



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I have been Chairman of this great Club since 2006 and before that Treasurer, and before that I helped coach teams from U7 to seniors.

It all started when I was first asked to run the line for my son's Under 6 side (he's now 33!). It's fantastic to see how this Club has grown over the years, the many happy faces down at the Rec and for the fantastic support that we receive from the parents and army of volunteers.

Thank you to Sean and Guillaume for compiling our first Newsletter. As you can see from the articles there is a lot going on. Our aim is to make this a fun, friendly and safe place for your child to enjoy and develop their footballing skills and to learn what it is like to be part of a team.

I hope that you enjoy reading the Newsletter and if there is anything more that you would like to know about your Club then please contact your Team Manager.

THIS MONTH...

- Chairman's Update
- Girls section goes from strength to strength
- Centenary Tournament funds new VEO camera
- T-Hut...Business is booming!
- Goal of the month (August and September)
- Meet the committee. Emma Cox (Welfare officer)
- Germany Tour May 2024 – Want to know more?
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Vacancies at the club

THE U12 GIRLS ARE OFF AND RUNNING...



With a steady increase in girls playing within our mixed junior teams in recent years, we felt the time was right to launch our first Girls team at the start of 2023, which saw a fantastic take-up from U11/12 girls in the village and surrounding area. They have just kicked off their debut season in the Somerset Girls U12 League – a historic and proud moment for the club.

The team secured sponsorship from Luigi's Rock and Sweet Shop to fund a brand new kit, matching other Junior and Senior teams at the club...apart from the socks, which they chose themselves! (see pic above).

The girls also enjoyed a training session this week hosted by guest coach, Georgia, from Somerset FA. Lots of fun and we look forward to seeing Georgia again in the future

...U7/8/9/10 GIRLS, ITS YOUR TIME TO SHINE

With the momentum from our U12s girls team, we have expanded the girls section, with the launch of the U9/10 girls team, who have been training at Winscombe Rec on Mondays (from 6pm-7pm).

Yet again, we have been blown away by the attendance and enthusiasm at each session.

We have also had plenty of enquiries from U7/8 (year 2/3) girls, which is telling us we need to bring forward our plans to setup a team at that age group. We will therefore be launching sessions for this age group in the near future – watch this space for more info

A truly exciting time, and a club legacy being created in front of us.



For more info on these teams, please register your interest via the club website or QR code here:



CENTENARY TOURNAMENT FUNDS NEW VEO CAMERA

On June 17th, 200 players from the club gathered for our centenary tournament at Churchill Rec. The occasion allowed us to see many of our junior teams in action along with the Vets. Players from 4 to 58 took part to end the 100th season of our football club.

One of the main objectives of the day was to raise funds to purchase the club a VEO camera, and the successful day meant we found ourselves in a position to commit to the expensive resource.

Some of you may have already benefited from matches being filmed via the green triangular camera often seen in the sky at Winscombe Rec. This allows players to recapture personal highlights as well as helping our coaches by providing another tool to help with developing the players.

We also have a goal of the month run down each month. The winning goals for August and September can be seen below. Should you know anybody who would like to sponsor the VEO going forward via our goal of the month feature, please do get in contact.



T-HUT... BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

This is the famous Winscombe T Hut. The source of great hot & cold drinks, wonderful bacon butties & burgers, and above all friendship & a warm smile. Staffed entirely by volunteers to raise much needed funds for your Football Club. We run a volunteer rota, to share the jobs across all the teams. All that we ask is that when it is your team's turn to fill the rota it is not always the same people that step forward, which is usually the team manager's partner or family. Training on the use of the equipment is given to all volunteers and we now have Olive to help you on a regular basis.

It's great fun, you meet loads of people, and on a cold & wet winter's morning where better to be than a warm T Hut. If you are interested in helping out on the rota please let your Team Manager know. Your Club cannot survive without a thriving T Hut!



GOAL OF THE MONTH

AUGUST

Nat Stringer (U13s)

Scan here to view the goal



POST SHARED ON 13 SEPTEMBER
BY WINSCOMBEAFC

SEPTEMBER

Reggie Neck (U14s)

Scan here to view the goal



POST SHARED ON 29 SEPTEMBER
BY WINSCOMBEAFC



MEET THE COMMITTEE

EMMA COX
CLUB WELFARE OFFICER

Emma first joined the club 6 years when her son started football. She has found it a real pleasure getting to watch him grow and develop within the club as well as getting to know the parents on the sidelines! Emma wanted the opportunity to give back to club so took on the welfare role in 2023.

Her background is working with young people as well as running youth groups in the village so feels it is great to use those skills at the club and be part of the team.

To log any safeguarding or welfare concern please use our confidential dedicated online form via the website (winscombefootballclub.co.uk/welfare) or scan the QR code below

**If you have any
safeguarding or
welfare concerns
then please
contact Emma.**



GERMANY TOUR 2024 - ITS TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

Many of you will have seen or been involved with our German friends' visit this year. Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of our International Friendship through Football. We will be travelling to Wolkersdorf on Friday(late afternoon) 24th May 2024 and returning (early morning) Saturday 1st June. Accommodation will be provided by our German hosts and there will be football, trips out & lots of friendship. It is a wonderful week. There will be more details to follow.

At this stage costs will be £320 p.p. to cover the cost of the trip. So that all players can get the most out of the exchange we prefer that the youngest age group to be involved with the exchange is Under 11s. This is because German students don't start to learn English at school until that age. Of course younger siblings of older players can join us.

If you would like to know more there will be a choice of meetings to attend at the Club on 9th or 12th October at 7.30pm, where all your questions will be answered. There will also be a Germany Trip Special Newsletter sent out in October with an electronic sign up form giving details of the deposit requirements, how you can spread the cost of payments and lots of other useful information. Meantime if you are interested in joining us please let your Team Manager know.

www.winscombefootballclub.co.uk/Germany



CAN YOU HELP WITH SPONSORSHIP?

Sponsorship is essential to allow us to maintain our seventeen Junior, three Senior sides, including our 2 new girls' teams and allows us to improve the facilities, coaching and equipment that benefit players of all ages.

We are currently seeking sponsorship for:

- **Pitchside Boards**
- **Veo Camera/Goal of the Month**
- **This Newsletter**
- **The Tour to Germany**

All sponsors are/will be also be featured on our brand new website – www.winscombefootballclub.co.uk, as well as our Twitter and Instagram accounts.

If you are in a position to support, please email winscombefc@avenirfs.co.uk for further details.

Pitchside Boards

Do you wish to sponsor the club through a pitch side advertising board on the perimeter of our First Team Pitch?

Over 300 children and adults visit the ground every weekend to watch and play sports and, as the Recreation Ground is a key part of the village; it is visited every day of the week by our community for recreational purposes, including use of the car park for walkers and cyclists on the Strawberry Line.



CURRENT ROLES AVAILABLE



If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help the club, we'd love to hear from you.

Everyone who runs your team and sits on the Committee is a volunteer, and we are always on the look out for anyone who can give any amount of time they can spare.

There are roles on and off the pitch and no football knowledge or experience is required.

If you can help with any of these roles, or know someone who can, please get in touch:

www.winscombefootballclub.co.uk/contact

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MONTH...

A REMINDER TO CHECK THE CLUB WEBSITE FOR ALL TEAM AND CONTACT INFORMATION AND FOLLOW US ON 'X', INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CLUB THROUGHOUT THE WEEK - FIXTURES, GOALS, EVENTS AND MUCH MORE



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