Welcome to the Spring 2008 edition of the Club’s newsletter.

NORTH WEST ENGLAND CLUB OF THE YEAR

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Chadderton Park F.C. are the North West England Charter Standard Club of the Year and players representing all teams in the Club were invited to Boundary Park to receive our award from Alan Hardy (Oldham Athletic) and Colin Bridgford (Manchester FA). The presentation took place at half time during the match between Oldham Athletic and Hartlepool United and although it was a cold February afternoon, I heard it said that the football on the pitch was enough to send you away with a warm glow! I heard it said but I don’t know whether it’s true! Chaddy the Owl turned out to be the star turn of the afternoon entertaining the players in the stand. All pictures can be viewed on our website.

JACK HALLIWELL

Many thanks to all those who turned up for the “Life for a Life” tree planting in memory of Jack Halliwell. On what can only be described as a bitterly cold day your presence was much appreciated by the Halliwell family.
**RACE NIGHT**

What a good night the race night was! The bowling club was bursting at the seams! Have we outgrown the venue? I think anybody stood in the queue for the bar thought so. Despite this, the Club raised over £1700 on the night. Thanks to everybody who helped out on the night with selling the horses; printing the race cards; running the door and the tote; providing raffle prizes and selling raffle tickets. A big vote of thanks must go to John Caulfield who runs the evening and of course Andy Saunders who makes these events such a big success.

**CHADDETON FOLD**

The “Buy-a-Brick” campaign for the development of Chadderton Fold is now well under way. Thank you to everybody who has supported it.

£5 buys one brick and gets your name on the register as well as receiving a certificate. £125 buys 25 bricks and gets your name engraved on a commemorative plate in the new building. £250 buys 50 bricks and you get your name engraved on your own small plate. Remember this is your only chance to put your name down in history at Chadderton Park F.C.
WHAT THE BEST DRESSED PEOPLE ARE WEARING

The Club polo shirt is now available. It is a unisex shirt, comes in one colour (blue) and has the club badge embroidered on it. It’s available in sizes 24” (suitable for 3-4 year olds) up to XXXXL 54” (suitable for any big boys). The shirts come at the bargain price of £8.50 for any size and can be ordered on the Club website www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Long time leader PistonBroke climbs back to the top of the Chadderton Park League as we approach the final run in to the season it appears to be a four horse race. For the rest of us we can only plan for next season and hope to do better. If you didn’t play this year why not play next year. Full details of how to join later in the year. It’s FREE! All details can be found on the website at http://fantasy.premierleague.com/

RAGBONE

Thanks to everyone that contributed to the Bag2School clothing collection and a big vote of thanks to Terry Jennings for all his time and efforts in organising the whole thing. Terry raised £156.00 for the Club and hopes to be organising another collection later this year.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 13TH JUNE 2008 - PRESENTATION NIGHT

This year’s Presentation Night is at The Queen Elizabeth Hall in Oldham. The cost of staging the event there is more than 10 times higher than last year but with the ever increasing numbers in the Club and limited options, this is believed to be the best venue. The higher costs of the venue will be reflected in a small increase in ticket prices (adults £4; children £2; players free) but we hope you will agree the increase is more than compensated by the better venue. Admission will be by ticket only which have to be bought in advance. This is the rule of The Queen Elizabeth Hall, not ours. Their security staff will be on the doors and the ticket rule will be strictly enforced. Tickets are now available from your team managers.
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2008 - THE CHADDERTON CUP

This is a friendly competition between Chadderton Park and Chadderton Grasshoppers mini soccer teams (U6s to U10s for season 07-08). A cup will go to the Club that wins overall and there are medals for all players taking part. A penalty shoot out competition; mini go carts; a BBQ and a chance to meet Chaddy The Owl should make it a good afternoon out for everyone.

MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2008 – A.G.M.

The Club’s A.G.M. will take place at Royton Cricket Club at 8.00pm. Everybody is welcome. Come and meet some of the people that run our Club.

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2008 – SPORTSMAN’S EVENING

A fantastic night out. If you missed this last year, don’t miss this one. A three course meal, top class comedian and this year’s guest speaker is Joe Royle. All for the bargain price of £25

At the time of going to press our U9s; U10s; U14s and U19s are all pushing for title honours at the top of their respective divisions. The U10s Eagles team have also reached the cup final. We wish them and all our teams the very best of success in the final run in to the season.

Steve Lynch
Secretary
Chadderton Park F.C.