:publicity@winnershrangers.com)



## Rain jackets – the logistical nightmare!



The club acknowledge that kitting out everyone with a rain jacket has been an almost impossible task. The costs involved have been prohibitive (circa £4,500) and finding an appropriate supplier difficult. However, since we pledged to give every member a rain jacket we are now finally nearing our goal. Over the next few months we aim to give out rain jackets to all those members who have never previously been issued with one. Thereafter, we will be giving players and their families the opportunity to buy Winnersh Rangers rain jackets twice a year and full details as well as prices will be issued nearer the time. A full size range will be available for children and adults alike and the jackets will of course have the name and logo of the club printed on them.

To summarise therefore:

- Fully paid up members of Winnersh Rangers who have never been issued with a rain jacket will be given one by the club within the next month or two.
- Rain jackets issued by Winnersh Rangers are part of the club's kit, along with shirts, shorts and socks. All kit issued to player's remains the ownership of Winnersh Rangers FC and needs to be returned if/when a player leaves.
- Players joining the club after 31st December 2005 will not receive a rain jacket as part of their kit. They will, however, be given the opportunity to buy one.
- Any member who has been issued with a rain jacket at some time whilst playing for the club will not be receiving another. They will of course have the opportunity to buy a new one.
- Jackets that have been lost, defaced or those that are simply now too small will be not replaced by the club. Members will have the opportunity to buy new ones.

## FANCY EARNING SOME MONEY?

I am sure there are many of you out there (young and old) who would like to earn some extra cash by being more involved in football matches. The club are crying out for qualified referees to help them officiate matches on Saturday mornings and/or Sundays. Not only does it pay well, it also gives you the opportunity to get some exercise, meet new people as well as serving the community – what more could you ask for? Winnersh Rangers will be happy to help with the cost of the course so please contact:

Neil Chalfont on Tel. 9272578 or [training@winnershrangers.com](mailto:training@winnershrangers.com) if you'd like to know more.

## SUBS NOW DUE!

A reminder from our new Subscriptions Secretary that all subs or standing order forms are due in by 15th October. If for any reason you have not been given a subs form please contact Sam Dean on 0118 9543414 or

[subscriptions@winnershrangers.com](mailto:subscriptions@winnershrangers.com)

Membership forms should also be completed and returned to Sam for entry on to the new Winnersh Rangers database.

## Presentation Day Photos

Official photographs from the Presentation Day were available for viewing recently at the Purple Café. The photos are 8" x 6" in size with the WR logo in the corner and cost £5.00. If anyone missed the boat and you are interested in viewing/buying one of the photos, please

**call Graeme Parker on Tel. 9018997 or email [database@winnershrangers.com](mailto:database@winnershrangers.com)**

## BOOT ROOM

Just a reminder that Winnersh Rangers do run our own boot room selling donated second hand boots for a small fee of £3.00 per pair. The Boot Room is based at The Purple Café and all sales should go through our Boot Room Manager, Liz Cooley:

**Tel. 9784546 or email**

**[bootroom@winnershrangers.com](mailto:bootroom@winnershrangers.com).**

All boot donations gratefully received.

## East Berkshire place for Winnersh Rangers player

We are delighted that once again Winnersh Rangers players have been asked to trial and play for a place in one of the East Berks sides.

Sam Cooley represented us recently at U9 level, playing for East Berks League side against Oxford at Abingdon Town FC on 28th September. The game was a draw at 2-2 with Sam scoring one of the East Berks goals. Not only that, the team were treated to sausage and chips afterwards for their efforts – well done Sam!



Those of you have been with the club for a while will know that Christmas is a big affair in the Winnersh Rangers calendar and this year will be no exception. Our fantastic raffle draw, which will again include our famous luxury food hampers, will take place on Tuesday 6th December in the bar at the Community Centre. We welcome all parents to come down and have a drink and a mince pie

## Winnersh Rangers Christmas Raffle & Parties

with us from 8pm onwards and we look forward to seeing you there. Raffle tickets will be distributed after half term.

Teams are welcome to host their own Christmas parties and the club will make a contribution of £5.00 per child towards the overall cost.



**Winnersh Rangers Football Club**  
requests the pleasure of your company  
at its Christmas Dinner Dance

**Saturday 10th December 2005**

**7.30 pm for 8.00 pm**

**Bearwood Lakes Golf Club, Bearwood Road, Sindlesham,  
nr Wokingham, RG41 4ST**

**Tickets: £45 per person**  
**Reception Drink and Four Course Meal!**

Lounge suits or black tie (**purple attire optional**)

Put the date in your diary  
Get your friends to come along

Dancing  
Carriages at midnight

Send a **£10 deposit per person** (cheques made payable to:  
Winnersh Rangers Football Club), including any special dietary requirements to:  
**Claire Dyer, Ladymead, 23 Hilltop Road, Earley, Reading RG6 1BY**

We are very proud to have finally organised what we hope will be the first of many new "do's" for our parents, giving them the opportunity to have a civilised night out without the kids.

The first Winnersh Rangers Dinner Dance is to be held at Bearwood Lakes Golf Club on **Saturday 10th December**. **Purple attire is optional.**

**Tickets for the 4 course meal and disco cost £45.00 each and applications should be made to Claire Dyer on**

**[events@winnershrangers.com](mailto:events@winnershrangers.com)**

## Good news on parking!

I am delighted to announce that by working with Winnersh Parish Council we have managed to secure two new parking areas for Winnersh Rangers.

- The first is the car park at Bearwood Primary School which will be open for us most weekends.
- The second is the **REAR CAR PARK** of the Walter Arms PH on Bearwood Road. *Please note that we must not use the front car park.* When walking to and from the Rec' parents and children should come out of the car park and up Sadlers End to Bearwood Road and **NOT** across the grass and through the small car park. Your co-operation is appreciated.

As I am sure most of you will now know, parking at the recreation ground continues to be difficult. We sincerely hope that these two new areas will be of great help to the club. There are other places where we can park of course and I would like to once again draw your attention to them:

- The car park itself. Please try and car share wherever possible and/or double park where you know other team members vehicles. *Please do not park cars in front of or around the bollards as this is a Health & Safety risk and would prevent access by one of the Emergency Service Vehicles, should they ever be needed.*
- New Road. Please park along one side of the road only and do not block the pavement. Access can easily be gained to the field.
- Bearwood Road. Again, please park along one side of the road only. Access to the ground can be gained by a bridge at the top of the field.
- The Masonic Lodge overflow car park *but only on specific occasions when permission is granted.*
- Please avoid parking on Mayfields **AT ANY TIME** due to particular sensitivities.

Please help us to maintain relations with the local residents by complying with these few requirements. Thank you!

## Viduni Pre-School, Sri Lanka – Update

We have had a letter from the principal of the Viduni Pre-School in Sri Lanka thanking us for our contribution to the rebuilding costs following the tsunami disaster. The foundation stone for the new building was laid on June 2nd this year as can be seen in the photo.



The building will be finished in November with the school re-opening in January 2006. We have been invited to the official opening ceremony and if anyone would like to represent the club we'd love to hear from them. We regret that the club would be unable to make any contribution towards the cost of the trip.

## MONEY WELL SPENT



Many of you are interested to know where your subscription money goes, so here is a very brief glimpse of what our main areas of expense are likely to be over this coming season.

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| Pitches & Hire of pavilion | £10,000.00 |
| Training facilities        | £7,000.00  |
| Kit and Equipment          | £3,000.00  |
| Rain jackets               | £1,500.00  |
| Player of the Match awards | £1,000.00  |
| Trophies                   | £2,000.00  |
| League Registration fees   | £2,000.00  |
| Training Courses           | £2,000.00  |

A full set of the club's expenses are always available for viewing at our Annual General Meeting, usually held in July. The exact date for the AGM in 2006 will be published in a future issue of The Purple Patch.



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