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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

To all Old Woodhouseians, wherever you are and whatever age you may be, WELCOME back to a new season of Football. You may have noticed that the Newsletter was not produced towards the end of last season and so we are re-introducing it again for this season, but in a quarterly format, rather than every month. I hope that you enjoy receiving and reading the Newsletter and if you have any comments or news, then please contact [Mick Kelly](#).

After winning two AFC divisions last season and with all five teams finishing in the top four of their divisions, we find ourselves with four teams promoted for this new season and we are entering a sixth team into the League, after reasonable success with running the 6XI as a friendly side last season.

At our home ground our application for a grant from the Football Foundation for new drainage has been approved and we hope that the works on site will begin towards the end of September (i.e. in a few weeks time). This will cause some disruption for home games, but we are sure that the result will be a far better playing surface, which will not flood like the "old pitches".

The pitches at Copthall have also had a complete face-lift, and so we intend having our third pitch there (close to the clubhouse) but those pitches are not quite ready, so we will use Oak Hill Park (and possibly Firs Farm) for extra pitches at the beginning of the season.

We are planning a launch event in October for when the new pitches at the Burtonhole Lane are ready and we hope to send out more information on this nearer the time.

We are continuing our quest for good new young players and we are doing what we can to strengthen our ties with Woodhouse College, Middlesex University and local youth clubs, as well as Wingate & Finchley Youth sides.

Training during the summer has been well attended and as from the beginning of September we will be back at Woodhouse College every Tuesday night from 7pm to 9pm for Training (see below).

Unfortunately for us, our newly appointed Hon. Secretary, Chris Achilles, has just won a place for a Masters at University, and so has had to stand down. We wish Chris great success with his studies, BUT if anyone would be interested in helping out with the Club administration, with a view to taking on the Hon. Secretary role, then please contact me on chairmanadg@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing many of you (playing or watching) at the Clubhouse in Burtonhole Lane in the coming weeks and I look forward to another successful season for Old Woods!

TRAINING

As mentioned in David's welcome above training will be moving back to Woodhouse College on **TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**. As usual it will be between 7pm and 9pm with the first hour in the Sports Hall and the second on the All Weather Pitch so bring appropriate footwear.

Please note that anyone coming training, but not joining in with all elements will be asked to leave. Also everyone who attends training, whether they play on Saturdays or not, **MUST** pay their Annual Subscription (see below) and David will be asking everyone at Training to pay

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

That's right - the money that we need to pay league and county affiliations, cup entries, for equipment and kit, pitches and training facilities, rent etc. etc. is due to be paid by **31 OCTOBER 2014**. There has been no increase and it is £30 again this season – what good value!

The deadline of 31 October is absolute this season. We are fed up with people not paying their dues on time – it is totally unfair on those who do pay on time. At the Club's AGM in July it was unanimously decided that if Annuals are not paid by the deadline **a further £10 will be added** to late payers making it **£40** AND they will not be selected to play in any of our sides until it is paid. So, save yourselves £10 and get it paid ASAP!

DEBTS

The Club is owed around **£1,000** from unpaid match subs, annual subs and disciplinary fines from last season. **THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE**. That money would buy two new full playing kits or equates to 100 people paying full match subs! These debts must be paid in full by **7 SEPTEMBER 2014**. If they are not paid you simply will **NOT BE SELECTED** for any side until they are. By not paying monies when they are due you are essentially mugging off those who do pay on time.

Furthermore, we are now aware that a number of members are paying the £5 student/unemployed subscription when we know they are in full time employment. By doing this you are essentially lying to your club mates and we will not tolerate this dishonesty anymore so we will be challenge those we believe should be paying the full £10.

By not paying monies when they are due or paying less than you should be you are basically mugging off those who do pay on time.

CLUB SHOP

The [Club Shop](#) is now stocked with a new range of merchandise. What better away is there to start the season than with some new gear - so get shopping. They do bundle offers and will deliver to anywhere in the UK and abroad (including as far as to New Zealand, where former 1st XI goalkeeper Rich Wain ordered and received his new Woods branded kit, we hear!).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 SEPTEMBER – SEASONS STARTS FOR 1XI AND 2XI
20 SEPTEMBER – SEASON STARTS FOR 3XI, 4XI, 5XI & 6XI

PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

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. There are draws every few weeks and a special draw at Christmas and Annual Awards Dinner for a bumper cash prize! Speak to [David Goldring](#) 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.

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PHOTO OF THE MONTH



CELEBRATING WINNING TWO DIVISIONS AT THE LEAGUE DINNER