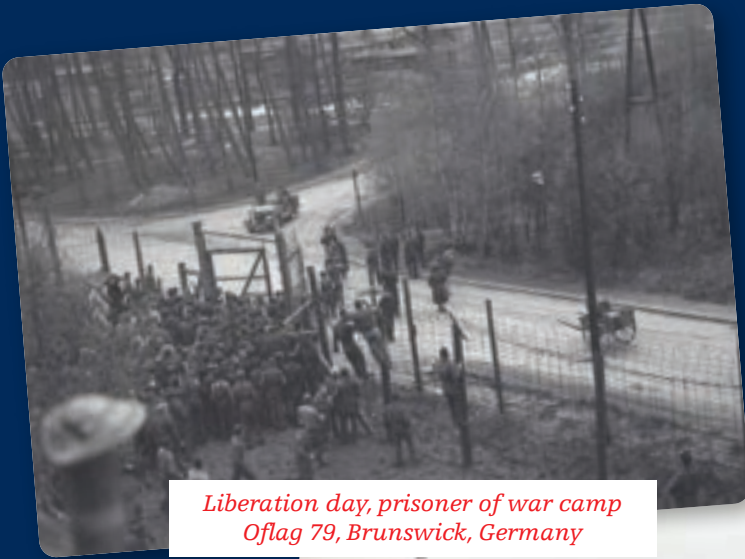


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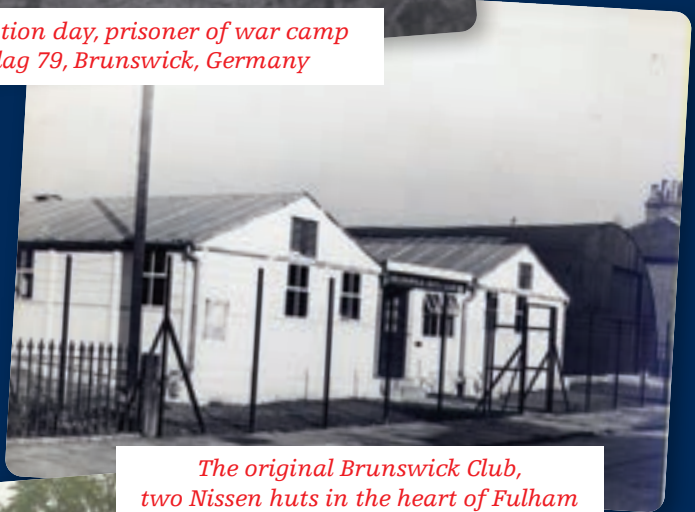
**Annual Report
2023**



**From
1945**

*Liberation day, prisoner of war camp
Oflag 79, Brunswick, Germany*

to 1949



*The original Brunswick Club,
two Nissen huts in the heart of Fulham*



*Presentation Night at The Brunswick
Club, June 2023*

to 2023

The Brunswick Club for Young People Chairman's Report 2023

The club opened on its current site in 1949. I would like to think the original trustees would be proud to know it is still going strong and is faithful to their vision of the club they founded in the Prison of War camp in Brunswick, northern Germany all those years ago. Open seven days a week, 50 weeks of the year, The Brunswick Club provides regular, affordable, high-quality activities, opportunities, and experiences for the children and young people of Fulham. In 2023, over 1,200 benefited from one or more of our activities, attending the Club at an average of 68 per day.

Highlights of the year included:

- our annual trip to Hindleap Warren Outdoor Activity Centre for 88 children and young people, accompanied by 17 staff and volunteers, all former members of the Club;
- the return of our Football Presentation Night attended by over 200 children, young people, their family and friends, all seated together on our football pitch;
- eight weeks of our hugely popular Junior and Senior Holiday Activity Schemes attended by over 430 children and young people.

And deserving of a special mention:

- Brunswick parent, Ian Fleming raising over £2,300 for The Brunswick Club by running the Ealing Half Marathon for the second time! Thank you, Ian.

Thanks to the incredible levels of support we receive from members, friends, supporters, charitable organisations and trusts, local businesses, local residents and the Local Authority, the Club remains financially secure. We ended 2023 with a net income of £43,902, our investments increased in value by £45,372, and we still have a sufficiently high level of reserves to deal with any problems caused by the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

Running the club takes a lot of work and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the Management Committee, Boris Dunning, the other members of the Management Committee, and the Trustees of The Brunswick Club, for their dedicated service throughout the year.

I would like to thank the Club Manager, Danny Volino, the Senior Youth & Development Worker, Piers Player, and the rest of the enthusiastic staff team for their continuous hard work. And I would like to thank the children and young people who come to the Club, and their families and friends, whose unwavering support help make The Brunswick Club the special place that it is.

If any of our supporters would like to visit the Club in Haldane Road, Fulham, you would be most welcome. Just give the Club Manager a call to arrange a suitable time.

S.G.G.Witheridge
Chairman



Junior Summer Holiday Scheme, July 2023

The Brunswick Club for Young People 2023

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Hindleap Warren, January 2023

The Brunswick Club for Young People 2023

Review of Activities

During 2023, the Club was open seven days a week, offering a variety of activities and services, including:

- a three night a week Senior Youth Club;
- a two night a week Junior Youth Club;
- a two night a week Table Tennis Club;
- competitive football teams at eight different age levels, from Under 9s to Under 17s;
- eight weeks of activities for Junior Club members, and seven weeks of activities for Senior Club members, during half-term and school holidays; and
- a weekend residential for the whole club at Hindleap Warren Outdoor Activity Centre in East Sussex.

We also played host to Kixstar Dragon Taekwondo, the Fulham Junior Chess Club, Aspire FC, Fulham Lions FC, Tiny Feet Sports, Samba Soccer Schools, and the CDA Fencing Club – all of whom provided regular sessions for children and young people in their respective fields.



*Junior Half Term Holiday Scheme,
February 2023*

Highlights of 2022

- 1,203 children and young people coming through the Club's doors at an average of 68 per day;
- 833 young people aged 11-19 years attending our 3-night a week Senior Youth Club sessions at an average of 92 per session;
- 347 children aged 7-11 years attending our 2-night a week Junior Youth Club sessions at an average of 52 per session;
- 233 young people aged 11-19 years attending 7 weeks of Senior Holiday Activity Schemes at an average of 38 per day;
- 202 children aged 7-11 years attending 8 weeks of Junior Holiday Activity Schemes at an average of 37 per day;
- 88 children and young people aged 8-17 years participating in our annual weekend residential at Hindleap Warren in January;
- 60 children and young people from our Under 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s and 13s football teams taking part in two 3-day residential football tournaments in Butlins, Bognor Regis in April and May;
- Over 200 children, their family, and friends attending and receiving awards at The Brunswick Club 2022-23 Football Season Presentation Night on our football pitch in June;
- 252 children and young people enjoying food, inflatables, and fun at our annual Christmas party;
- nine young people receiving Jack Petchey Achievement Awards for their voluntary contribution across the full range of Club activities over the year; and
- Brunswick parent, Ian Fleming, running his second Ealing Half Marathon, raising over £2,300 for The Brunswick Club in the process.

Plans for the future

Our plans for 2024 are to continue providing a high-quality programme of on-site and off-site activities and opportunities for the children and young people of Fulham.

The Brunswick Club Trust

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	26,114	-	26,114	11,180
Members' subscriptions	38,080	-	38,080	32,495
New Generation Giving	3,040	-	3,040	4,111
Charitable activities				
Club activities and trips	22,440	-	22,440	20,630
Grants and service level agreement for youth work	-	131,810	131,810	157,329
Other trading activities				
Lettings and pitch hire	102,834	-	102,834	106,156
Vending machines	6,545	-	6,545	10,250
Investments	18,435	-	18,435	14,043
Total income	217,488	131,810	349,298	356,194
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds				
Fundraising and publicity	18,557	-	18,557	16,765
Charitable Activities				
Club activities and trips	139,579	126,494	266,073	312,293
Other				
Lettings and pitch hire	13,958	3,737	17,695	18,670
Vending machines	3,071	-	3,071	4,654
Total expenditure	175,165	130,231	305,396	352,382
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	42,323	1,579	43,902	3,812
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Realised gains/(losses) on investment assets	37,086	-	37,086	(7,791)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investment assets	8,286	-	8,286	(123,831)
Net movement in funds	87,695	1,579	89,274	(127,810)
Total funds brought forward: 1 January 2023	882,900	14,641	897,541	1,025,351
Total funds carried forward: 31 December 2023	970,595	16,220	986,815	897,541

The Brunswick Club Trust

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023

		2023		2022
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		82,451		82,716
Investments		698,100		625,266
Total fixed assets		780,551		707,982
Current assets				
Debtors	10,862		5,654	
Cash at bank and in hand	245,532		218,054	
Total current assets	256,394		223,708	
Current liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	50,130		34,149	
Net current assets		206,264		189,559
Total assets less current liabilities		986,815		897,541
The funds of the charity:				
Restricted funds		16,220		14,641
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	427,287		402,861	
Designated funds	543,308		480,039	
		970,595		882,900
Total charity funds		968,815		897,541

Copies of the full accounts are available on request or can be downloaded from our website:

www.thebrunswickclub.org.uk



Under 9s at the Brook House Youth FC Tournament, July 2023

The Brunswick Club

“Let this Boys Club be a memorial to the comradeship we have shared in our captivity and let it be a living memorial to those of our friends who have fallen”.

Major Percy Flood, as quoted by Arthur Royall in ‘The Brunswick Story’.



Liberation Day – 12th April 1945

Club History

Founded on 14th February 1945, during World War II, by British Prisoners of War held in Oflag 79, a prisoner of war camp near Brunswick, Germany, the strong values and traditions of these brave men have seen the Club thrive to the present day. You can read about the bravery they showed, the hardships they endured, and their vision for the future, on the “Club History” page of our website: www.thebrunswickclub.org.uk

Featuring recollections, diaries, obituaries, newspaper articles, sketches, and photographs, the “Club History” page brings to life this incredible story. With special thanks to Captain Paul Horton, for the recent transcription of the diary of his father, Captain Eric Horton, who was incarcerated as a PoW at OFLAG 79 on 4th June 1944 and liberated by the USA Ninth Army on 12th April 1945.



“The US Cavalry” – 12th April 1945

Holiday Schemes 2024 Appeal



Bocketts Farm, Junior Summer Holiday Scheme, July 2023

Since 1945, the support the Club has received from the founders, their families, past members, and friends, has made it possible for us to provide an excellent range of services and activities for the children and young people of Hammersmith & Fulham and beyond. In the current cost-of-living crisis, our need for financial support is more pressing than ever.

It costs £2,750 a week to provide two Junior and three Senior Youth Club sessions every week; it costs £13,000 to provide four weeks of Senior activities during the summer holidays; and it costs £35,000 to provide eight weeks of Junior holiday activities during the year.

We raise the money to pay for these activities from rental income and sales, contracts with the Council, grants from charitable trusts, donations from companies and individuals, and children's fees – and the more we raise from all the other sources, the less we need to charge the children.

So, please, help us to keep children's fees as low as possible. Use the form on the inside back page to donate to our Holiday Activities 2024 Appeal. Every little bit helps.

Thank you.



Football Fun Day, Junior Easter Holiday Scheme, April 2023

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Hindleap Warren, January 2023

The Brunswick Club Trust

Registered Charity Number 209865

Personal Donation & Gift Aid Declaration Form

Our aim is to keep children and young people positively occupied during their leisure time. Our goal is to help the children of today become the responsible young adults of tomorrow. If you would like to support us with a donation, please complete and return this form to the address below.

If you are a UK tax payer please tick the Gift Aid declarations as this will increase the value of your donation by 25%, making every £100 raised worth £125. Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

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The Brunswick Club 2023



Tug o' War, July 2023

The Senior Members' view:

"I enjoy cash prize football the most because they are all my friends and it's a good laugh."

"I come to try new experiences, make friends, and have fun."

"I like being able to meet new people."

"I like playing football with my friends and talking to the staff."

"Brunswick helps you with your confidence."



Hindleap Warren, January 2023

The Junior Members' view:

"I wanted to learn more about football, have fun, and make new friends."

"Kids get to do things they might not get to do."

"It has helped my mum with childcare and I have had a lot of fun."

"You stay more active and explore new things."

"It helps you to express yourself and have fun."

"Brunswick is really fun."



Hindleap Warren, January 2023

The Families' view:

"I am so happy that my kids take part in the Brunswick Club because they are developing a lot of confidence and making friends and having fun with different children."

"We enjoyed our free time, whilst the children were away having lots and lots of fun each day."

"My son and grandchildren, and other extended family members, had the best summer holidays, going on so many great adventures. (The) staff were absolutely amazing with our children."

"They are always happy when I pick them at the end of the day and this is PRICELESS for me and my family."

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