

The SNOOT!

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If you have any contributions for 'The SNOOT' please put them in the big envelope in the Club house. If you don't contribute we will make it up!!!!

Cheers, The Editors

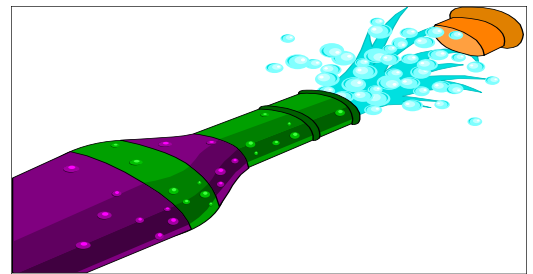
Mirror, mirror on the wall who is the sweatiest of them all??!

Willington Hall hosted the annual Christmas Dinner Dance, and as in previous years it was a fantastic occasion. The posh frocks and high heels were out and that was just the Men's 1st Team!

Having devoured a delicious three course meal, popped the party poppers and sucked all the helium, the one hundred and thirty trotters embarked on the dance floor. The wild and crazy dancing of the ladies section was witnessed by shocked onlookers, but nothing could beat the sweatiness of the men. The top three sweats in reverse order (as voted by Roe Symms) were 3rd Stuart Symms, 2nd Harvey (Chester gatecrasher) and number one Mr. Hedley Pollard (aka Wesley Bollard).

The customary auction/raffle took place and very generous bidders raised a considerable sum. Excellent effort.

The evening was a great success and could have gone on into early hours. Another fab do and a big thank you must go to Dilys and her table organisers. Nice one!



Incriminating photos to follow.....

Message from Committee

The Committee emphasises yet again that abuse of umpires whether before, during or after a game is a matter the club is determined to stamp out. It matters not whether the umpire in question registers objection or gives a card. Such a reaction of course inevitably will bring it to the attention of the club committee but even if the committee become aware of it through another source, the committee emphasises that such behaviour will be penalised. It cannot be condoned. Any player found guilty of umpire abuse will be suspended for 1 week

and thereafter will not be selected for the team within which the offence occurred but the player will have to prove themselves in a lower team and not be available for selection on merit for a senior team until the Captain of the lower team confirms satisfactory player conduct on the pitch. Umpires are precious. The club policy is to welcome them and to make them feel appreciated. Anything that cuts across that will be penalised.

Message from Chairman Chesh!!!

Whilst I am not permitted to reveal the identity of the new editors of The Piglet I am nevertheless grateful to them for resurrecting Tivertons alternative Parish Magazine as it provides me with the opportunity on behalf of the members to thank John Heath "Heber" for the enormous contribution he has made to the club over the past 25 years in his capacity as Chairman.

During this period no one person has done more to promote and develop Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club and without his vision, commitment and tireless enthusiasm we would certainly not be where we are today.

Arguably the greatest single achievement was the laying of an astro-turf pitch at the ground, a project which required a capital investment of circa £400,000. However, this development in isolation would not have secured the future of Deeside Ramblers as there are so many factors which make for a successful and thriving club. The committee under John's direction must be congratulated for what it has achieved and continues to strive towards for the benefit of both the club and its members.

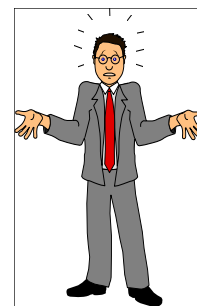
If we were to wind the clock back 25 years junior training involved just 2 children – it now attracts between 100 – 150 youngsters on consecutive week-ends; at times the men struggled to field 4 teams and the ladies sec-

tion was non-existent - collectively we now put out 14 sides on a regular basis which includes 2 boys teams and a ladies colts XI. In an attempt to extend his playing career Heber also committed the club to playing veterans hockey which kept many stalwart members in contact and who have supported the club so generously over the years.

The club house was extended and believe it or not has been the subject of several refurbishments which on one occasion involved the installation of a telephone capable of receiving incoming calls – for many years it had been "club policy" that members should be able to drink without interruption in the knowledge that nobody could phone to enquire as to their whereabouts – a policy which may have to be re-instated!

Other achievements included publication of The Rambler/Piglet and extensive press coverage which Heber has co-ordinated for nearly 40 years – a match report of a game which didn't take place between Deeside Ramblers and Oxtun being one of his more contentious articles.

A hard act to follow but one which is made all the easier because Heber continues to play such an active role in his capacity as club President. Thank you Heber from us all.



Chesh makes an all important decision!

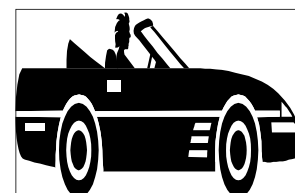
'It was 2-2or it was a draw'

*Nicky Gray
describing a hockey
result (9th Oct
2004)*

Dilys Dodds Ditched!

Shocked locals came to the rescue of Ladies Chairwoman, Dilys when she foolishly ignored 'ROAD CLOSED' signs on her way back from a serious training session. She wrongly believed the road would still be open to her supersonic VW, but sadly drove

head first into a ditch! Those who know Dilys well believe this was just a devious ploy to phone a handsome AA man to restart her engine. Luckily Super Howie came quickly to her aid.....All's well that ends well!



Supersonic VW drives into ditches...!

Pig in Agony

Hello my trotters, Auntie Piglet here!

I spent a season at Chester but did not feel truly valued, I now find myself at Ramblers HQ and I am here to help. Having settled into the Pigsty, I can see many issues which need resolving. I am here as a shoulder (of pork) to cry on or as an ear to bend.

Dear Auntie Piglet,

Measures have been taken to improve the ale in the bar but bar takings are still down. What should I do?

Auntie Piglet says.....

I can't believe the trotter's consumption is low as it is medically proven by Dr Potbelly that at least one pint of ale aids recovery. However, maybe the solution is to hire FIT, single bar staff.....no

that's not you Brian!

Dear Auntie Piglet,

My opposition recently complained of the smell from the cess pit...Help!!

Auntie Piglet suggests.....

Train/Play/Socialise with a peg on your snout!!

Dear Auntie Piglet,

Whenever I drive into the clubhouse my car gets very muddy.

Auntie Piglet thinks.....

Try washing it.or if you are a lazy trotter get one of the ladies to wash it to raise money for Operation Pigsty!



Any problems...place in the envelope in the clubhouse and Auntie will sort you out!

Lost and Found

LOST - One fat girl size hoody. Possibly stolen by fellow trotter.

FOUND - One petite girl size hoody. Possibly abandoned by the afore mentioned fellow trotter.

LOST - One good looking female Hunt Ball party goer. Last seen in taxi outside the Caspian in Chester.

FOUND - One big meaty kebab.....Stammers?!!

LOST - Several memories following a fabulous

night at Willington Hall.

FOUND - Empty wallets and big hangovers.

LOST - One Chairman of hockey club, last seen following a promotion to President

FOUND - One replacement Chairman.....a younger version.....

Please report any lost property to the editors, via the envelope in the clubhouse.....cheers!

Lonely Piglet

For all those young (or old) piglets, seeking for that one special trotter to share their pigsty.....

1) YOUNG, SLIM, ATTRACTIVE male seeks YOUNG, SLIM, ATTRACTIVE female for.....

2) Harry Hill look-alike seeks companion

3) Lonely boy, spurned by older woman, last spotted chasing a taxi in Mickle Trafford seeks Irish filly.

4) Twice scoring, Ladies Captain seeks young, sexy boy who has stamina.

No longer lonelythree couples have recently become engaged...Delboy and Wendy, Yorkie and Kate, and Paula and Andy.....Congratulations to all of them!!

Our best wishes also go to Chrissy and Ajax and Dot and Tommo on the birth of their respective babies, Maisy and Ben.



Find true romance among your fellow trotters.

The Publication formerly known as 'THE PIGLET'

Operation Pigsty

[Http://
drhc.mysite.wanadoo-
members.co.uk](http://drhc.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk)

Report so far.....

Marvelous Raffle Draw – Raffle has been delayed due to a slow return of tickets.....we will give you an update in the next edition.

Well done the Beavers! A fantastic sponsored hockey event raised over £1800. A superb effort!

DRHC has Bingo-ing crazy. The night raised £600.

Gooders' Golf Day was a very popular event and raised in the region of £2000. Well done!

Four Vets and a Blacksmith got everyone dancing in Tarporley before Xmas. The event, organised by Mens 2nds, raised around £1400.

Keith Hindley's 4th are continuing to flog valuable antiques.....hands off Dilys!!!

Well done to the organisers and supporters.....keep it up.....there's a long way to go!!!



The new Pigsty??!

Forthcoming Events

Ladies Section presents 'The Big Quiz'.
Friday 28th Jan, 2005 starting at 7.30pm
£20 per team (max 5 in a team)

Mens 6ths and Tanky are taking us back to the 70's to boogie on down. **Friday 4th Feb 2005** at Tarporley Community Centre.

Auction Of Promises in MBNA's Atrium on **4th March 2005**. Come along and bid for something or someone you have always wanted!!!

Please let us know of any events you or your team is doing.....