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Welcome: Welcome to the fifth edition of our clubs newsletter. Well, as always it hardly seems like we had a break between seasons, with so much work needing to take place during the close season, including the six-a-side tournament, AGM, investment in the pitch at Rylands Way, and preparations for the season ahead.

I'm delighted to see reported to you below the continued development of your club. We will be operating some 20 teams this season, and I'm particularly pleased that we are able to hold more matches at Rylands Way helping to engender club togetherness. It is frustrating that the economic climate has delayed the relocation, and delays the day we all seek when all our teams will play at the same location.

Here's to a successful season for all.

Paul H - Chairman

Senior teams: The season is now in full swing and we have seen some changes as Both Danny Groom and Simon Paish join the Management team as Under 18s Floodlit and Reserves respectfully, and Bryan Wood heading up the Ladies Section. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them good success in the future. The appointment of Simon and Danny should also send a signal through to the junior section that when opportunities are available we are now looking internally within our club, this mirrors the strategy of the senior section in youth player development. We now have two managers who are aware of the junior players coming through and we have already seen some good young Bassett players being given their playing chance. We have also seen some player changes in the first team and whilst I wish all players that have not returned this year the very best of luck. I would especially like to thank Steve Yeardley (Dip) for his loyalty to this club over the last years, Dip came through the youth section and into seniors and has shown what can be achieved not just in playing terms but in the character of the person, I hope it won't be long before we see him in the Blue and Yellow again. The Strategy is now firmly based on Youth and whilst there are strong links between the two sections I would encourage more Youth and Junior players to watch the home games this season. We are already seeing the results of money spent on the pitch in the close season, with the Under 13s and Ladies now to regularly play their home fixtures at Rylands Way on a Sunday.

Have a good Season and hope to see you all soon

Chris Jones – Section Head of Senior Football

WBSA: WBSA Bar will now be open from mid-day through the afternoon on both Saturdays and Sundays. So why not come along and use the facility and enjoy an alcoholic or soft drink and perhaps watch Sky TV where we will be showing all the top featured sporting events. Supporters of our youth and ladies games played at Rylands Way can not get refreshments before and after the games.



Youth teams: This quarter I'm going to focus on the transition of Community Soccer into Community Football, what's in the name I hear you say, well, actually quite a lot. Community Soccer has been running for many years and was the brain child of Chris Kirkland. We have many players today in our youth teams who started their football under Chris, and play a good standard of football. So you can see how important this feed is to our club, feeding our youth teams is so important to our success. Ian Turner, who has been running Community Soccer for many years, has stood down, and Matt Laurence will be managing the transition to Community Football. The change is quite important for our club, Community Football will now be fully & formally supported by our club with objectives, but the goal remains the same to ensure all participants have some fun. With objectives comes control, with defined exit routes for boys and girls should they wish to pursue football going forward. Our agreed objectives are: 1) To provide coaching and development opportunities for Children of all abilities within Wootton Bassett and the surrounding community. 2) To create a player feed into the lower tiers of our youth section. 3) To allow new coaching staff to come through the ranks. 4) To create a Saturday skill school. 5) Commence with Fun weeks, under the banner of WBTFC. 6) Look to obtain new scheme funding from the County FA. 7) To provide a minimum of 1mixed U8 team PA. Community Football was launched through the summer with Matt and his team with some good results, Matt has been advertising in all the local schools as he looks to grow Community Football back to the level we used to see when Chris was in charge. I can also report that Community Football will be supplying football coaching into four of our local junior schools as well as Wootton Bassett Senior School, this will commence in January 2010. This is the first time WBTFC have been able to offer such coaching within our local community.

This coaching program will be run and supported in conjunction with the County FA and Wiltshire Council.

Community Football has just moved back to the normal Monday night spot at the Astro pitch, so if you have a boy or girl between school years 1-7 who would enjoy football then please contact Matt on **07859 794621**.



COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

Pete Yeardley – Section Head of Youth Football



Ladies & Girls

The season has now started for the ladies & girl's teams, I am very glad to say Terry Mathews agreed to run the U13 girls team this season. They started away at Highworth where they earned a 2-2 draw, having gone behind 2-0 they came back to draw, Bassett goals came from Amy Mathews & Chloe Willis. Having coached with Terry last season I know he is looking to keep the enjoyment for the girls, with a winning result a bonus. The U16 girls also started their season and had a short trip to Derry Hill playing at the Bowood sports ground, the team put in a solid display were they had a comfortable 8-0 won Bassett scorers M Tidy (3), J Roffey (2), A Edwards, V Gee, L Woodridge. The new ladies team this season playing in the Gloucestershire county league, have started well with two wins from two games, the first game home to Cirencester Town res. A tight 3-0 win, goals from Amy Longo, Katie Bonser and Jenna Mcfadzean. The second game away at Gloucester City res. A goal thriller a 4-7 win Bassett goals Jenna Mcfadzean 4, Alyson Lyons 2 and Katie Bonser. The worry is the squad is still small with a lot of players finishing the game with knock's, not that the game was a dirty game with only 3 free kick's all game. As section head for the Ladies & girls the next step is to try starting an U11 girls team, this season will be used to develop into playing some friendly's at the end of season, where it could lead to playing in the U12 Wiltshire league next season. So anyone interested in helping run a team or could help put the word out about girls football for school years 5 & 6 can contact me via the club website WBTFc.CO.UK using the contact us button

Bryan Wood "Woody" – Section Head of Ladies & Girls

FA Junior Football Organiser Course:

Are you 14 – 18 years of age and want to learn new skills that will enable you to assist with football coaching and the running of a football team at our club, or local school? WBTFc are looking for boys and girls who would be interested in attend a Junior Football Organisers (JFO) training program. The FA JFO course is designed to support young people aged 14 to 18 with the skills to lead groups of young people aged between 6 and 11 years in safe football activities under the supervision of an FA qualified coach. The JFO course is a stepping-stone towards enrolling on the FA Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football course that is open to people aged 16+. If you are interested please contact your WBTFc coach or drop an email to our Club Development Officer at CDO@wbtfc.co.uk, the first 6 will be given priority.

Rob Woodhouse Tribute Game:

Two matches were played on Fri 18th Sept, when members of the two teams Rob coached, including the North Wilts Youth and Minor League (NWYML) and Wootton Bassett Town Football Club's under 9B team, and his former Sunday league men's team, called Spartak Woodshaw, at 7pm and 8pm respectively. Paul Burke, who organised the matches hopes to have raised over £1000 for local charities, the support was good for both games. Paul wanted to thank the 40 parents, involved in the NWYML team, who helped donate raffle prizes and organise the football match and post event which will take place in the club bar. The aim will be to run the same event next year.

Club development:

I'm pleased to report that Wootton Bassett Town Football Club has been awarded the Wiltshire County FA Community Club award for 2009. The award was presented at the end of July at the Wiltshire County FA (WCFA) annual Charter Standard In Service day. The day was split into two sessions, the first session offering football coaching, with the second session focused on WCFA communication and annual club development awards. WBTFc were not only awarded a certificate of achievement but £300 in grant funding along with two boxes of small sided football equipment. This is a great achievement for our club, recognising the hard work and achievements in not only in obtaining Charter Standard Community Club status back in December 2008, but the ongoing commitment from everyone at the club to keep our club development moving forward. Our key achievements to date include the successful Holland Exchange with 's-Gravenzandse SV back in May this year, the introduction of a new ladies football team who will play in the Gloucestershire County Women's Football League in the 2009/10 season, we can also include the introduction of our quarterly newsletter and the creation of Community Football which will become the feeder for our U8's boys and girls teams, amongst the achievements. Finally, the club would not be moving forward without the commitment from our coaching staff and volunteer base who make the club what it is today, we are very grateful to all.

Our objectives for the next quarter consist of: 1) Complete the football development update 2) Establish the FDO activities, 3) Complete the link between Community Football and local schools 4) Attend and the disability workshop 5) Undertake a review of the registration documentation for the 2010/11 season.

Andy Walduck – Club Development Officer

Sponsor Focus:

WBTFc are very fortunate to have sponsorship for our U18 floodlit team this year through Griffin and Weston, our gratitude goes out to them specifically in these hard financial times. At Griffin and Weston, they pride themselves in building sustainable partnerships with main contractors and clients alike. Our projects include direct contracts to clients, sub contract to main contracts and sub sub contract to leading M&E Services Engineers throughout the UK. It is our aim to provide a flexible pro-active approach to each project. We encourage our engineers to keep an open mind about design details, work closely with the project team and discuss and develop workable solutions.



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What's On?

First team home games
26th Sept Easington Sports
17th Oct Letcombe

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL "Monday night"

5pm – 6pm: Reception & Year 1 – Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
6pm - 7pm: Years 2 – Year 4 - Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
Years 5 -Year 7 – W.B. School Astro turf
(Please call Matt before you look to attend (07859 794621)

