



Donington FC Newsletter



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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, colours green only

Place the order today with your manager to receive before Christmas !

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

12th December – U.11's and under Xmas Party

13th February 2010 – Valentine's Dance

8th May 2010 – Presentation Evening

Other event dates to be confirmed

PLAYER AVAILABILITY

Can I remind parents/carers that if your child is unable to attend a match can you please inform your child's manager asap as he/she is expecting the child to play and on match days teams are playing matches with 11 players or less. Thank you!

TUCK SHOP HELP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Would you like to help in the tuck shop, or do you know someone who may be able to give up a few hours on a Sunday. If so, please contact Claire Lyons on 01775 821412 or 07812791897



Young Dons SUBS:

Just a reminder that subs for this season are: £2.00 for each training session and £2.00 on each match day.

We're all volunteers here!

Every one who helps run this club are volunteers, all thirty something of them, managers, assistant managers, coaches, tea ladies, welfare officers, community officers, treasurer & event organisers, the list goes on and on.

A big thank you from me for all the work you volunteers do.

However a simple calculation tells me that we have over a hundred parents & carers who are not involved with the Club. Would you like to be? We need all the help we can get. Ask your manager how you can help? It might be as simple as: "Please take the goals down for me." Or "Please collect the subs this week" Helping like this gives your manager more time to manage the team. If you want to get more involved with other Club activities, let your manager know, go on **VOLUNTEER!**

 Chairman



WHY NOT MAKE OUR NEW WEBSITE YOUR HOME PAGE.....

Same address www.youngdons.co.uk, a new look with all the existing features, shop, news, teams, events & INTRODUCING the 'SPON-4-DON' page. This page is full of links to sites where you can shop on line. If you go to the on-line store via our link and buy something we pick up a referral fee! It's that easy, do your internet shopping on line and raise funds for Donington FC.

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 information comes from the Trust and there has been an increase in dogs fouling on 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.

SOCCKER SKILLS NIGHT!

Do you want to hone your football skills & learn new ones? Do you have a younger sibling that would like to learn how to play football?? If you do, come and train with us on Thursdays at the Community Centre, Donington. Ages U5s to U7s are welcome, 6pm to 7:15pm. Please be there 5 mins before the start time to ensure we kick off on time. The cost is £2.00 per week.

YOUNG DONS U7's Alan

The Young Dons U7's squad is made up of : Callum Green, Thomas Langford (captain), Mason Shores, Tolly Rycroft Jones, Tristan Waumsley, Michael Baxter, Luke Hood, Cameron McCallum, Hayden Dugdale and George Henson. We kicked off in late August with a pre season friendly against Wyberton U7's. Despite going 2 down in the first half, Dons showed signs of things to come by battling with great determination to get a 2-2 draw, with Luke Hood scoring both Dons goals. We are now 4 matches into the season - having played Ruston B, Sleaford Town and Lowlands away, as well as Welton at home. So far the team has won all 4 matches, scoring 21 goals and conceding 1. Goalscorers so far are : Luke Hood (11), Michael Baxter (6), Thomas Langford (2) and Hayden Dugdale (2). The team are progressing well, continuing to learn the game and are playing some really good passing football. Young Dons U7's goalkeeper Callum Green continued his remarkable record this season against a really good Saxilby side. Callum has kept goal in four of the side's five games and is yet to concede a goal! In a really keenly contested game this week, neither team managed to break the deadlock in the first half. After the break it was end to end stuff as both sides continued to push for a goal with both goalkeepers keeping the strikers at bay. Thomas Langford also made two match saving tackles at one end of the pitch and then came close with a fierce shot just wide of the post at the other end. Tristan Waumsley and Hayden Dugdale shared this week's Player of the Match award - with Tristan coming close to scoring his first goal for Dons, whilst Hayden scored his third goal in three games and made some intelligent runs off the ball to create space for both himself and his team mates. Luke Hood also notched his twelfth goal of the season. Well done so far, everyone - keep it going

YOUNG DONS U8's: Grant & Chris

We have played three games since last report & lost all of them. We have been very unlucky as we have played some good football Will Richardson improving no end. Also now training at Surfleet and are very impressed with the facilities there, thanks, Chris

YOUNG DONS U9's Nick

Young Dons U9's continue to make great progress in their first competitive season. Their fourth game of the campaign saw them travel to local rival Boston Town. In a very tight and keenly fought match Dons secured a 2-1 win with both goals coming from Liam Sandall. Their next game saw them play in their first cup match. Clayton Wanderers. The manager thought this may be a tight game but fear not Dons won 8-0 and progress to the next round. The weather stopped the next game to Spilsby, so a Sunday off! Hykeham Tigers B were the next visitors to Donington who were despatched 7-2 but it was a scrappy game and the lads know they can play a lot better.

YOUNG DONS U10's- Dick & Marie

No report received as of going to press

YOUNG DONS U11's - Chris & Carl

The team are playing well on their first season on a full sized pitch. They have played 5 games, lost 3 and won 2 (4-7 away to Spilsby and 2-3 Ruston Sports). Keep up the good work lads. Chris & Carl

YOUNG DONS U12A's - Andy & Colin

The last month has been much better for the U12As after a disappointing first 2 games. We have made several changes to the team including Jonny Trevor going in defence, Mac Ealham becoming keeper and usual keeper Ash Sandall now playing in the centre of midfield. We have also welcomed back Billy Bristow. In the last month we have played 3 league games taking 6 points out of 6. First up was Welton and this was a very entertaining game with us winning 6-5 despite the Ref playing an extra 10 minutes in the second half! The following week we travelled to Mablethorpe and we played some very good football and won 5-1. The next week we were at home against Sutton Rovers and we always looked in control and ended up winning 7-0 scoring 4 goals in the last 10 minutes. Sadly we lost to Fishtoft in the Cup when we were soundly beaten 6-1. It has been a good month with some very pleasing performances from certain players.

YOUNG DONS U12B's - Ceri

We have played four league games winning 3 and losing 1. It has been a tough start to the season as we still require players but the team have really performed together. The team will continue to work together and if they carry on training as they have been doing I have great hopes for the rest of the year, but the work must continue, so far well done team. Ceri

YOUNG DONS U13's- Andy Barnett & Mick Lyons

Still struggling in the league but last Sunday we won 12-0 home to St. Helens which has boosted the lads hopefully they now have got their heads together.

YOUNG DONS U14's - Steve

A good start to the season, undefeated in the league with two wins and a draw. The most recent a 6-0 win away at Cherry Colts FC. This week Nov 22nd sees the lads playing Swineshead in the Quarter finals of the Cup, hopefully we can progress to the semi's and eventually the final. It won't be easy but the commitment the team is currently showing in training in terrible weather conditions and a will to work hard for each other bodes well for the season ahead. Looking good!!!!

YOUNG DONS U15's - John

Despite having only 11 and on 2 occasions only 10 players, the U15s have started the season brightly winning 3 games (Babworth, Retford and Gainsborough), drawing 1 (Old Leake) and losing 2 (HBW and Woodhall Spa). Morale is good and the boys are playing attractive football despite a lack of numbers forcing some players to be played out of position. With 3 more quality players about to sign the future looks promising and, touching wood, we should be capable of pressing hard for promotion.

YOUNG DONS U16's -Phil

Played one league game (lost) and played one Cup game and lost. It's a difficult season this year as there are many players who have never played football before as a team, or in leagues. At one point it looked as though the Un16's would not be in the league through lack of players, but to give every player credit they turned up and want to play football. Starting afresh, with everyone having to learn rules, positions, and each others strengths and weakness is not an easy feat at Un16. However, the team seem to keep up beat about the losses and train weekly showing dedication and determination, I would just like to say thank you to our sponsor for our new Waterproof Jackets, N J Transport Ltd, and to the parents for supporting the team. Phil Castle