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Happy Hallowe'en Vamps!!



- Kick-offs are earlier on Saturday (2.15) due to the clocks changing, all players please take note!



- Paul Ayers has another new phone number (SEE BELOW) for you to use for all selection matters~this is the ONLY number you can reach him on!



- Will try to persuade Josh to get an early "Golden Boot/Clean-sheet Champ" stats out soon, and I'll try and fit in the League tables, though might have to do it on an e-mail only basis, as I can't fit 4 sheets of paper in the envelopes!!

...and finally! Selection issues = PAUL AYERS ON 07983 651799 (BRAND NEW NUMBER). CAPTAINS AND MANAGERS results to Paul Mourton on 07932 712701. Team Selections & Match reports to riding@supanet.com by Monday 11.30 a.m. and ensure the raffle gets done when it is your turn!!!

All Committee Members please note, next meeting is THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER at 7.00 pm!!

Teams for Saturday 31st October 2009.

EARLY KICK-OFFS; 2.15!!

Captains will be informed by J.Winchester, (07974 193291) if there are any changes. If your team isn't shown it means they have no match! Remember to check if you need to change shirts and speak to John Roberts, (07984 825405) if you foresee a problem!

1st XI v Carshalton; HOME; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL: Ref; tba

Manager - Ina Singh - 020-8361-6870 ;

D.Vaz, J.Hindi, S.James, J.Lawrence, D.Dawson, L.Gregory, D.Hagan, P.Ayers, D.O'Neill, A.Geeves, R.Pidegon, J.Riley, P.Frazier

2nd XI v Southgate Olympic; AWAY; Barrowell Green N21; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL: Ref; tba

Captain – Laurie Allan -- 07966 787302

Mullinger; C.Haritakis; S.Dawson; Shields; Buli; Joe Ephgrave; Knight; Meek; Mackey; Christou; Harvey; S.Ephgrave.

3rd XI v Old Westminster Citizens; AWAY; Tamworth Lane, Mitcham, CR4 1DH; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 11.30 pm; (LONG JOURNEY!!) SAL : Ref; tba

Captain – Tim Coulman ...07960 727446

J.Sexton, P.Churchill, D.Moorish, JJ Peet, D.Moore J.McGinn A.Minoli, M.Bradley, N.Stavrinou, R.Fields, J.Moriarty

4th XI v Norsemen 4th XI; HOME; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref; John Alexander?

Captain – Jason DeMel -- 07841 016083

R.Hollingdale, C.Osinaike, F.Chambers, P.Ellis, J.De Mel, D.Harvey, L.Green, S.Wynne, G.Donaghey, L.Bailey. D.Lee B.Walls

5th XI v Norsemen 5th XI; AWAY ; Church Street, N9 9HL; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Manager – Mick Corrigan – 07919 695247 *No team sent in, will forward by e-mail later*

6th XI v Broomfield 6th XI ; HOME; KO 1.45 pm; Meet 12.15 pm; CUP; Ref. John Bean? **~~DO THE RAFFLE!!~~**

Captain – Dan O'Connell 07958 529489

D.O'Connell. J.Warwick, T.Saull, I.Dobson, A.Jones, A.Dawson, D.Dawson, C.Riley, R.Wilson, D.Lauszkin, S.Rudd, L.Graham

7th XI v Norsemen 7th XI ; AWAY; Church Street, N9 9HL; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.30 pm; SAL; Ref. tba

Captain – Ricky Huckle 07712 224330

B.Roberts, B.Cork, D.Daniels, S.Cronan, M.Archer, M.Archer, P.Giles, Deaney, P.Mourton +2 to follow (injury reports!)

8th XI v Winchmore Hill 9th XI ; HOME; KO 2.15 pm; Meet 12.45 pm; SAL; Ref. ??? MAY NEED A VOLUNTEER??

Captain -- Roy Lucien 07951 955458

ALL INTERESTED PLAYERS LET ROY KNOW EARLY!!



CROCK'S CORNER, RESERVES & SUSPENSIONS!!

P.Charles, R Huckle, J.Sexton (all injured)



Results & Match Reports

With Ina's boys racing away this season, you might have thought this week's other results would make for an easy "Team-of-the-Week" choice~~but you're wrong!! It's going to Ricky's brave battlers in the 7's, travelling all the way to Woking for a cup-tie with the bare 11,(including Paul Mourtou having to play his first full 90 in a long, long time!) and losing by the odd goal. Great spirit shown boys, read Ricky's frustrations in his report, as well as Roy L's plea for help in the 8's and reflect on what being a True Vampire is all about! Life can be pretty tough down in the lower XI's!

1st XI v Lloyds Bank; Won 4-0; Scorers; R Pidgeon (2), Hagan, Spencer

Yet another home game and the Vamps still to travel out of North London. The boys started really well playing some good football. Yet another early goal from goal machine R.Pidgeon relaxed the boys and we played some good control football. The boys looked in total control and seemed to enjoy the game. Second half see a great ball by Ayers find O'Neil who unselfishly squared the ball for R.Pidegon, to tap the ball home. We still kept pressing and tried to play our football. Than R.Pidegon earned us a penalty, up stepped D.Hagan to make it 3-0. We seemed to take our foot of the gas; we should have had a few more goals. With ten minutes to go Spencer scored his first goal for the Vamps with a brave header, well deserved goal from a player who gives you 100% every game. Well done lads lets get ready for next week and keep this run going!!

2nd XI v Old Esthameians; Lost 1-3; Scorer; Knight

No excuses this week. We started about as well as is possible, with good work straight from kick-off putting us one-up in under a minute when KNIGHT finished smartly. For the next 20 minutes we dominated and created a number of decent chances, but without luck. Then we decided to go to sleep marking from a throw in, (I know, its like f****n Groundhog Day) and went in at half time 1-1. Once again we started the 2nd half well, but within 10 minutes or so had started to drop ever deeper, consequently began losing the second balls in midfield and invited pressure. Despite that, we looked good going forward, and again created a string of chances which on another day would have seen us out of sight. But guess what, we then had a horror-show on the edge of our own box, didn't communicate and left their centre-forward with the ball on the 18 yard line, though to be fair his strike was unstoppable. 1-2. We pressed hard, hence allowing gaps to open at the back, and when once more a tackle was missed on the edge of our area our fate was sealed. 1-3. Plenty of long faces in the dressing -room, but not all is woe. In patches we played really well, and this team has come a long way in 12 months. 15 games to go, but only the next one counts. Well done Joe Ephgrave and Tom Christou, who combined well and showed some of their elders what commitment and heart is all about. **(agreed, Ed, who watched the match!)**

3rd XI v Old Esthameians; Lost 3-4; Scorers; McGinn, Dallender, Fields

After last week's non-performance, we were looking for a much improved all round team effort in the Cup against Old Easthameians. We introduced much needed youth and energy to the side with young J.BUZEC and A.MANOLI, and within the first 15 minutes we could've-should-have had the tie rapped up. With J.BUZEC playing at left-back and the experienced P.CHURCHILL at left-midfield having a instant understanding, terrorised the boys from O.E. P.CHURCHILL crossing to N.STAVRINO who's shot was superbly saved by their keeper. Then another excellent link-up between J.BUZEC & P.CHURCHILL lead to P. CHURCHILL's volley skimming the bar. **(Really!?! Ed)** Not long after we got the goal that our play richly deserved. R.FIELDS winning a free-kick on the edge the box, J.McGINN expertly curling it into the top right-hand corner.(0-1) Just before half-time O.E's got back on level terms when confusion rained in our area with their striker seemingly controlling with his arm then his hand and shooting low into the bottom corner of the net, with all our protests falling on deaf ears.... We started the 2nd half a little flat and quickly found ourselves down to 10 men when J.BUZEC handled on the goal line resulting in a penalty and going behind (2-1) It got worse when goal-keeper M.BRADLEY blinded by

the sun allowed a long range shot to dip underneath the bar and into the net (3-1) In recent weeks our heads would have dropped, but we fought back. R.DALLANDER getting us back into it, when little-tricky A.MANOLI pulled a few moves and played him in beautifully. (3-2). Trying to get the equaliser we left ourselves open at the back which O.E exploited and we went further behind (4-2). Still our heads didn't go down and in the final few minutes A.MANOLI again conjured up some magic this time for an easy tap-in for R.FIELDS making the final score (4-3). Although we lost this cup-tie, the manner in which we refused to lie down and kept coming back was pleasing and who knows what would've happened if we had our full compliment of players on the pitch. Let's take this new team spirit on the road next week against Old Westminster Citizens..

4th XI v 5th XI; Won 2-0; Scorers; Bailey, Donaghey

Well, the game we were all looking forward too finally arrived with the 4s desperate for revenge after the two successive draws with the 5s in last season's double header. First Half: the 4s started the better of the two teams, and had the opposition with their backs against the wall for the opening 15 minutes - but as usual, we failed to take convert our early chances with our shots hitting the woodwork, corner flags and clouds! It didn't take long for the 5s to get back into the game and most of the first-half was a stalemate until "one-a-week" L. Bailey found the back of the net to keep his impressive goal scoring record intact. 1-0 up we went into the break knowing that there was a fine line between the teams and that we had to go back to basics and play simple football! The second half was a much better game (for both teams), with the 5s creating at least three goal scoring chances but failing to put one past G.Green who was impressive between the sticks, stopping all the 5s could fire at him. With about 25 minutes to go, G.Donaghey was wheeled out (not literally, but I can understand why you might be thinking so) to make his first appearance up-front for the 4s this season. It didn't take long for Donaghey to make an impact, and with only his second touch of the ball, he reproduced some magic from his more youthful days by skilfully twisting-up the opposition's defence and then placing the ball past the keeper. A fantastic goal, but a very weird, almost religious fanatic type celebration! 2-0.

5th XI v 4th XI; Lost 0-2

Have you ever seen the start of "Murder she Wrote"? Well that's how I am on a Sunday as I begin to write up the report. At home to the 4's and must say we were very unlucky to lose the game 2-0, though have to say great goals both from Leroy and Gary(bastards!) Must say "well done" to the 4' for the manner in which they won and acted no show-boating. well played and good luck with the rest of the season boys. We are starting to get some players back, and hopefully get used to playing with the new faces. Keep saying week in and week out what 100% can do and both Mick and I thought that everyone gave it their all! Some of the new boys are friends or work for Graham Surry, who has brought quite a lot of faces up to the club so that we don't keep taking from the 6's and above which we only have done last week, many thanks to Dan because teams should do all they can to get players not just pick from the next team. Not sure if we have a game next week, will let you all know.

6th XI v Broomfield 4th XI; Lost 4-6; Scorers; Riley, Rodgers, Burke, D.Dawson

A strange bright and showery afternoon set the scene at the Vamps for this weeks league clash. It was a pleasure to see a few players having moved up a team on the next pitch in the inter vamps 4-5s match, showing that the clubs selection system is working in harmony. Before the game all the talk was about the commitment and getting that all-important early start, with that in mind the Vamps started the game very well, moving the ball around and trying to create chances. 10mins in disaster struck when a long range shot was pushed wide for the Broomfield striker to finish. 1-0 but the 6s still looked up for the battle, getting stuck into tackles, and playing some neat football. T.Legge set the standard winning everything near him and playing the ball out well from the back. Every week it seems I say the same thing, when we have the ball we look dangerous but when we don't we look a muddle, and this showed when another mistake led to a second goal for Broomfield. With the 6s working hard C.Riley chased a lost cause into the box, the result was Broomfield's keeper smashing the ball against him for the Vamps first. Halftime the players seemed down, but with plenty of fight left in them the team needed to gel and quick. Another gutting mistake led to Broomfield getting another very shortly after the break. At this point

you would think the 6s after no points and such bad luck would just fold, but quite the opposite. C.Rodgers received the ball on the edge of the box, swiveled past the defender and hit the ball clean into the bottom corner. Moments later the Vamps won a penalty which R.Burke converted to set the game at 3-3. With all the momentum for the 6s, everyone was playing well as a team and the football was a joy to watch but this time a stunning freekick from Broomfield sent them in the lead. That fighting spirit never left and D.Dawson bundled in the fourth with T.Saull chasing after the ball to get it back to the centre so we could get the winner with 10mins to go. The Vamps worked so hard for this, and with some real silly errors the last 10mins it made the game hard to watch, as two blunders lead to Broomfield scoring. The 6s worked their socks off until the last min, but after so many silly mistakes it was too much to do. We must stay as a unit, keep gelling as a team and cut out the stupid mistakes. Its not often you score 4 goals and lose to lets take that as a positive and move on from this...

7th XI v Old Wokingians 6th XI; Lost 1-2; Scorer; Cork

After unsuccessfully asking for just one spare Vampire at the Clubhouse so we could have a 12th man, we departed on our long trip to play a cup game in Woking. This week I'm going to say it how it was, "the boys played well". I feel the travelling Vampires were a credit to our Club (**HERE-HERE-Ed**) as we dominated this game from the off. At half time we came off on- nil down and to be honest we were a little stunned as to why we were behind. If we had the sky sports stats on this game I'm sure it would show Vampires 7s (90mins) shots on goal 10 to 12 ; possession 80%; corners 12; clearances off the line by Woking 2; but the most important stat is goals-for 1, against 2;. MOM; S Cronan. You know your team has been unlucky when ALL of the opposition tell you "You guys never deserved to lose that game" Lesson this week TAKE YOUR CHANCES!!

8th XI v Alexandra Park 6th XI; Won 6-4; Scorers; ?

No Report as Roy had to dash off at half-time to prepare the grub!! Impressive score-line probably doesn't tell the whole story..the real issue for the 8's is as follows;



CALLING ALL VAMPIRES!!



The 8th XI is still short of players as we haven't had the crop of Muswell Hill Youth this year and the old lags have virtually hung their boots up, but we still have enough signed-up paid members to turn out a decent team, SO PLEASE!! If you can play LET ROY KNOW THIS WEEK!! The Club DESPERATELY needs you, so get out the dubbin and the tiger-balm (youth won't understand, I Know!!) and give it a go~you will be surprised at the level of footy being played and enjoyed in the lower XI's.



Christmas Raffle 2009



A Seasonal Message from Fund-Raiser Supremo Johnny Winchester!!

The festive season will soon be upon us and as sure as Santa Claus will be bringing all the good children presents, The Vamps will be having the Annual Raffle.

This is a good opportunity to put some money in the club funds that will be used to support the club over the remainder of the season and hopefully into future seasons.

Last seasons raffle was well supported and I would like to think that we can better last seasons performance if each and every club member does their bit!

On the 31st October each team captain will be given fourteen books of raffle tickets.

It will be the responsibility of each "team" to sell their allocation and return the stubs, with the money gained from selling the tickets, to me at the club. If I am not around please give to Greg Dearle , Peter Ephgrave or Jimmy Whelan.

On the basis that a number of club members sold more than fourteen books each, I am sure that each team captain will be nagging me within the next two weeks for more raffle books as their teams have sold the initial allocation!

The prize draw will take place on the **19th December** at the Vamps Clubhouse.

The tickets cost £2 each for the opportunity to win one of three cash prizes - £500, £300 & £100 and other runner up prizes (approximately 20).

Last year the Eighth Team smashed the competition by selling approximately 60% of all ticket sales. Unfortunately one club eleven, who shall remain nameless, sold none!

This year there are no excuses.

Tickets will be allocated in plenty of time, there are plenty more for those that fancy themselves as super slick sales people and there will be a prize for the team that sell the most tickets(minimum qualification twenty books).

I would like to finish with a thought....many hands make light work.

Please do your bit for your team and your club!

Thanking each and everyone in anticipation.

John Winchester