



## WITHYCOMBE RUGBY AND RECREATION CLUB

### Newsletter Dec 2010

Welcome to the December 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.

Firstly, we would like to welcome back Mervyn Richards as Chairman for his second stint and he will be ably assisted by the new Vice- Chairman Ian (Chubby) Skinner. We would like to thank outgoing Chairman Richard Blyth for all his hard work and wish him well.

We would also like to welcome back Trevor Harris as 1st team coach this season.

**Seniors** The first fifteen have been finding life in the Devon and Cornwall league a little bit tough this season and currently find themselves too close to the relegation zone for comfort. It is true to say though that three or four games should have been points in the bag but for a few errors and decision making at crucial moments have cost us dear. We seem to have a fear of killing off games when in front. Frustrating for the players and supporters and I am sure even more so for Nigel and Trevor. Let's hope we can turn things around after Xmas and climb back up the table where we belong. The TWATS (The Withycombe 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. We have been able to field a 2<sup>nd</sup> fifteen already this season with a victory over Wessex and have had two games cancelled by other teams. Again let's hope the new year brings good fortune to us and like the 1sts, get some good wins under our belt. The next 2 games will be at home, so please come along to support the boys, kick off is at 2.30.

**Juniors** The junior section continues to thrive in the under 7's, 8's and 9's and now have games for our newly formed u12's starting in January. Many thanks goes to coach Kevin Howe for this and if you have know of any boys that would like to join the team you can contact Kevin on 07891 245666 for further details. The u`15`s also have a new coach in Chris Ellor and the boys started the season with a hard fought 5-0 win over Torrington. If you feel you may be able to assist Kevin or Chris please contact the club for further details. We also have a fantastic number of boys and girls at u6`s and although they can't play any games this year, things are definitely looking up for the future. Many thanks to all the coaches for the commitment and patience.

Training for all ages, weather permitting, is Sunday morning at 10am so come on down for a bacon bap and a coffee and see for yourself what our Withy youngsters can do. Last week saw over 30 Juniors & their parents attend Super Saturday at Exeter Chiefs. The youngsters trained with the chiefs and had a tour of the superb facilities at Sandy Park. The boys & girls formed the tunnel for the Chiefs & Leeds players and had a lap of honour at half time. Everybody who attended had a fantastic day and the children will remember this for a long time. Thanks to Mark Wilkinson for arranging this event.

### **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:

- ◆ **Christmas Party** The annual visit from Santa takes place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2-4pm. There will be a disco and games before the great man makes his entrance. Parents must bring a wrapped, labelled present for their child up to the value of £5. The cost of the party is £3.50 per child to include food and drink. This is a very popular event so please put your name down at the club or contact Mark Long at markilong@hotmail.co.uk 01395 278480.
- ◆ **Christmas Raffle** The ever popular bottle draw is changing slightly from now on to a Xmas draw where the prizes will not only be alcohol but a wide variety of prizes. This is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec around 8pm. Tickets are on sale at the club or can be purchased on the night for just 25p each. The club will be open from 7pm, so why not join us for a mince pie and a glass of your tippie or two.

- ◆ **Christmas Bingo** On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm we will be holding a Christmas Bingo Evening with special raffle prizes. The weekly Sunday bingo nights are proving popular, so why not come along to see if you too can have a lucky win. Volunteers are also needed to assist on these evenings for a variety of jobs. Please contact John Passmore on 01392 873094 or at [christer99@talktalk.net](mailto:christer99@talktalk.net)
- ◆ **Christmas Eve** - The club will be open on from 2-9pm so come along & share the festive spirit & enjoy a few drinks.
- ◆ The traditional **Boxing Day** game sees a Withycombe 15 play a President 15. Kick off 11am ish and the bar will open from 12 o'clock onwards.

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)

### **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)

Our thanks go to all the volunteers we currently have at the club – there are many areas in which we need more volunteers, so if you can help in any way, please get in touch.

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.

Don't forget to look at our website for any latest information [www.withycomberugby.co.uk](http://www.withycomberugby.co.uk)

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