

# **WEEK ST MARY FOOTBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER: SPRING 2011**



**This annual newsletter updates WSMFC's players, sponsors, supporters and friends about non-playing developments at the club.**

## **FUND RAISING**

**It has been another busy and successful 12 months with over £3,900 raised to help pay for the new pitch and changing rooms:**

- **The tea shed, match day raffles and scratch cards made a record £1,550 this year – many thanks to Sharon (Hannaford), Dawn, Anna and Carol for all their efforts, including donating supplies.**
- **The club continues to cut the grass on playing field for the Parish Council, earning £550 per annum.**
- **Last September, club members again took part in the Great Atlantic Walk raising over £100 for Bude Rotary charities and £406 for the club.**
- **Our Race Night at Treetops last October made a profit of £1,140.**
- **The “Off The Peg” fashion show last month contributed £258 – thanks to Chris Warneford for organising this and also to our models Angela, Sharon (Barriball) and Steph.**

**The major disappointment of the year was the failure of WSMFC's application to Community Spaces for £45,443 to fund a circular walkway, seating, decking and fencing on the fields for the benefit of the community. A follow on, scaled down, application was also rejected. The club will however continue to support the Playing Field Committee, wherever possible, in its efforts to improve Parish facilities.**

**Breaking news ..... Sharon (Hannaford), Dawn and Nick Lapham took part in the Ruby Run half marathon on a very wet 12<sup>th</sup> June. Nick completed the course in 1½ hours and was the first local runner home. Well done to all three and thanks to all who sponsored them. About £600 was raised to be shared between Help For Heroes (10%) and WSMFC (90%).**

## **NEW PITCH**

**Through the generosity of the Hannaford family, construction of the new pitch has been completed at a cost to the club of just £8,571. £6,411 of this has been paid, with £2,160 outstanding. An application for £3,000 of funding from Sport Relief was unsuccessful. Unfortunately, the drought has prevented the grass growing as expected so it looks most unlikely the pitch will be ready for the start of next season. We may need to re-seed. A ceremony to formally open the pitch will be arranged.**

## **STANDBY PITCH**

**In the event, the standby pitch kindly made available by Peter Bromell, opposite Reeve House, did not have to be used last season but may be required next season.**

## **CHANGING ROOMS**

**After careful consideration, the Committee concluded that it would not be possible to raise the necessary funds for a purpose built clubhouse and changing rooms in the foreseeable future. In addition, the Committee felt that the changing facilities should be adjacent to the pitch rather than continue to use the Parish Hall with a road to cross. WSMFC wishes to place on record its thanks to the Parish Hall Committee for accommodating us over the last 4 seasons.**

**After consulting with the Parish Council, the Committee decided to move forward with temporary changing rooms and we are very grateful to Ray Pearce for donating the cabin which the club previously used for changing in. We also thank Tom, Lee, Wayne, Steve Cunningham and Steve Jones for giving up their time over the recent Bank Holiday weekend to move the cabin from Treetops onto the playing field. Club members with building skills will be refurbishing the cabin but we will need to spend on materials, notably for services.**

## **END OF SEASON PRESENTATION AND FUN EVENING**

**If you are reading this on the evening of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, thank you for attending. We hope the weather is not too bad! Why did we decide to change from the usual format of hiring a local pub or club for a carvery?**

**The answer is twofold. Firstly to reduce the price of the event - it cost £13 per head last year just to cover the venue, food, music and coach. Secondly, we wanted to raise further funds to help pay the balance due on the pitch and refurbish the changing rooms. This we will do by making a profit on the bar, whilst keeping prices well below those you would have paid at a pub or club. Enjoy the evening.**

## **FORTHCOMING DATES**

**AGM – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall  
Formal opening of new pitch – date to be announced**

**Week St Mary Football Club Committee  
June 2011**

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