

A welcome from the Chairman



It is with great pleasure that I get to introduce the first regular newsletter from the Baddesley Park FC committee (BPFC). I became chairman in September, and one of my first actions with the Committee was to look at communication across the club. I'm proud to be appointed Chairman of a club where I know that we have fantastic teams, exceptional managers and growing parental support within the BPFC community. This newsletter, and the social media platforms coming soon (see overleaf) is our way of ensuring we all know what is going on within club, and individual teams. I'd like to take this opportunity in our first newsletter to introduce you to the committee members, detailed on page 3. You will also see details of a club wide social events that we are looking for everyone's support and attendance.

We are fortunate to have 11 teams under the BPFC badge, and this means that there are approximately 150 or so family members / friends who week in week out come to support the children playing football.

Successful Football clubs are those that find ways of involving individuals who are connected to the club by incorporating all the different things that people can offer. Parents are a great interface between the club and the 'outside community' and we are looking for **more** support from you over the next year.

We start the newsletter with a focus on two of our managers, Darren Page and Jim Gardiner. What strikes me about all the managers is the commitment and energy they bring to the club, in Jim's case 10 years of commitment!

FOCUS ON U12 CRUSADERS -Manager Darren Page



I have loved Football and played in the TYRO league myself as a child. My love of the game never wavered as I became an adult and I played for various work team's while also being a regular watching the Saints, and watching just about any Football I could on the tele, but nothing beats the feeling of having a kick around with my boys, who from an early age also loved it.

When my oldest Son J, who was 7 at the time expressed an interest in playing for a team I was so pleased and began looking around for the perfect club for him to join and we went to a few different clubs, but he never seemed to like them. After a while we were told from some parents at school about Baddesley Park and it sounded like the perfect place, J loved it immediately and so did I.

I began to help them out every Saturday morning while J was training, but the age group at the time had so many boys/girls that they couldn't all be in the team. The Manager at the time Glen Hammond asked if I would be interested in taking on a team myself for the next season! So, this is mine and J's fourth season and I can honestly say I have never once regretted my decision of getting involved in children's football, looking at the smile on the boys faces brings me so much joy but the smiles on my own boys' faces is the best feeling in the world 😊

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FOCUS ON Jim Gardiner -Manager Under 15's

From 4/5 yrs old toddlers to now 14/15 young men wow that is some story to tell with plenty of ups & downs. From the innocence of just wanting to be outside playing to now thinking they are the next Messi/Ronaldo.

For all of us involved in the team we understand, it's so important to see the boys enjoying themselves & this season they certainly are doing that currently played 6 & Won 6 a great Team effort with still plenty to play for.

The team were relegated from Div 1 last season which was hard for them but it was for the greater good & I immediately entered them into a tournament which they won & their confidence was back. With the arrival of some quality new players the team now has the right balance & is strong all over the pitch & on the bench.

For me after almost 10 yrs coaching it's so pleasing to still have 5 of the boys from the very beginning & it would be great if they continue to train hard, listen, stay strong as a team & they have a real great chance of winning the league All this is Not achievable without the help of the patience of the parents & the extra help from the coaches that help me Enjoy your season everyone... Jim



BPFC Social media.. Sharon Holmes

Baddesley Park FC now has a fledging social media presence! It is a work in progress, along with updates to the website. Do bear with us! The aim is to be able to provide timely news and updates via these platforms, such as general news, results and fixture lists, changes to fixtures, events etc, but will take some time to get into a routine and generate content.

Whilst there are many benefits to the use of social media, to provide rapid communication and help generate the BPFC community online, this understandably comes with risks which must be carefully managed. The Football Association (FA) provides guidance on social media use by the club, parents/carers and children alike. **It is VITAL that these are adhered to for the children's safety and security.** These guidelines, for both children and parents/carers, can be downloaded at: <http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/best-practice-downloads>. However, in summary there are four key rules which must be adhered to:

DO NOT:

- **Post pictures of videos/tag players or team.** We must be very careful to ensure that children whose images appear on our social media platforms have provided permissions for this. If you have good images or a video you might like to see posted (e.g. a goal) email to the digital administrator for consideration.
- **Post or provide children's or young people's details** such as surnames, school/class year, personal information, where they can be seen or used by others to contact them.
- **Post anything which may be considered offensive**, e.g.hurtful, insulting, offensive, abusive, threatening, racist or discriminatory or otherwise may cause offence or harm to another or might incite such behaviour in others
- **Post any information about U11 matches that reveal the result to the reader.**

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Upcoming Social events...

To help us grow the club and provide support for the local community we feel it is important that children, parents, managers and club officials spend time celebrating success and socialising.

Baddesley Park has always been proud of its traditional and all-inclusive values, which means we would like to involve parents in more events. So, starting with a Christmas event (details below), and then continuing with our end of season event and finally an early summer World Cup tournament next year, we hope that we can bring together more parents and children to support the club.

Christmas event Saturday 16th December.



Father Christmas will be visiting the recreation ground to speak to the kids and hand out a small gift from the club. We would love for you to be there to watch your children receive their gift, so please feel free to join us in the club house for a cup of tea and mince pie or two....

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