



WITHYCOMBE RUGBY AND RECREATION CLUB

Newsletter April 2011

We start this WRFC newsletter with the sad news that WRFC has recently lost 2 stalwarts of the club.

In February we sadly lost Rob Rickards. Rob was one of a few responsible for forming our very successful Junior section, which we are truly proud of. There was no standing room left at Rob's funeral which showed the love & respect people had for him and clearly he will be greatly missed. Our condolences go to Abbie, Chrissy, Max, Ella and Trace.

Last week we received the news that John Passmore had passed away. Many of you will know John through friendship and the great work he has done for the club over many years. John has been responsible for forming the fifty club, car boot sales, weekly bingo, sportmans dinners, organising the overseas players most recently the Elvis night and much more. John will be sorely missed by all at the club and our condolences go to Anne, Dave, Hannah & James. The funeral will take place at Clyst St George Church on Wednesday 20th April at 11.45am. Friends are invited to join the family at WRFC for refreshments from 1pm. Family flowers only, but donations welcomed for Hospiscare.

The Elvis night held on the 18th March was a huge success. The tickets sold out and everybody had a really fantastic time, whether they were Elvis fans or not. Barry Paull was a great entertainer and we look forward to hosting another evening with him.

Future Events and dates for your calendar:-

15th April will see the next Fifty Club draw from 8pm onwards – any queries to John Goldfinch

24th April Easter Egg Hunt 2-4pm

29th April The Royal Wedding celebrations 12 onwards

8th May Junior Awards Presentations 2-4pm

22nd May Car Boot Sales. These have now been postponed until the 22th May. Sellers £5 Buyers free entry. Gates open 10.30am. Food & refreshments will be available & the bar will open at 12 o'clock.

30th July Bag packing at Tesco. The Junior section will be raising funds by bag packing at the Exmouth Tesco store. We need players in their kit, with parents to cover throughout the day from 9am until 5pm. Contact Mark Long on 01395 278480 to show your interest.

6th August - Summer Fete 12-4pm followed by a Live band 4-6pm. This is probably the largest event organised at the club for sometime. Entertainment will run all day and include fairground rides, bouncy castle, various stalls, a tombola, silent auction, dance and music displays and even a pets corner with llamas. A raffle will be held with some very special prizes. If you would like to have a stall at the fete, please contact Mark Long on 01395 278480. The Town Crier & Bay FM will be attending to ensure everybody knows that the club is the place to be.

Tuesday Evenings 7pm – Adult Tag Rugby. Mark Wilkinson welcomes anybody aged 16+ male & females to take part in the fun & no experience is necessary – all enquiries to Mark on 07800643871

Sunday Evenings - Bingo will run throughout the year. Eyes down 7.30pm. Cash prizes to be won.

The club are again collecting the Tesco vouchers for schools and clubs - a collection box is in the main clubroom.

If you are an HSBC employee please let us know as we can get fundraising matched by your employer.

We really need your help to run any event successfully, so if you can please donate a bit of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Events can't happen without volunteers.

For any queries, feedback or suggestions please contact me at ian.skinner@withycomberugby.co.uk or on **01395 263423**.

Don't forget to look at our website for any latest information www.withycomberugby.co.uk

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