



Donington FC Newsletter



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GALA 'WASH-OUT' DUE TO WEATHER

This year's football gala had to be stopped shortly after the first games had been played. The rain poured down and with thunder & lightening in the skies it was decided because of health & safety guidelines this year's event could not continue. With over 80 teams turning up on the day this decision was not taken lightly but the health & safety of the children had to come first. I spoke to a number of coaching staff and also parents and all felt disappointed that the event had to be ended in this way but understood the reasons why.

**Our AGM took place on:
Sunday 10th May 2009 at the
White Hart, Quadring.**

**The following members were
voted into office as:**

Chairman: Anthony Wood

Vice-Chairman: Paul Langford

Secretary: Ceri Castle

Treasurer: Steve Riddick

**Contact details for all
committee members can be
found on the Club's website**

Soccer trial day 12th July

**The afternoon went well with some teams finding
new players to join the Club.**

**Good luck to all those playing
this season, old and new!**



**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.

CLUBS FOUNDER MEMBER DIES

It is with deepest regret that we have to inform you of the death Clubs founder Willie Dawson. Willie formed the Club back in 1996 and worked hard to give players a Club of which they could be proud. Today the club has over 150 players & teams in every age group. Armbands were worn and a minutes silence was observed at the start of this years gala in his memory. The club offers our condolences to his family for their sad loss.

Turn over page for Willie Dawson's memorial match report.



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.

Each month I will print an anagram. Do you know the answer????

Who is this famous player:

GO GET BEERS

Answers will posted in the September newsletter.

SOCCKER SKILLS NIGHT!

Do you want to hone your football skills & learn new ones?

If you do, come and train with us on Thursdays at the Community Centre, Donington. Ages U7's to U10's are welcome, 6pm to 7:15pm. Please be there 5 mins before your start time to ensure we kick off on time. The cost is £1.50 per week.

YOUNG DONS U7's Alan

Alan has decided to continue running the U7's this season. He did so well last season with the players that he wanted to do it all again.! We wish him well in bringing the young players through.. maybe he'll have a young player who we might see on our TV screens in the future!

YOUNG DONS U8's: Grant & Chris

No pre-season report given as yet - this is due to Grant & Chris recently taking over the running of the team. We all wish them well for the new season & offer our full support.

YOUNG DONS U9's Nick

After our first season at U7's we had really worked hard in the summer and were ready to give it a real go. What happened over the course of the season was a remarkable effort from the boys. We had strengthened several positions, notably the Goalkeeper. The boys played 18 games winning 14, drawing 2 and only losing 2. They remained unbeaten at home all season. We scored 76 goals conceding only 14. I am so proud of their achievements and look forward to the new season. Nick

YOUNG DONS U10's- Dick & Marie

No pre-season report given. Dick & Marie have worked hard in training and everyone can't wait for the new season to start.

YOUNG DONS U11's - Chris & Carl

No pre-season match report given. This season the team have a new challenge playing on a full size pitch; it will take the players a while to settle in. We wish everyone all the best and remember you can check how they are doing either on the clubs website www.youngdons.co.uk or look in our newsletter each month.

YOUNG DONS U12A's - Andy & Colin

Now that we have had registration day, we know where we stand with squad numbers (14 have signed) and we can look forward to the coming season. We hope to improve on last season's final position which was 5th in the 'B' League. Although I have no doubt, we don't yet have the players to play 'A' League football, I do honestly feel that we can improve on 5th. The season for us starts on September 13th, however, I have had interest from Birchwood and Boston Town to play a friendly against us, these both being 'A' League sides. They should give us some stiff competition. Training for us is going well but I would like to stress to parents that if their child is not going to attend that they let me know please, as this makes planning a session much easier. That's all I have to say at this moment in time and let's hope we have an enjoyable season. Andy

YOUNG DONS U12B's - Ceri

Although we have continued to train and have had a few games out of season we still need more players. We have lost two players to the A team, who we wish all the very best and another to sunny Australia! The team is still in high spirits and want to continue regardless of numbers in the squad. We have one new signing and are hopefully gaining another one in due course. The Un12B team wish all Young Dons, the new Un18's and The Old Dons all the very best for the season ahead, and we hope to have a better season than last year. So here's to a great season for all. Ceri

YOUNG DONS U13's- Andy Barnett & Mick Lyons

The lads were given a break in July and pre-season training started back on 11th August. We lost two players but also signed two new players. The players will be put through their paces during training ready for the start of the season.

YOUNG DONS U14's 'A'- Steve

No pre-season report given. We all wish Steve's team well for the new season.

YOUNG DONS U14's 'B'

As yet we are still looking for a manager to run the side if you are interested in running this team please contact Woody asap on 07885240203.

YOUNG DONS U15's - John

No pre-season report given but the manager and the team are looking to improve on last season. We wish them well.

YOUNG DONS U16's -Phil

The team are looking for new players but at present cannot field a full side so if anyone knows of players who would like to play for the team please contact Phil Castle on 07786 417456.

YOUNG DONS U18's Dave & Rats

No pre-season report given. This is a new team which has joined us this season and the club welcomes the manager and his assistant to the coaching staff, and also to the players good luck for the coming season.

OLD DONS

No pre-season report given but we all wish the team good luck during 2009-2010.

OLD DONS Reserves - Andy Barnett

No pre-season report given but after an exciting season last year, we hope that they again do well in their league.



WILLY DAWSON MEMORIAL MATCH – SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2009 AT 2.30PM

The turn out for this match was fantastic, and a hot afternoon saw both teams battle for a full 90 minutes. Everyone clapped for one minute to pay tribute to Willie. The team was made up from players who played back in 1996 and the opposition was from current Don's teams. Three family members took part in the match; Willie's son Billy, Adam Dawson and Freddie Lambert, the latter two getting on the score sheet.

After the match the winning trophy was given to Billy (captain) by his grandad Geoff. As he held the cup high the crowd gave a great cheer for all who had taken part in the afternoons event. After the match there was a buffet for everyone and I could hear the banter from the players about "how they did this tackle" and "how they scored that goal" just like any other Dons match! The club are hoping to make the event an annual occasion so it leaves me to say goodbye Willie - you will always be remembered at the Club and your legacy will live on.