

CHADDERTON PARK F.C. NEWSLETTER SPRING 2010



Welcome to the Spring 2010 issue of the Chadderton Park FC Newsletter. At the time of writing it really does feel like winter is over. The days are warmer; the nights are lighter and of course the main tell tale sign that spring has arrived.....our 11-a-side teams are playing two and three times a week to make up for games called off because pitches were unfit during the winter months. What a pity we can't self manage our own pitches in Chadderton. I'm sure we could turn them into something to be proud of.

Speaking of something to be proud of, the new building at Chadderton Fold is virtually complete and the official opening day has been arranged for 6th June 2010 when Paul Scholes has agreed to come to the Fold. The time will be confirmed later but it is likely to be in the afternoon. Everybody from the Club is welcome to attend. It is only four short years ago that we signed the lease with the trustees of the land. Remember we didn't have hundreds of thousands of pounds thrown at us by funding organisations. We raised the money ourselves. Of course we did have a lot of help from local businesses and people that we now regard as friends of the Club. You can look back over the progress that has been made over the last few years by visiting our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

SCARF COMPETITION

Another tell-tale sign of Spring is that it is time to get your Chadderton Park scarf out. No, not because of the weather but because the scarf competition is underway once again. All you have to do is take your club scarf on holiday and have your photo taken with it or it can just be with somebody famous. Then send it in to Craig (craig@chaddypark.co.uk) and he will publish it on the website.



This year's winner will receive signed photos from Gareth Barry and Roque Santa Cruz

BAG PACKING AT MORRISONS AND TESCO'S.

Thanks to everybody who gave up an hour of their time for the two bag packing days at Morrisons and Tesco's. Altogether we raised over £2,000. A fantastic achievement. As promised in the last newsletter there will not be another bag packing day until late in 2010. Although I have only used one picture on this newsletter you can see more photos on the website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk



RACE NIGHT



Another hectic night at North Chadderton Social and Bowling Club and although this event is now dominated by the mini soccer teams it was good to see players from other age groups turning up and joining in the fun. A word of thanks should go to all the parents and manager who gave up their time to make the event a success. If you didn't manage to buy a horse this year, there's always next year.

More photos available to see on the website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

At the time of going to press there are three matches left in the Chadderton Park Fantasy Football League and double champion "Piston Broke" is being held off the top spot by "Wildcats FC" managed by a woman. After all the things I've said in previous publications about our ladies in the Fantasy League I may be forced to eat a large portion of humble pie! If like me, you are not challenging for the title and are with the "also rans", don't worry; there's always next year and we now have another year's experience under our belts. You can check on your positions in the Chadderton Park League through our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk The Lib-Dems poised to win the election; a woman poised to win the fantasy league; where will it all end!!!

TWO GOOD CAUSES

Although we may always be asking to give your financial support to events at the Club I thought you might want to give some thought to the following two events that the Club will not make any money from.

Joe Slater is a young boy who lives in Chadderton. He was diagnosed with an ATRT brain tumour when he was two years old but he still joined our Club a year and a half ago when the current Under 7s squad was coming together. Unfortunately because of his illness he has not been able to continue training. Joe is a remarkable little boy and he has been fighting this illness for over 4 years. He has a place reserved in the squad for whenever he is well enough to return which we hope will be soon. If you are interested in keeping up with Joe's story the Caring Bridge site at www.caringbridge.org/visit/joeslater is regularly updated.

Mark Lengden (Under 7s and Under 10s coach in the middle of the photo) is going to run a 10k race in May in support of cancer research and you can sponsor him at www.runningsponsor.me.org/marklengden1 Now you may think it's not that difficult to run 10k but you have to remember that Mark is not the spring chicken that he used to be having just qualified for, and regularly turns out for our Vets team! Good Luck Mark.



The Help for Heroes charity was set up a few years ago by a couple of people who were appalled at the injuries that the men and women from our armed forces were receiving in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and what they perceived to be the lack of support for them when they returned home and they decided to do something about it. From humble beginnings their fund raising efforts grew and their efforts have captured the imagination of the nation who have turned out in their droves with their own fund raising ideas to support the charity. To date the charity has raised over £40 million and are building treatment and rehabilitation centres.

At 10am on 6th June 2010 (the anniversary of D Day) there will be a sponsored walk in Chadderton to support the Charity. It will start at Coalshaw Green Park and the route will take in Foxdenton Park and Chadderton Hall Park before returning to Coalshaw Green Park, a total distance of 9km. Anybody entering the walk can walk the whole route or just part of it e.g. Coalshaw Green to Chadderton Hall. Although this is a sponsored walk the organisers are asking anybody taking part to complete an entry form and pay an entry fee (£10 for over 18s and £5 for Under 18s). You will then receive a race number which can be exchanged on completion of the walk for a commemorative medal which has been specially struck for the event. If you would like further details, or an entry form, please contact me via email steve.lynch55@hotmail.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PRESENTATION NIGHT – FRIDAY 18TH JUNE 2010

As in previous years this is at The Queen Elizabeth Hall in Oldham. Entry is by ticket only. Ticket prices are £5 for adults; £2 for children and Players are free. I know there is a football match on that night (so please stop emailing and texting me) but our booking was made almost 12 months ago and cannot now be changed.

CHADDERTON CUP AND FUN DAY – SATURDAY 26TH JUNE 2010

Once again our mini soccer teams (u6s – u10s boys) will play Chadderton Grasshoppers for the much coveted Chadderton Cup. There will be the usual attractions to help pass a fantastic day and play is likely to get underway early in the afternoon.

CHADDERTON PARK FC COACHES AND DADS 5-A-SIDE – SUNDAY 27TH JUNE

A chance for the victorious Under 8s team to defend the title they won last year in a dramatic penalty shoot out against Dads Army. Remember you must be a coach at the Club or the parent of a player to qualify to play (no ringers please!) Team details now being taken by Frank Lynch

TRIP TO LIGHTWATER VALLEY THEME PARK – SATURDAY 10TH JULY.

This is likely to be an all day trip out to the theme park for the junior teams at the club i.e. Under 11s and over if there is sufficient interest. Coach travel will arranged and the Club will subsidise the total cost of the trip. Please speak to your managers now if you are interested.

At the time of going to press our Under 9s; Under 10s; Under 11s; and Under 12s teams are all riding high near the top of their respective leagues. The U12s and open age teams have both reached their respective cup finals whilst our Under 10s Girls team have already won the Cup. Lets wish all our teams every success in the final run in to the end of the season but most of all let's hope all our teams play with skill; flair and excitement and we respect others in the game that we all enjoy playing and watching football.

The next Newsletter will be out in Summer 2010. If you have any articles, stories or gossip suitable for publication please send them to me now.

Steve Lynch
Secretary
Chadderton Park FC

STOP PRESS...I have just been informed that Joe Slater has passed away. Joe has been bravely battling his illness for over four years and his courage has been incredible. I'm sure everybody at the club will join with me to express our deepest sympathy for Joe and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.