



WIVELISCOMBE RFC

NEWSLETTER

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The Chairman writes.....

Can you spare some of your free time to help run the club ? We are looking for Volunteers to carry out the following roles next season:

Club Chairman, House Chairman, Senior Rugby Chairman, Junior Rugby Chairman, Membership Secretary, Junior Fixtures Secretary, Junior Referees Coordinator, Junior Coaches, Players Membership Secretary, Sponsorship and Advertising Coordinator, Junior Website Manager, Fundraising Coordinator and someone to develop our recent Community Amateur Sports Club Status and the financial benefits this could bring our Club.

Peter Stone

Clubhouse Improvement Programme

Due to a great deal of hard work by Peter Stone, the club has secured just over £42,000 in council grants towards the improvements needed for the clubhouse, however, a condition of the award of these grants is that the club contribute £10,000 raised through fundraising or member donations.

We have made an additional £20,000 application to the Sports England fund and await a decision, along with 1600 other applicants, which is due near the end of the year. We have also applied to the RFU for Sportsmatch grants and our proposals were tabled at an RFU funding meeting in September by Somerset RDO Jon Bendle on our behalf. Their decision is subject to the outcome of the Sport England application.

We cannot start the project before April 2012 due to RFU funding conditions and must complete before the start of the 2012/13 season to meet Taunton Deane funding conditions.

The current draft plan currently includes a single story extension containing a new entrance, kitchen and toilets (requirement of the funding conditions again) and the floor of the existing clubhouse will be replaced and general decoration done. The existing kitchen and toilets will become meeting room, kit stores and drying room. New furniture would be nice if we can afford it.

We need volunteers to form a 'club improvement programme sub committee' to discuss and agree the final configuration. We need a couple of senior player, a couple of junior players parents and someone from the coaching staff. A supporter or two could also provide a valuable contribution. All volunteers must be paid up members of the club.

Improving the club for the benefit of all the players and their supporters is vital to keep the club moving in the right direction. Hopefully, a well designed and improved facility will also bring in additional revenues from hires.

Rugby

Seniors: The seniors have started well this season with the 1st XV winning five of their first seven games, the 2nd XV winning four out of seven and the Colts have won two out of four.

Juniors: The season has only just started with the U16's winning two of their first three games, the U15's winning two of their first three and the U14's one win out of two matches.

WRFC continue to be well represented at county level with Will Ellis and Rory Knight-Davies representing Somerset at U16 this coming season. Super Six trials are just starting so we hope to have more players enjoying rugby at County level this season from all of our age groups.

Memberships are Due

Can you all please support your club by paying your memberships now. Our ability to pay the bills throughout the season depends on this income, so it is vital to keep the club in the black. Payment plans are available if required.

Fundraising

To be able to provide a rugby club the players and supporters deserve requires significant funds. If you have ideas for raising money or some time you can give to help out on others fundraising schemes, please come forward. This is your club, run by the club members for the club members.

Club Merchandise

New black shorts are now in stock, unfortunately the price has gone up to £9 per pair. Club merchandise make great presents for your friends and family all year round but particularly as we approach Christmas. The quality is excellent and prices reasonable. Club Rugby Shirts, Shorts, New Hoodies, Polo shirts, T-shirts, Fleece, Beanies, Caps, Scarves, Ties etc. Please see Huw Davies at the club or ring him on 01984 623725 to place orders

Catering Manager

We are still looking for someone to take up the position of Catering Manager to run the kitchen on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. This will be a paid position. With the new kitchen hopefully built next summer, now is the ideal time for someone to get involved and work with the club to provide a fantastic catering facility. If you are interested, or you know someone else who is, please speak to Peter Stone or Huw Davies for more information.

Meals Rota

Even if we fill the role of catering manager, volunteers are always needed for serving meals on Saturdays for the Seniors and Colts and on Sundays for the Junior teams. If you can do just one session during the season, we have enough members to cover the entire rota. Please come forward to volunteer your time for one of these days (you are not limited to one though!). Please see the schedules pinned to the kitchen hatch doors to see where we have gaps in the fixture lists and put your name in.