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Happy 25 th birthday to Beaconsfield Town FC!

Welcome to the fourth edition of our annual club newsletter that has been created to keep all of those connected to the club informed about our various football teams and the future vision of this 25 year old club that was formed in 1993.

WILTON PARK UPDATE

Current Status from the Chairman

Wilton Park Update

Following extensive discussions with Inland Homes, helped by the large volume of responses from Parents to their initial Planning Application that made no provision for interim pitches, we have agreed a plan that guarantees the future of the club. So thank you all for your help!

This plan is as follows:

- We will continue on our current pitches for the 2018/9 season
- We will move to new interim pitches, further east on the site (behind the current security fence), during the building phase of c. 5 years
- The final site will have new pitches constructed further east from our current pitches (ie towards Beaconsfield)

Inland Homes are yet to re-submit their Planning Application, but in the meantime we are grateful for their collaboration.

Senior Club Coaching sessions with our U7s, U8s and U9s

Following the alignment of our club names our senior semi-professional team gave up their free weekend to coach our U7s, U8s and U9s





U7 Mascots with the Senior Team Champions

Congratulations to the Senior Team for winning the title and being promoted to the Premier Evo-Stick South Division which is level 7 of the league hierarchy.

Can you spot our U7 mascots in the huddle below just before their top of the table victory against Rushden & Diamonds. Manager Gary Meakin with the championship trophy.



CURRENT INITIATIVES & SPONSORSHIPS

Goalkeeper Training

The club hired a qualified goalkeeping coach from the AJD Academy to provide over 20 budding goalkeepers from all age groups with monthly specialist training. The feedback has been excellent and club will continue with this investment next season.

Joint Website

Have you visited our brand new joint website with the Senior Club?.....under Youth Club

<https://www.beaconsfieldtownfc.co.uk/>

2017/2018 Sponsorships

U15 sponsorship

A big thank you to Travel Lodge for sponsoring the U15 football kit



Do you know of any local businesses that would like to sponsor one of our teams?

If you do then please contact me on brian1.lewis2@gmail.com. We would print your logo on the back of the shirts and advertise your business on our new website being launched this summer as well as in our tournament programs and of course in this newsletter.

OUR THIRD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



We held our third football tournament in the new Arbour Park stadium over 3 days from Saturday May 26th to Monday 28th May. We had 142 teams taking part and we successfully hosted 3000 people over the three days from the U7 to U13 age group.

Once again teams travelled from Surrey, London, Herts, Berks and Oxfordshire to take part and we even had 3 U7 & U8 players scouted by Chelsea and 2 scouted by Spurs !

I've highlighted just a few of the dozens of complimentary feedback comments received:

Hi Brian,

Our U12s had a thoroughly good time in the U13 colts tournament. Football played in the right spirit. Well organised, and fantastic venue - easy parking, great spectating and great facilities. (James Gerards Cross U13)

*Great tournament, well organised and the kids loved it
Regards, Brian Grante (Kew Park Rangers)*

Hi Brian,

*Just a quick note to thank you for a great Under 11's tournament yesterday
It was so well run and the venue was great the boys really enjoyed playing in the stadium.
James (Marlow FC)*

THE TEAMS & HEAD COACHES

Players	2017/2018 Season	Coach	Division	League 2016/17
38	U7	Neil Hiscox	1	SBMSC
26	U8	Kevin O'Connor	1	SBMSC
41	U9 & Colts	Ben Rotundo	1 & 2	SBMSC
35	U10 Reds	Mick Youens	1	SBMSC
	U10 Yellows	Rob Marsh	4	SBMSC
15	U11 Reds	Chris Smith	1	SBMSC
16	U11 Greens	Duncan Jones	2	SBMSC
14	U11 Yellows	David Bocquet	4	SBMSC
11	U12 Green	Holger Beyer	1	SBMSC
14	U12 Yellow	Kerry Overman	4	SBMSC
17	U13	Michael Reyner	2	WSBMFL
20	U13 Colts	Leon Rasenberg	4	WSBMFL
21	U14	Ian Wood	4	WSBMFL
23	U15	Jason Allen	3	WSBMFL
22	U16	Adam Nicholls	2	WSBMFL
21	U17	Stuart Park	3	SBYL
21	U18 United	Richard Roy	4	SBYL

355	Total Players
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SBMSC
South Bucks Mini Soccer Conference

WSBMFL
Wycombe & South Bucks Minor Football League

SBYL
South Bucks Youth League

355 players and a waiting list of approximately 30 bodes well for the future and we might achieve my personal ambition of having at least 2 or 3 teams in each age group to ensure we can accommodate players of all abilities!

Beaconsfield Old Boys Reunion (Friends for Life)

Former coach Rick Kwiecien still meets with his former Beaconsfield Holtspur FC players every year. Many of them will be finishing university this year and will be friends for life.



Congratulations to Our U16 Division 2 Champions (Above)

COACHES COMMENTS

U7 Neil Hiscox

As another great season comes to an end for the U7s it's easy to forget that for many of the boys this was their first full season such was their development across the year. With a pool of 40 boys split evenly between school years 1 and 2 we were never short of the enthusiasm and energy that boys of this age group bring to training - it certainly meant that there were no dull sessions! This energy combined with their natural competitive spirit served them well in the league matches where we proved a tough team to face, ending the season with a high win percentage. Such competitiveness resulted in an invite to spend an evening at the Chelsea FC development centre where the boys gave a good account of themselves. Our season ended with some great performances at tournaments, most notably at Flackwell where we played some great pass and move football - so they were listening after all - well done boys !!

Many thanks to my fellow coaches, In particular Chris, Jason, Stuart and Matt, much appreciated. A special mention also to Jen, Rishi and gang who kept everyone warm during the cold winter months with their tea and coffee stand !

Looking forward to the next season !!

U8 Kevin O'Connor

Continuing the development of football in Beaconsfield the Under 8s finished the season on a high. Successfully finishing the year at the popular Beaconsfield Tournament with just one loss across 10 matches. The development of the boys grew stronger over the season and saw us play some excellent football in the tough Red league with very few losses. The team grew in size and we welcomed new players throughout the year even up until the last few weeks which was great. The boys were a credit and showed that Beaconsfield can compete and develop with the best teams in Buckinghamshire. I would like to thank those

U8 Continued

that helped out throughout the year especially Raj, Richard, Steve, Gary and Rick. But most of all i would like to thank the boys, through the ups and down and tying of laces i hope we had fun along the way and look forward to doing it again soon

U9 Ben Rotundo

It was another great year of footballing fun and development for the Ug's. The enthusiasm from the 40+ boys in the age group was great to see and every single player has developed fantastically well this year.

The "Reds & Blues" maintained their place in the league and were largely unbeaten all season with some great team and individual performances to savour.

The Colts started the season with a promotion and again performed well and were again promoted at Christmas – the latter promotion was a big step up but a great learning opportunity for the Colts players to play against sterner opposition.

We sadly say goodbye to Andy and Jon who guided the Colts since their inception in the u8s and thank them very much. The new Colts management team led by Jon and ably supported by Matthew, Charles and David will take over from August.

Thanks for all of your support and I wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing the players back in August.

U10 Mick Youens

A great year of football. We've had a successful season despite all the frozen pitches and cancellations. The whole squad has really developed finishing the season really impressively. Looking forward to moulding two competitive 9 aside teams next; which with the players and skills we have should be great to watch. Thanks to all the parents and coaches that help out on a regular basis.

U11 Chris Smith (Lions), Duncan Jones (Tigers) & David Bocquet (Pumas)

The Under 11's moved up to 9-a-side this season with slightly bigger goals, a bigger pitch and the introduction of offside. With 45 players registered, we entered 3 teams in the league in the first, third and sixth divisions.

As ever, the boys and girls have been a pleasure to coach and their enthusiasm and spirit have been fantastic.

The U11 Lions started the season with great expectations with many of the boys having been playing together for 4 or more years. However, we did not adapt to the 9 a-side format quite as easily as we had hoped and struggled to get much momentum to our season. In an extremely competitive league, we were too often of the wrong end of a one goal defeat when our play seemed to deserve better. But there were several highlights including a 4-0 thrashing of local rivals Flackwell and a 3-3 draw with Cookham, consistently one of the best teams in the league, missing out on a famous victory only in the final 30 seconds. But what was most pleasing during the season was the commitment and tenacity the group showed, never giving up and never letting their heads drop. Very admirable qualities for 11 year old kids. Well done to them all!

The U11 Tigers began the season well with 3 victories and a draw in the first 4 matches, and the signs looked good. A 3-0 win over Penn & Tyler's Green was a highpoint, which we could not live up to again! As the season progressed we began to suffer unexpected defeats, and the main cause of this seemed to be a lack of consistency in our matchday 11. A move to a 3-1-3-1 formation allowed us to tighten up at the back, and our form picked up once again. I think our season can be summed up as "comfortably mid-table".

U11 Continued

The U11 Pumas had a mixed season, often struggling for availability which meant that results were not as good as we had hoped. Having said that, there were a couple of notable victories and epic draws that brought huge smiles to the kids' faces.

U14 Harriers Ian Wood

The U14 team has battled throughout the year, never giving up, despite flirting with relegation for most of the season. Four wins in five games in run-in securing another year in the fourth division. Frankie Bates and Will Shurrock the joint top-scorers with eight goals each. Twenty boys represented the team, with Thomas Lawrence and Lewis Campbell appearing in all but one game. Best result of the year, a stoic 0-0 draw against the league winners Marlow Town. Nice piece of schadenfreude as Marlow had to cancel their promotion celebrations, having underestimated the boys.

Thanks to the coaches, Dawn, Jeff, Donald and Greg for religiously turning up through thick and thin. As well as the patience shown towards the Manager and his increasingly bizarre team formations and selections in a desperate bid to find a winning formula.

U16 – Adam Nicolls

An excellent season with the boys winning the Division 2 championship!!

POS		P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Beaconsfield Town FC	18	11	5	2	38
2	Chalfont St Peter AFC	18	10	4	4	34
3	Bourne End JSC	18	8	3	7	27
4	Burnham Junior Tigers Red	18	8	3	7	27
5	Berkhamsted Raiders Purple	18	7	3	8	24
6	Hughenden Valley	18	5	1	12	16
7	Boyne Hill Lions	18	2	5	11	11

U12 Holger Beyer, Kerry Overman

Most of the boys made the transition to secondary schools at the start of the season, which came with its challenges. Quite a few took to Saturday morning mudwrestling. Allegedly there was a ball hidden in the carnage, but you couldn't see it because nobody ever kicked it – it is the wrong shape. We could no longer all train together regularly and the coaching team struggled to apply its revolutionary training methods and spectacular cone displays to full effect. We also reduced the age group from 3 teams to 2, which also meant that many of the boys played a few leagues higher than last year as the result of a gravity defying trickle-up effect. The yellow team found it tough at the beginning and we needed to dig deep and show some real character. Most importantly, the boys needed to gel again as a team and build a very strong team spirit to see them through the early part of the season. At the end of the season, this all seems a distant memory with the team having discovered passing flair and goal scoring nous in spades to finish the season very strongly with a string of spectacular wins. The red team faced high expectations having reached the league final in the previous season. We continued to play the beautiful game, passing it out from the back, with many wonderful moments imprinted in our memories for posterity. (Sadly the MOTD broadcasting van always got lost en route.) Unfortunately, by the time the final whistle came, we had usually scored the same number of goals as the opposition or one less. It must have been the manager's poor tactics as the boys all had good seasons giving it everything week in week out. Spirits held up well and there were some memorable moments of holding much stronger opposition to draws against the odds and the elements. More recently we are discovering our winning ways on the tournament circus, which bodes well for next season.

U15 Jason Allen / Paul McDonagh

The U'15's amalgamated two squads into one for the 2017/18 season resulting in us having a large squad of 23 players and whilst we were never short of availability we found it hard getting all boys sufficient game time in what was a very competitive Wycombe and South Bucks Division 3 league. The boys had a very good season and finished Runners up with a P16 W11 D4 L2 record which has resulted in promotion to Division 2 next season. The boys formed a very strong bond with an excellent team spirit which managed to get them over the line in some very tough matches. Everyone is aware that next season will be a big step up but its one we are all looking forward to. The players, parents and coaching team would like to thank both Travelodge and ASM for their generous sponsorship during the season.

U17 Simon Redfern

The U17s had a mixed year. The league performances were somewhat inconsistent – playing excellent and attractive football some weeks, but then letting standards drop in others. Overall, however, we enjoyed the year, finishing in the top half of the league. The best performances were saved for the Cup, with a brilliant win coming from behind in the semi-final against a team from a league above, followed by our most passionate display of the season when playing the final against a team who had won the league above. We were unlucky to lose it 1-0 to a deflected shot, but have some great memories of the day. Next year will become increasingly difficult for the players as they have so many other commitments at the weekend, so we'll be looking to recruit a few new players in the Summer

U13 Michael Reyner / Leon Rasenberg

The U13FC team played in Division 2 of the Wycombe & South Bucks League this season, moving to 11-a-side for the first time, and acquitted themselves with distinction against some now familiar rivals.

They were in with a chance of promotion to the top division right up to the final weekend of matches and, whilst they narrowly missed out, the boys should be extremely proud of their efforts!

Often up against much bigger teams, their play was characterised by real commitment in the tackle, disciplined defending and pace up front. Scoring 51 goals in their 16 league games (and conceding only 34, the division's second lowest total), a feature of their play was their teamwork: 14 of the 16 outfield players scored goals.

In the summer tournaments, the boys have acquitted themselves well, taking a number of first division scalps and narrowly missing out on a place in the final of the Marlow tournament.

They remain a polite, friendly and positive group who are a pleasure to coach.

U13 Colts The transition from 9 a side to 11 a side on bigger pitches was a tough lesson from the beginning.

On top of that our early fixtures in Division 5 were against some exceptionally good sides including a cup match against Chalfont Saints which was a very substantial defeat (13-0).

U13 Colts Continued

Those incredibly tough games at the start of the season, whilst hard to take, were a steep learning curve that ultimately the boys progressed from.

By the start of November, a few months into the season, we were rock bottom of the table and was looking like it would be a very long season ahead but they all pulled together and slowly began to get results. One win was all we needed and then they made it a good habit going on a 7 match unbeaten run in the league. By the beginning of March we had moved into 4th place and we found ourselves with a double header against the team in 3rd, away vs Risborough.

The boys were excellent and came away from those games with a win and a draw which put them into 3rd place and closing the gap quickly on 2nd placed Downley Dynamos.

We now had no choice but to beat Downley twice in the double header to have any chance of 2nd.

Two great games were played and the boys were exceptional winning the first 4-2 and then drawing the 2nd game 1-1.

So in the end it was a 3rd place finish for us which was a fantastic achievement from where we started back in November.

This group needs to just believe in themselves and their abilities a little bit more and I'm sure good things WILL happen for them in the coming season.

Looking forward to the U14s already. Sadly we are losing a few players to new school etc but we have some new players coming in as well so bring on the 18-19 season.

U18 Richard Roy

As the 2017/2018 season began the U18's moved up into the heady heights of Division 3. After an initial 'beating' they steadied their nerves and got down to business. Wins were coming. Draws more common. Loses not unknown. The lads played some excellent games of football, often beating top teams in our division. Yet as the true 'lovers of the game' rather than 'professional footballers' we are, we too often allowed our performance to slip which damaged us in the final positions (leaving us somewhere in the middle of the table -final position to be decided at the time of writing this). Most teams in this division can be described as 'solid'. You never quite know what they will turn out on the day. Us included. But most of the matches were really competitive, regardless of results.

It should also be noted the lads did well in their cup performances, only being knocked out by the team at the top of Division 1 in the semi-final of the Turnball cup.

Most rewarding, for me at least, was that once again I watched the performances from all the players improving, both as individuals and as a team, as the season progressed. There was real commitment and effort from the team. Getting our proper Goalkeeper three or four games into the season made a big difference, our defence became more solid, the mid field more flexible and dynamic and the forwards more dangerous. Passing and team co-ordination became more fluid and skillful.

U18 Continued

Now, at the end of their Beaconsfield Town FC (Youth) days, it's worth mentioning that many of the players are long term Beaconsfield Town FC players (going way back to the 'Holtspur' days) have put their hearts into playing for the club for years. Others are newer to the team but have put valuable contributions over this season (or seasons). I'd like to thank them all for their efforts & wish them all the best, where ever their futures take them.

Finally I'd like to thank the Club, mainly in the form of Michael Reyner, Brian Lewis and Augustine Chandy for the considerable efforts they put in. I do so both on my own behalf and on behalf of many of the lads (who have asked me to), for providing a truly great playing experience over the years and giving us all a very personal taste of 'the beautiful game'.

We would like to wish our U18s all the best for the future. You have all represented this football club with great distinction and we have seen you grow into fine young men!!

SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Annual Awards Event

- Date.....Saturday June 25th
- Location..... Beaconsfield Town FC football stadium
- Starts at 12pm.....the boys should come in their football kits as professional photographers will be on-site to take team and individual photos.

Annual Awards duties by team

U7 – Car Park duties

U8 – Tombola

U9 – Tea & Cakes

U10 – Bouncy castle

U11 & U14 – Football matches

U12 – BBQ

U13 – Raffle

U15 – Penalty Shoot Out

Brian – Ball Launcher

Child Welfare – Sue Adam

All of our coaches and key helpers have been successfully CRB checked and the club has maintained its Charter Status by having level 1 FA qualified coaches in each age group

Should you have any child welfare concerns then please contact me directly.

CLUB OFFICIALS

- Michael Reyner (Chairman);
- Brian Lewis (Club Secretary);
- Sue Adams (Welfare Officer);
- Augustine Chandy (Treasurer);
- Augustine Chandy (Temporary Purchasing Officer);
- Brian Lewis (contact me with any future magazine ideas or if you know of a local firm who would like to sponsor this magazine or any of our teams next season.)