



# CHADDERTON PARK F.C. NEWSLETTER NEW YEAR 2011



Welcome to the New Year edition of the Club's Newsletter and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year wishes to everybody at Chadderton Park F.C. In the last Newsletter I spoke briefly about the possibility of England staging the World Cup in the near future. Did I give our bid the kiss of death? Whilst we weren't cast iron favourites to win the bid I think most of us expected our bid to receive more than one vote in the first round which incidentally came from our own delegate. I sense a mood of unhappiness with FIFA and I wouldn't be surprised to see the rumours of a breakaway organisation gathering pace, particularly among the European nations. Remember the F.A. Premier League, which is probably the strongest and best league in Europe, was a breakaway organisation which only set up in 1992.

## **CHADDERTON PARK WIN MORE AWARDS**

I am delighted to inform you that Chadderton Park F.C. have been awarded The Respect and Fairplay Award 2010 by Manchester F.A. We were chosen by a panel from Manchester F.A. from a shortlist of Clubs due to our excellent disciplinary record and outstanding commitment to the RESPECT campaign. Well done to everybody concerned at the Club.

This follows on from Steve and Mary Lynch winning the Martin Buckley Award for outstanding contribution to grassroots football in Oldham in 2010. The Club was invited to the Oldham Athletic v Huddersfield Town match at Boundary Park where they received the trophy from Oldham Athletic Chief Executive Alan Hardy.



## **SPORTSMAN'S EVENING**

Many thanks to all those who came and supported our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsman's Evening with guest speaker Norman Whiteside. This event, as well as being a good fundraiser for the Club, is proving to be a very popular event in the Club's social calendar. The event has gone from strength to strength which is mainly due to Mike Horton (U14s coach) who took over organising the event three years ago. You can see all the photos from the evening on the Club website at

[www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk](http://www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk) and if you missed this one, don't worry, there will be another around October this year. Further details to follow or will be published on the Club website.



## **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010 saw the first Chadderton Park F.C. Halloween Party at North Chadderton Social and Bowling Club. I don't think I have ever seen so many witches; werewolves; zombies; skeletons and Count Draculas gathered in one place.



Whilst the event was a huge success, and likely to become a regular event in the social calendar, it was only made possible due to the time and effort put in by a couple of the committee members who, as you can see, also threw themselves into the event.

## **PLAYERS' COUNCIL**

October also saw the first meeting of our newly formed Chadderton Park F.C. Players' Council. Every team in the Club was allowed to send a maximum of two representatives to the Council and it was fantastic to see the response from the teams. The subjects they discussed were wide and varied but included such things as: personalising the football kit; a hall of fame at Chadderton Fold and more social events for the players. All suggestions put forward will be discussed by the Club's Committee who will in turn report back to the next Player Council later in the New Year.

## LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT OUR CLUB (1)

Chadderton Park F.C. is a voluntary and not-for-profit organisation. This means that any funds generated by the Club are used to help pursue its goals and every person connected with the Club gives up their time free of charge. We are very proud to have achieved the F.A.'s highest ranking of Charter Standard Community Club and our primary aim is to coach children to improve their footballing skills and develop into better footballers. We are also very proud to promote a social side to the Club but we are aware that there are costs involved in any social event. To balance these costs we organise fund raising activities and ask everybody at the Club to support these. Let me give you an example of this. In Oldham we are fortunate to have a purpose built theatre at the Oldham Coliseum. Every year the theatre produces one of the best Christmas Pantomimes in the North West of England if not the whole country. It is written by Eric Potts (Diggery from Coronation Street) and stars the fantastically named Fine Time Fontayne as the Pantomime Dame. Five years ago the Club Committee decided that it would be a great idea to organise a trip to the panto for our mini soccer players. That year the U7s teams went to the panto. Approximately 12 players and a couple of coaches to look after them. Total cost to the Club, a couple of hundred pounds. Total costs to the players – £0. Since that first year the popularity of the panto has grown. This Christmas we booked 175 tickets for the show making us the second highest single booking that the Coliseum takes. We occupied almost 70% of the stalls on the night of the show. The total cost of the trip this year was well in excess of £2,000. Total cost to the players - £0! We can only do this if you support the Club's fund raising activities. In December 2010 we have organised two bag packing events at Tesco's and Morrison's Stores. All you have to do as players is turn up for one hour only on each of these days and help customers to pack their shopping bags at the tills. It will cost you nothing but an hour of your time. If all the players from the teams turn up at their allotted times we expect to make approximately £2,000 over both days which all goes towards paying for social events such as the panto. As players it is your responsibility to make sure you turn up for this just as you would do on match day. Don't let people point the finger at your team and say "they always turn up for the free trips but never to help raise the money for it". Remember if you are missing at training when details have been announced or you have forgotten, you can always catch up on them by checking the Club website at [www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk](http://www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk).

## PANNINI STICKERS

We all remember these don't we? You could collect Premier League players or World Cup players and stick them in an album until you had a complete set. Now these are going to be available as Chadderton Park stickers. It's an opportunity for you to collect you team mates and stick them on a card to keep forever. You never know, one day you or one of your team mates may just make into the original Pannini collection. All managers have been asked to send in photos to make up the stickers. If yours haven't been done yet, get onto your manager now before it's too late.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Race Night** – all the thrills and spills of a day at the Races and hosted by our very own DJ Andy Saunders – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at North Chadderton Social and Bowling Club. For all those wishing to buy horses see your team manager now. We are also looking for sponsors for the races. Good advertising for local businesses and cheaper than what you think.



**Presentation Night** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. This year's presentation will be a day/evening event. The U5s to U10s will take place in the afternoon (3pm – 6pm) and the U11s to U14s and Vets will be in the evening (7pm – 10.30pm). Admission will be by ticket only. Further details to follow.

## AND FINALLY....

I think most of you know that I have been fairly ill for the last few months and have had a few visits to the hospital, the last one resulting in me staying in for two weeks. I am pleased to say that I am now at home recuperating and although I thought I had kept the details of my illness fairly low key I have been overwhelmed by the messages of support sent by text; email or cards with gifts and flowers delivered to my house. I know I am not the best patient to have around the house (as Mary will verify) but I have found all your messages of support a source of inspiration on my road to recovery. Thank you.



The next Newsletter will be out around Easter. If you have any items of interest, stories or gossip, send them to me now.

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