

# Chairman's Pre-season message to all OWFC Members 2022/2023

## Last season in review

An enjoyable and quite successful season for our club – and we once again fielded no less than ten teams. The 1s, 5s and 8s all finished in the top three of their respective divisions and the 4s stole the show by winning their division. A creditable performance all round especially since we were a little short of players towards the lower end of the club on some Saturdays. The 7s had a great cup run and were runners up in the LOB Olympian cup competition.

We once again fielded two Veterans teams on Sunday mornings and both finished mid-table – a good improvement for the reserves.

Our **disciplinary performance** was better, notably only two red cards were received compared with five last year, and no misconduct charges. The yellow card count was up somewhat (50 vs 41) and this needs to come down in the coming season. The club has always prided itself on showing respect for the officials and the opposition, so we all need to live up to the good reputation has been earned by the club over the last many years. It is up to all of us to show the right attitude – hard but fair – and I know the club committee will come down firmly on stupid offences this season.

We also achieved an improvement in our Spirit of Football marks; the key assessment, on Spirit of Football itself, averaged 8.22 compared with 8.07 out of 10 the previous year. Our challenge of course, is to achieve another improvement in this rating.

**The Annual 6-a-side** took place once again this summer and was a great success, largely thanks to the efforts of Dan Donovan.

**The WOPAs** resumed their usual place on the touchline and in the bar and we look forward to seeing them at Loop Road this season.

## Looking Ahead

**OWFC is determined to build on the successes of recent years.** Our higher Saturday teams have consolidated their positions and the lower teams are now much more competitive. We were somewhat stretched for numbers on a Saturday and so have decided to reduce to 7 Saturday teams this season.

**Our skippers for the coming season** are Chris North, Jack Farrelly and Dan Donovan leading the 1s to the 3s. Will Murrells and Ben Dominy lead the 4s and 5s and Mickey Hulse and Phil Weston lead the 6s and 7s. On Sundays Spence leads the first team and James Coote will lead the reserves. Thanks to all the skippers last season and good luck to the above gents for the new season.

Even though we have downsized from 10 to 9 teams we are, as always, keen to welcome with open arms new players.

## The Clubhouse

The clubhouse has recently been redecorated and looks very smart. We hope to arrange some social events there, as well as **the Club Dinner on November 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Hilton in Woking.

## **And Finally**

**The AGM** earlier this year re-elected the club committee except for Matt Lane, who stood down as Tournament secretary and was replaced by Dan Donovan. There are a couple of vacancies for ordinary committee members – volunteers are most welcome!! Paul Hewitt replaced Alex MacVean as one of our three trustees on the MSOW committee and I was honoured to be elected as an Honorary Vice President of OWFC. The AGM voted to keep match fees unchanged (yet again).

**Old Wokes is a fantastic club with a great future. Enjoy your football guys!!!**

**Come On You Wokes!!!!!!!!!!**

**John Stent**

## ***And the PS's...***

1. *A full list of the whole committee and their contacts is shown on the Club Website - [www.oldwokes.org.uk](http://www.oldwokes.org.uk)*
2. *Don't forget to keep in touch with (and "like") the club's:*
  - *Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/OldWokingians](https://www.facebook.com/OldWokingians)*
  - *And on Twitter: [@Old\\_Wokes\\_FC](https://twitter.com/Old_Wokes_FC)*
3. *If you don't receive the **Club Teamsheet**, emailed each week, you should advise Sam Edis ([samedis06@gmail.com](mailto:samedis06@gmail.com)) of your email address and get it added to the distribution/contact list (Captains & Vices to push this please) 😊*