



Good luck to all teams as we reach the final games of the season!

The first few months of 2014 have been very busy and very successful so far, as Chairman Lee McDougall sets out here.

"THEY say that the sign of a healthy and prosperous children's football club is the quantity and quality of its volunteers, so if that is the case - we are in great shape! - Not only are we lucky to have such a large number of dedicated (and qualified!) coaches and managers, but the people who help run the club behind the scenes is growing too!

Please join me in welcoming our new club officials:

- Paul Holland - Vice Chairman
- Jason Braidwood - FA Charter Standard Manager
- Neil McDougall - Youth Development Officer
- Martyn Davis - Pitch Secretary
- Sarah Hill - Fundraising

We are seeing great success on the pitch too, over the next 3 weeks alone we have 4 cup finals and 1 semi final, good luck to our U10, U11, U12, U13 and U16 teams!!

As the end of the season begins to draw near and you all start to look forward to having your Sundays back for a while, please check out our key diary dates in this newsletter.

Keeping a club of this size running each new season is a major feat and preparations start before this season has ended! So your support on these key events will be greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes - Lee

Dates for the Diary!

Friday 28th March - Bingo Evening
@ Speenhamland School (Evening) - a new fundraising event for us

Monday 28th April - AGM - Venue to be confirmed (Evening) - Please ensure all teams or age groups are represented

Monday 5th May Crafty Raft Stall
and Raft entry @ Victoria Park (10 - 2)
- Any teams want to build a raft and enter?? Email Lee if you do!

Saturday 31st May - The Big Match
@ Madejski Stadium - ball boy and training places available

Saturday 14th June - AFC Penalty Shoot Out and Fun Day
@ Speenhamland School (9 - 3) - Our most important fundraising event, please support us

Sunday 22nd June - Presentation Day - The big event of the season - Don't miss it!

Club Funded Goalkeeper Training - Monday 14th April

After the success of January's sessions, we will be running some more goalie specific training sessions with Lawrence Gillard at Stockcross. All club goalies are welcome

Under 10's and below

Time 10.00am-12.00pm

Session Theme – Distribution and shot stopping

Under 11's and above

Time – 12.30pm-2.30pm

Session Theme – Distribution and dealing with crosses

What to bring

Goalkeeper gloves
Football boots, shin pads and drink

More info: footyskills4kids@aol.com



Double success for Under 8s in trophy tournament!

AFC Newbury Under 8s are double champions already this year, with two group wins in a trophy competition held last month by the Reading & West Berkshire League.

AFC Newbury Colts came top of the Under 8s Champions League group while AFC Newbury Reds won the Under 8s Conference League group.

Under 7s teams also put in a good show in the competition, with AFC Newbury Reds and Pinks coming second and third in the Under 7s Champions League group. AFC Newbury Colts could only make the first round but they finished top of their league with 5 straight wins

Well done to everyone – there's clearly plenty of football talent in our younger squads!





Lovely weather for ducks

IT'S been a tough season weather-wise, with lots of cancellations owing to flooded pitches, and many teams have struggled to play a competitive match since December. The Under 12s have sent in this photograph, and want to know: "does this warrant a postponement?"!!!

Hoping for a full house – AFC Newbury Family Fun Bingo Night

WE'RE hoping to get as many families as possible along to our first Family Fun Bingo Night, taking place on Friday, March 28 at Speenhamland Primary School. The fun will start at 6.30pm for a prompt 7pm start (likely end time around 8.45pm),

All ages, relatives and friends are welcome to join in a relaxed and fun family evening. No advanced payments are required, and there's no minimum or maximum numbers of players needed, so just turn up and start dabbing those numbers!

There will be six games in total, at £1.50 a game for adults and £1 for children – so total entry for all games will be £9 for adults and £6 for children. Snacks and refreshments will be available during the evening. All funds raised will go towards the club

New kit planned for 2014/15 season – and get yourself toggged up!

PLANS are afoot to phase in a new kit over the next few seasons, with the current white shorts replaced with black shorts and red Momentum tops. (That's right no more white shorts!)

It's also worth remembering that complementary items can be ordered from the AFC Newbury Secondary Kit List from Wilds Sports in Bartholomew Street, Newbury – from hoodies to boot bags, with clothing available in child and adult sizes, so supporters can get kitted out as well!

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

Prepare for the Penalty Shootout and Fun Day

TAKING place on Saturday June 14th, this is an annual event organised by the club to get lots of players and families together for a little competition for each age group, plus a BBQ, bar, refreshments and other fun stalls. If anyone has any ideas for the day or wants to offer a little time, email the committee at afcnewburyfc999@hotmail.co.uk.



Get involved in the Big Match

THE BIG Match is coming back to the Madejski Stadium on Saturday, May 31, and AFC Newbury players are invited to get involved. Prior to the match itself, there will be a training session held on the pitch for young players aged five to 15, held by professional coaches, with pro players and freestylers on hand to offer advice. Participants will also go away with a goodie bag. To take part, children have to raise £50 sponsorship for the Big Match charities, The Brain Tumour Charity and Action for Children.

Tickets to watch the match itself, which will feature former pro players and celebrities including Neil "Razor" Ruddock and Ossie Ardiles, cost £7.50 each, and under fours are free. Visit www.thebigmatch.co.uk for more info.

£500 off a new car!



Ridgeway Group
www.ridgeway.co.uk

OUR sponsors Ridgeway have kindly offered a £500 discount off new cars 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!

Free taster sessions for rising Under 7s

POTENTIAL Under 7s (with a date of birth between 1.9.07 and 31.8.08) are invited to attend free taster sessions run by FA qualified AFC Newbury coaches to see if they enjoy playing football and would like to join a team for future seasons.

The weekly sessions will take place on Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm at Stockcross between April 24 and May 29. A flyer will be emailed out soon - please circulate it to other parents outside of the club.