



Editor – Liz Hornby

# NEWSLETTER

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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

**Raffle and Karaoke** - This was very well attended and a good time was had by everyone especially those who were brave enough to stand up and sing! The 200 Club was also drawn that evening the winner being Davina Ingrams. The raffle was a big success too taking over £100.



**Salvation Army Christmas Concert** - Probably the most popular event in the whole WAMDSAD calendar is the annual carol concert given by the Salvation Army, and the 2002 concert was no exception. Always well attended, it gave everyone the chance to let rip with their favourites, like *Good King Wenceslas*, *We Three Kings* and *Oh! Come All Ye Faithful*. The thing about the Salvation Army is that they have such good musicians. The evening would be a triumph if all they did was play while we listened. A smashing evening which certainly gets Christmas off to a good start.

Kevin Turner, Events Committee

**Christmas Party/Cabaret** - Along with the Salvation Army Christmas carol concert, one of the highlights of the WAMDSAD calendar is the Adult's Christmas Party, mostly because of the cabaret which closes the event. Members get up and perform poetry or a song or two. JJ for instance, joined Jocelyn Story to perform one of Frank and Nancy Sinatra's great hits 'Something Stupid'. What was worrying was that for the second year JJ insisted on playing the female of the two parts! The cabaret closed with the Events Committee as the Acme Painters and Decorators Limited, showing everybody how not to wallpaper the lounge. Needless to say as it was more like Laurel and Hardy than Llewelyn-Bowen.

Alas, the evening was not very well supported, but those that did tear themselves away from roasting chestnuts over an open fire had a great time.

Kevin Turner. Events Committee

**New Year's Eve** - Trevor would like to extend a very big Thank You to everyone who turned up to this event. The bar took over £800!!! A fun time was had by everyone.

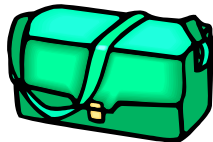
## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Windsor Flag Day	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
WAMDSAD AGM	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Awards Dinner	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Ascot Flag Day	TBA
Maidenhead Flag Day	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September

## **Windsor Street Collection - WAMDSAD needs you!**

Our first street collection this year is Windsor on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Please put this in your diaries now even if you are only able to spend a couple of hours collecting. Remember, the more people we get out on the streets the more cash we will collect for WAMDSAD. Please contact the WAMDSAD Office and say YES!

## **Lost Property**



The office has acquired rather a lot of lost property, so much so that it's taking over! If anyone has lost anything please get in touch with either Liz, Karin or Trevor by the end of February, after which time anything left over will be taken to a charity shop.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Just a quick reminder that memberships are due for renewal. Many thanks to those that have already done so but we are still short of a few. If you could let the office have your renewal forms (and money) as soon as possible, then we can get your new sticker for your card out to you. If you are in the clubhouse and the bar is open you may leave your remittance - with your renewal letter - behind the bar.

## **Point of Order**

At a recent meeting of the newly formed Social Enterprises committee the subject of chewing gum was raised. It was decided unanimously that chewing gum should now be banned from the clubhouse as damage has been incurred to furniture and carpet and also people's clothing. This will take effect immediately.

## **HALL FLOOR**

After the recent expensive refurbishment of the sports hall floor, we respectfully request that when tables and chairs are being moved - for whatever reason - they be lifted and NOT DRAGGED. Please use the sack truck provided for moving chairs. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated in this matter as it prolongs the life of the seal on the floor. If you have any difficulties in lifting or moving tables and chairs, please ask for assistance as there is always someone around who can help.

## **WAGS LEADER STEPS DOWN**

After many years involvement with the WAGS and for over a decade as its Chairman, Stuart Anderson has decided that it is time to call it a day. At the last meeting of the WAGS Committee, Ray Fields, who has taken over from Stuart, expressed a vote of thanks to Stuart for all his work over the years. This appreciation will not only be felt by those who worked with him on the committee, but by members of all the sports sections of WAMDSAD. Stuart's role in the creation and development of our club is well known, and we hope that he will continue to enjoy his involvement for many years to come.

Ray Fields

## **DAVID ADLINGTON**

It is with very great sadness that we have learned of the death of David Adlington at home on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Details of the funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as they are advised to us. We extend our deepest sympathies to Terry and to Leo in their loss.

David's funeral is to be held Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 11.15am at the South West Middlesex Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Shopmobility. Everyone is welcome to the funeral and afterwards at the WAMDSAD Clubhouse.

## PRESENTS APPEAL



Did Father Christmas bring you something you didn't want? If he did, we'd like to appeal to *you*. We are short of raffle prizes and would be grateful for any donations as we have a number of raffles coming up in the future.

## Brass Band Sound - for WAMDSAD

The Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band are this year staging their annual concert in aid of WAMDSAD - excellent news! The concert will be held at The Loddon Hall, Loddon Hall Road, Twyford on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Start time: 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 each with a concessionary price of £5 for OAPs and children under 10. We have been asked to sell as many tickets as possible so please promote the event to friends and family - tickets available from the WAMDSAD Office.

## Friday Fun Sports

### **DATES & TIME of OPENING for FRIDAY FUN NIGHT SESSIONS:**

**Fridays - 8.00p.m. - 9.15p.m.**

24<sup>th</sup> January; 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February; 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March; 4<sup>th</sup> April then CLOSED due to the EASTER School Break.

**Resuming on** 2<sup>nd</sup> May; 16<sup>th</sup> May & 30<sup>th</sup> May.

This session is open to ALL YOUTH members to come down to the club and enjoy a relaxed sports/games evening including table tennis, ball games etc. The aim of the evening is to give the younger members of the club a chance to 'have a go' at the different sports and meet members of their age group.

*Please note that on the 21<sup>st</sup> February we have arranged to have a 'Have a go at POOL' in the bar area as the main hall has a pre-booking so is unavailable for this one evening.*

**For information please phone VAL JONES on 01628 541021**

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BOARD GAMES

The Board Games group has decreased significantly in size recently. If you fancy a game then "come on down" you'll be welcomed with open arms. Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm.

## **"MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE"**

WAMDSAD has been given some 'Message in a Bottle' bottles by the Maidenhead Lions. It is an idea to encourage people to keep their basic personal and medical details in a common place where they can easily be found in an emergency. The information is kept in a bottle in the **fridge** where the emergency services will expect to find it in the event of being called to your home. They will know you have a bottle by two labels. One is fixed to the back of the front door or other main entrance to your premises. The other is attached to the door of your fridge. These bottles are free and are available from the office. Please contact either Karin or Liz for details

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To Jeanette Chippington who went to Argentina before Christmas and came back with 2 Gold Relay medals and 3 Silver medals from the World Games. Well done Jeanette!



## **Club Sponsor**

We are delighted to hear that the Michael Shanly Group are continuing as main Club Sponsor for 2003 and we look forward to welcoming more of their staff to our clubhouse and various events. Last year they not only sponsored us, but supported the Milton Keynes snow trip and the One Night Stand concert in November - their party led by the effervescent Jane Ludlow seen to be thoroughly enjoying themselves up in the balcony!

## **Fleet Transport News**

A bit ambitious I suppose, but we have now acquired a second club vehicle to join the minibus, this time a small "low mileage" Daihatsu minivan, to be used to carrying club equipment to events and general day to day running around. Trevor is in charge of it!

***STOP PRESS*** - we have got Planning Permission for the garage extension to the clubhouse for the minibus.

We have just heard that we expect Sir Steve Redgrave to attend the Awards Dinner this year, so get your tickets as soon as possible as it will be 'first come first served'.

### **AND FINALLY**

"You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note of the windscreen. It said, 'Parking Fine'. So that was nice."

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any!

I went to a seafood disco last week - and pulled a muscle.