



WDSC Newsletter March 2016

Welcome back to a new season, to those that have returned and to new players alike. We hope that you have, both an enjoyable and successful year at Wembley Downs Soccer Club.

Team placements (player allocations) and grading for our juniors, has all but finished. There are still some teams that are finalizing this and the relevant coaches are in contact with the players (parents). If any of you, have still not heard from your team coach/manager please be patient.

Most teams have started training this week and there is always a "settling in period", for ground space and familiarization amongst new teams. Parents, please be aware that even though, the club exercises its "Duty of Care", in regards to all members. We do ask that you be present for the initial weeks of training, so that your child and you are familiar and comfortable with your surroundings. It can be quite difficult for a coach, to both train and keep an eye on the children if they need to go to the toilet or get a drink etc. In saying this, the change rooms and clubhouse are always open for use and as a "Secure & Safe Hub". There is always a Committee member, floating around and the greater membership keeps an eye on things. It may be better, that one uses the clubhouse, as a meeting place, during the initial training sessions, as some teams end up moving to accommodate each other. Let alone, when the colder months come into effect.

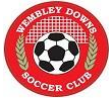
The club has altered its operations of the canteen this year. Both control and funds from sales have returned to the club. We welcome Karla Pummel, who has her partner Liam Mallinson playing (Amateurs) and coaching. Karla will be Managing the Canteen on Sunday mornings and is "Polishing" her Barista skills on the coffee machine during these weeknights. Please feel free to go down and help her in being a "Tester". A coin "Donation" would be appreciated, to cover the cost only. You can also have a chat with Karla, or one of our committee members, about helping out in the canteen during the year. We don't envisage creating a "Roster", but any assistance is always welcome. Please feel free to discuss with one of us down at the club.

Keith Shepherd, is welcomed back and will be looking after the canteen, Sunday afternoons. This is when the Liquor License kicks in and we "Cater", for the senior side of the club. Keith comes back, after a 2 year "Sabbatical" and he is looking forward to catching up with old friends.

In regards to the canteen menu, the club is going back to basics and will be offering "Fresh" wholesome food, from morning until the afternoon. We also have several members, who have catering businesses and have offered to supply, as in previous years. Gareth Hartnell and his Curries are a highlight and not only is he looking forward to supplying, but there is already a waiting list for his food.

The canteen will be open on alternative training nights at this stage and will have limited items for sale, for convenience sake, more than anything. Coffees, Hot Chips and drinks at this early stage. We will keep you informed as we settle in.

Kit, playing uniforms.



These items are purchased through the club and facilitated via your manager. Please go through your manager in regards to both opening times and needs. Once your manager has contacted our coordinator, then all items will be bagged and ready for collection. For those items, that need “sizing”, such as shirts, it is imperative that you liaise with your manager. As the logistics of numbering these shirts needs to be managed. Other items, such as Track suits, Polo’s etc, are sold on an “As ordered” basis. Feel free to come down and size up. There's always a Committee member down at the club. Please refer to the club website shop page, for sale items.

Goals, pitch markings.

We currently have official access to grounds, for training only and full access from beginning of April. We hope to have our new goals and pitches marked, over the Easter weekend. For those Coaches that are looking to play “Friendlies”, please liaise with either Liam, or Andrew (Junior Coaches Coordinators).

Hope that this covers everything. But feel free to contact myself, or any committee members ([See website page](#)), for any queries or questions that you may have.

Regards
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