

CHADDERTON PARK F.C. NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2010



Welcome to the summer 2010 edition of the Club's Newsletter. I remember writing at this time last year how the summer seem to drag as there were no European Championships and no World Cup, so, along with millions of other football fans I really looked forward to the World Cup this year.....Do you sometimes wish we hadn't bothered. Anyway I think we were a bit unlucky and if England have a successful European Championships next year we could even win the World Cup in 2014 in Brazil or even better, 2018 if England get to host it. Memories of 1966 and all that (for old folk like me who can remember that far back!)

By the time you read this newsletter the new season will be underway for most of our teams and this current season has seen us recruit one of the highest numbers ever to our Under 5s and Under 6s Academy. Under the expert guidance of Frank Nolan and Dale Havens I'm sure the majority of the squad will enjoy a long and happy association with Chadderton Park F.C. The Girls section of the Club continues to thrive and there will be five girls teams representing the Club at various age groups during the forthcoming season. You will soon be able to see all the teams on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk

As I mentioned in last summer's Newsletter, Manchester FA (our governing body) continue to rank Clubs in their area according to size. This is just done for information purposes only so just for your information we are ranked at No.1 in Chadderton (no change on last year); No 3 in the Borough of Oldham (up from 5 last year) and No 13 in the Manchester area (up from 21 last year). Remember size isn't everything! It's what goes on at the Club that counts.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

The 2010 Chadderton Park FC Presentation Night was another great evening out and apparently enjoyed by all. At the rate our Club is developing we are in danger of outgrowing the Queen Elizabeth Hall, our town's premier venue. Next year's event has already been booked for Saturday 11th June 2011 and will run throughout the afternoon and evening. Further details to follow nearer the time.

CHADDERTON FOLD OPENING DAY

What a fantastic day out. Great weather; great crowds; great football being played and a great celebrity in the form of Paul Scholes who came to perform the official opening. Paul is a world class footballer who has a reputation of being a quiet and private man who shuns publicity so it speaks volumes for him that he freely gave up his time and came to perform the opening ceremony and then stayed at Chadderton Fold for hours to sign autographs and pose for photographs with the many, many football fans that were there. In this modern world that we live in, professional footballers are often portrayed as selfish and greedy by the press and media and maybe some of them are, but the next time you read such an article, just remember that they are not all like that.



The only blemish on the day was that our football team managed to give away a winning position in the match against a celebrity team from the cast of Waterloo Road. How did that happen? Talk about snatching defeat from the jaws of victory!

LIGHTWATER VALLEY

This year was the first time we organised an end of season trip for the junior teams at the Club and one sunny day in July we filled a coach full of players and spent the day at Lightwater Valley theme park in North Yorkshire. It was a fantastic day out and is likely to become an annual event in the Club calendar.



Of course some responsible managers also travelled, just to supervise the players obviously, but if throwing ping pong balls into glass jars ever becomes an Olympic event, we know just the man to represent England!

You can see more pictures of the day out at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk A short word of thanks should also go to Councillor Jack Hulme for his help and support for this event.

PLAYER COUNCIL

I hope by now that everybody, players and parents alike, know that we are setting up our own Chadderton Park FC Player Council. The idea is that every team from Under 9s upwards can elect a maximum of 2 representatives onto the Council. The Council will meet approximately 3 times a year in the new club house at Chadderton Fold and this will be your chance to have your say on how our football club is run; what you like and what you don't like; what you want the club to do in the future and what we should not be doing. There will be members of the Club Committee present to listen to what you have to say so don't be shy. If this appeals to you speak to your team manager now. We're hoping to have the first meeting in October 2010. I'm told that some players have already and put their names forward and can't wait; and in reply to one query that has already been put forward, Player Councillors will **not** be allowed to claim expenses, but the Club may stretch to some light refreshments.

FUNDRAISING

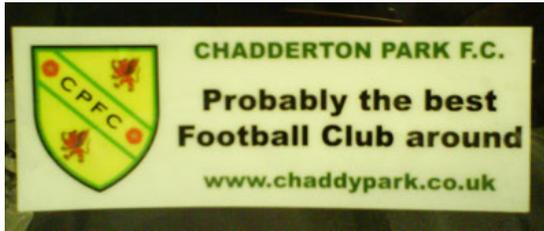
The Summer Newsletter is often the time I raise the subject of fundraising at the Club. As our Club continues to grow and develop, so does the costs of running the Club. I'm led to believe that our turnover now rivals a small business, but unlike small businesses we have to raise our income by our own fundraising activities. I know the country is in a recession and money is tight at the moment (money is always tight in our house), but here are two ways you can support the Club without having to put your hand in your pocket.

Chadderton Park FC is registered with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs as a Community Amateur Sports Club. That entitles us to a tax break known as Gift Aid. If you voluntarily donate money to the Club, and you are a tax payer, then we can claim the tax back from the Government. For Example: If you give £15 per month to the Club (which most of us give anyway) then we can claim back £4.20 per month from HMRC providing you are paying at least £4.20 per month in income tax. There is a short form to fill out that takes less than one minute. The form stays with the Club for our records and does not go to HMRC so don't worry about them descending on you to examine your tax records. The Government want us to do this so why don't we take full advantage of it. Think of it like this; where would you like to see your taxes spent: Chadderton Park FC (Number 1 club in Chadderton remember) or swallowed up in the black hole known as the National Deficit! No contest.

Do you get those clothing recycling bags through your door at the rate of almost one a day? We run our own scheme and unlike those recently exposed on national TV run by criminals, all the clothes we collect are recycled for third world countries and it has also become a good source of income, running into hundreds of pounds per year, for the Club. We will be giving out collection bags in the next few days which can be returned to your manager; to the building at Chadderton Fold or left under the car port at the Chadderton Park FC warehouse c/o 23 Selby Avenue Chadderton.

CLUB SHOP

Did you know the Club has its own Club shop? You can see it on our website at www.chaddertonparkfc.co.uk . Not only can you buy hats; scarves; clocks; umbrellas; key rings; cuff links etc etc; but now you can buy car window stickers at the bargain price of £1. Wouldn't it be great to see these on cars all over Chadderton?



All merchandise can be ordered from your team manager

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Chadderton Park Sportsman's Evening

Guest Speaker Norman Whiteside
Friday 1st October 2010 at Smokies



Chadderton Park FC Halloween Party

Thursday 28th October 2010
North Chadderton Social and Bowling Club
For all players from U5s to U8s

Christmas Pantomime

Oldham Coliseum Theatre
Saturday 11th December 2010
for all mini soccer players
who play football for the Club.



The next Newsletter will be out in the New Year. If you have any articles; stories or gossip, suitable for printing, please send them to me now.

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