



### Just Walk

Several members of the committee, players and the parents have walked over the South Downs to raise money for the club in previous years. Why not organize and promote your own fundraising event here.

### Upcoming Events

- **January**  
Training: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- **February**  
Training: 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **March**  
Training: 9<sup>th</sup>  
Special Hockey International Tournament 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> (Kitchener, ON, Canada)
- **April**  
Training: 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
- **May**  
Training: 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Raffle & End of Season Party - TBC



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SPECIAL ICE HOCKEY CLUB

# FullMoon

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### News

#### FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

With the tournament hosted in England by the Werewolves of London in 2012, fundraising was key to a successful tournament. We were extremely fortunate to gain the sponsorship of two major sponsors at the beginning of last year who raised a fantastic amount to allow us to not only put on a great tournament but contribute to the current season.

CHARTIS (AIG) donated £5000 and NLP have been fundraising throughout the year through a variety of events to raise over £7,000 towards our program. This is a truly magnificent effort and we are so grateful to all those who contributed their time and effort to support our club.

We are looking to spend some of this money on some new goalie equipment so players who are interested can give it a go.

### An important update from the chair

The Werewolves of London Special Ice Hockey Club provides an opportunity for developmentally disabled children and adults to participate in the sport of Ice Hockey. As a small registered charity it is increasingly difficult to raise the funds to pay for the running costs. This does not mean the viability of the club is under threat but does mean we are fighting every other "good cause" for decreasing money.

There are a small number of very dedicated supporting companies who have generously donated funds through the help of their staff this year and we cannot automatically expect the same support every season. This means that it is important for everyone involved to support us in their own way by giving of their time and by spreading the word to possible future funders. Families and friends have raised money by sponsored walks and other activities. The more funds we can raise for our club means the lower we can keep our annual fees. Unfortunately we have no control over the cost of insurance which is needed to be paid to enable players to go onto the ice or the cost to the club of hiring the ice for the training sessions.



As with our current season, anyone who raises over a hundred pounds through raffles or other money raising efforts will be entitled to a 10 percent discount on the next season's membership fee. We realise that people's time is valuable and that some may have more time and skills than others but as someone once said "every little helps" but in our case it really does.

## Brian

Brian Williams

Chairman  
Werewolves of London Special Ice Hockey Club

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## With thanks to our Sponsors



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Werewolves of London was formed in 2002 by Mike & Charles Dwyer. 2012 was the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club and the 2 original members of the team are still attending today.



### IAIN

Iain is a 'veteran' of Special Hockey having played for sides in North America whilst his family resided there. Once back in the UK he joined Streatham Youth Ice Hockey club before the Werewolves of London were formed. Iain remains a well-liked and an important player. He's a great ambassador for the club being the only Werewolves of London player to represent the club at every Special Hockey International tournament.



### BEVAN

Since joining the club Bevan not only became a popular and effective hockey player but he has also now joined the coaching staff having passed his EIHA Level One accreditation. Bevan is also an active fund raiser for the club and has put time and energy into helping others at the club achieve their goals. He was recently awarded a special Jack Petchey award for his efforts.

The club is extremely proud to have such valuable, dedicated and talented members associated with it.



## Meet the Committee

Michael Shepherd

Over the next few newsletters we'll be introducing the committee members and their involvement in the club

The club has a committee made up of volunteers who are involved in keeping the club running, making the financial decisions and are responsible for ensuring that the club continues to meet funding, legal, EIHA and health and safety requirements. This section aims to introduce some of these volunteers.

### How did you get involved in Werewolves?

It was purely by chance, our eldest son Jordan was struggling with mainstream sport and we were still awaiting a diagnosis. My wife Tracey came across an advert for Werewolves in some literature. As we had previously watched professional Ice hockey when he was small and he could kind of skate, he was enthused that he could actually play for a team. Mike Dwyer and the team were very welcoming and it was a great fit.

### How are you involved in Werewolves?

At the moment I look after the club website and social media and create the promotional material such as leaflets, posters etc. I also try to promote, sponsor and fundraise for the club where I can.

### What do you like most about Werewolves?

There is a real togetherness amongst the players and they accept each other's different abilities and personalities. Skating is a difficult skill for anyone and the self-confidence and determination which the players gain as they progress is amazing. Although we joined for our sons benefit, we've met some great and amazing people through Werewolves too.

### What other interests do you have?

I've three boys so my interests really are shaped by them these days. Football, Junior Ice Hockey, Dance, Drama and Figure Skating all keep the schedule pretty full. I play darts once a week and run a darts league in the summer.

Advertise your business on our Newsletter for a small donation to the club

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## Special Hockey International Tournament 2013

For those who aren't aware, the Special Hockey International tournament happens once a year and involves teams from Canada, USA and the UK.

Werewolves of London successfully hosted this event in 2006 and 2012 and this year it moves back to Canada. On March 14-16, 2013, Kitchener will be hosting the 19th Annual Special Hockey International tournament.

Werewolves of London will be sending a team to the tournament this year and the club has already registered a team and has been accepted. The club has had confirmation of EIHA registrations

and approval to attend so we are now in the final stages of preparing the information on costs, travel and accommodation recommendations.

The club recognises that not everyone is able to attend however if you are able then please consider it as it's a fantastic and rewarding experience for the players.

If you are interested in more information and have not already registered an interest then please mention to Mike Dwyer or email [mike@werewolvesoflondon.org.uk](mailto:mike@werewolvesoflondon.org.uk)

More info on the tournament can be found on their tournament website here <http://www.shikitchener2013.ca/>



Over 60 teams participated in Boston, MA in 2011. Similar numbers are predicted in 2013.

## STREATHAM HUB Update

At the end of 2011, The Werewolves of London moved from their home at Streatham Ice Arena to a temporary Ice rink in Brixton whilst construction of a new facility was carried out.



The old rink (above) in Streatham was demolished in early 2012



Artists impressions of the new facility



Currently construction is reported to be on schedule with a return to the new Ice Arena in Streatham expected in November this year. There will be some consultation with our club leading up to the opening. We will try and keep you up to date with the progress and any issues as we plan our move back.

## Jack Petchey Achievement Award

The Werewolves of London is enrolled in the Jack Petchey Achievement Award scheme.

Three times a year parents can nominate a player for the award. The award is not restricted to something they do at Werewolves or to their ability on the ice. To be nominated the player must be between 11-25 years old.

Winners are awarded £200 which can go towards their clubs equipment or additional club activities of their choice (not to cover core running costs)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT JACK PETCHY WINNER

**KYLE**



If you have news, photos, and events or would like to contribute we'd like to hear from you. Speak to Michael Shepherd or email [editor@werewolvesoflondon.org.uk](mailto:editor@werewolvesoflondon.org.uk)