



# WOTTON COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION

Developing a multi sport environment for Wotton and the surrounding area

Welcome to the WCSF Newsletter

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## Skate Park and Community Access Path

**Sponsor a Yard of Path** has so far raised over £5,250 – and a huge thanks to Jill Tebb for making this happen in just 2 months. So together with other funding, we have now raised over £13,000. Add in to this the help that we have been offered by local firms TM Walks, Rio Pools, DFH Landscaping & Groundworks, and Tree Management to help with the construction, and we have made an excellent start.

### **Dursley Male Voice Choir**

As part of our fundraising efforts, we have a concert in **St Mary's Church, W-u-E from 7.30pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**, with a wine bar from 7pm and a raffle with some great prizes. We are also introducing two local young musicians – Robin Pillinger – violin and organ - and Ella York – violin – who will be performing during the concert from 7pm.



For ticket information contact Sarah on [sarahwatt100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahwatt100@yahoo.co.uk) or 0787-592-6190 Tickets cost £10 and are also available from Milburys, The Market Place, It Takes Two and HairO'Dynamics in Wotton, and Durcan's in Dursley.

**A huge thanks go to everyone** who has helped in any way so far, and to all those who are working on plans for concerts, meetings, gigs and sponsored activities. The path will not only ensure that all riders can reach the skate park in safety, but will open up access to **everyone in the community** to enjoy the current sporting facilities and the Car Boot Sales, the Circus and the Fireworks and Bonfire night, and those projects that are planned such as the jogging and fitness trail, the BMX track, the children's play area, the picnic area, the mixed fruit orchard, the sensory garden, the Forest School programme, the wild flower areas, the fire pit and the boules court.

**Do you have** any other ideas we could try to incorporate into our plans for the site? Contact Barnaby Beere on [bbeere@btinternet.com](mailto:bbeere@btinternet.com)



**Is Sponsoring a Yard of Path** something you have been meaning to do but just haven't had the time – well, it's by no means too late – just contact Jill Tebb on [01453-842195](tel:01453-842195) [jill@mtebb.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:jill@mtebb.freereserve.co.uk) or pop in and see her at the Market Place in Long Street and pledge what you can. If you can add Gift Aid, that would be even better.

**The Skate Park** is being very well used on a daily basis and users are keeping it relatively free of litter, with the help of the committee and an anonymous band of helpers who regularly litter pick and remove rubbish from site – to them, a huge **Thank You**, whoever you are. The etiquette of riders is very inclusive of all ages and abilities, with older users coaching younger ones on both riding skills and road safety awareness. The police, the schools and other adults are also passing on the

message to stay safe and stay on the path and we are actively seeking improvements to the state of the path and a reduction in the speed limit.

But our top priority is the new path – for details of our planning application visit the Stroud District website and see under reference S.15/1130/FUL .

**Picnic Benches** – Many thanks go to Jill Tebb and The Market Place for sponsoring our first two picnic benches to give supporters somewhere to sit near the skate park. Could you sponsor another one? Contact Sarahwatt@yahoo.co.uk

## Our Clubs

### Wotton Rovers Youth

**As the 2014/15 season** draws to a close, the youth section of Wotton Rovers is celebrating many successes. There are in excess of 270 young people between the ages of 5 and 18 attending regular training sessions and playing competitive football. We have been involved in 8 local leagues and all teams have successfully completed their seasons.

**League positions** are not reported in any U11 competitions, but the results, as well as the level of participation, have been excellent, including one team that have not lost a match.

**A special mention** should go to our U12 girls' team who were successful in bringing the GFA County Cup home to Wotton, and our U15 boys who, with one game still to play, have won the league title and have the cup final at Shortwood to look forward to.

**The U15 boys** won the league and cup, and the U13 boys are waiting on the result of one fixture to see if they will gain promotion to Avon Youth League division one.

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### Wotton Rovers Seniors

**This season Wotton Rovers** U18 girls moved to adult football as Wotton Rovers formed their first ever Ladies Team. Currently they are in fourth position in the Gloucestershire Women's County League, with star striker Rosanna Blacker having scored an amazing 54 goals from 18 matches – a great achievement.

**The progression** between junior and senior football is working well with many of our ex juniors progressing into the senior men's teams. The first team have had a remarkable season finishing 7<sup>th</sup> (their highest finish for 5 years) whilst the reserve team have secured their spot in Stroud league division 4. This is especially pleasing considering both teams are predominantly filled with local Wotton players.

**Both the Men's and Women's** senior teams are on the lookout for new players. If you fancy giving it a go (or know somebody that does) please get in contact via email ([assistant@wrfc.org.uk](mailto:assistant@wrfc.org.uk)) or twitter @wotton\_rovers

### Wotton Hockey

**It's been** a memorable 2014/15 for Wotton Hockey Club, arguably the most successful season in the clubs 26 year history.

**Our junior membership** has more than trebled in the last two years and we now have boys and girls from u8 to u12s regularly playing and training and more than holding their own in Cheltenham tournaments. We also continue to organise our own successful tournaments at New Rd. The highlight for the juniors this year was the Girls u10s building on their 2nd place in the Gloucestershire finals by losing on penalty flicks to Bournemouth the final of the West Hockey finals at Clifton college, an incredible achievement for a small Club!



**Our youth section** has been similarly successful. The under 16s boys 'Badgers' team, where the average age was 13, lost only 2 matches all season. The under-16 'Vixens' girls team with a similar low average

age, is growing in strength every week.

**Two of our players** have recently been selected for u15 regional performance centres.

**At senior level** all five of our league teams secured a top 3 finish in their divisions with:

- Men's 1st XI Promoted as runners up
- Ladies 1st XI promoted as champions (having lost only one game all season)
- Men's Second Team promoted as Champions.

**None of this** would have been possible without the new WCSF facilities on our doorstep and the dedication of so many volunteers on whom we rely on for the club to run so smoothly: these range from coaches, umpires to parent managers. All the different sections support and rely on each other and this is reflective of the inclusive family atmosphere the club is so proud of.

**While Summer leagues** will continue in the coming months we are also again proudly part of England Hockey's 'Back to Hockey' campaign which encourages those adults new or returning to hockey to give the game a try through May and June.

**The club continues to grow** and we have already applied for our men's 4th XI to join the league in 2015/16.

Each section of the club recently held a series of events to celebrate the end of the season culminating in the recent black tie dinner at Tortworth Court which was attended by over 130 people - another reflection of the clubs growth.

**For more information** visit [www.wottonhockeyclub.org](http://www.wottonhockeyclub.org), follow us on Twitter @wottonhockey or contact Chairman Stuart Emms on 07974-256380 or [stuartemms@hotmail.com](mailto:stuartemms@hotmail.com)

### **Wotton Rugby**

**Wotton RFC** is a small grass roots club formed in 1991 by a group of local players and the following year they gained affiliation to the Gloucester Rugby Football Union. 25 seasons later and we have had another very successful season, as we did last year, by being promoted champions of the league - again winning nine of our 11 league matches, as well as winning all friendly fixtures, scoring 365 points and conceding 121.

**The Club ventured** abroad at the Easter week end for four days, playing in the Gent tournament and partaking of some Belgian hospitality.

**The team train** Thursday evenings on the New Road pitch from 7 o'clock, with all abilities aged 18 and over being more than welcome to join us.

**If you feel** you could contribute to the club off the pitch, we are also recruiting helpers to assist the squad on match days as 1<sup>st</sup> aiders, water carriers, team manager - and other help is especially welcome and would get you involved in the local sports scene a couple of times a week. Our **Club House is the Star Inn** and contact can be made there on 01453-845429 or at [www.pitchero.com/clubs/wotton](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wotton)

**I look forward** to meeting new players and helpers alike - Will Knight, Chairman, Wotton Rugby Club



**If you would like to join us for any part of what we are doing – not just the committee, but any small group that is working on any part of these plans, or any plans which you might see as future possibilities for the site, then please contact us and share your ideas.**

**Many thanks on behalf of the whole of the committee of WCSF.**

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