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Club receives awards



Droitwich Spa Boys & Girls F.C. has received the Worcestershire FA Charter Standard Community Club Of The Year Award for its continued success in providing football for all who want to play the game. There are over 300 playing members in the Club. The award was presented by Andy Norman from the WFA.

Mark Solloway is the Coach of our U13 Lions (girls) team as well as the assistant coach of the U14 Dragons (Boys) team. The Lions won the Mercian Fair Play award this season which is an excellent achievement. Mark also received the Worcestershire's FA Club Coach Award for his achievement and for his commitment to the Club and Team. (His award received by Kelvyn Stokes in Marks absence).



Aidan Spink has helped the Club for the last 4 years. In addition to helping with the management of the Club's mini-soccer centre at St. Peter's Fields, he has also coached the U6' squad with excellent results. Aidan is a credit to the Club and receives the County Football Workforce Young Volunteer Award for his dedication.

Puresport Summer Soccer

For two weeks in the summer holidays Puresport did a football camp for Boys and Girls. It was really fun we didn't always do football we did some cricket and quick cricket. When it rained we did a quiz on football and we had to answer 20 questions. We also worked on our skills to make them better. We played a Mini World Cup on the Friday and loads of matches throughout the week. Because of the age differences we had little groups like the little ones, the 8-9s, and the older group. We all got on very well maybe next summer you will try it.



Article by Lavinia Patrick-Rivers
U11 Leopards

Club Chairman

The Club Chairman – James Roberts – has unfortunately had to step down from his position at the helm due to recent changes in his commitments outside of the Club. James no longer has sufficient time available to dedicate to the Club and therefore has reluctantly come to this decision.

James was elected Chairman in July 2008 and was previously Club Secretary.

The Club would like to thank James for all his hard work and wish him well for the future.

Droitwich Spa U14 Dragons Crowned Champions

Droitwich Spa Dragons u14s competed in the 'Devon Soccer Challenge' over the bank holiday weekend at the beginning of May. This is a National tournament with teams from all over the country taking part, many of which were winners of their own particular leagues.



The Dragons received many plaudits from opposing managers and spectators alike for the way in which they played. During the competition the Dragons put on an outstanding display of attacking football which enabled them to reach the final.

This excellently contested game was against unbeaten Nunnery Wood Jaguars with high quality football on display from both sides. After finishing 0-0 in normal time it went to penalties. Dragons won 4-2 with

Jim Harris, Chris Williams, Robbie Cox and Rob Crowe. An outstanding save from Josh Goddard was enough to seal victory. Well done to all the boys and thanks to all the support from the parents!

Article by Ron Williams, Dragons Manager.

Website Update

The Club Website has been unavailable for several weeks and despite best efforts to recover the site all the data has been lost due to a catastrophic server failure on the host network.

The Club Committee have just agreed with local company GRM Web-Systems to set up a new Website for the Club. This process has just begun and it is hoped that the site will be up and running again by early December. The new site will be fully managed by GRM Web-Systems on behalf of the Club and this will mean that all teams' results will be updated centrally rather than being reliant upon individuals to update it. As a consequence it is hoped that we are able to turn a negative into a positive by creating an improved website facility for the future. All squads will be notified as soon as the site is back online.

GoalKeeper Training

Improve your goalkeeping skills with Goalkeeper training with our Professional Goalkeeping Coach Bernard Day.

This is open to all member players to attend and is held every other Tuesday on the Astroturf, at the leisure centre.

Teams aged U8 to U11 (mini soccer), the training starts at 6.30pm for an hour.

Ages U12 and upward (11 aside) training starts at 7.30pm for an hour.

Training dates.

November 3rd, 17th, 24th

December 1st, 15th

Check website for January onwards.

Club visit to Arzbach

On the 27th May, 3 teams from the Under 9's, 10's, 11's & 12's boys age groups from the Club, along with a number of Parents, set off from Droitwich to Arzbach, Germany to participate in the Arzbach Sports Association Youth Soccer Tournament during Whitsuntide. Flying from Birmingham International Airport and arriving at Hahn, the English squad was met by the bus driver who then took them to the Mosel Valley town of Cochem, giving them the opportunity to visit the Gothic Imperial Castle and shop amongst the medieval squares and timber framed buildings before arriving at 5pm at the Limeshalle (sports centre) in Arzbach. All the English delegates were met by the host families and were fed a scrumptious and bountiful buffet of local delicacies.



A visit to the Phantasieland theme park at Bruhl, near Koln on Thursday was enjoyed by the entire group. On Friday teams of the Parents and boys participated in a Dorf Rally (Treasure Hunt) which took place in and around the Arzbach area, undertaking some sporting games, challenges in local shops and getting at one with nature and finally meeting at the local Romerklaus for fine food and plenty of party atmosphere.



The weekend played host to the International Youth Tournament where the U 9's played on Saturday afternoon and it was a full day on Sunday for the rest of the squads. All the Spa teams played well in some very close matches but did not quite get past the quarter final stages. Not wanting to be left out, the Parents decided to play matches, with both Mums and Dads from both countries participating.

All the games were played in a competitive but sporting manner and all the teams thoroughly enjoyed their football, playing to an international audience.

During Sunday evening a celebration supper was held after the soccer tournaments with speeches given by the organisers from both Arzbach & Droitwich giving praise and thanks for everyone's involvement.



A most wonderful experience was had by all those that participated in this year's trip and the Droitwich Spa Club very much welcome the opportunity of hosting a delegation from Arzbach next year. Once again, many new friendships were made and existing friendships deepened.

Arzbach will be visiting Droitwich either mid May or early June 2010, so watch out for more information.





FA RESPECT CAMPAIGN – UPDATE

As a follow up to the article on the importance of the FA Respect Campaign which appeared in Issue Number 9 the FA have at the beginning of this season confirmed that the standards of behaviour expected of Players, Coaches and Supporters is higher than it was last season. The FA advised that for the Stourport League (where some of our teams play) in 2007/8 there had been 17 cases of misconduct reported to them and in 2008/9 it was 10 cases. The expectation for the current season however is for many more reports to go to The FA due to the raised standards.

As a Club we have unfortunately had first hand experience of this already this season. One of our teams was reported by a match referee because he felt that the team manager and also a parent spectator had acted in a challenging manner in relation to a referee's decision. Such behaviour is a breach of the Respect Code of Conduct. The Club has been charged by the FA for failing to control its Coach and also for failing to control its spectators. The matter has been fully investigated and it is unfortunately the case that the referee's allegation is correct. The Club has therefore received two fines and a warning as to future conduct.

This experience demonstrates the intent of the FA in making the Respect Campaign effective at grass roots level. Everyone involved in football with the Club whether we are Managers, Coaches, Parents, Supporters or Players should take heed of the warning and make sure we are fully aware of the Respect Codes of Conduct. If you want to refresh your memory then they can be seen on the notice board at St. Peter's Clubhouse, on the FA website www.TheFA.com/Respect or from your team manager who has been issued with an updated Respect pack.

Lose Respect, Lose the Game.

Kitchen Help

A big Thank you goes to Sam and Michael Chang for opening up at St Peter's on Saturday 3rd October, when Frank was on holiday.

Thanks also go to the volunteers who have worked in the Kitchen on a Saturday morning to ensure that the bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and snacks are available for Mini Soccer every week.



We are always in need of more volunteers on a Saturday morning to help out in the kitchen.

If you are in a position to help at any time, please speak to the volunteers or Frank Holliday at the clubhouse to add your name to the rota.



**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 autumn 2009.
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