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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

At the start of a new season there are reasons for optimism and hope in the Old Woodhouseians camp. After a first season at our new home at Burtonhole Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 1AS we have been looking at further developments at the ground and within our playing set up.

At the ground we have been joining with the Camden Playing Fields Trust to improve playing conditions by putting up earth banks round the pitches to stop the footballs going over the edge of the slope. We have now jointly put in a first application to the Football Foundation (through the FA and AFA) to gain funding to have complete new drainage systems put in for both pitches. The likely cost of the works would be around £40,000, but we are hopeful that the application will be approved and that with the funding work will be able to commence in the spring of 2014 and will make the pitches ready for play in the 2014/15 season.

We are also developing good strong ties with the Camden Playing Fields Trust and as a result, Mick Kelly, Simon Goldring and myself have now been elected to the Committee of the Old Camdenians Sports and Social Club, which is the organisation which runs the Clubhouse and arranges all the hirings and functions for the grounds and premises, giving us a say in how the club is run and an interest in further developments at the ground.

In the playing set up we have been looking at attracting more young players to join the club. The first stage of this has already seen new youngsters from the Camdenians set up start to play for us, including Andy Norman, Harry and Billy Gravett and Aiden Currie.

Meanwhile, after organising games against Woodhouse College at the end of last season and against Wingate & Finchley Youth at the beginning of this season, we are strengthening our ties with the College and other local Youth sides. The game against Woodhouse College has brought huge positive results already, with George Timotheou (the College Sports Coach) taking our training sessions on Tuesdays at Bethune Park over the summer, and he has introduced new ideas, new exercises, new challenges and several new young players who are keen to play for the club this season (and George himself has signed up for our Veterans Squad).

The Wingate and Finchley side we played is run by our good friend and former player Andy Stacey (and the side includes his son Teddy Stacey) and through that link we are hoping to encourage youngsters who cannot quite get regular games with them play for

us instead.

We are also keeping up contacts with Middlesex University and with Whetstone Wanderers to try and attract new young players.

We are hoping to start up a 6XI to play friendly games during the season to accommodate these new players and to give them a chance to rise up through the teams and find their right level for playing.

If you haven't been to see the new place yet, then come along and see the refurbished clubhouse and bar with reasonable prices (around £3 a pint for proper draft beer) and with full Sky TV and ESPN TV on big flat screens to watch the 5.30pm game on a Saturday in comfortable surroundings. 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.

Putting all this together with a reasonably successful season on the pitch last year and with some new Captains and Officers in place there are good reasons for optimism for the Old Woodhouseians Football Club for Season 2013-14 and I look forward to seeing many of you at the new ground in the coming weeks.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

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** again this year which 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 Ryan 'BGR' Collett.

ALSO REMEMBER IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID OUTSTANDING DEBTS FROM LAST SEASON BY SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER YOU WON'T BE SELECTED FOT ANY SIDE UNTIL YOU PAY THEM!

CLUB SHOP

The **OLD WOODS CLUB SHOP** is now open! You can buy all sorts on here from tracksuits, polo shirts and even Hoodies! All with the Old Woods Badge on and you can get up to three initials too if you like. They also offer "bundles" which makes things cheaper!!! They deliver to your home so you don't have to wait to be given what you've ordered give you stuff.

FIRST AID COURSE

As you probably know we are an FA Charter Standard Club and we'll need to renew the charter mark this coming season. To be a Charter Standard Club we need to have

enough first aiders in the Club for the teams we have registered (eight). We'll be running a first aid course later in the year which will be run by the FA – probably in **October** at the Clubhouse. **It's FREE - it won't cost you anything!** If anyone is interested in becoming a first aider please get in touch with [Mick Kelly](#). Or if you already hold a first aid certificate also let Mick know as we can put you down on our renewal form.

HELP CIRO!!!

Ciro Canello of Vets fame is raising funds to support a crèche in South Africa that helps vulnerable kids. To help do that he's creating an online auction site that will have "unique" items on it – he's looking for any items or experiences that could be auctioned off. He's already got things like a stay at The Dorchester and a Mercedes race day already lined up. All the proceeds will go directly to the crèche to assist them support the children. If anyone has anything they think could be auctioned off or if they simply want to make a donation, they can contact [Ciro](#). More information about the set-up can be found at [here](#).

SENDING OFFS

From this season if you are sent off your County ban will start 14 days after the offence takes place instead of 21 days. As always Club bans can kick in the same day you get sent off. The best thing is NOT to get sent off!

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



SOME VERY, VERY OLD WOODS ON THE LASH IN CAMDEN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 SEPTEMBER – LEAGUE STARTS

17 DECEMBER – XMAS SCREETCH

PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

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