

TOUCHLINE

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Welcome: Well, with such a prolonged cold snap, preceded by wet pitches, it seems like some time since our teams were out there on the park. And indeed it may well be a few weeks yet before games re-commence in anger. This of course leads to fixture congestion, and spare a thought for the league fixture secretary's who must really be up against it. Of course, it's happened before, and will no doubt do so again, but it is likely to mean a very busy March and April.

However, despite that, your club continues to operate, and I'm delighted to introduce this latest edition of our in house newsletter. We've hopefully covered all areas of club activity, but please do contact if you have any questions regarding club operations. We are though concerned that Touchline does not get distributed to all our members, and the current weather will not help in that, so please do pass copies on should you be aware of that problem and feedback to us so we can ensure better distribution next time. Paul H - Chairman

Senior teams: A very Happy New Year, I hope you all enjoyed the Xmas and New Year festivities and are refreshed ready for the run in to the end of the season.

I must take this opportunity to mention some good news. Firstly our congratulations to Kara (our physio) and Ben Gregory on the birth of their baby son, we look forward to Kara's return early in the New Year, and secondly to Amy Tye who has passed her physio exam and is now the youngest physio in the Hellenic league.

On the football front the 1st team is sitting in 4th place and has now been unbeaten in 10 games. The next few games will be critical and whilst we will only look at the short term we are hoping that a good Jan and Feb will put us firmly in promotion contention.

Certainly morale within the team is high as those who attended the xmas bash with the team dressing in fancy dress (including management) would have seen.

Focussing on the reserves, Simon Paish and Simon Packer have come into senior management and are in a transition period. Their remit is to play and develop a very young team, introducing them to senior football. Although the league position is not good I am delighted with their efforts and I am sure that this will be rewarded in the latter part of the season and into next.

The under 18s floodlit are doing remarkably well considering the age of the team (I am sure we must be the youngest team in the league) and I know that Danny is extremely proud, as we all are, in their performances. The much required refurbishment work has now been started and I have now made the decision that the end of season presentation will be held at Ryland's way this year. This will allow much need income into the Association. As always, please support the senior section, bring along the kids and let them enjoy local football – it MAY SURPRISE YOU!!!!

Chris Jones – Section Head of Senior Football

Youth teams: On April 9th 2010 the club will undertake the 22nd Holland Tour when we visit our friends at Gravenzandse SV Football Club, returning on the 14th.



This trip will be the reverse of last years visit to England by the Dutch during which the club played host to 45 youngsters and 15 adults. This year we shall be taking around 40 players between the ages of 12 & 16 along with 14 adults all of whom will be staying with Dutch families. When the idea of the exchange visits between WBTFC & Gravenzandse was realised the prospect of finding host families and organising their trip whilst in the UK is not to be underestimated. On this occasion the club and the parents of the players really excelled. Our Dutch visitors were overwhelmed with the welcome that they received and the hospitality offered to them. My mind goes back to the party that we had at Ryland's Way. We had meetings to sort out things such as the football tournament and some entertainment but Pete's suggestion of the pig roast was inspired, it truly was a great evening. We did such a good job in fixing together a random collection of gazebos and tents that we were later asked if the 'marquee' was for hire.



Next April's trip will undoubtedly be another great success. This won't be down to luck or good fortune but because people such as Pete Yeardeley and Chris Kirkland put so much effort into making it what has become one of the highlights of our season. For a small club to arrange for its players to play football abroad year after year is quite a tribute to everyone concerned, but without the support of the players and their families it couldn't happen. For further information about the trip please drop a note to Nigel Deane through our web site: ([click here](#)).

Nigel Deane – Deputy Section Head of Youth Football

WBSA: Work has commenced on redecorating the interior of the club house, old heating systems have been replaced, and work has started on moving toilets to make room for the bar extension. We hope to have all this complete by end of May this year so please pay a visit when you have some free time to take a look at progress. Our aim is to improve the environment to attract families, but also to add a lick of paint to make a more welcoming environment.



Ladies & Girls: All three Bassett sides have started this season well, with the U13 girls in 3rd place while both the U16 & ladies sides sit 2nd in their respective leagues. With these three sides now looking very stable my attention moves back to getting an U11 or U10 girls team up and running, and I have now targeted late January or early February taster session on Saturday mornings at Ballards Ash. Again anyone interested in helping run a team or could help put the word out about girls football for school years 5 & 6 can contact me via the club website www.WBTFC.CO.UK using the "contact us" button on the top right hand side of the club home page or ([click here](#)).

I don't believe it: With so many games now falling foul to the wet weather, how reassuring it was that at least your training is safe on the all weather astro pitch. Well not any more as just the other week when we all got to training to find gates locked and a note on the gate saying training cancelled due to astro being flooded. And so the old saying to be used now is,

It never rains but pours

Bryan Wood "Woody" – Section Head of Ladies & Girls

www.wbtfc.co.uk: I guess with any club which relies on volunteers it's difficult to keep a web site up to date. However WBTFC.co.uk has taken some significant steps forward. The site now holds an extensive club history which is ever expanding as new information comes to light, also recently, links into disabled football through the development page tab as well as the latest team fixtures for all our clubs teams which are updated weekly. I also encourage you to take a look at the "The 'Noughties'" page which makes an interesting read. We have also placed a message board against each age group which is accessible by any web browser or smart phone offering team selection and the latest team / coaching news. All of the above would not be possible without the commitment from Mark, Scott and Stuart Smedley who update and manage the site so regularly, please take a look when you have some free time.

Relocation Update: The relocation of our Sports Association from Rylands Way to land opposite Ballards Ash continues to be frustrated by the economic climate. However it is a case of when rather than if, and with the prospect of 3 full size pitches and 2 mini-pitches at the new site it will allow our development plans for the club to continue and most importantly bring us all playing together on one site. It is hoped that as the economy and housing market continue to recover that progress on the relocation will re-start by the end of 2010.

Andy Walduck, WBTFC Relocation Rep

January's Joke: A full back with a reputation for being a really hard man on the pitch was sent off during a match. Returning to the changing room, he had a terrible leg.

It was covered in cuts and bruises and had a massive gash from the top of the thigh to the knee. He had no idea whose it was!

Sponsor Focus: C.S Building Services Ltd has been supporting WBTFC for many years in fact one of the partners, Steve Twine, has played for our club. Steve is a local lad and is also known for his support of the Town's Cricket Club, but he finds the time, through the winter, to watch 1st team football and is one of our top 3 club sponsors. WBTFC would like to take this opportunity to formally thank C.S Building Services for their continued support.

C.S Building Services focus on both large projects such as extensions or loft conversions, and home improvements, or smaller projects like garage conversions, building internal walls, groundwork and preparation, carpentry and joinery. C.S Building Services are a local business so please ask Steve for a quote for your building works.

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Club development: The club will be taking a further step forward in 2010, for the first time WBTFC have formally entered into agreements with local schools to provide football coaching as part of the Wiltshire Council School Sports Partnership (SSP) as well as the WCFA School Club Link. Delivery will be run and managed on the back of, what is becoming a very successful, Community Football program. I can also communicate changes within the Wilts County FA Football Development team, Barry Stephens has decided to take early retirement and has been replaced by Miss Emma Small who is now the Football Development manager. Also, Kirsty Brammer has decided to move to "England Hockey" and has been replaced by Mr Stephen Neale as the County Development Manager. We are looking forward to working closely with Emma and Stephen as we move forward.

The WCFA have been driving Age Appropriate coaching, WBTFC very much support this new style, to date we have had very positive feedback from those who have attended. If you would like to find out more [click here](#) or take a look at the WCFA web site. www.wiltshirefa.com

I can confirm that last quarter's objectives have been completed bar the completion of the development plan update, at the time of writing this article this has now been completed and issued. Our objectives for the next quarter consist of: 1) Complete the football development update 2) Draft Managers Booklet, 3) Complete the link between Community Football and local schools 4) Arrange meetings with the new appointments at WCFA.

Andy Walduck – Club Development Officer

What's On? "Weather Permitting!"

First team home games

Sat 16 th Jan	Cheltenham Saracens	15:00
Sat 20 th Feb	Cricklade Town	15:00
Sat 27 th Feb	Launton Sports	15:00
Sat 6 th Mar	Clanfield	15:00
Tue 16 th Mar	Trowbridge Town	19:30

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL "Monday night"

5pm – 6pm: Reception & Year 1 – Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
6pm - 7pm: Years 2 – Year 4 - Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
Years 5 -Year 7 – W.B. School Astro turf, Holiday club will be run in the Feb half term. Please call Matt to book your space before you look to attend (**07859 794621**)

