



Wilsden Junior AFC

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Spring 2005 Club Newsletter

The WJAFc story continues...

As another successful year draws to a close, it's great to see such a vibrant and healthy club starting to grow and mature. This year, we have taken big steps towards our key goals: - we have a strong and stable committee; we are progressing towards achieving the FA Charter Standard and now we have exciting plans coming together to have a permanent home. Also during the course of this season, the club web site www.wjafc.co.uk has flourished thanks to the great work by our Webmaster aka Kevin Jeeps. Building on from that success, Kevin is pleased to announce the link up to a free Bulletin Board where club members can exchange ideas on a wide range of subjects. One thread will be a Boot Exchange, for example. We really wish to encourage your feedback to indicate where you feel the site can improve further. Perhaps, you may think, the look and feel needs a fresh approach?...

Signing off...

The club's Chair, Anton Pinkney has sadly decided to call time on his activities with the club and the committee wish to thank Anton for all his hard work and contribution over many years. We still hope to see Anton displaying his burger frying skills at future BBQs however!

FA Charter Standard

The FA Charter Standard is a worthy achievement for any club to aspire to. Successful applicants will have demonstrated their commitment to a range of national standards including; coaching and skills development, club management and member's safety such as Child Protection registration and First Aid. We shall be submitting our application this summer following completion of coaching

courses. We hope that once secured we will be better placed to obtain sponsorship packages to assist in our goals.

Ground Developments

You maybe aware that the club has been taking steps to obtain a permanent home ground. We are seeking planning permission to locate a changing facility and a small car park at the Cuckoo's Nest playing field in Harden. WJAFc is working closely in partnership with Bradford MDC Parks & Leisure to establish this facility. A further goal, subject to planning approvals, is to create additional playing pitches for small-sided games at the site. The club's Ground Development team has presented its outline ideas to Harden Neighbourhood Forum in March and we are shortly to submit our formal planning proposal. This activity is one of our key long-term goals and we sincerely believe that in time we will achieve our goal. Assuming this is achieved we will need to undertake a much greater programme of fundraising and we will be asking for your continued support.

Summer Diary Dates

A number of events are taking place over the summer to note. The website also contains a copy of the club diary:

Notice of AGM

An important date coming up is the WJAFc Annual General Meeting. To be held Monday 23rd May 2005 from 7:30pm in the Wilsden Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Presentation Day

We are delighted to announce our Presentation Day on Sunday 15th May at Bradford City AFC Function Suite, Valley Parade. For *all* members playing in the Keybury League, please arrive to start at 2:30pm until 4:30pm latest. For *all*



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members in the Craven League please arrive to start at 4:30pm closing at 7:30pm latest. This event continues from last season's success and we're grateful to Bradford City AFC for their support.

Sponsored Walk

WJAFc together with Wilsden Cricket Club and the Wilsden Ramblers Association are planning a joint sponsored walk around the Wilsden area. The walk will take place later this summer and will conclude with a BBQ at the village cricket pitch. All are encouraged to enter and raise funds. Please see the web site for further details.

Summer BBQ

This year's BBQ will be held again in July - date to be confirmed. Matches will begin at 10:00am at Cuckoo's Nest, Harden. The BBQ will continue throughout the day at Cuckoo's Nest. We really need lots of extra help this year including willing volunteers to help clean up the site after the full day's activities. Please check the web site for further details

Membership Renewal

Membership Secretary, Mark Dent wishes to remind all members that the annual renewal of membership will begin again soon. The Club needs to get players registered by 1st August so your help in making this process work smoothly is always appreciated. This year Mark intends to capture as many registrations as he can at the Presentation Day - this provides us with a great chance to make this process as easy as possible for everyone.

Team Successes

A BIG well done to all of Wilsden Juniors - we hope you have enjoyed your football this season and are looking forward to next.

The U13s played a great game loosing 2-1 in the Soccer City Shield Cup Final against Eccleshill - **well done** boys and maybe next year you will win it. Here's some of our other successes;

U15s runners up Division A

U9s runners up League F

U8 Reds runners up Group A

U11s semi finals League Cup

New Teams

WJAFc enjoys great support in entering teams into as many age groups as we can. If you are interested or know of any one interested in playing in a team in the Keybury Under 6s & 10s league please contact secretary@wjafc.co.uk

Additionally, the committee is aware of the need to support the development of a girl's team and would be grateful to hear from any one wishing to play or help manage or coach such a team - please contact secretary@wjafc.co.uk.

Summer Saturday coaching

One of our more experienced coaches, Brian Padden is running a series of Saturday coaching schools throughout the summer and is inviting members and non members to join him. Starting 30th April every Saturday at Cuckoo's Nest; U6 & U7 10:00 to 11:00; U8 & U9 11:15 to 12:15; U11, U12 & U13 12:30 to 1:30. There will be an additional charge of £2 per session payable on the day. Please see the web site for more details.

Request for New Sponsors

WJAFc would be delighted to hear from any business or organisation, which is able to offer sponsorship to any of our teams - please contact Paul Simpson 01535 274251

Your Feedback

We hope you have found this Newsletter helpful and welcome any comments or suggestions - please contact secretary@wjafc.co.uk.

