



A VERY Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all AFC Newbury players, parents and family!



Stockcross Pavilion

IT'S full steam ahead with the new pavilion at Stockcross; the next step is the tender process, and we aim to be built by September 2014.

We will need to dismantle the existing dilapidated wooden hut in the New Year before any wildlife moves in, so we will need some willing volunteers to help – watch this space!



Club Funded Goalkeeper Training - 3rd January

We have again secured the services of the highly experienced goalkeeping coach Lawrence Gillard and will be running some goalie specific training on the 3rd January at Stockcross. A great way to start the New Year!

All club goalies welcome

Under 10's and below

Time 9.00am-11.00am
Session Theme – Positioning and Footwork

Under 11's and above

Time – 11.30am-1.30pm
Session Theme – Footwork and 1 v 1's

What to bring

Warm waterproof clothing, Goalkeeper gloves, Football boots, shin pads and a drink and a snack if you would like.



THINGS are shaping up for 2014 to be the club's most exciting year yet, as Chairman Lee McDougall sets out here.

"I CAN'T believe that it's already been seven months since I met many of you at our end of season presentation! So much has happened since then: not only have we increased the number of teams from 19 to 27 and players from 220 to 275, but we have grown the committee by filling lots of the vacancies, extended our sponsorship deal with Ridgeway by an additional three years, and now have more than 60 FA Level 1 qualified coaches.

As parents it is important that we all recognise the amazing commitment that our coaches and managers give to our boys: they give up an incredible amount of time to run the teams – there is a lot more to do than just train and play! Please make sure your coaches feel appreciated and help as much as you can; setting up goals and Respect barriers (and

taking them down again!) and running the line, for example. So don't hide in the car before the game, come and see if you can help!

Pete Bailey has stepped down from his roles as Football Strategy Manager and Vice Chairman owing to work commitments. As a club we are really grateful to all that Pete has done on the committee; the FA was very impressed with his development plan, and he has shown real leadership. Luckily for us, Pete will continue with his role as a manager and coach with the club."





Bowling fun

THE Under 11s swapped footballs for bowling balls recently for a squad bonding evening at Lakeside Superbowl.

Highest scorer was Oscar Williams (pictured front, with his prize), who also the squad's Penalty King in the Shoot Out competition earlier this year.



Parking at Speen and Stockcross

The following recommendations have been put forward by Speen Parish Council for times when Stockcross or Speen recreation ground car parks are full on match or training days:

If there is no space in Stockcross Recreation Ground car park, look first to park in Marsh Benham Lane, which is a left turn just past the car park entrance.

Do not park in Cricketers, as this is resident access.

Do park sensibly but close-up in the car park and double up if you are arriving and leaving at the same time

Only use the car park at Speen Recreation Ground if you are carrying equipment for the match, otherwise park on the road and allow the visiting team to use the car park.

That's all for this newsletter – please do get in touch with the committee if you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions on any of the issues above – or anything else! This is your club!

Contact details can be found at www.newburyfootball.co.uk, or email the committee at afcnewburyfc999@hotmail.co.uk

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IT was recently national Anti-Bullying Week; with the 2013 theme being Safe, Fun & Connected. Positive behaviour is also important on, around and off the pitch, both for players and supporters. The FA has five Respect codes of conduct, not just for players, coaches, team managers and club and match officials, but also for spectators and parents/carers.

The Spectator Respect Code asks for supporters to be a good example to the players, respect match official decisions and encourage players to do the same, applaud effort and good play as well as success, not criticising mistakes, let the coaches do their job, and remember that the



£500 off a new car!

OUR sponsors Ridgeway have kindly offered a £500 discount off new cars (Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Land Rover, Range Rover, Volkswagen, MINI, Skoda and smart) for AFC Newbury parents – if you want to take advantage of this offer, simply print out and take this newsletter to Ridgeway at Newbury Motor Park. We're looking forward to seeing some shiny new motors in Stockcross car park!

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Webmaster needed!

IF there are any technogeeks or cybernerds reading this, AFC Newbury could do with an expert mind and a safe pair of hands to give the club website a revamp and make it look a bit more... 2014. Please come forward if you can help drag the committee luddites into the 21st century.