



Donington FC Newsletter



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YOUNG DONS ARE PRESENTED WITH AWARD
 The Club has met all the criteria set out by the F.A. for the prestigious 'FA Charter Standard Award'. This award is given by The Football Association to well organised clubs who fulfil certain criteria. These criteria include having qualified Level One coaches in every age group, ensuring that all volunteers are CRB checked, implementing codes of conduct, having a good disciplinary record, providing emergency aid for every team and running a well organised-club with strict rules and sound financial accounts. For more details see the Club website, www.youngdons.co.uk.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

8th May 2010 – Presentation Evening

5th June 2010 Gala for ages U7 to U11

6th June 2010 Gala for ages U12 to U16



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

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

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

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The screenshot shows the Donington Football Club website. At the top, it says 'Donington Football Club' and 'The Home of the 'Young & Old Dons''. Below that, it says 'Soccer Brilliance brought to Lincolnshire'. There is a navigation menu with 'Latest Results', 'Committee', 'Teams', 'News', and 'Esp'. The 'Spon4Dons' link is circled in red. Below the navigation is a large grid of various sponsor logos, including ASDA, TESCO, KILN, Curry's, and many others. A text box on the left of the grid says 'Click here to shop at all these places! You pay the same price, Young Dons get a fee!'.

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.

spalding flower parade 2010
 The 2010 Spalding Flower Parade will take place on Saturday 1 May when the theme will be Screen Heroes.

The year we will have a float in the Flower Parade & be running events at Springfields on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd May. If you can spare sometime to help on any day contact Alan on 07810446298

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 4 to 7 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 : Since Christmas the U7's have only played 2 matches, with adverse weather conditions causing 4 postponements. The first game of the New Year was at home to Sleaford Town in which Michael Baxter and Luke Hood both notched hat-tricks in Dons 9th win from 10 games. A tough match against a strong Wyberton team followed and Dons failed to score for the first time this season and suffered only their second defeat. All in all however, it has been a fantastic season to date - the whole team is having fun and playing some good football. Several tough matches follow between now and the end of the season - hopefully including a trip to play a junior Stevenage Borough team (thank you, Chris Page!) but if they continue to progress and play as a team, I am sure that the U7's good results can carry on. Also, a big welcome to the Mckendrick family - and in particular Tyler -who is our most recent signing. We are looking forward to seeing him make his debut in the next match. Finally, we are all also looking forward to welcoming George Henson back into the squad in the near future - George hasn't been able to either train for many weeks or play in a match yet but I'm sure it won't be long and he is due back at training any time now. The U7's were back on the road on Sunday 28th February to play Greenbank B in Lincoln. On a cold and wet afternoon, both teams battled hard in a closely fought first half which saw few chances at either end - Thomas Langford and Tristan Waumsley keeping the hosts at bay. The second half saw Young Dons' Tyler McKendrick fired home a shot from close range to open his Young Dons account on his debut. The whole Young Dons team can be proud of themselves for a performance which demonstrated some strong tackling, good team play and determination to keep trying their best to the final whistle. Well done everyone - keep it going!! The squad now has 11 signed players, but we are looking for more and already making plans for next season. If anyone knows of potential players of the correct age, please bring them along to training (Thursday's 6pm to 7.30pm at Surfleet) or contact Alan on 07810 446298.

YOUNG DONS U8's: Grant & Chris : All training and games were cancelled in January so for this month nothing has happened. Looking forward to carrying on where we left off with a win! Chris and Grant

YOUNG DONS U9's Nick : Since Dec it has been a very frustrating time for the nine's. Games being cancelled as well as training, and when training has gone ahead a very poor attendance. We played Saxilby at the end of Jan which saw the boys win a great game 4-2. Next up were Welton who were beaten 3-0. The boys then went to Hykeham without the manager and assistant so a thank you to Andy Sandall for stepping in and guiding the team to a 1-0 win. Snow then interrupted the season again which saw the cancellation of the Lowlands game. Then came a great shock and disappointment as the team lost their first game of the season 6-0 to Metheringham. After a lengthy conversation at training the following week the boys bounced back by beating HBW Utd 2-1 to move up to 4th in the table. The boys and I have spoken about commitment to the team and each other. This also goes for players who miss training and matches and I am hopeful we have turned a corner. We have a tiny squad and when there are players missing it puts a strain on the others. I am in the process of advertising for more players so next season there will be competition for places. We have a great opportunity to finish quite high in the league and get promoted to the A league which will be a great achievement for such a small team!! Well done to everyone so far and a big thank you to the parents.

YOUNG DONS U10's- Dick & Marie : No report received as of going to press

YOUNG DONS U11's - Chris & Carl : No report received as of going to press

YOUNG DONS U12A's - Andy & Colin : Just the three games for the U12A's since the Christmas break. Like most teams we have been struggling with the bad weather. First up were Claytons away where we put in an absolutely dismal display which saw us soundly beaten 6-0! This in my opinion wasn't enough as we should have been beaten by more!! Obviously the month off over Christmas hadn't done us any good whatsoever. The next game was Greenbank away which luckily we approached in a different frame of mind. We played much better football which saw us win 7-1. A much more satisfying Sunday afternoon. Our next game was against Sutton Rovers away and after we were unceremoniously chucked out of their changing room before the game, we did the decent thing and thrashed them 11-2. This was a good all round performance by everybody. We have now had a couple of weeks off and the games will now be coming thick and fast until the end of the season and I hope I can rely on all parents to make sure their players are available for match days as well as for training, as some Saturday mornings the turn out has been dismal. On the subject of Saturday mornings I would like to thank Colin who has had to take training sessions at short notice on his own due to my work commitments. Many thanks. Andy Sandall

YOUNG DONS U12B's - Ceri : Feels like the season has not even begun with us this season, only played one game since 29th November 09, the lads have found it hard work. The season starts now with a 'full load' ahead hoping the bad weather keeps away! The team is doing well although we still require players for the Un12B's. The lads are working well together and now they just have to stay focused until the end of this manic section of the season. Not had a good start to 2010, although losing the last game at home with 9 men prove the Un12b's always fight no matter what numbers they play with.

The spirit of the team was disheartened but team fight brought them through what should have been an easy game with 11 but a difficult one with 9. Still looking for players to stick with them throughout the next season, and to join new adventures with this team! Keep up the work and laughter guys Ceri

YOUNG DONS U13's- Andy Barnett & Mick Lyons: After a slow start to the New Year, many matches have not been played. With the difficulty of rearranging matches, we took the decision, along with the parents, to withdraw from the league this season. We are still training and building the skills of the boys and looking for new players so we can enter again at U14 level next season. We welcome new players to the team, so if you know anyone who would like to play (Year 8's at present) please give Andy a call on 07780 680887. Here's to next season. Andy & Mick

YOUNG DONS U14's - Steve : We moved into the New Year undefeated and in the quarter finals of the Cup, at the end of February we've lost two league games and the semi-final of the Cup. Are we disappointed? Yes but surprised no. Had we played either of the other semi-finalists we would have been in the final, losing took the wind out of our sails and bought us crashing down to earth. We find ourselves equal third in the league with games in hand, so with 9 games still to go we finish top or 7th it's really up to us.

We tried a little experiment by conducting the bleep test (recognized fitness test) and it confirmed the suspicions of the coaching staff..... either woefully unfit or can't be bothered because its too hard. That sums up our season really, we can beat anyone in our league but not if we have to exert too much energy. It's unfair to criticise everyone as some of the team are doing the work of their team mates every week. The rot stops here as far as the coaching staff are concerned, anyone not pulling their weight won't be selected. We coach the lads its up to them to prove their worth, we give up our time and energy and expect everyone else to do the best they can as well. Let's hope the message is understood.

YOUNG DONS U15's - John: With the bout of bad weather making for a slow start to 2010 the Team have only managed to play 3 games but have won all 3 and in doing so amassed 13 goals. New boys Curtis Revell and Elliot Pogson have fitted in well and the Team is playing some nice stuff. However, if we want to be serious contenders for promotion we will have to be slightly less cavalier in our play. Yes the boys are good but giving every side a goal start is not always a good idea!

YOUNG DONS U16's -Phil : Had a slow start to this year as weather has stopped play. Played Billingham and lost 7-1 but a good effort by the team. A lot of games have been re-arranged and hopefully the season can begin. Team working well in training and in games and the continuous effort and improvement by the team is obvious. Played at home against Sleaford and with 10 men we performed better then we have done. We lost the game but did create a few chances, the luck was not on our side but the lads held their own to a 3-0 defeat. Working well together. Phil

Old Dons are having a mixed season, 1sts are top and reserves are bottom of their leagues. Both are having great cup runs though with 1sts in a final & reserves in a semi final!

Cropleys Suzuki Division One								Cropleys Suzuki Division Two									
Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Old Doningtonians	1	14	9	2	3	36	23	29	Tydd St Mary	9	15	4	2	9	23	33	14
Fishtoft	2	12	9	2	1	32	19	29	Sportsman	10	10	3	2	5	22	27	11
Old Leake	3	15	9	2	4	38	27	29	Fosdyke	11	14	3	2	9	20	42	11
Spalding Town	4	15	9	1	5	41	29	28	Old Dons Res	12	16	1	2	13	27	60	5