

CHADDERTON PARK F.C. EASTER NEWSLETTER



CHADDERTON PARK JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYING AT CHADDERTON PARK.

2006 was a momentous year in the history of Chadderton Park Juniors Football Club. After some lengthy negotiations, the committee were delighted to put the name of the Club to a 25 year licence on the old cricket pitch next to the Church Inn at Chadderton Fold.

The site is in the heart of the Chadderton Park area in what was the original town of Chadderton. The land was originally donated by different local landowners for the sole purpose of playing cricket there, and became the home of St. Matthew's Cricket Club. Generations of "trustees" have looked after the site for over 150 years and they have ensured the tradition of cricket has lived on.

Like all sports, cricket continues to develop and raise standards. In recent years the cricket authorities laid down new regulations governing the minimum sizes of cricket grounds and the Chadderton Fold site, being unable to expand and conform to the new regulations, was doomed. When St. Matthew's Cricket Club completed their final season the idyllic English summer scene of village cricket was lost forever.

The site became overgrown with the grass in some places being almost waist high. The old brick built pavilion and wooden tea rooms became the target for vandals and a drinking den for some youths.



The old cricket pavilion (on the left)

The overgrown playing area (right)



Once the Club had signed the licence with the trustees we immediately began work on getting the site back into use. We engaged the services of Birchlea Horticultural Services (ex Chadderton Park F.C.) and the playing area was cleared and prepared for the forthcoming season and a dedicated few volunteers gave up their time to seal up both buildings and prevent any further vandalism. Their hard work paid off and during this current season the site has become the home pitch for Chadderton Park F.C. Under 9's team. Next season, it will become the home pitch for more Chadderton Park teams.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The work that the Club has already done represents the tip of the iceberg. The old pavilion and tea rooms both need demolishing and the Club would like to see a new club house erected on the site providing our children's football teams with modern facilities for generations to come.

Of course, such a plan requires a lot of money and as our hopes of obtaining funding are "extremely limited" the club committee has decided to finance the whole project ourselves. This is where you may be able to help.

Whilst we may all be able to do a bit of D-I-Y, it takes a lot more knowledge, skill, expertise and ability to demolish old buildings and construct new ones. Do you have such ability? If so, we'd love to hear from you. It doesn't matter how much or how little you think you can help, we want to hear from you.

Of course not everybody can help in construction but there are other ways to support the Club. Are you aware of these fund raising activities that the Club runs?

GIFT AID.

In 2002 the Chancellor of the Exchequer allowed a tax break known as Gift Aid to be extended to Community Amateur Sports Clubs such as Chadderton Park F.C. If you voluntarily give money to the football club and pay income tax, then the Club can claim back 28 pence for every pound you give to the Club.

Example: If you pay £15.00 per month to the Club (which most of us refer to as our subs) then the Club can claim back £4.20. In a year that adds up to £50.40. The only conditions are that you have paid at least £50.40 income tax during the whole year. The form is simple to fill out and is a confidential record between you and the Club. It does not go to the Inland Revenue.

The club already has a lot of members in the scheme but if you have not joined it yet then why not do so now? All you need do is see your team manager or any member of the committee. Think of it like this, it doesn't cost you anything extra and where would you like to see your taxes go, Gordon Brown or Chadderton Park F.C.?

THE CLUB LOTTERY

The Club Lottery is now in its second year. It cost £4.00 per calendar month to be a member (which is less than £1.00 per week) and it gives you the opportunity to win at least £100.00 each month. The membership money is collected by a standing order from your bank so you don't have to worry about making the payment every month. Membership is open to players, parents, grandparent, friends and relatives. Every month the winning number is drawn by one of the players after a training session. You must have seen this being done, so why not become part of it. You might just win it! Just fill in the attached form and hand it to your team manager or any committee member.

RACE NIGHT

Many thanks to all of you who supported the Club's Race Night. Through your efforts of buying a horse in your team's race, sponsoring the race and supporting the event on the night we raised over £1400.00. We hope the total will exceed £2000.00 thanks to Michelle McDermott from the Under 9s and a scheme operated by her employers, Barclays Bank. Please support us again next year.



NEW TEAMS FOR NEXT SEASON?

Our Club continues to grow. The committee are already planning a new Under 6's squad and for the first time ever we hope to be running Under 10s and Under 11s girls' football teams for the season 2007-08. We will be sending out leaflets to all local schools before summer but if you have friends and/or relatives that want to join these teams, let us know now. The Under 6s must be in **reception class now** and the girls must be in **school years 4 and 5 now**.

COMING SOON

8th June 2007 – Presentation Night for Under 10s; Under 14s; Under 16s; Under 17s and Under 17s Youth teams

15th June 2007 – Presentation Night for Under 6s; Under 7s; Under 8s and Under 9s teams

7th July 2007 – Celebration of Club's 30th Anniversary and Family Fun Day

OCTOBER 2007 – CHADDERTON PARK FOOTBALL CLUB SPORTSMANS DINNER – MORE DETAILS IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

I am told that there are 25 amateur football clubs operating in the Chadderton area but no other junior football club that can boast its own football ground in Chadderton. We now can. This Club is not mine or yours, but ours, so let's work together to make our club the best in the area and let's provide our children with the best possible facilities to enjoy their junior football.

Chadderton Park Juniors Football Club playing in the heart of the Chadderton Park area. Now who would have imagined that 30 years ago?

Steve Lynch
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