



**Droitwich
Spa**

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Boys & Girls F.C.

Presentation Day 2009

Presentation Day Saturday 9th May 2009

Droitwich High School, Droitwich Spa

This year's Presentation day will be split into four sessions. Under 6,7,8s will start at 2pm. Under 9, 10,11s Boys will start at 3.45pm. Under 10,11,12,13,15s Girls will start at 6pm. The last session will be Under 12, 13,14s Boys which will start 7.45pm.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Session 1.

Under 6s, 7s and 8s

Doors open 1.15pm Presentation 2pm Funbuster 3-4pm



Session 2.

Under 9s, 10s, and 11s Boys

Doors Open 3.00pm Presentation 3.45pm Funbuster 5.00-6.00pm



Session 3.

Under 10s, 11s 12s, 13s, 15s Girls Squads

Doors Open 5.15pm Presentations 6.00 to 7.00pm

Session 4.

Under 12s, U13s and U14s Boys

Doors Open 7.00pm Presentations 7.45 to 8.45pm

Entrance ticket Price

Club Players - Free

Players Brothers or Sisters Free

Parents or other family member - 50p each

The presentations are in the School Theatre, it is essential that everyone is on time.

The doors will open 45 minutes before the start of each session, and there will be a slide show starting 30 minutes prior to the Presentation starting.

We must know how many people will be attending, as each person will require a ticket. If involved in more than one session all tickets for the second or third sessions will be free- but you MUST order tickets for each session.

No drinks or food can be consumed in the theatre, and there will be no drinks or snacks on sale.

Parking

There will be NO car parking on the High School site and street parking is very limited. The club has arranged to use the overspill car park behind the Leisure Centre. (Through the gate behind the Leisure Centre on to the area next to the Astro pitches). Please Do Not Park in either of the main car parks either side of the Leisure Centre. Allow 10 minutes to park and walk up to the High School.

Access for Less mobile visitors and Disabled is via the High School gates and then park the car, please also advise the Club so that we can arrange for toilet facilities etc to be made available.

30th Anniversary

1979 - 2009

Droitwich Spa Boys FC - now Boys & Girls FC, will reach its 30th anniversary before the end of this season.

Early in 1979 two parents, unhappy with the standard of local youth football coaching, decided to start a new youth football club with a single squad at the under 11 age group. It is doubtful that they, Steve Duggan and the late Ron Cavanagh, could have imagined the significance of their decision when they formed the Droitwich Spa Boys Football Club. Now 30 years later that Club, which 8 years ago incorporated a girls section, has over 350 playing members at ages currently ranging from 5 to 15 years.

Six years ago Droitwich Spa Boys & Girls F.C. was awarded Football Association Charter Club status as a Community Club recognising the Club objectives, standards of administration, and the comprehensive structure of the club. There are now 24 teams across all youth age groups playing Mini-soccer, 9 and 11-a-side football including boys and girls squads, and also an affiliation with the open-age club which was founded in 1985 when that very first boy's team entered the Worcester League and formed Droitwich Spa F.C.

The Club has been affiliated to the Worcestershire Football Association since it was founded in 1979 and is indebted to them, especially over recent years, for their ongoing support during its growth and development. All the Club team Managers and Coaches have also benefited from participation in training and development courses organised by the F.A. It is also our policy to use qualified professional soccer coaches to support our player and coach development.

The Club has longstanding relationships with some of the local youth football leagues - the Mercian (which the very first team joined back in 1979), the Stourport & District (the Club has entered teams every year since 1981) and more recently the Ambassador Evesham and also the Central Warwickshire (teams played during the 1980's). These leagues have played a large part in the growth of youth football in our Region.

Spa Boys+Girls F.C. has had league winning and runners-up teams and Cup winners and finalists at just about every age group during its history but is also well known for its community football policy, offering opportunities to all ages and abilities. Other activities offered have included trips to Premier league, Championship and International youth matches plus Club tours. Since 1985 we have been involved with our 'twin' club, s.v. Arzbach and have had many excellent weekends both here in Droitwich and in Germany.

With such a large membership it has been a challenge to find enough local pitches and training areas to support the Club's needs. Initially the Club used only the pitches at King George's playing fields (now Wychavon Leisure) and then added local school pitches plus sports halls for indoor mid-week training. Since the availability of the floodlit all-weather pitch at the Droitwich Sports Centre the Club was able to add mid-week outdoor training and has become its largest midweek user.

The Club has been a member of the Droitwich Spa (St.Peter's Fields) Sports Association since 2003 and enjoys the use of the St.Peter's area for it's under 6-11's Mini-Soccer age groups and use of the clubhouse. These facilities, which are shared Summer/Winter with the Droitwich Spa Cricket Club, provide excellent pitches and support backup.

In conjunction with the cricket club we are hoping to start a project aimed at raising funds for a new St.Peter's clubhouse to include modern facilities including a social area for the winter months.

Now, as we move forward we are trying to plan other facilities for future needs, particularly for the older age groups. For many years the Club has had the dream of building its own clubhouse, training area and 11-a-side pitches in the proximity of Droitwich Spa.

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The Club has been working closely with the Football Association and other local organisations. In order to take advantage of possible Grant Aid for such a project the Club continues to hold funds so that it can secure sufficient financial support. We also need to locate a suitable available area, around 15 acres, that we can purchase and develop. It seems a long time since that first season when we had an annual expenditure of £673.10 (see 1979/80 balance sheet) last season 2007/8 it was £77,145.74.

The Club has been very fortunate during all these years to have many dedicated people to help with the running of the Club in various roles i.e. Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrations, Child Welfare, Mini-soccer and 11-a-side Managers and Coaches plus other volunteers for many other activities e.g. St.Peter's kitchen, social events, etc. etc. -- Without all these people this club could not and can not exist.

It has been very encouraging to see past players now helping with the coaching and in some cases their sons and daughters playing for the club. Needless to say we still need more help to continue to keep this great club going - please help if you can.

We must remember all the benefits of boys and girls participating in soccer, or indeed many other sports :-

- general fitness and exercise, a healthy lifestyle,
- making friends (often long term), gaining social skills,
- learning to respect team mates, other players, coaches , officials and parents,
- accepting rules and discipline,
- developing and practicing both individual and team skills,
- setting and achieving targets,
- participating in skills sessions and matches to improve,
- representing their team and Club with pride,
- having fun and enjoyment.

These are lifetime benefits.

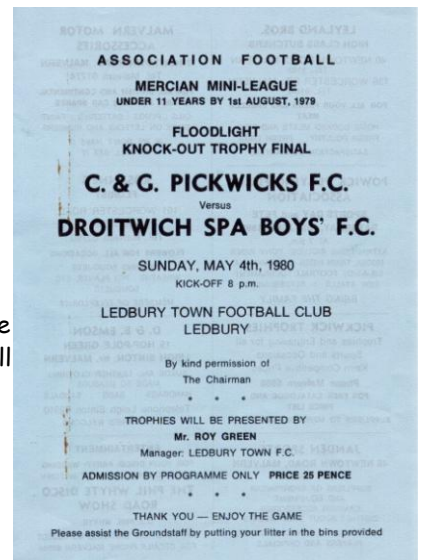
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Our first son Simon (who is 40 this year) played in the first Spa squad in 1979 and then Andrew started two years later, both have gone on to play for the Spa open age club and are still (just!) playing. They still see many friends from their young football days and both chose former team mates as the best man at their weddings.

I have so many memories from the early days up to the present of Club tours, Arzbach visits, trips, matches (winning & losing), cup finals, league competitions, socials, players I have been involved with and their families and all the enthusiastic and dedicated people that have helped to create and establish this great Club.

Frank Holliday

DROITWICH SPA BOYS F.C.		BALANCE SHEET 1979/80	
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INCOME		A. P.	
Weekday Trip		209.00	
Barriers		4.75	
Membership Fees		5.00	
Barriers Right		15.00	
Draw Tickets		125.00	
Carroll's Stall		36.25	
Presentation Dance		26.25	
Club Stall		57.50	
Training Subs		76.45	
Donkey Derby		1.50	
Match Subs		36.25	
Donations		116.75	
Cup Final U/11 (Tickets & Coach)		26.25	
		1226.35	£1226.35p.
EXPENDITURE			
Weekday Tickets		77.90	
Weekday Coach		100.00	
U/11 Cup Final Coach		64.00	
U/11 Cup Final Tickets		28.75	
Football (2)		12.75	
Football (2)		1.00	
Training Sub Material		5.00	
Raffle Prizes		1.50	
Raffle Books		1.19	
Orange Squash		.75	
First Aid		.75	
Lecterns Reg.		10.00	
Printing Cards & Draw Tks.		23.00	
Printing Certificates		1.50	
Trophies		42.75	
Donkey Derby Fees & Prizes		25.00	
Donkey Derby Sign Cards		2.80	
League Fee 80/81		10.00	
Hire Salsburgh Hall		22.00	
Presentation Night Bar		108.00	
Presentation Night Dinner		20.00	
Presentation Night 3/Rolls		18.75	
Presentation Night Food		35.00	
Pitch Fees Training		36.15	
Pitch Fees Match		13.00	
		673.10	£673.10
BALANCE...	£551.25p



Fair Play Award

Droitwich Spa Lions U13 Girls were awarded the Mercian League's Fair Play Award. Our team was marked by their opponents throughout the season on the level of Fair Play.

Marks out of 10 were awarded for: Positive Play, Respect of the laws of the game and towards opposition, Respect towards match officials and Behaviour of team officials and spectators. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and the players for setting an excellent example of sportsmanship; the girls are a credit to Droitwich Spa Boys and Girls Football Club.



Lions U13



Saints U14



Wildcats U11

Saints go marching on!

The impressive Droitwich Spa Saints have marched to the final of the Mercian U14 Cup overcoming some very difficult opponents on their way. Ray Pattison's side brushed aside Blackpole Saints 12 - 1 in the first round. The Saints then came back from 2-0 down in the quarter-final against Alcester Town to beat the undefeated division two leaders 4-2. Droitwich drew the team everyone wanted to avoid in the semi-final, Malvern Town. Malvern had not lost a league game in almost five seasons but the Saints more than matched their opponents with the match ending 1-1.

The players held their nerve in the penalty shoot out to book their place in the final against Newtown Sports on Sunday 3rd May. Congratulations boys and good luck in the final!

Wildcats lose out in Cup Final

Droitwich Wildcats gave everything in their Mercian U11 Girls cup final against Worcester & Perdiswell but were beaten 2-0 by the better side on the day. The Wildcats may have lost the match but the behaviour of our players and supporters were a credit to the club.

Visit to s.v. Arzbach, Germany

On 27th May a group of 41 Players and Parents will fly from Birmingham and another 13 will make their own way to Arzbach, which is near Koblenz in Germany. Whilst there they will be making visits to Phantasieland theme park, near Bonn, and Cochem on the River Moselle before playing in a weekend Football Tournament hosted by our "Twin" Club s.v. Arzbach. There will be three squads representing Spa- At under 9, under 10 & 11 combined, and Under 12. It is great that we have so many visiting Arzbach and we are sure they will have a great time. Hopefully we will be hosting Arzbach here in Droitwich Spa next year.

Club Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This club is run by volunteers involved in many roles e.g. Team Managers, Coaches, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Welfare Officer and Chairman. The formal part of the AGM is to report on the clubs performance and progress in the last season and to elect the members of the Management Committee for next year. More importantly it is an opportunity for club families to understand how the club functions and to express their views and ideas so that club policies and activities reflect the views of the membership. Please try to attend this year's AGM at St Peter's Clubhouse on Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm. It would be very encouraging to see a large number of Parents present.

Droitwich Spa Boys and Girls FC Summer Holiday Camp 2009!!!



Camp 1: Monday 27th to Friday 31st July. 9am – 3pm. Camp 2: Monday 17th to Friday 21st August. 9am – 3pm
Ages: 5-14 years. Cost: £30 Per full week, or £8 Per day (£25 & £6 for second family child)

Droitwich Spa Leisure Centre Briar Mill Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire. WR9 0RZ

Pure Sport UK are running two summer holiday camps this summer, for Droitwich Spa Boys and Girls FC. Pure Sport UK holiday camps combine the best professional coaching staff and the most cutting edge curriculum to guarantee you and your child the best soccer camp experience. Each camp offer children the opportunity to have a structured week of learning, fun, and skill development. All coaches are trained to the highest level to meet all the needs of the children.

As leaders in children's' education Pure Sport UK complete a report card evaluation at the end of each week to evaluate each child's learning. For booking and course information visit www.puresportuk.com OR email info@puresportuk.com OR call 07811345519 Hope to see you there! **Matt Layton**(Pure Sport UK)

Droitwich Spa Boys and Girls Football Club would like to thank all the sponsors for their support

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U10 Rhino's	Carl Douglas Contracts
U10 Leopards	Hall Bros
U10 Cobras	The Bull (Fernhill Heath)
U11 Falcons	R&G Surfacing & Development Ltd
U11 Hawks	Ormerod Rutter & E.R. Coley Ltd
U11 Ravens	QMP / Ballard Syree Dale & Watson / Droitwich Saab Garage
U11 Wildcats	Brammer
U12 Conkers	ADR Express
U12 Terriers	Growers Direct
U12 Arrows	MB Solvency & Valan Wax
U13 Aztecs	Capex Industrial Finance
U13 Lions	Spa Decorators
U14 Dragons	Bournville Constructions
U14 Saints	Gaudet Luce
U14 Dons	Levines Furniture
U15 Devils	Kandahar (St.Andrews shopping centre)

New U10 Girls Team

The club are looking to form a new U10 girl's team next season. Free coaching sessions are being held on Saturday mornings to allow girls in years 3 & 4 to try the sport

Please contact Duncan Howells on (01905) 770548 for more information.

Final for Arrows

Droitwich Arrows under 12s have progressed to the league cup final which they played on Sunday 26th April at Stourport Swifts. The final represents another huge challenge as the Arrows take on the undefeated league champions elect but it is a challenge the squad is relishing."

This final represents a well deserved achievement from a squad that has gradually adapted to the 11 aside game.

The squad has had a mixed season and suffered some heavy defeats before Christmas but the attitude, commitment and squad spirit has remained.

Performances since the turn of the year have improved and confidence throughout the squad has grown.

The cup run has seen the Arrows put in some impressive displays capped by a 2-0 extra victory in the semi final against Ferndale Flyers, who are riding high in the league table.

Note- the Arrows unfortunately lost the final 3-1

The information for this newsletter was supplied by the Management Committee.

All ideas, articles and news would be welcome for the next edition of the newsletter planned for August 2009.

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