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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we start a new season at the Old Woodhouseians Football Club, some may notice a feeling of optimism taking over the Club. After many, many years of looking for improved facilities, for the first time in over 80 years of existence, we will be playing our home games on a private ground with a full clubhouse and bar on site. Thanks to hard work from our team of Mick Kelly, Simon Goldring and myself, after considerable discussions we have signed a agreement with the Camden Playing Fields Trust to use their pitches in Burtonhole Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 1AS.

For those who know Burtonhole Lane (opposite the Adam & Eve pub, in Mill Hill) let me assure you that our new ground is not the infamous Pork Chop Hill pitches of our old rivals Mill Hill Village, but is on the right fork at the end of the lane and is where Old Camdenians play cricket and where they used to play football. We have been able to snap up the pitches etc, because the football section of Old Camdenians has died and we have signed an initial five year deal to use the pitches and clubhouse, with various provisions for further renewal after that.

The clubhouse, bar and changing rooms have been fully refurbished to a good standard. They have proper draft beer and a fully stocked bar of soft drinks and wines and spirits at reasonable prices (around £3 a pint). They have full Sky TV and ESPN TV on big flat screens in the clubhouse, so watching the 5.30 game on a Saturday after we have played a game will be possible in comfortable surroundings. The pitches are big and flat although they do get a bit wet in the winter. As a private enclosed ground, it is ideal for bringing along visitors, children and WAGS and I hope that as well as our current players, many of you Old Woods who have hung up your boots, will come and see us in our new home, watch a game and enjoy a drink with us in the bar.

There is also a full kitchen on site, so we will also be able to provide hot food for our Opposition, and we are hoping that our marks for Hospitality, Facilities and Organisation will all go up this year. We should also be able to make/sell food for our own players, and we are discussing with Camden PF exactly what food they will be able to provide.

This is a big step forward for the Club. Not only does it improve our facilities vastly, but it gives us the opportunity to attract new (and better?) players. It also brings us back closer to our North Finchley home. The ground can be reached from North Finchley by jumping on a 221 bus towards Edgware and getting off at Engel Park, or from Mill Hill East (Northern Line) and walking up the hill or jumping on the 240 bus for a couple of stops to the Adam & Eve (Medical Research Centre) and then five minutes walk down

Burtonhole Lane.

Of course, being in our own Clubhouse brings with it additional responsibilities for all of us, so I would ask that you treat the bar, changing rooms and all facilities with respect, for example, taking off your boots and cleaning them outside, before you go into the changing rooms, being polite to bar and kitchen staff etc.

I hope that you are all as excited as I am about this new chapter in the life of the Old Woods and I look forward to seeing many of you at the new ground in the coming weeks.

ANNUAL SUBS

Yep – the money we need from you to pay for pitches, training, and affiliation to the League just to name a few things. It's only **£30** for the year which considering the new facilities we have is much better value than most other clubs in our league. You need to have paid your annual subs by **30 October**; if we've not had the money by then you **won't eligible to play for any of our Saturday sides**. You can pay the money to your Captain, Dave Goldring or our Treasurer Steve Bremner

NEW CLUBHOUSE

As Chairman Dave has said (at length!) we're at a new ground with our own clubhouse. Our first league games at the new ground are on **SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**. We want to get as many as people as possible down to the new ground to sample the new Clubhouse and facilities – the 1XI and 4XI are home so they've got no excuse! It's the first Saturday at our new home so players past and present come along drink and be merry – there might even be some Red Witch on the go!

DEBTS

The Club is **owed nearly £600** in unpaid match subscriptions, annual subscriptions and disciplinary fines from last season! This is totally unacceptable! We all need to pay our way to ensure that we can play football each Saturday. We have suspended a number of players so if you're reading this and wondering why you've not been asked to play on Saturday it's probably because you owe money and you won't be selected to play until you pay up!. The majority of people pay everything on time and we don't want to stop people playing for us but neither do we want people taking a free ride. If you owe money speak to [David Goldring](#) or [Steve Bremner](#) about paying it back.

FUNDRAISING

If you haven't already registered then get registered! All you need to do is go on the easyfundraising.org site, set up an account and register **Old Woodhouseians FC** as your cause then start shopping! Then go via this site every time you shop – click this

[link](#). IT'S THAT EASY!

TRAINING AT WOODHOUSE COLLEGE

Training is back at [Woodhouse College](#) in North Finchley from Tuesday 4 September between 7pm – 9pm. The first hour is in the sports hall and the second on the AstroTurf pitch so bring appropriate footwear for both surfaces.

TRACKSUITS

We are putting in an order of tracksuits. If you want a tracksuit please get in contact with [Mick Kelly](#) with your size requirements – they are £40 each (that includes top and bottoms and the Club badge and your initials on the top). **YOU WILL NEED TO PAY MONEY UP FRONT – NO MONEY = NO TRACKSUIT!**



100 CLUB

Anyone who'd like to join the 100 Club we have some spare numbers. If you don't know what it is well it's essentially a lottery. You pay £12 to enter for the entire year and are allocated a number. Speak to [Mick Kelly](#) if you want to join and he'll allocate you a number once you've paid up – you can even set up a standing order.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 SEPTEMBER – SEASON STARTS FOR 1XI
15 SEPTEMBER – SEASON STARTS FOR 2XI – 5XI
18 DECEMBER – XMAS SCREETCH

PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

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