



Donington FC Newsletter



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NEW WEBSITE TO LAUNCH IN DECEMBER.....

Same address.. www.youngdons.co.uk, a new look with all the existing features, shop, news, teams, events & INTRODUCING the 'SPONADON' page. This page will be 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 Christmas shopping on line and raise funds for Donington FC.



For the first time we are collecting the 'Tesco Sport Vouchers' so please hand yours in to the collection box in the cabin. IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Our Christmas parties take place on Saturday 22nd December. Have you returned your invitation to help us cater for the correct numbers? If not contact your manager as soon as possible- alternatively contact Dee Eccott (01775 821002) or Kay Wood (01775 822815)



This is our last Newsletter of 2007! So a Very Merry Christmas and a successful 2008 to you all!

Skills night – what do we do?

Christiano Ronaldo or Jonathan Downing? Patrice Evra or Phil Neville?

I know which 2 players I would prefer to select !!

The modern player needs technique & pace. Natural pace cannot be coached but technique can be vastly improved. The Young Dons' skills nights seek to improve this technique by developing the ball touch & ball feel of those who attend. It seeks to improve the all important first touch & develop confidence on the ball to encourage greater participation in the game situation & therefore give greater enjoyment.

The group, using suitable & carefully selected exercises are encouraged to develop a soft touch for the ball using BOTH feet – utilising the inside/outside/sole & laces parts of the shoe. Passing exercises encourage the players to use both feet, & to pass, move, look & communicate effectively. A key part of the player's development at skills night is the ability of a player to beat another player on a one to one basis. To achieve this the players are shown & are encouraged to use inside/outside hooks, Cruyff turns, step overs 'a la Ronaldo', pull behinds, step over turns, drag backs, 'Zin spins' etc etc

Other exercises develop shooting/chest control/ heading skills etc The sessions finish with a 'zonal match' to avoid the 'school playground' effect of everyone chasing the ball !!

These sessions for under 6-9's are on Thursdays at Donington Community Centre 6-7.30, £1.50- trainers & shin pads necessary & there are vacancies. We break up for Christmas on Thursday 20th December, starting again on Thursday 10th January. We will be moving outside to the Donington pitches in March.

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Young Dons SUBS:
Just a reminder that subs are; £1.50 for each training session and £1.50 on each matchday.

**A Few dates for your diaries:
Christmas Party December 22nd 2007
Valentines Dance February 9th 2008**

U7's Nick says: Young Dons U7's have continued to improve since the last newsletter. We have reduced the goals against from double figures to low single figures!! I'm looking forward to the following weeks leading up to Christmas as I feel there is a victory waiting for us just around the corner.

U8's Dick comments: The team have continued to improve and have won a game and drawn a match since the last newsletter. Come on team another victory is just round the corner!

U9 Chris says: We keep working hard so improvement will come. We're out of the cup now so let's concentrate on the league everyone!

U10A's Andy & Colin: A mixed month for the lads with a disappointing start away to St Helens. The first half can only be described as a shocking performance by us leaving us 2-0 down at half time. Following a 'stirring' half time talk we improved in the second half finally going down 2-1! East coast B were next up and we brushed them aside 6-1, with Deacon hitting a hat-trick. A trip to Lincoln Utd's ground in the cup followed versus East Coast A, a good side, who knocked us out of the cup 3-1. Four days later saw us travel to Skegness to meet East Coast A again in the league. This was a different story following some team changes and a big effort from the lads we won 3-0, Billy scoring a hat-trick. Well done boys keep it coming.

U10B's Ceri: Welcome to Liam Thomas, played his first game 25th November and what a great performance...keep up the great work. Other than that we've hit a low point which hopefully we will turn it around quickly. Keep your heads up and thanks to the parents for their support in the nasty weather we've had the last few games. On the last note I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Great New year from the Un10B team and Manager. Ceri

U11's Andy & Mick: So far a very bad season for the under 11's We've only won one game all season! We have played very well but we have been put into the 'A' league and as a small village team we are finding it very hard to compete because the teams we are playing against are very well organised. We will keep trying our best and with a bit of luck we will find our winning ways once again soon!!

U12's Mark & Steve: Hi Boys since the last newsletter we have played Boston Saints and lost 3-4 to nine men. Not good is all we shall say! Then we had next match cancelled, followed by Wragby at home drawing 2-2. This was a good game and a fair result. Ruskington away was next where we lost 7-3 after leading 3-0 within 15mins!!

Disappointing to say the least. Then we lost to Caythorpe at home 1-2, not bad game in which we had our chances. Away to Hykeham Tigers we won 0-8 and could have been well over 10 but we missed a lot of chances and missed a penalty! The boys are playing good football as well, much to mine and Steve's liking, still heading back up the league which is good. Thanks boys lets keep it going.

U13's John & Tosh: Team continues to perform well; played 8 won 8 in the league and playing some excellent football with every squad member playing his part. Most recent wins being against Wyberton (2-0, Alex Wood and Andy Sands), Birchwood (5-0, 4 for Andy, 1 for Alex) and Heighington (3-1, Andy 2, Christian Bates). Unfortunately, in a nail-biter that could have gone either way, we lost in the Cup to Billingham from the A League 7-5 in extra time, with Andy scoring 4 and Alex the other. One more league game before the Xmas break, so aiming to go into 2008 unbeaten.

U14's Phil & Min: Played two league games won one 16-0 against Thredlethorpe, and won 2-0 against Billingham. We have a bye in the County Cup so we are now through to the Quarter Finals, looking good!! Hope the team can keep it going for the rest of the season. Merry Christmas to all the Boys and Families at Donington F.C. from Min and Phil

U15's William & Alan: An interesting month !! Lost cup match 6-1 to a much more physically stronger rather than better footballing Division A team - in the league played 3 lost 1 won 2 including easy 4-1 victory against team top of the division. At times we play some super football but concede silly goals!! A fascinating division to watch and with a few wins we can be challenging for the top !!

U16's Neil & Sean: Oops the wheels have come off since the last newsletter; with four league defeats and being knocked out of two cup competitions, albeit both games on penalties would you believe? They say you should never blame the officials but I'm going to anyway, in both cup games their decisions were vital to us in losing the games, but never mind lads, our luck will change sooner or later. We still have 36 points to play for in the league so you never know. Keep plugging away lads.

Old Dons by Min: The first team's league form has been disappointing with no wins out of six games and having drawn three games they find themselves bottom of the league. However cup games have been completely different with four wins out of six games.

Reserves have been playing well with a record of P8 W2 D2 L4 (it's not as bad as it reads)

If both teams can push on in the new year the season will have been ok for both teams so far.

