



BEACON RANGERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

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Hello All - and if you are new to the Club ...WELCOME!

This felt like a good time to give an update of key activities in and around the Club ...

Our Teams

We have five teams playing in the Huddersfield Junior Football League this season as follows:

Team	Coaches	Sponsor	Comments
U7	U8 & U9 & U10 coaches	None as yet	Need more coaches and administrative helpers, preferably including parents
U8	Sean McDonald Danny Thompson Neil McTeer	Crompton Mouldings Ltd	Have enough coaches, but extra help is always welcomed as there is lots to do to successfully run a football team
U9	Jonny Heap Daimien Beardow Rob Stead	Walker Singleton Chartered Surveyors	Have enough coaches, but extra help is always welcomed as there is lots to do to successfully run a football team
U10	Nigel Freeman Anthony Ford	None as yet	Would welcome one more coach and administrative help for match days
U11	Simon Butterworth Craig Brennan	Seymour Engineering Ltd	Would welcome one more coach, and a volunteer to referee home games

Winter Training

Indoor winter training begins on 5th November at 3GI Soccer, running through to 25th February with a two week break over Christmas / New Year.

The 3GI address is: The Clock Tower, Lodge Mills Shaw, Shaw Lane, Halifax, HX3 9ET.

Players should wear footballs trainers or moulded/bladed boots. It's a great venue as first and foremost it provides a good, cushioned football surface. And with it being indoors is unaffected by heavy rain, high winds, or frozen pitches. Beacon have invested £3,000 to provide these facilities, which we believe offer the best chance of playing football on a decent surface throughout winter. Your membership fees have helped to pay for this, so there is no additional fee / charge required.

New Players

It has been brilliant to see so many new faces this season (as well as the 'old' faces too!); we have set up brand new teams in the U7 & U10 age groups, and have gained new players in other age groups too. There is still room for more new faces though in all age groups to bolster our squads, so recruitment will be ongoing throughout the winter. Word of mouth is the very best form of advertising, so if you have friends (or children of friends to be precise), who may want to start playing football, bring them along to training and see if they enjoy it.

Under 6's

We are recruiting for U6 players AND coaches with a view to joining us at the 3GI from 5th November onwards. This approach will give us 10 months (to the end of August 2017) to form next year's new U7's team / coaches, and to play some friendly games to set the new team up strongly for the start of the next new season.

Therefore, we will be inviting children at U6 age group to train at 3GI with us, charging £2 per week. If you know of any potential players at that age group, please point them our way.

Dates for Diary

There are four key dates coming up for the Club as follows:

- **29th October - Halloween Fundraiser**
 - The Halloween Assault course will be a great chance for the whole Club to get together, have some fun, and raise money for the benefit of the children. Please encourage your child to get as much sponsorship as they can, as there is quite a big 'wish list' of things which will be useful for the players.
- **13th November - Remembrance Sunday**
 - The Beacon Rangers Committee is keen to acknowledge that for one day a year, there are more important things than football. It's a personal choice for parents whether to take their children to attend Remembrance Day, but we do not want anybody to say that they cannot attend because they have to play a game for Beacon. We would like everyone if possible to attend the Remembrance Day at St Anne's Church, wearing their Beacon football shirts, and joining the parade with the Scouts. The League is fine with us rearranging games, although as it happens there are no games that weekend anyway for U7, U8, U9 & U10. It's Cup Week for them; U7 & U8 do not play in Cups, and U9 & U10 have got byes! Unsure yet of U11 fixture.
- **9th December**
 - Potential Xmas Pig Race night to be held at Southowram Cricket Club. This is not a fundraising event; it is simply a fun evening for the players and a chance to do something together as a Club. Dates and detail to be confirmed, but thought you may want to pencil in to your diaries.
- **16th December and 18th December - Bag Packing at Morrisons**
 - Beacon have acquired two prime slots for bag packing, and would be delighted if as many children and parents that can make it attend. It is a wonderful fundraising opportunity, and works on simple mathematics. The more children and parents that attend, the more aisles are covered, and the more money is made. It is fully understood and acknowledged that this is effectively the last weekend before Christmas, and that it may not be practical for some people to attend. For those that can make it, for however long, it will really benefit the Club, and the children that play football for the Club. Further details will follow nearer the time.

It has been a fantastic start to the season, and the future is looking bright for Beacon. Our new website will be launched soon, which will include an 'Events' section so that you can see what's coming up. We are continually looking to build and improve as a Club, and there are always lots of things we could be doing with a few more volunteers, so if anybody would like to join the Committee in any capacity at all, I would love to hear from you.

In the meantime, I hope that you and your children enjoy training and matches; and as a reminder, the more sponsorship we can get for the Halloween Fundraiser, the more we can buy for the benefit of the children.

Thank you

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