



Donington FC Newsletter



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YD AGM was held on Sunday 8th May and the officers elected were

Chairman: A Wood, Vice Chairman: P Langford, Treasurer: S Riddick, OD Secretary: G Slater, YD Secretary: C Castle, Welfare Officer: L Norman, Charter Standard Co-ordinator: N Cladd, Community Officer:-A Hood.

Sub Committee leaders;

Cabin Officer: A Sandall, Development Officer: A Hood, Finance & Funding: S Riddick, Social Committee: W Simpson
Press Officer: W Simpson, Newsletter Editor: A Wood.

We have managers for most year groups however we still need someone to manage next years U7's, if you are interested please let one of the committee know, thank you.

For full report please see our website: www.youngdons.co.uk

YOUNG DONS GALA CANCELLED!

Our main fundraiser 'Young Dons Gala' had to be cancelled this year due to lack of support from other Clubs, we usually have 60 or so teams entered by other clubs, this year there were only 12! Last year we also had a grant from the local authority of a thousand pounds that we don't qualify for again, so in total we are already £3000 behind in our financing for season 2011-2012! As a club we really don't want to increase membership, training or match fees therefore to help fill this shortfall we are holding a 'Sponsored run & fun day' on 17th July at our field in Donington. Every player will be asked to get sponsors for the run and each one that earns £40 or over in sponsorship will have the opportunity to ask for their membership fee of £15 to be waived. This is something we've never done before but hope it will be a fun way to get the Club back on a level financial footing for the season. Please give this event as much support as you can.

Once we are confident that we can finance playing football in the coming season we will be concentrating on raising funds for the proposed extension to the community centre to provide us with permanent changing facilities and refreshment area. This is a massive project and we will need lots of help from all players, parents, family, supporters and sponsors if we are to raise the £140,000 needed. More details to follow!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Young Dons Sponsored run & fun day 17th July
Young Dons Christmas Party 16th December 2011

REMINDER FOR DOG OWNERS

The club would like to inform owners of dogs that the THOMAS COWLEY TRUST have stated that no dogs are allowed on the fields. This request comes from the Trust in response to an increase in dogs fouling on the pitches. As we have children of all ages at the club, no dogs are allowed past the ramp on the roadway, we apologise for this but as a club we must ensure the health, safety & welfare of the children.



Young Dons SUBS:
Just a reminder that subs for this season are: £2.00 for each training session and £2.00 on each match

YOUNG DONS SPORTSWEAR The club have sports clothing for sale for players & parents for the full list go to:

www.youngdons.co.uk/newdonsshop.html

Young Dons Polo Shirt.

Childs £7.95, adults £9.95, colours green & white

Young Dons Fleeces. Childs £14.95 adults £17.95, in green only

Place the order today with your manager!

Help us raise funds from the 'SPON-4-DON' page!

www.youngdons.co.uk

MANAGER'S REPORTS:

James U7's: The under 7s have played in the Peterborough mini soccer five-a-side league this season. All the boys have improved during the course of the season, and a few more have joined, so next season we will have enough players to play in the Mid Lincs league. Since the New Year we have played some full seven sided games in preparation for next season. All the players have enjoyed their first taste of playing competitive football this year. Everyone is looking forward to next season and I'm sure we can improve as a team and as individuals.

Alan U8's: Well, what a season it has been for the U8's as we chartered the unknown territories of Mid Lincs Division A! Nineteen Mid Lincs games plus four additional friendlies have seen us score 104 goals and concede only 46. Three players have scored 20+ goals each and more importantly from a team perspective, every single outfield player has scored at least one goal!! Additionally, every member of the squad has achieved "player of the match" at least once. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful season and there is every reason to believe, if we can retain as many as possible of the current squad and sign a few more players, that we can build on what we have achieved so far and progress further as a team as we move into U9's football next season. Our focus has been - and will remain - not only on individual development as young footballers but also on development of team spirit, camaraderie and enjoyment of the game.

Featuring for Young Dons U8's this season have been : Callum Green, Thomas Langford (captain), Jacob Drew, Mason Shores, Luke Hood, Tyler McKendrick, Michael Baxter, Hayden Dugdale, Thomas Scarborough, Joe Chapman and Cameron McCallum (who left us early on to play rugby instead!). Towards the end of the season, both David Lowe and Aaron Clarke have commenced training, with a view to signing next season. Congratulations and thanks go to them all for playing their part in a team that continues to improve collectively and individually. Thanks also to all parents and adults who have assisted the team this season at training, matches and just by making the not inconsiderable commitment to get the kids to/from matches and training sessions - YOU are all much appreciated and are of course part of "the team". Special thanks of course are due to Chris Page - a fantastic coach that we are lucky to have in our set up and who's contribution to the team's development should not be understated. Roll on U9's football - we intend to sign the maximum allowable (12 players) and will keep everyone informed re: ongoing training through the Summer months.

Dick & Marie U9's: Nothing to report.

Chris U12's: The close of another season and one the under 12's can be proud of, finishing 5th in probably the most competitive league since we started at U8's. We've played some fantastic football, not least going to Spilsby mid season, when they were unbeaten and top of the table when we played them off the park. Likewise travelling to Eastcoast later on and doing exactly the same. All the lads have been brilliant through the season giving 100% in most of the games ,not all, but at the end of the day it been a season where everyone has played with a smile on their face. I would like to thank our sponsors Paragon for their support again this season and all the parents who help out, many hands make light work! Once again BIG thank you and we look forward to next season.

Andy U13 Mid Lincs: The u13s Mid-Lincs have had a successful season finishing runners up to local rivals Holbeach and hopefully we will be playing A league football next year. The boys have got the Mid-Lincs presentation night at Newark showground on the 24th May to look forward to, and we have hired a coach for the night to roll up as a team. Looking forward to next season I am under no illusions that it is going to be an extremely difficult season with difficult decisions having to be made by myself, however my main target for next season is to keep the team in that league so we will have to play the strongest team available on the day. I would just like to finish by saying a big thank you to all the players for making this a successful season, well done!

Ceri & Phil U13's Peterborough: It's been a tough year for the team in the Peterborough League. Some of the standard of football the clubs have performed was outstanding, and we feel the team have learned a lot from playing in this league. In some ways it has been a little disappointing however, each and every team member has been valued throughout and all have learned something new. Well done to all the team, and to the parents who have been supportive up to the last game. The parents v Team game was a great success, together with the other fundraiser we have managed to raise £188 which we all agreed will provide a good day out for the lads, which is a must, and we are hoping to do another event to raise cash for the team for next season. As manager of the team for the past years I am sadly stepping down to become 2nd coach (when needed), but venturing to girls football. However, I will still be there with the team and supporting them as they have supported myself throughout. A great bunch of lads, and I am sure they will now rise to the challenges in front of them with Phil as their manager and entering back into the Mid-Lincs League next season known as Young Doningtonians. A huge thank you goes to all the parents, grandparents, and siblings for all your support and help throughout the year(s). I hope you will all help and support Phil and the team throughout the seasons ahead and enjoy the new challenges that you face, I wish you all the very best for your future with Young Dons FC. Ceri Castle x

Steve U15's: On the whole a satisfying season with plenty of positives. A number of players improved over the season and hopefully will continue next campaign. We finished 3rd in our league which is the same position as last season. At the beginning of the year I would have hoped to have been one or even two places higher but it didn't happen. The backroom team will be sitting down to evaluate our season and hopefully come up with a "cunning plan" for the next. As a manager I've learned a few lessons this time round, I'm not too big to realise I made some mistakes and will learn by them. I tried to go through the season with 14 players but injuries and other commitments meant we were short at times. It's not something I want next season! Many thanks to the parents of my squad who, as always, have been very supportive and been an immense help. My right hand man James and I know we have to bring in at least two new players to strengthen the squad and I have been busy scouring the School games to search out the new Lionel Messi. Thanks also to Shaun and Eddie Reeves for sponsoring the kit and training tops it is much appreciated

John U16's: The last 6 years has been something of a roller coaster with the team either competing for promotion or fighting relegation but, at the end of their time in the Mid-Lincs, the boys can reflect with great pride on finishing in the A league. Hampered by having a small squad the boys consistently punched above their weight and, despite often playing with a bare 11 or even less, remained committed throughout. At their best they were the equal of any side and were extremely successful in galas, winning 5 tournaments and being runners-up three times (with the opportunity to win a couple more this summer). Over the years I have seen the boys grow in stature and ability and I thank them all (and their parents) for their effort, support, patience and humour. Next year the boys will compete in an U18s league and I am looking forward to what promises to be an exciting challenge.

Andy Old Dons: Thanks all for a FANTASTIC season, cup finals won and lost, finished mid table in our first year in the Premier division, your excellent Manager is leaving the team in a great place!

Mark Old Dons Res: Well the end of the season has come round again, and it was a tail of two halves. The second being a much improved one from the first. I hope for a good turn out of new lads wanting to sign on for next season and see if we can improve on the foundation of current players we have. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the past year