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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Wow – what a wet one!

I can't remember a wetter start to the new year than the one just gone, it really did decimate the match schedules at both Bearwood Rec and Cantley.

Hopefully the worst of the bad weather is now behind us and we can all get some matches played.

Obviously there will be quite a few teams needing to arrange midweek matches to catch up with their programmes. I have spoken with Winnersh Parish Council and agreed that we can play evening matches on any evening (except Wednesdays) from the first week in April.. As always the main issue at Bearwood Rec will be parking so for midweek matches the parking will have to be only the perimeter roads and not the car park.

If you currently play at Bearwood rec then please book any additional midweek fixtures via Jane David and if you play at Cantley then please arrange for any midweek fixtures via Paul Wyeth.



Hoodies and Rain Jackets

The club have recently changed the merchandise on offer to comprise of a purple hoodie and a lightweight rain jacket (this is the U9s doing the modelling below) – see website for details at winnershrangers.com





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A few dates for your diaries

Monday 28th April 2014

We have arranged for an in house FA Emergency Aid course to be held at the Pavilion at Bearwood Rec. If you are not already booked on and would like to get this certification then please contact Alan Rodhouse (via your team manager).

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May 2014

Winnersh Rangers FC with Phoenix Football Academy are running a kids soccer camp at Bearwood Rec 10am to 3pm – further details from www.phoenixfootballacademy.com

Sunday 1st June 2014

Winnersh Rangers FC tournament – all volunteers/equipment donations welcome – please contact me at chairman@winnershrangers.com

Saturday 21st June 2014

Winnersh Fete – WRFC will have a stall up – any goal keeping volunteers would be appreciated.

Sunday 29th June 2014

Presentation Day – Bearwood Rec noon onwards – we would like ALL teams to attend this year so please keep the day free if possible.



Help shape the Club's future

As always we are looking for new additions to the committee – any interest please contact me at chairman@winnershrangers.com

Stuart Rowlinson, Chairman



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OUR SEASON – U7s

The season so far has been truly a 'season of two halves'. The year started with barely enough to make one squad, but has grown steadily throughout the year. This meant that it could be reorganised at Christmas and has a very different look to it now.



The season started with the bare five needed to make a team. So the first few games the squad set out with just Jake Myers, David Chipping, Cameron Simpson, Connor Burke and Harry Thompson. Reuben Anthony-Deyemo joined after a few weeks and the squad then had a more robust feel to it. Over the next few months the age group continued to grow. Now there are a healthy number of boys which could provide

enough for two squads for next season.

At the start of the season the original team bonded superbly and after a slow start put in many outstanding performances. But one player in particular stood out, scoring more than half of the goals and dominating many games. As a result Jake Myers was promoted to the U8s Dragons. This meant bringing in new members to the Match Squad. Dillon David, Vinay Vyakaranam (missing from photo) and Aarav Agarwal have come in to bring it up to full strength.



SOCCKER SCHOOL

This year the Soccer School has been running Tuesday evenings indoors at The Holt School. There are regularly 7-8 children enjoying the fun of playing football in a not too serious atmosphere. There is an even split between Year 1 and Reception class children. This means that there should be enough for an U7s squad next season, as well as leaving a healthy core to continue with the Soccer School next year. The choice of evening, day and time has given many parents the challenge of making it and this has undoubtedly affected the numbers able to attend. Hopefully, with the Soccer Camp initiatives and a re-think on venue, timings and day of the week the Soccer School should expand during the warmer (and dryer) months ahead.



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U9 SHARKS

The first half of the season was a set of mixed results in Group C. We didn't always get the results we possibly deserved, the players put in a lot of effort but this was not always rewarded with a win. But that's football sometimes. We were up against some good teams and at the end of the year we were reseeded and moved to group D.

While group results never came our way there were some good results in the U9 cup which led to the team getting a place in the quarter final of the plate competition. The team played exceptionally well considering they had not had a proper game in 5 weeks. Despite the hard work and commitment the result went against us and we lost 3-0 but due to a breach of the rules by the opposition we were awarded the game and progressed to the semi-final. Unfortunately after a valiant effort and a game played as a real cup tie we lost 2-1 to AFC Henley.

The team should be very proud of their efforts. If we continue playing and improving as we are then the results will soon come our way.



The team held a blindfolded penalty shoot-out in October to raise money for [Children In Need](#). The generosity of all involved meant that £68 was raised for the charity. Thank you to everyone that took part.





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GREAT START TO 2013/14 SEASON FOR THE U13 LIONS



This season the lions moved up to playing 11 a side for the first time. Our first ever 11 a side game was a pre-season friendly on astro turf against a side that had played an entire season of 11 a side and we comfortably beat them 11-2. We added some good quality new players to our squad and began the season confident of doing very well.

The month of September saw the lions play 4 league games all of which we won, scoring 25 goals and only conceding 5.

We moved into October in very confident mood and in very good form, especially going forward. October we played only 3 games once again winning all 3 and scoring an impressive 16, conceding just 2.

The start of November brought us the first round of the cup, which we secured a good 2-1 against a strong Binfield team away from home. We played a further 3 league games in November winning all 3, scoring 10 goals and not conceding any.

December was the start of the bad weather period and in December we only played 1 cup game, which was a solid performance coming back from 2-0 down to win 6-3 against Langley Hornets away from home moving us into the Cup quarter finals.

The end of 2013 was a tremendous year for the Lions, winning all 12 league and cup games, scoring an impressive 59 goals and conceding only 10. The year was a total shut out with us winning the 2 friendly games we also played. Lions 14-0 for end of 2013. Well done to all the Lions' boys, you have been sensational!

Ross and Darrell, U13 lions Coaches





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A MESSAGE FROM MITYANA

“Our sincere thanks for the gift of Sports kits. It was a gesture of love and care. The football team at St.Elizabeth school has been putting them on during football competitions and for sure we emerged the Champions of Girl's football in Mityana. Here are the pictures we took after the victory on 8th March 2014. Lots of love from St.Elizabeth, Sylvia.”



More information on Winnersh Rangers FC, including team information and contact details can be found at

www.winnershrangers.com