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SUMMER NEWSLETTER JULY 2007



Welcome to the second edition of the club newsletter. We hope the contents help to you inform about what is going on at the club. Since the last newsletter a lot has happened. We now have fifteen qualified coaches, lots of new equipment, 89 club members and a new committee, as shown above. The new structure appears to be working well but any feedback good and bad (please be nice!) can be passed on to any members of the committee.

Club Accreditation

Under new rules implemented by the FAW, a new system of club accreditation is going to be introduced in September. The purpose behind the new system is to improve the standard of football clubs across Wales. The two main aims are to improve child safety and welfare, and to improve the standard of coaching.

There are four tiers: Basic, Bronze, Silver and Gold. We are aiming for the Bronze level. We need to have a number of things in place including a constitution, a policy statement on safety, welfare and enjoyment, an equality statement and a breakdown of committee roles. It also required us to put our coaches through the Football Leaders course run by the FAW. All in all a lot of work but which will hopefully result in a better club for the members.

Club Finances

Current funds are relatively healthy and during the course of the year we have been very successful in getting additional funding for the club. We have received a cheque from the Sportlot committee for £750.00 which helped fund a lot of the new training for the coaches. We have secured sponsorship from some local businesses for new team kits. We are really looking forward to the arrival of the new kits. The sponsors are:

Davies Richards, Llandeilo
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Mike Heath, Ammanford
Nigel Williams, Llandeilo
Mike Rees, Llandeilo

We are extremely grateful to their support.

We were also awarded £250.00 by the Llandeilo Women's Guild. Our thanks go to them as well.

An evening fundraising event is planned for the Autumn. The objective is to raise funds for things like insurance, league entry fees, competition entry fees, training and equipment. Further details will be forthcoming.

Coaches' Reports

Year 1 & 2

It has been a successful year for Years 1 & 2 with Teigrod Teilo Football Club. The children have done tremendously well at improving their ball skills and game awareness and most importantly of all they have had a great time playing football! Their enthusiasm for the game has really shone through and they have been a pleasure to coach.

The weather has not been kind - one particular Monday night session stands out as being an extreme example when we all sheltered in the cricket pavilion from hail stones - and we have had a few cancellations from the wet. I would like to thank the parents for being patient supporters at Monday night sessions and for being understanding when we do have to cancel.

Well done for the tournament successes - the Under Sevens have excelled themselves when playing rival teams and I am sure those in year 2 moving up next year will continue to do so. Have a good summer break!

Teresa Williams

Year 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have shown a steady improvement during the course of the year and have always been very lively! Monday night training sessions have resulted in everyone improving (including the coaches).

For years 3 & 4 the competitive season started with the bi-weekly 'mini tournaments' on the Astroturf at Johnstown. These proved to be very enjoyable, not least because they are so well organised.

We entered a team into a few of the local tournaments. Initially, we found them tough going but things steadily got better and culminated in us reaching the semi final in the Ammanford carnival competition where we were unlucky to be knocked out in the semi final, losing 1-0 to Saron following a debatable free kick.

Year 5 & 6

It has been a fantastically successful summer for Teigrod Teilo Under 11's squad. The Under 11 Team enjoyed great success in the three main summer Tournaments winning trophies and admirers for their style of play and their sense of fair play and behaviour.

- Won Bancffosfelen Tournament - beating Tuml in the final
- Runners-up at Llanybydder Tournament - losing the final to Bow Street but beating the best sides in Ceredigion along the way!
- Won Amman Valley Tournament - beating Amman Utd, Saron, Camford and Dafen to the title - the best sides in the Ammanford and Llanelli areas.

Congratulations to all the players. These successes are the culmination of years of training and coaching - a huge thanks to all the players and coaches for their dedication and ambition and to the parents for their support. Enjoy these successes - you deserve it!

A lot of the players will move up next year to the Under 12 Team but I'm confident we can build on this years development and will enjoy another successful season! Thanks,
Aled Llyr / Mark Swindells

Next Season

Tregib Pitches

As many of you will know, a new full sized astroturf pitch has been built at Tregib school. We are intending to use this next season for training to avoid the problems we encountered this year with waterlogged pitches during the Winter months. For the first time in a couple of years we should be able to train right through the Winter.

Using the Astroturf pitch is unfortunately likely to significantly increase our outgoing but it will also enable lots more training sessions to be held. It is probable that membership fees will have to increase to help cover these costs, although we will keep this to a minimum.

We will also be reviewing Monday night training session times and it might be better to have some different times for different age groups. Clearly it will be difficult to suit everybody but please let your views be known so that we can make the most informed decision.

Proposed under 12s team

We are hoping to run an under 12s team next season but there are a number of barriers that we need to overcome. We hope we will have a full sized grass pitch to play on at Tregib; we now need to apply to the League to have an under 12 team and they have to be satisfied that we meet the required standard. Further

information about the under 12s will be available later in the year.

Second hand kit

In an attempt to do our bit for the environment, generate some extra funds for the club and keep down costs for parents we are asking for donations of unwanted, decent quality kit. This will then be sold at very reasonable prices and the proceeds ploughed back into the club. We are intending to have three sales during the course of next season and we will advertise these in advance. Suitable kit includes boots, shin pads, waterproof coats, shorts and shirts.

Coaching

We are looking to build on this year's success but to do this will require time and commitment. **We are always looking for extra coaches so please let one of the committee members or coaches know if you are interested. The club will pay for any training.**

Health & Safety

As a children's club our priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of the children. One area where we should improve is on dropping off and collecting children at Monday night training.

From the start of next season for years 1,2,3 & 4 we would like all parents to actually hand their child over to a coach at the start and collect their child from a coach at the end. For years 5 & 6 we would either like the parent to hand the child over or alternatively for the child to let the coach know they are there and to tell the coach when they leave. Next season, the coaches will be clearly identified to help you with this.

And finally.....

We hope all the children have enjoyed the year and that things have run reasonably smoothly. We are still a relatively new club and we have much to learn but things seem to be going in the right direction. It looks like there will be some significant changes over the next six months or so and we will do our best to steer the club through these with your help. Thank you all for your patience and support, enjoy the Summer and hopefully we will see you all for the new season.

The Committee

Important dates

Llandeilo show football tournament

August 18th 2007-(details to be announced)

Start of next season

10th September 2007

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