



Donington FC Newsletter



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Valentine's Dance

The Valentine's Dance was a great success, thanks to all who made it possible; as a result of your efforts and the support of the parents and players we made £1,100 for the Club.

Our AGM takes place on: Sunday 11th May 2008. Officers due to be elected are: Chairperson, Secretary & Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these positions, please talk to your manager or declare your interest in writing before the 3rd May to the Club

Secretary
Debbie Garner
The Lanterns
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A Few dates for your diaries:
Presentation Evening 24th May 2008
Young Dons Gala 1st June 2008



Young Dons SUBS:
Just a reminder that subs are; £1.50 to £2.00 for each training session and £1.50 on each match day.

U7's manager Nick says: Mixed fortunes this month! Lost heavily to Greenbank A and then a lack lustre performance against Louth. I decided to change things around and put my two best tacklers at the back and things improved. Lost closely to Caythorpe and Fulbeck 2-1 (hit the post in the last minute). Led against Lowlands until the last 5 minutes when their Ref decided to help his own team and award several awful free kicks which saw us lose 3-2!!! Once I sort out our attacking play I think we can look forward to a bright future....not just this season but next year also.

U8's managers Dick & Marie proudly say P4 W4, last match won 7-0, improving all the time. Keep enjoying it everyone!

U11 manager Andy: Not a lot happening for the under 11's this month. Played 1 game lost 6-1. Willing this season to end now, for the players and parents alike. Lets hope next season we are put in a different league, playing games against teams of the same playing abilities as us. This will help build the boys confidence again, as we seem to have lost our way at present.

U9's manager Chris says: First of all thank you for such a good turn out from the parents of the U9's to our Valentine's night. Back to football....Our last two games, against Boston FDC & Fishtoft, have been fantastic even though they've both finished 2-2, but the way the lads play has been amazing, so much so that we could not pick a man of the match in our last game against Fishtoft as they were all outstanding from the back to the front, and to pick one above the rest wouldn't have been fair. There's still a couple of months of the season left and if we keep playing as we have, we should be ok

U10A's managers Andy & Colin comment: After a disappointing finish to 2007 with two defeats on the bounce, we have started the year in good style! Three wins out of three! First was Louth away and at half time we were 5-1 up! In the second half we moved the boys around and won 6-3. The next game saw us at Greenbank 'B' who are rooted at the bottom of the table and we showed no mercy winning 10-0. You would think that this would set us up for the next game against Ermine, alas not! This wasn't one of our best performances and despite taking the lead found ourselves 2-1 down with only injury time remaining. This is when we woke up and won the game 3-2. At least Dick Turpin wore a mask! Well done lads!!

U10B manager Ceri says: A mental block has hit the team in believing they can do it. Many missed chances have knocked our confidence but the team has to start believing in each other and themselves. Parents along with me know they are a great team to watch when they want to play football, and we have all seen some great moves between them. Many scores have not gone the teams way and may not show how well they have played. The team's nick name is squids, slip of the tongue by their manager and it's stuck! Its light hearted and a bit of fun!! (Squad numbers!) All they have to do is believe and keep working together, let's see how the rest of the season goes with only 2 more away games and the rest at home.

U12's managers Steve, Ben & Dan comment: The year got off to a bad start results wise for the U12's getting beaten 5-1 by a Swifts team who should have been 3-0 down by half time, and then getting physically outrun by a Wragby side 5-3. Wragby U12's are training twice weekly and its obviously a plus for their players, Dons conceding 3 goals late on. Following on from the lows of January the winning ways re-emerged with a 5-1 win over Manor B and then away at Market Rasen winning 3-1. The team need praising for their restraint as the opposition tried every dirty tricks tactic to unsettle the lads. Last week end was the best result of the season a 1-0 win over Horncastle away. Not only did we play well, but we looked good, a complete team effort. We've moved up into 6th in the League of 14 and the "Management" would be very happy to end the season in 6th. We're not quite the finished article but bit by bit things are beginning to click. Harry Lane and Alex Eccott played match winning team roles at Horncastle and need praising for their efforts. The preceding weeks have seen all the players pull together and perform as a team. The future? More hard work, more physical fitness training in prep for next season and hopefully more consistent results. Nikki our team hair dresser, secretary, p.a, counsellor, marketing manager needs mentioning for her much appreciated help and also thanks to the continued support of all our parents. The Special One, Danny & Ben

U13 managers John & Tosh: Six games since the last update with 5 wins and one defeat (our first of the season). The loss came against a spirited Metheringham who caught us on a very rare off-day and managed to hold on to win 3-2 (goals from Craig and Alex). The good news was that the boys came back strongly and won the next 5 on the bounce: 3-0 against East Coast (Alex 2, James Neidermeier); 3-1 against Boston Town (Chris, Alex and Andy); 2-1 against Welton (Chris and Alex); 1-0 against Boston Town (Andy) and 3-0 versus Wyberton (Luke 2 and Alex). With 11 games to go, we mustn't let all the good work go to waste - Keep it up boys!

U14 managers Phil & Min: Disappointing month. Played Spilsby twice gaining all 4 points and 8 goals only for them to be withdrawn from the league, (yet another team), losing us a total this year 8 points and 29 goals. In the last game the lads showed the disappointment of being 2nd in the league to now being 6th. County Cup Quarter finals, we lost against Lowlands 6 - 0, but the score line did not reflect the game. A bit disappointing that we've had 2 A league managers tell us the team should be in the A league but set backs like losing points and goals it has an effect on the team. Look forward to the rest of the season and hope the lads can pick themselves up from the set backs they have had and finish higher in the league where they deserve to be.

U15 managers William & Alan: In Jan/Feb played 5 won 1 drawn 1 & lost 3- all 3 losses by a single goal & games in which we largely outplayed the opposition playing much better football. Consolation to see it happens at the highest level with Preston losing to Portsmouth this afternoon in the cup? We will of course keep playing our passing game & I know the results will turn our way. We welcome two new players Oliver & Josh-competition for places lads!!!!

U16 managers Neil & Sean: We wrote in the last newsletter that a change of luck was just around the corner, that was proved right against Swineshead. After being out played in the first half we then rallied in the second half and managed to get a last gasp equaliser from Curtis Lane. Our next game, Welton at home was a comfortable 4-2 win; goals from Lewis Mundt (2) Lewis O'keefe and Ricky Mason. However then followed another blip at home to Retford a 3-2 defeat caused by not defending set pieces properly. Our goals were from Lewis Mundt and Curtis Lane. So we've more hard work to come lads but we'll try to enjoy it!

Old Dons Min reports: No change from last month with the first team giving 100% so could soon be out of trouble and the Reserves moving to mid table after a couple of good wins!