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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This season Old Woods realised a long time ambition and moved to a ground with pitches and a Clubhouse on the same site – we have been trying to do this since I joined the Club nearly 40 years ago! With a ground like ours comes responsibility and you as members cannot rely on the same handful of people to do everything for you.

The pitches have been wetter than we expected but we are not the only Club in that situation following the wettest year on record followed by two weeks of snow. In early January we asked for people to come and join a small working party to lay down sand, which Camdenians had got, on the wettest bits of the pitches. Only one person outside of the Committee turned up to lend a hand – that is simply **NOT GOOD ENOUGH!** There is no excuse that everyone else couldn't make it as all five home games were called off that Saturday and one of those got pulled at Midday! We don't want to lose fixtures to the weather and if we had got more repairs done we probably could have played home games sooner than we could – last week. So, it's rather galling to have people ask me when the pitches might be ready when only Chris Achilles, Tim Ross, Simon Goldring, Mickey Kelly and myself have done anything to help repair them! Meanwhile we are (with Camdenians) looking at getting drainage repairs done on the pitches and have been talking to the County about getting in funding so it's not like we are ignoring the situation. Hopefully, we will have a dry spell and we can get our remaining 22 home games in at our new home by the end of the season and the drainage repaired for next year.

That brings me to my next point. Camdenians is our **NEW HOME** so we want players to treat it as such. We want you to stay after matches in the bar for a drink and socialise with your team mates as well as those in other teams and the opposition. Yes, some days some people have to leave straight after matches but there is one team (who will remain nameless) in the Club who never stays for a drink – you have to walk into the bar to leave the building! I want you to socialise with each other and whilst the Scrotch and Annual Dinner are well attended I want lots of you at the Clubhouse after games telling us about your matches especially if you are at home. If we are the home team we are meant to provide hospitality to the opposition how can that be done if no-one from the home team stays!? We had to cancel the proposed tour because despite initial interest only three people stumped up the deposit and the poker night, whilst good fun, was also poorly attended. So, please stay for a drink and support the Club in future events – I'm not asking you to do this from a financial point of view as we rent the ground and make no takings from the bar.

We are a Club, not a series of teams – only this week I've heard rumours of players refusing to play for a higher side, why you wouldn't want to play a higher standard I

don't know? The way for the Club to strengthen, grow, improve and attract better players (especially now that we have a proper Clubhouse and our "own pitches") is for everyone (**and I mean EVERYONE**) to muck in, help out, take on some degree of responsibility like putting the corner flags out, clearing up after the opposition have eaten and staying to mingle and mix with the players of the other home teams, and our own teams who come back after playing away. **PLEASE HELP** by playing your part to help the Club both on and off the pitch.

I'm sorry that that is a bit of a rant but when we have long standing committee members who've worked hard for all of you for many years saying they are going to stand down at the end of the season because nobody cares about the Club anymore I think it had to be raised.

So, I hope to see lots of you back at the Club on Saturday so we can all have a good drink!!!

MONTHLY ROUND UP

February ended up being a more clement month and we managed to get a few more games played than in January but not many! The [1XI](#) continued their unbeaten start to 2013 as they didn't, errr...play a match in February – at least they're rested up for the remainder of the season. A few of them did find games in our other sides. The [2XI](#) were knocked out of the LOB Cup to Wilsonians from the SAL but won all their league games and are sitting pretty in second in Three North with nine games to go, promotion is definitely on the cards! The [3XI](#) managed two matches in February with a narrow 5-4 defeat to the league leaders and a 10-0 demolition on the team at the bottom of the table. Promotion is still a distant possibility if results go their way. The [4XI](#) played once in February losing to the league leaders who've only lost once all season. Again promotion is within their grasp but they need to string a good run together. Our [5XI](#) won both the games they played in February and find themselves third with a game in hand on the team in front and if they win that they'll leapfrog them into second. The Vets were unlucky to be knocked out of the LOB Cup at the quarter final stage losing 4-3 to Old Manorians – they played 60 minutes of the match with 10 men as the skipper was sent off. They have the Old Boys Cup semi-final on Sunday 17 March to look forward to – it's at Old Finchleians ground in Woodside Park come and show your support!

FUNDING PETITION

The Government are being petitioned to force the Premier League to donate 7.5% of it's billions of pounds in revenue towards grassroots football. If you're in any doubt that is amateur clubs like ours and youth football clubs. We'd urge everyone to sign this online petition it only takes a minute and if it gets 100,000 signatures Parliament have to consider it! So, tell your friends and family to sign it to! Click [here](#) to add your name.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

After two great years at Balls Brothers on Mincing Lane in the City we've decided to have the Annual Awards Dinner there again. Click [here](#) for the location – the nearest

station is Monument. It's happening on **Friday 7 June** and will start at 7:30pm and go on til the wee hours if last year is anything to go by! Tickets are **£30¹** each and you can get them from [Mick Kelly](#) or any other Club officer – book early to avoid the disappointment of missing out! You can pay on the night but if you say you'll come and then don't turn up you'll still have to pay the full amount.

SPONSOR SCOTTISH DEAN

Everyone's favourite Scot, Dean Docherty, is running the Edinburgh marathon on 26 May. Now we are very surprised seeing as all he does on the football pitch is two-footed tackles and shout (but no-one can understand him) - he never runs. We also suspect that rather than Lucozade Sport and Jelly Babies to refuel he'll be drinking Super T and eating pizza suppers (deep fried pizza) - am I allowed to say that, is it mildly xenophobic? Anyway, he's doing it for a really good cause, Macmillan Cancer Support, so if you can please donate a few quid - click [here](#) to donate.



Scottish Dean (and Old Dom's eyeball)

FA CHARTER STANDARD

We are pleased to announce that the Club has passed the FA Charter Standard Health Check. This mark essentially means the FA recognises that we are a well-run and organised Club. Next year we will be required to have two first aiders per side and if anyone is interested in going on the course that we will get the FA run in October please let one of the Committee know.

BABE IN THE WOODS

¹ That's for three course including two bottles of wine per table.

Many congratulations to Aaron Fisher who became a proud father earlier this month to baby Freddie! There are already rumours that he's two footed like his dad. No, that can't be true?

GOAL SCORERS

Name	Goals
C Howe	15
D Houdini	13
R Dempsey	10
G Osadebay	8
J Lear	7
S Hussey, C Cooney, Jermaine Yamoah, L Samuels	6
A Fisher, D Blackett, M Obeng	5
B O'Shea, J Henry, M Wloch, O Olaofe, R Moreno, Own Goal	4
J Cherry, N Greywoode, R Sonde, T Priolo, W Spours, N Sharie, P Atkin, J Pearce, R Sonde, S Bremner, L Lannaman, J Flynn, D Shah, C Achilles	3
T Worboys, S McCarthy, S D'Castro, R Cnrstenson, O Nwankwo, James Yamoah, D Obradovic, E Ndi, A Rico, R Pither, B Canning, M Bowe, M Gulidea, C Georgiou	2
M Kelly, B Marcangelo, C Colley, D Andrews, D Hatton, J Gray, J McGeever, J Purcell, J Barker, J Pasquareillo, J Olaofe, L Bastian, M O'Shea, L Winters, N Ashley, P Alamu, E Reidy, P Levy, R Cumming, R O'Connell, R Miller, N Kanadu, S Goldring, F Yamoah, S Bedwell, V Greywoode	1

CLEANSHEETS

At the request of some of our goalkeepers we've agreed to from time to time publish clean-sheet stats. It won't be every month cos to be honest we don't keep that many!!

Name	Clean-sheets
S Babala	4
C Grey	3
M Gillespie	2
M Kelly, S McCarthy, K Krickmer	1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23 MAY – AFC LEAGUE DINNER AND

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
7 JUNE – ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

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