

UPTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

June Newsletter

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"Pitch for a Pitch" at Man City



Earlier in the year the Upton JFC Vets and the newly formed Open Age team decided to celebrate a successful season with a "Pitch for a Pitch" at the Man City new £200 million Academy Centre. Thanks to Gary Dewart we were able to have a day out at Man City.

This was a great opportunity particularly for the Open Age players to have a unique playing experience at a world class facility and have a team bonding day out. It was also part of a continued vision to assist in bringing in some much needed fundraising for our Community Club and in particular to start contributing towards the clubs next chapter, girls football.

What a great day out, with 40 players attending. Three mixed teams were formed for two hours of football followed by a tour of the main Etihad Stadium where we had access to all areas. The day was rounded off with a Chinese meal for a much needed refuel, followed by in coach entertainment provided by Vets Legends Tommo and Chris Leavy.... Many thanks from the Vets and Open Age players to Gary D for all his efforts (despite recovering from a broken fifth metatarsal and not being able to play - *you'll be back!*).

We continue to make plans to fundraise and provide football for all Open Age and Vets players. Next we play at Chester FC stadium on Saturday the 13th May 2017 at 7pm for our end of season game followed by our Presentation night at the Stadium.

If anyone wishes to join Vets (35+years) or Open Age (16+) for next season please contact Dave Rockall - Vets Manager on 07768 121937 or Dave Kamperman - Open Age Manager on 07704797159.



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Presentation Day Sunday 25th June Chester Rugby Club

Come along to our Annual Presentation Day and bring the family. Events start at 12pm and it will be an action packed afternoon with plenty of fun activities as well as the team presentations. Food, drinks and ice-creams will be available, or bring along your own picnic. Activities provided by Streetwise Soccer will include:



Zorb Football – play football as you've never played it before in the large inflatable bubbles! Based on 12 players and 20 minute games there is a small charge of £3 for adults and £2 for children just to cover costs.
Players must be over 11 years old.



The ultimate test of skill, the Panna Football Cages offer a unique playing experience, with the aim of the game being to out-skill your opponent with goals and nutmegs. Games can either be played in a 1v1 or 2v2 format.



The Inflatable Speed Shot Cage activity gives players the opportunity to put their shooting power to the test, with an Inflatable Tunnel & Speed Radar measuring the pace of shots in MPH, with scores displayed at the front of the activity.

The SpeedShot Challenge is suitable for all ages.

You should have received your sponsorship form for the penalty shoot out and your coaches will be in touch to let you know the date of your team's shootout. Please remember to select the gift aid option to enable the club to claim back the tax.

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PROGRAMME OF PRESENTATIONS

<u>Presentation</u>		<u>Registration</u>
12.00 – 12.15	Chairman's Welcome Open	
12.15 – 12.45	Girl's Presentation	12.00 – 1.00
12.45 – 1.05	Under 6's Presentation	1.00 – 2.00
1.05 – 1.25	Under 7's Presentation	1.00 – 2.00
1.25 – 1.40	Under 18's Presentation	2.00 – 3.00
1.40 – 2.10	Under 8's Presentation	1.00 – 2.00
2.10 – 2.25	Under 17's Presentation	2.00 – 3.00
2.25 – 2.55	Under 9's Presentation	2.00 – 3.00
2.55 – 3.20	Under 16's Presentation	2.00 – 3.00
3.20 – 3.45	Under 10's Presentation	3.00 – 4.00
3.45 – 4.00	Under 15's Presentation	3.00 – 4.00
4.00 – 4.20	Under 11's Presentation	3.00 – 4.00
4.20 – 4.50	Under 14's Presentation	3.00 – 4.00
4.50 – 5.20	Under 12's Presentation	4.00 – 5.00
5.20 – 5.40	Under 13's Presentation	4.00 – 5.00

All timings are approximate

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Upton Teams in Cup Finals

It was fantastic to see Upton JFC Teams competing in Cup Finals in May. 3 Teams played at the Chester FC stadium on 6 & 7 May with other Cup Finals taking place throughout the month.

Under 10s Panthers 0 – 1 Christleton Newscene

The Panthers played possibly their season's best performance against a strong opposition; half time saw the match all square with neither team able to convert their chances. As time passed in the second half Upton were unable to clear a ball from their area and conceded an unfortunate goal. The Panthers continued to apply pressure but were unable to find a goal in order to share the cup.

A great day out and the boys all enjoyed playing at the Chester stadium.

The Team: Thomas Taggart, Lewis Parsons, Alex Jones, Luca Jones, Ryan Broomfield, Ellis Hewson, Teilo O'Malley, Dylan Jones, Ben Whittlestone & Archie Riley.

The Coaches: Dan Riley, Paul Jones & Martin Taggart.



U11 Shield Final Upton 1 – 3 Tarvin

In a competitive match between Upton Panthers and Tarvin Blues, Upton took an early lead with a fantastic free kick by Taylor Pike, Tarvin levelled and went ahead just before the whistle blew for half time.

A fast-paced, hard fought second half was played with pressure definitely coming from a strong Upton side. However, the attempts on the opposition's goal didn't go our way, with Tarvin claiming the game with a 3-1 win.

The effort, commitment and attitude shown by our Under 11's Panthers throughout this game, and the whole competition, has been excellent and they have been fantastic ambassadors for Upton JFC.

The Team: Lewis Whitfield, Alex Lea, Connor Ireland, Orson O'Rorke, Nathan Broomfield, Dan Brocklehurst, Ted Williams, Tom Whieldon, Taylor Pike, Tom Gwyther, Luke Gomez, Sam Williams.

The Coaches: Paul Ireland, Ricardo Gomez and Will Rose



Under 12s Knock Out Shield - Pumas 4 – 0 Blaen Tigers

Upton JFC U12 Pumas bagged their first piece of silverware at Chester FC on Sunday 7th May, beating Blaen Tigers 4 - 0 to win the Knock Out Shield. A season's best team performance full of vigour and purpose saw Upton go into the half time break 2 – 0, with goals from Oliver Hewson and Thomas Dougherty.

The second half saw Pumas grow in confidence with the ball being passed creatively and incisively to good effect, with two more well taken goals from Jacob Fowles and Jack Carroll sealing a convincing victory.

Captain Mackenzie Stark was the well deserved player of the match as voted for by the match officials.

The Team: Max Read, Sammy Hollins, John Lally, Thomas Dougherty, Anthony Audas, Mackenzie Stark, Jacob Popplewell, Jack Carroll, Jacob Fowles, Freddie Hughes, Matthew Robinson, Oliver Hewson.

The Coaches : Martin Lally, Mark Fowles, Mark Read, Steve Robinson, Dave Hollins



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Under 14s E&DJFL Cup - Pumas 4 – 2 Hoylake

Both Upton and Hoylake started strongly, but Upton appeared to have more desire and a determined Alex Griffiths scored the first goal. The game remained close with Alex scoring again making it 2-0 and Hoylake responding taking the half time score to 2-1.

Early in the second half Caleb was brought down in the box and a penalty was awarded; Caleb jumped to his feet and took a great penalty firing home to make it 3-1.

More drama followed with Hoylake being awarded a penalty for a deliberate handball, they converted to make it 3-2.

Upton's pressure didn't relent and another goal felt likely, Eric Diep seized the moment and chipped the Hoylake 'keeper who was off his line sealing a 4 - 2 cup victory for Upton!

A tremendous end to The U14s Pumas season.



Under 14s Knock Out Cup - Pumas 2 – 1 Waverton

After winning the final last year all the players, coaches and parents were all suitably excited and nervous about this match.

The game didn't quite go to plan with Waverton scoring early, with what can only be described as a worldie, which we could only stand and applaud.

However, this team has always shown the ability to work hard, apply pressure and come back, so the boys rolled up their sleeves and were unfortunate to go in at half time one nil down.

Early in the second half Caleb scored, and the goal gave the lads fresh energy and adrenaline, the team grew in confidence and the supporters became more vocal. Sam matched Waverton's earlier goal with a fantastic effort of his own, winning the ball on the half way line and moving forward with drive and determination he rocketed a cross into the final third, the ball took a deflection and screamed into the top corner of the net leaving the Waverton goalie flat on his back and the Upton fans on their feet!

Upton players were elated with their second goal and defended valiantly to the final whistle to secure the Knock Out Cup for the second year running!



Overs Cayzer Shield Final - Upton 2 – 1 St Saviours

The Upton JFC "Overs" team faced a strong St Saviours team who were favourites to win the Shield. Matty Wood opened the scoring after 15 minutes with a superb volley from the edge of the 18 yard box after a well worked free kick. St Saviours pulled one back 10 minutes before half time, with the scores level at the break.

10 minutes into the second half the referee awarded a penalty to St Saviours, however, Max Champion pulled off a great save to keep the scores level. Around the 70th minute Chris Brett tackled the 'keeper on the edge of the 18 yard box and had time and space to roll the ball into the back of the net to make it 2-1. The last 10 minutes of the match were nervous as St Saviours pushed for a goal, however all the Upton players worked relentlessly to keep them out. Captain Ste Kamperman proudly lifted the 90 year old shield- the oldest knockout competition in the league.

Man of the Match : Max Champion who produced the save of the game and also saved the penalty.



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Upton JFC Girls

Girls football at Upton JFC continues to go from strength to strength with over 50 girls training each week. The girls have now formed teams ready to enter the Cheshire Girls League next season. We have 9 girls in the U9 age group coached by Paul Mickleburgh and 15 girls in the U13 coached by Chris Avery and Manesh Mistry. The U5/6 age group is also growing and we have dedicated coaching sessions on Saturday mornings at Wealstone Lane based on fun and game related learning. These sessions are coached by Craig Jones from Active Soccer. We need another 2/3 players in years 4/5 (U11 age group) to be able to form a team for next season.

Training sessions are all at Wealstone Lane at the following times:

Based on current school years:

Reception, Years 1/2/3/6/7	Saturday morning 10-11am
Years 4/5/8/9	Tuesday evening 6-7pm

Please come along, or contact Sue Terry for more information (07748 185423)

Thanks to Manleys solicitors for sponsoring the U9 team, kits to be ordered soon.

MANLEYS

On Friday 5 May, 27 girls from all ages went along to the Chester FC Fun Festival. Girls played friendly 3 v 3 and 4 v 4 matches against teams from Waverton, Chester & District Girls and Northup Hall.

It was great to see the girls in kits (with a variety of sponsors!) and they had their first taste of playing matches.

Thanks to Eleanor, Steve, Chris, Paul and Helen for help organising the teams.



Welfare and Safeguarding Update

As I am sure you can imagine, there has been a significant increase in focus on safeguarding for children at the Football Association within the past 6 months. There has, quite rightly, been a tightening of controls and enhanced focus on ensuring that all volunteers have the appropriate qualifications and checks.

During this time, we have had to attest to confirm that all coaches and volunteers are accredited and that all members of the Executive Committee have completed a specific online education course, without which we are unable to apply for affiliation of Cheshire FA. The purpose of these measures is to ensure that standards of welfare are consistent across all clubs, and that all children are playing in a safe environment.

In March each year we are audited by Cheshire FA and, as in previous years, this audit was successfully passed without any additional actions required. For this, I would like to thank all volunteers who respond so well to my requests to attend courses and update their CRC checks. With over 90 coaches now in the club, it's a big job and it's made easier when everyone helps.

As always, the focus is on the safety of your children, so if anyone has any thoughts, queries or ideas please contact me directly at sueterry@btinternet.com.

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U6s play their first matches

A massive well done to the U6s who played their first matches against Tarvin. Great fun was had by all.

Coaches, Chris, Jon, Steve and all the parents were very proud.



Upton JFC achieves Charity Status

Good News! The club has now officially become a registered charity.

Benefits of this include:-

- Greater opportunities to raise money for the club from sponsors and through work place match funding
- Increased opportunities to apply for grants
- Provide greater transparency on the clubs finances, as the accounts will be filed at Companies House and will be available to the public
- Tax advantages from Inland Revenue

Please contact our Treasurer Vanessa Warburton on vanessawarburtonujfc@gmail.com if you want more information. It would be great if you could let us know if there are opportunities in your workplaces for match funding to assist with the clubs finances, all help is always welcome!

Online Payment of Subscriptions for 2017/18 Season

The club will once again be utilising PaySubsOnline for registration and fee payment for next season. **You will receive an email after the AGM to confirm that the registration process is available.**

Once you have received confirmation, please go to the link below. You can pay via PayPal, debit or credit card at no extra cost.

<https://paysubsonline.com/Registration/21C7C5FC885339870A4346A222A8C11C.htm>

or

<http://www.uptonjfc.org/registration.html>

This proved a great success last year both in terms of reducing admin and also with communication across the club, however if you don't want to register & pay online please ask for a hard copy registration form from your age group manager and register manually.

We are hoping as many people as possible will register before presentation day. If you have any queries, please contact Vanessa Warburton:- vanessawarburtonujfc@gmail.com

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Upton Blacks Under 16 – Nike Training Session

Earlier this year as part of the Nike Partner arrangement the club were offered a Nike coach led training session.

After one failed attempt (when the coaches mistakenly almost went to Upton in East London!) both of the under 16 squads, Blues and Blacks had a joint training session taken by two Nike Partner Club coaches Jon and Dan. Over 30 players attended the session held at EPSV and all of the lads tried on Nike Footwear for the session which arrived in two very smart Nike branded vans full of very expensive footwear (and expensive Nike match balls which Dave Wilde tried and failed to steal!).

The session went very well, with all the lads engaged for the whole hour and it ended with an evenly fought 11 a side game. Jon and Dan spoke very highly of the lads at the end and said they were a credit to the club and their coaches and the feedback received from the lads afterwards was all positive.

Jon and Dan were very open about why Nike do this - describing it as 'soft sell' encouraging the choice of Nike footwear the next time players look to replace their boots in what is a very competitive market (Adidas being their main rival), but this did not affect the enjoyment of the session by all who took part. Jon and Dan said they would be happy to visit again to offer further sessions.

