



Donington FC Newsletter



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Young Dons Fishing Day a Success!

On the 15th of October 16 fishermen competed for this years' 'Young Dons Top Angler' award. It took all the fishermen's' skill to catch anything on a day when the fish were reluctant to bite! The winner was Alan Hood, one of our less experienced anglers! Some would say.....



"What beginners' luck"!

Thanks to Steve & Nicki RW for organising and running this match and a big thank you to Ken Lewin for hosting free of charge!

HELP NEEDED PLEASE!



We have been given the chance to raise funds by 'Bag Packing' for Morrisons customers at their Pinchbeck store on Friday 30th December.

We will need your 'Young Don' and parental support on the day. Your manager will know what time etc, please let him know you can help.

YOUNG DONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

for all the mini soccer teams took place on Saturday 10th of December!

The boys and girls had a great time playing traditional games like 'pass the parcel', 'pin the nose on the reindeer' and 'cut the chocolate'. However the favourite game involved doing various activities with a training disc on one's head. Thank you to all who helped on the day, particularly Louise, Ceri & Heather ! A special thank you to Santa for dropping in and having a few minutes for everyone who wanted to see him! Mums you know who you are!!



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.



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 "Links". The "Spon4Dons" link is circled in red. Below the navigation, there is a grid of sponsor logos including ASDA, TESCO, 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!".



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

Paul Abbott U7's : The boys and girls are doing well at Peterborough now. They are starting to score goals although they have not won a game yet but playing with a smile on their faces and enjoying it. Plus they are improving week in week out. Good things will come from this team. Dom and I are well pleased with their progress.

James: U8s- 2011 has been a great year for the team! The lads have all improved dramatically as individuals and collectively. This has been the first season playing in mid lincs and the boys have put in some good performances. Well done to everyone and looking forward to 2012!

Ceri U10's: The team have been putting in some great efforts in training and it has been showing in their games. Not just because they have won their last four games but they have been working as a team together. They are now second in the league and on a winning streak! As temporary manager I could not be happier with the way the team have stepped up to every new challenge just keep up the good work. The parents have been most supportive towards the team and it's a pleasure to see everyone encouraging the team and enjoying the game(s). However, I keep reminding the team every game is different and they must always pay respect to the opposition, whether it's a win, lose or draw, that the team has to work together to achieve. I hope they keep up the great work and team spirit.

Phil U14JFC: Difficult season in the respect that the lads have put in some good performances, so it's an up and down season so far. However, they need to be consistent with their game, once over the white line it's up to them. They are more than capable of stepping up and have at times given some good play, they just need to believe in themselves a Little more. A great bunch of lads who can do better when they work together.

Steve U16's: Since the last newsletter the U16s have remained unbeaten and rightly sit top of the league. The squad of 16 has had its share of injuries already but when a full squad has been available, those not selected have taken it on the chin and been supportive of the rest. We have now got a new 2nd kit sponsored by Smartcabs and kitbags kindly sponsored by Peter Clifton at the White Hart. We not only look good we can play a bit as well. We have drawn Holbeach in the last 16 of the cup and having beaten them recently 5-1 we fancy our chances of progressing. Hopefully we will continue our good run this weekend when we are away to St Helens. We have a long way to go to the seasons end and we need to keep our feet on the ground but things are looking good.

Min Old Dons 1st : Like most mangers I prefer total football however Old Dons season is still having its ups and downs! We have had some poor league results but we are in the semi and quarter finals of 2 cups! The team has an average age of just 20 with most players coming through the Young Dons teams so things can't be that bad!

Mark Old Dons Res: Nearly half way through the season and joint top, a massive improvement on my last two seasons in charge and I have to put it down to the work and attitude of the lads. Right through the team we have a mixture of youth for example up front, we have Alex Wood, who is proving to be a hot prospect with his sharpness in front of goal in his first season in men's football, and the experience of Andy Barnett, who has also played in goal this season proving invaluable at either end, but this is a team effort and all the other lads that have played their part up till now have proven to be just as important. Let's hope we can continue the form that we are showing and provide the 1st team with the backup that they deserve

Alan U9's: The first half of the season has gone well for the U9's with the team currently lying 4th in the "A" league and through to the second round of the Onyx Cup. The team are playing some good passing football and are continuing to progress in their understanding of the game and development of team spirit. They seem to be increasingly aware of the importance of the development of the whole team/squad together and the fact that to be successful in matches does not solely depend upon the performance of any one individual. Let's hope they can keep it up as we enter the second half of the season!

Many thanks to everyone involved with the U9's - Chris Page and Paul Langford in particular and of course Pete for refereeing! - but also to all the adults, parents and "extended family" that make running the U9's a pleasurable and fun experience! I hope you all enjoy it as much as I do, thanks for all your help - and I hope that you and your families have a very Happy Christmas and Healthy and Successful New Year!!

Chris U13's: The u13's have been playing some really good football during November, winning 2 out of 4 games. Now we've got out of the habit of giving teams a head start before we start playing. We're Lying 5th in the league running up to Christmas so if we can keep our present form going into the new year, we should have a good end to the season.

Andy U14's: It has been a mixed month for our team with results being difficult to come by regarding the league, although we have progressed to the next round of the County Cup . As far as the league goes we lost an all important game 4-3 against fellow strugglers Birchwood at home when we found ourselves 2 goals down within 5 minutes and despite grabbing a goal back we went into the half-time interval 4-1 down. In the second half the boys really put it in and 2 quick goals after the break saw us with a real chance although despite prolonged pressure from ourselves we found the final goal unobtainable. Losing this game was a big blow to us considering the league positions of both teams involved. We did however pick up a very valuable point away at Barrowby when we drew 1-1 and were unlucky to come away with only a point after we hit the woodwork twice in the last 15 minutes. In the cup competitions we have yet to play our first game in the league cup but have progressed to the third round of the County Cup having beaten Scunthorpe side Park Tigers 5-1 in the previous round and now travel away to another Scunthorpe side , Appleby Fordingham in the next on January 8th. The team continues to train on a Friday evening at Surfleet and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ady Young to the team who has been taking training for the last 3 weeks. Ady is a Level 2 coach and we have welcomed his enthusiasm and the new ideas which he has brought to the team which will hopefully help us climb up the league. On the whole, despite the season proving to be very difficult, moral amongst the players still seems to be very high and we are playing some brilliant football of late. Keep it up lads. Well done.

John U18's: Mixed bag since last update. Finally got a win under our belt with a resounding victory against Cranwell, followed by one of the best performances from any age group that I have managed in losing out by a solitary goal to the League leaders Billingham, having played the entire game with only 10 players and no recognised keeper! Unfortunately this was followed by a below par outing and defeat to St Helens with 11. Consistency isn't our strong point. More frustratingly we have not had a game for 3 weeks so building and maintaining any momentum is difficult. While I thank all the players for their efforts, special praise goes to Lewis Martin for taking up the mantle of goalkeeper following Jamie's departure (not forgetting Ash who has also stood between the sticks). Anyone know of a keeper going spare, please let me know!