

CHADDERTON PARK F.C.

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2009



Welcome to the summer issue of the Chadderton Park newsletter. No World Cup, No European Championships, the summer just seems to drag on and on but it perhaps gave us a little more time to bask in the glory of seven league titles won by teams from the Club last season; one cup winner; and several cup runners-up making it one of the most successful seasons the Club has ever had on the field. That may appear difficult to beat in the forthcoming season but the Club has managed to achieve that already by being awarded Charter Standard Community Status by the Football Association. This is the highest level of achievement awarded by the FA and we are the only junior football club in Chadderton to be awarded this; one of only four clubs in the whole borough of Oldham and we are now ranked amongst the elite in the Manchester area. The award is recognition of the all the work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes from all the committee members; coaches and managers who run our Club. In recognition of this we were invited to the Oldham Athletic v Swindon Town match on 22nd August to be presented with the award. Further details of this and pictures of the presentation can be seen on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

Speaking of hard work behind the scenes, was the Presentation Night at The Queen Elizabeth Hall the biggest and best ever! Next year's event has already been booked for 18th June 2010 (make a note in your diaries) and with the current growth and development within the Club we are in serious danger of outgrowing The Queen Elizabeth Hall as a venue!

Of course sometimes hard work behind the scenes is recognised and the Club was delighted to be informed that our treasurer Howard Pilling had been nominated by Manchester FA as the Administrator of the Year. Howard was invited down to FA Headquarters to receive his award from Manchester FA President Jack Hannah.



NEW TO THE CLUB

Each season sees our Club continue to grow and develop and the forthcoming season will be no exception. Once again our U6s squad will be one of the biggest we have brought into the Club with approximately 30 players joining us the Girls Section will increase with the introduction of a new U10s team. Just for your information Manchester FA (our governing body) now rank all clubs in the Manchester area according to size. We are ranked No. 1 in Chadderton; No 5 in the Oldham Borough area and No. 16 in the Greater Manchester area. Just remember though, size isn't everything and quality counts! You will be able to see all our teams on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk as the new season gets underway.

AN ICE RINK IN CHADDERTON?



This year's fun day and football tournament was bigger and better than ever. Teams from Broadway Celtic; Littleborough and Whitworth came down to play at Chadderton Fold and the side shows incredibly included an ice rink which created enough interest to bring the local press down to the Fold! Well done to Terry Jennings and all the coaches and volunteers for all the work put in to make the day a success but how to surpass this next year is beyond me! More photos of the day can be seen on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Of course you can't let the kids have their fun without letting the dads have some fun too, so this year saw the first 5-a-side tournament with teams made up from dads and coaches within the Club. Shock of the day, the highly fancied and bookies favourite "Chairman's Select" getting knocked out at the group stages. Goal of the day, Wayne Hurst's thundering volley against the Chairman's Select. Save of the day, Mike Horton's full length diving save against the U7s team. The U8s team ran out winners beating "Dads Army" in the final but will they be able to defend their title next year as the event is due to become an annual fixture in the Club's calendar. Well done to Frank Lynch for organising and running the event on the day. You can see more photos on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk



FUNDRAISING

It's about this time of year that I often go on a bit about fundraising in the Club. Without wanting to bore anybody I just want to mention two schemes within the Club that you may want to join.

Chadderton Park F.C. is registered with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (what old folk like me still call the Inland Revenue) as a Community Amateur Sports Club. This entitles us to a tax break known as Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer and you voluntarily donate money to the Club then we can claim the tax back on it. E.g. if you pay £15 per month to the Club then we can claim £4.20 per month from HMRC. The only stipulation to this is that you must be paying at least £4.20 per month in income tax. If you have worked out how to pay less tax than that please let me know how it's done! There is a short form to fill out that will take less than one minute. This form stays with the Club for our records and does not go to HMRC so don't worry about them descending on you and wanting to see your tax returns and the beauty of this scheme is that it costs you absolutely nothing! As I always say, where would you like to see you tax go: Chadderton Park F.C. (No. 1 club in Chadderton remember) or swallowed up by the Chancellor with all the other taxes we pay. You shouldn't need to phone a friend for the right answer!

Did you know our Club also runs its own lottery? It is open to anybody to join and it costs the miserly sum of £1 per week to join which is paid by standing order from your bank so you don't have to worry about paying it every week. Every month the lottery draw is done at one of the team's training sessions and gives you the chance to win £100 cash. The results are published via email and on the website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

You can get the necessary forms for the Gift Aid and the Lottery from your team manager or ask me.

FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The new football season heralds the start of the new Chadderton Park Fantasy Football League. Last year's champion Craig Simpson will be looking to make it a hat trick of wins. Can anybody stop him? It costs nothing to enter and is available to everybody connected to the Club. Some teams have even formed their own mini league within the league. I'm told some of the ladies at the Club found some of my remarks in previous newsletters about their teams a bit "insensitive" and they were going to make me "eat my words by the end of the season" Well maybe they meant the end of next season!! Full details of how to enter can be found on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

CLUB WEBSITE

Have I mentioned that we have a website! Not only do we have a website but we have what is probably the best junior football club website bar none but it is only good if you send in information. Some teams send volumes of information in and some send hardly anything. So when you visit the website and wonder why there are no photos of your team's trip to Oldham Athletic, United, City, Blackpool or Holland, it's because nobody sent any in. If we all left it for somebody else to do then nothing would get done and you can't expect your manager to do everything can you? As I am often told "Don't ask a man to multi task"

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sportman's Evening on Friday 18th September 2009 at Smokies Hotel. Guest Speaker Jeff Winter (ex Premier League Referee) plus comedy impressionist Les Gibson.



The Christmas Pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk at The Coliseum Theatre Oldham on a date to be confirmed.



The next newsletter will be out in the New Year. Any articles, photos, gossip etc can be sent to me now.

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