



## WITHYCOMBE RUGBY AND RECREATION CLUB

### Newsletter May 2010

Welcome to the May WRFC newsletter, keeping you up to date with news & events at your club. Sorry it has been so long since we have been in touch..

**Seniors** It's been a tough time for the boys in Western Counties this season and now relegation is upon us. We hope to obtain the commitment from the current players we have, recruit some more in key positions and look forward to the new season in Devon and Cornwall. We will have to do without the services of John Parkin and Adam Morris as they are off on their travels to Oz and we wish them all the very best. We will have to travel to Cornwall at least five times this coming season so any support is vital to keep the spirits up. The TWATS ( The Withycome Away Team Supporters) will definitely be travelling on a few away games and if anyone is interested in travelling with us, please contact me for further details. The 1st team used 46 players this season. Hopefully, if these numbers continue, we might be able to field a 2<sup>nd</sup> fifteen at some point in friendlies, Sunday matches etc. Its all revenue over the bar which the club survives on. Still no full time coach at the moment, but we are working on it. Watch this space for further details.

**Juniors** The junior section continues to thrive in the under 7's up to the under 15's. We are getting good numbers at training - Sundays for the under 7's & Fridays for the under 14's. Players are always welcome. Please contact Richard Blyth on 01395 442685 for more details. The under 7's and 8's management team have done a splendid job this season and the results prove what a great bunch of boys and girls we have. Ian Cooper always words his reports in the Exmouth Journal excellently every week and we thank him and all the boys for their commitment and hard work in the junior section. The Under 14's have had a mixed season result wise but again the splendid work put in by Rob Toomey ensures that the boys play every week. Special thanks must also go to Lisa Toomey, Gary and Clair Sharland for the work they also put in. Rob does need help though, so if you feel you can assist him in training on a friday night or on match day Sundays, please contact him on 07967521001 or the club on 266762. **REMEMBER , IN A FEW YEARS , THESE JUNIORS WILL BE PLAYING IN OUR FIRST TEAM SO SUPPORT IS VITAL**

#### **Future Events -**

As you can see from the long list below, there are many events that have been arranged for everybody's enjoyment. Please do your best to support your club at these events:

The **Senior awards** will be held at the club on Saturday **8<sup>th</sup> May** from 7.30pm.

The **Junior awards** will be on Sunday **9<sup>th</sup> May** at 11am. Players required to have full kit for team photos. After the presentations there will be food served (hopefully a BBQ) before and during the Ollie Marsden Memorial game versus Totnes at 2.30pm. A fun day for the whole family.

The **Club AGM** will be held on Tuesday **11<sup>th</sup> May** at 8pm. All welcome for a summary of the last year & election of club officers.

We will be holding a **Whist Drive** on the evening of the **11<sup>th</sup> June**. You do not need to be an expert to play and pre-event training can be arranged. This is not a fund raising or gambling event. There is no entry fee and the bar will of course be open. Contact John Passmore on 01392 873094 for more details.

There will be a **Junior Open Day** for new & existing players on the **27<sup>th</sup> June** at the club. A mixed bag of sporting activities together with a BBQ & the bar (for the parents). Come along & enjoy the club facilities. Prospective new junior club members are cordially invited to join in the fun. Further details will be on our website nearer the event. The popular **car boot sales** will be back at the club, starting from Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> July** at 11am. Sellers £5 Buyers free entry. Food & refreshments will be on sale & the bar will open at 12 o'clock.

Sunday evenings will see a new event – **Bingo** will be held from **11<sup>th</sup> July** onwards. Cash prizes to be won. Eyes down at 7pm.

**Race night** will be on Saturday **24<sup>th</sup> July**. Entry is £3 per person to include a supper. Why not sponsor a race for just £30. Contact John Passmore for further information on 01392 873094.

Tag Rugby - Mark Wilkinson has organised games of Tag Rugby for aged 16+ male & females on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. This is just for fun & no experience is necessary – all enquiries to Mark on 07800643871

We are taking part in the Tesco for Schools and Clubs scheme and would ask for donations of the Tesco sport vouchers. With a little support, we could get some useful kit for the Junior Section of the club.

The **fifty club** is proving very popular. For details of how to join, please contact John Passmore on 01392 873094 or at [christer99@talktalk.net](mailto:christer99@talktalk.net)

## **Volunteers Needed**

During the week of the 5th June the club house is to get a freshen up and a good clean. We are looking for volunteers to help us – no need for “best” clothes! There are plenty of cleaning and painting jobs to be done to bring the club house up to a decent standard. If a good number of us muck in it wont be too onerous. Any time people can give, even an hour, would be greatly appreciated. Work will start Saturday 5th June at 10am. We are also having a long overdue kitchen re-fit during this week.

We also need people to volunteer for various positions, including :- Press & Communications Officer/Social Chairman/Fund-raising Chairman/ Kitchen Co-ordinator and many more. If you are able to help the club in any of these or on match days, please let us know.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Sponsorship for clubs such as WRFC is absolutely vital; without it the club cannot function and the teams do not play. Pat Thomas has recently taken over the mantle of sponsorship coordinator and will shortly begin a concerted effort to encourage more firms and individuals to sponsor various activities, kit acquisition and infrastructure improvements. He is keen to point out that sponsorship acquisition is not a one-person activity; all individuals at the club, whether playing or supporting have a role to play in encouraging outside (and internal!) sponsorship. We all benefit from the kind generosity of sponsors and therefore have a collective responsibility to acquire new ones. If you have any contacts or acquaintances who may be interested in sponsoring any aspect of club activities please have them e-mail Pat at [pat.thomas@withycomberugby.co.uk](mailto:pat.thomas@withycomberugby.co.uk)

Dont forget to look at our website for any latest information [www.withycomberugby.co.uk](http://www.withycomberugby.co.uk)

If you do have any ideas or suggestions, then please do contact me at [ian.skinner@withycomberugby.co.uk](mailto:ian.skinner@withycomberugby.co.uk) or 01395 263423. Don't forget to update me with any email or contact changes, so we can keep in touch.

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