



## Welcome back!

Welcome to our September newsletter.

The staff, ably supported by volunteers from the membership, have been busy throughout the summer months. The lacrosse 'Bluesfest' tournament was a great success, and I congratulate Ed and his team for organising such a brilliant event, with additional thanks to the WSC staff and to volunteers for their commitment in supporting the tournament.

The Riverside Hockey tournament took place in August, involving over 30 teams, and organised by a number of the Hockey section. The tournament was a great success and much enjoyed by our visitors. Speak-

ing to members of the team from The Netherlands on Monday, they certainly had a great time and were really impressed with the organisation of the event.

A big thank you to the team of volunteers who attended the club on Saturday 13th July.

Members from the various sections worked on clearing and tidying up the club surrounds and sorting storage areas. Their support was much appreciated, as was the BBQ and drinks

provided by Monty and Florin.

During the summer the car park renovation will be completed and work will commence on the new gazebo

immediately outside the clubhouse. I hope members will be pleased with the improvements to the club.



A big thank you to the WSC staff, Monty, Pat and Florin for their hard work throughout the summer, particularly their contribution to the preparation and smooth running of the summer tournaments.

Wishing all sections and members an enjoyable and successful 2024/25 season.

Pete Jemson

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Quiz Night 2

Win £5k! 3

Note to all members 3

Sports Updates 4

Last man standing 5

Car Park & Sports update 6

Events & Broadcast 7

## Gazebo Gazing

Part of our ongoing programme of maintenance and improvements was to tidy up and improve our outdoor space.

After the spring storms caused major damage to the marquees on the terrace, it was decided to replace them with something more permanent and aesthetically pleasing as well as claiming back the magnificent view of the grounds from the hall.

We're pleased to advise that

delivery of our new gazebos is imminent at the time of writing and they should be fully erect by the time that you are reading this.

We anticipate them improving your experience of our outdoor space, particularly in the summer. Please do make use of them and enjoy them.

NB. If you need **more shade when sitting outside**, please ask Florin or Monty for one of

the **new parasols**. They are there to be used!



**Walcountians Sports Club  
Present**

**A**  
**QUIZ**  
**Night**

**Saturday 28th September**  
**7.30 for 8pm**

**BOOK & PAY IN ADVANCE!!**

**Tickets £10 per person**  
**Teams max 6 people**

**Buy tickets & register a team with Florin or  
Monty at the bar**

**Raising funds for heart scanning sessions via CRY**

Please note that this event will not proceed unless a minimum of 40 ticket holders have paid in advance. If this minimum is not met by Monday 23rd, the event will be cancelled and notice given via the website and WSC broadcast (make sure you have signed up!).



Raise money for WSC and you could win money for yourself.

## 200 Club - You can win up to £5k

By joining the WSC 200 club you will raise funds for WSC and be in with a chance of winning up to **£5000** in filthy lucre!

**There are currently vacancies available to join the 200 club.**

It costs you £50 per year and raises up to £5k for WSC and £5k in prize money annually.

There are 8 prizes. Four of £250 and four of £1000. The prize draw is made at the club on

Christmas Eve and monies can be distributed before the new year!

Contact Pembers at neilpember-ton5@gmail.com for more info and to secure your entry.

Entries will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

So, don't delay, get in touch and sign up ASAP to join a select group of circa 140 members.

How it works:

>Each "Ball" (entry) costs £50. £5k to prize fund, £5k to WSC!

>Draw is made at Clockhouse on Christmas Eve.

>A ball is drawn from Santa's sack at random for first prize. This is noted and the ball placed back into the bag.

>Repeat for seven further prizes.

>Winners are notified and prizes paid by bank transfer

This way, every entry is eligible for every prize!

## Use it or lose it - Your club needs YOU

Walcountians Sports Club is very much a club run by members for its members. We rely on engagement from ALL of our members to help support events and initiatives that, not only bring us together for sport and entertainment but also to keep the club running at a reasonable cost.

Unfortunately, the number of members that volunteer to help and attend events is diminishing. We are fortunate to have a small band of regular volunteers but they alone cannot be relied upon to maintain our club unaided.

By the same token, the recent Member survey (thank you to the 107 of you that took the time to complete it) was overwhelming in the request for more WSC events.

One of these was the Family day in July, pre school holidays. Unfortunately there was a very poor turnout, with only the volunteer work group in attendance to enjoy the BBQ. Events like these attract a

cost and, on this occasion, monies were wasted.

This is not sustainable.

The input and assistance of members contributes hugely to keeping our subscriptions down. At the current level of engagement, subscriptions may have to be reviewed again.

Events are the main source of income needed to support investment in our facilities. Without YOUR support, opportunities to improve the facilities are extremely limited.

We do have some future volunteer opportunities such as the Fireworks night and other upcoming events like the Quiz Night in September which we are hoping will be better supported and we hope to see you there.

Please keep an eye on the website and page five of this newsletter for more events and info.



## Bluesfest Lacrosse & Riverside Hockey Tournaments

We are proud to host two large sporting tournaments at Clockhouse over the summer. Bluesfest in June and Riverside in August are important events in our calendar. Whilst they are incredibly hard work for Monty, Pat, Florin their team and volunteers, they are also an opportunity to show our club and facilities at their best.

Thank you to you all for your hard graft.



A few snaps from the events. Thank you to Debbiechris33 and Thomas Wesley for the use of their great shots.



## AFC Walcountians - Update

As we ready ourselves for a new season, only a few weeks away, we are busy registering players awaiting new kit in preparation for 8 months of Football.

We hope to have 19 teams with over 250 Sport Club Members, with a new U8 and Vets team and a resurrected Adult 2nd team.

The pitches are ready and some teams are already arranging friendlies to get themselves match fit for the season starting shortly.

Our Mens 1st team will be playing their home matches on the impressive 4G pitch at Cobham Football Club and hope to continue their climb up the football pyramid with another successful season. Our youth teams are also looking for further progression after our most successful season following our triumphant 2023- 24 collection of silverware.

We look forward to joining all the winter sports returning in September and hope to see you all at Clockhouse in the near future.

WALCOUNTIANS SPORTS CLUB  
presents



## Last Man Standing Competition

Fundraiser to provide heart screenings for young members

**WINNER GETS 50% OF TOTAL ENTRY FEES**

£5 per player per round

**BUY YOUR TICKET NOW AT THE CLUB BAR!**

It's simple, just pick the winner of one English Premier League match each week. If your team wins then you progress to the next week.

Lose or draw and you're out.

Players must be over 18.

### COMPETITION INFORMATION

Players need a valid email address and the mobile app Tipp'd to play. Each week you select one team to Win. You cannot choose a team more than once.

You can change your selection in the app up until the deadline.

If you forget, the Admin will assign the first eligible team in alphabetical order.

If your team's match is postponed or cancelled you carry over to the next week.

50% of entry fees go to the Winner (or Winners).

The remainder goes towards providing heart screenings for young members.

The prize pot for each round will be publicised within the club once entry has closed.

If the competition ends with two or more participants as the 'last man standing', the prize fund will be split equally amongst them.

Got questions? Contact Jude Cromwell at [wsclastmanstanding@gmail.com](mailto:wsclastmanstanding@gmail.com)



## Purley Walcountians Hockey Club - Update

The summer leagues have gone well again this year but now we are getting ready for the winter season.

Coaching and fitness training began in earnest in August and leagues start at the end of September. Our Men's player/coach Martin has stayed with us for next season which we are delighted about. Our Ladies coach, Steph was going to

become solely a player and we were looking for a new Ladies coach however due to an ACL issue, Steph has agreed to stay on! The ladies section recruitment drive has seen a promising surge of inquiries with a potential 8 plus new players for the new season.

Our PWHC Club day is confirmed for Saturday 7 September, with taster ses-

sions, inter club tournament, fun and games. All potential new players at any level are welcome.

Great news! Colts starts on Sunday 8 September at 10am and Jane Hallett has built a new colts coaching and management structure for the colts. Any colts interested in playing at any age from 5 years and up will be welcomed. Get in touch!

## Car Park Improvements

We are pleased to advise that there have been some major improvements to the car park over the summer.

Whilst a complete overhaul is financially out of reach at present, we have been able to provide a compromise by resurfacing the entrance drive way and the central strip of the two aisles nearest to the clubhouse. This solution has eradicated the pot holes/tank traps on the main thoroughfare which will be a boon to all!



# London to Brighton Bike Ride

The club supported The British Heart Foundation (BHF) London to Brighton Bike Ride event in July. We were the first rest-stop for the riders. Support was provided by medical staff and mechanics, and WSC staff & volunteers prepared and sold refreshments. Who knew that so many 'finely-tuned athletes' needed a bacon sandwich before

continuing their journey!



All monies raised have been added

to our fund to cover the costs of our heart screening programme. Staff & volunteers worked tirelessly from 6.00 am until lunchtime, and their time and support is much appreciated. The event ran extremely smoothly and the BHF officials were very complimentary about our provision. We are confident that we will be approached to provide support again next year.

## UPCOMING WSC EVENTS

**28th September - QUIZ NIGHT:** Fun fundraising event for the CRY initiative. £5 per head. Max six per team. Who can claim the title of Champion Clockhouse Quizzers?

**1st November - Fireworks Night:** The annual WSC fireworks display. Fun for all the family

**Christmas Eve at Clockhouse:** Join us for a drink, a mince pie, a sausage roll and perhaps a carol or two. All the family welcome. Includes the 200 Club Draw - Will you Win £000's?

## WSC Broadcast List - What is it?

It's a way for WSC to message Members via WhatsApp with pertinent club information. It allows WSC to contact you quickly, without relying on your section volunteers to issue emails to you. Absolutely NO COMMERCIAL ADVERTS will be sent!

**Is it a WA group? Will I be inundated with notifications and chatter?**

NO! This is different to a group. Think of it as a one way, direct message from WSC. No inane chatter!

**How often will you message me?**

To date, the most that we have sent out in a one week period is two messages.

**Who can access my data?**

The Broadcast list is administered by the WSC Secretary only. No-one else will have access to your details.

**You can join by simply sending a WhatsApp message to 07725 051771 asking to join and giving your name. That's it!**