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Welcome to the third 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 24 year old club that was formed in 1993. We have officially changed our name to Beaconsfield Town FC and our new logo is shown above!

WILTON PARK UPDATE

Current Status from the Chairman

Wilton Park Update

- Inland Homes are yet to submit their formal planning application to build 350 houses on Wilton Park and have verbally confirmed that we can continue to use the site for another season at least. We continue to work with Inland Homes to discuss our longer-term future at Wilton Park; in the meantime, we are actively exploring possible alternatives for the long-term home of our growing club.

Beaconsfield Sycob Update

- Over the last few years, we have been steadily increasing our collaboration with Beaconsfield Sycob - for example, using The Meadow for our U7s-U10s' matches, hosting our Awards Day ceremony at the Holloways Park stadium and developing our highly successful Summer Tournament there. Next season, our collaboration reaches the next stage with them changing their name to Beaconsfield Town FC, thereby creating a single 'brand' to represent football in the town all the way from U6s/7s to adults; we are also developing a single website (with clear Adult and Junior sections) to provide a focal point for communication and media. The two clubs will continue to be run as separate administrative and financial entities, but with close interaction, to our mutual benefit. So if anyone is ever at a loose end on a Saturday, do please go and watch our 'new' Adult team!

CURRENT INITIATIVES

Beaconsfield Sycob FC

- We continue to build stronger relationships with the owners of Beaconsfield Sycob who currently play in Division 1 Central of the Southern League (Level 8 of the league hierarchy) with the long term aim of providing players with a route and the opportunity to play and train with semi-professionals whilst under 18.

They will change their name next season to Beaconsfield Town FC which has been approved by the Football Association but the junior club will continue to operate as a legally and financially separate entity.

Wycombe Wanderers FC

Our second year joint training camp with WWFC was the highest attended in the area and we plan to hold 2 more camps later in 2017. We will inform everybody about the proposed half term and summer dates as soon as they are confirmed.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for our young footballers to be trained by the best coaches in the area and a chance to recruit new players across the younger age groups.

Beaconsfield Town FC day at Wycombe Wanderers

30 of our U7s, U8s and U9s were invited by Wycombe Wanderers to become flag bearers for their game against Barnet FC last October. The boys and their coaches Neil, Ben and Mick had an excellent day and were warmly applauded by the 3000 crowd during their lap of honour at half time.



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.

Futsal Training

Futsal football was introduced to our U8 to U13 teams by qualified Futsal coaches. This style of football is rapidly growing in the UK and is well established in countries like Brazil and Spain. It ultimately teaches the players to be comfortable in possession whilst looking to pass and move.

FA Skills Courses

We have been fortunate to have had free Football Association coaches provide us with four FA skills training sessions in 2016 for most of our teams in the half term and summer breaks.

2016/2017 Sponsorships

U11 sponsorship

A big thank you to W J Kepetzis Optometrists for sponsoring the U11 football kit.



U14 sponsorship

A big thank you to Travel Lodge for sponsoring the U14 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 SECOND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



We held our second football tournament in the Sycob stadium over 3 days from Saturday April 29th through to Monday 1st May. We had 142 teams taking part and we successfully hosted 3000 people over the three days which we couldn't do without the help of the many volunteers from each age group.

Our reputation has certainly been enhanced as clubs travelled from Surrey, London, Herts, Berks and Oxfordshire to take part. I've highlighted just a few of the dozens of complimentary feedback comments received:

Hi Brian

*Just wanted to say a big thank you from Marlow Youth U7, all three of our teams really enjoyed the morning, it was really well organized and was great fun for all notwithstanding some great football played
Simon Notton-Brown (Marlow)*

Hi Brian,

*I would like to echo my thanks to you and the team for a fantastic tournament.
Stephen Rossborough (Bessingby Park Rangers)*

Hi Brian

*Just wanted to drop you a quick email to say how fantastic Beaconsfield tournament was yesterday so well organised and everyone was so helpful.
Thanks again and we look forward to seeing you again next year.
Paul Driscoll (Greenfleets)*

THE TEAMS & HEAD COACHES

Players	2016/2017 Season	Coach	Division	League 2016/17
30	U7	Neil Hiscox	1	SBMSC
29	U8	Ben Rotundo	1	SBMSC
36	U9	Mick Youens	1	SBMSC
16	U10 Reds	Chris Smith	1	SBMSC
16	U10 Blues	Duncan Jones	3	SBMSC
14	U10 Yellows	David Bocquet	4	SBMSC
14	U11 Green	Holger Beyer	2	SBMSC
14	U11 Yellow	Steve Potts	4	SBMSC
11	U11 Black	Peter Coates	6	SBMSC
16	U12	Michael Reyner	1	SBMSC
14	U12 Colts	Leon Rasenberg	3	SBMSC
13	U12 United	Andy Winter	4	SBMSC
18	U13	Ian Wood	5	WSBMFL
32	U14	Jim Slater	2	WSBMFL
	U14 Colts	Donald Whittick	5	WSBMFL
22	U15 FC	Stewart Jameson	2	WSBMFL
22	U16	Mike Pallister	3	WSBMFL
20	U17 FC	John O'Reilly	5	SBYL
19	U18 United	David Taylor	4	SBYL
356	Total Players			

356 players is the highest in the clubs history and my personal ambition is to have 3 teams in each age group to ensure we can accommodate players of all abilities!

SBMSC : South Bucks Mini Soccer Conference

WSBMFL : Wycombe & South Bucks Minor Football League

SBYL : South Bucks Youth League

COACHES COMMENTS

U7 Neil Hiscox & Kevin O'Connor

It's been a great pleasure to coach the U7s this season. With just over 30 boys spread across school years 1 & 2 we started the season with a great mix of ability but with a collective energy and enthusiasm that ensured lively and fun training sessions not to mention exhausted coaches! As the season progressed we found the boy's abilities and growing confidence were more than a match for the increasingly testing drills. The quality of the practice matches also improved significantly over the course of the year, to such an extent we were able to challenge and in one game win a match against the U8s colts!

We carried this great match form into the South Bucks Mini Soccer Conference in which we were able to give over 20 boys match experiences. During the season we have achieved some great team performances and results which we have managed to continue into the current tournament season.

Looking forward to next season already!!

Neil & Kevin

U8 Ben Rotundo

It was a great year of footballing fun and development for the U8's. The enthusiasm from the 30 boys in the age group was great to see and every single player has developed fantastically this year. We have a wide range of footballing abilities in the age group and it was

terrific to be able to establish a "Colts" team after Christmas. Andy and Jon were warmly welcomed as the Colts coaches and this enabled us to offer additional match playing opportunities to the boys and to increase the coach to player ratios as well.

Both the "Reds & Blues" and Colts were extremely competitive in their respective leagues and I'm proud to say both teams were rarely beaten and there were memorable victories over some of our traditional rivals to savour!

We always planned to expand the age group as we become the U9s and move to 7 aside and I am pleased to say that we have already filled all 10 of the extra team's slots for next year!

Roll on August!

U9 Mick Youens

The squad has developed impressively over the season with some excellent new players joining the squad of 36.

All players have really improved and adapted to the increased pitch and team sizes quickly. It was great to see a successful Red league team and our new colts team and their buddy partner.

Thanks to all the coaches and parents that have helped to make training and match days such a success this season.

U10 Chris Smith (Reds/Blues), Duncan Jones (Colts) & David Bocquet (Yellows)

The Under 10's have had another very enjoyable and successful season. With 48 players registered, this season we took the decision to field two full squads and a "buddy" team (buddied with Seer Green) so that we could give regular playing time to all the boys and girls. And we now have 6 coaches who turn up rain or shine (and I think have all turned up at least once even when their respective child is not playing!) So many thanks to the coaches (Felice, Rob, Duncan, Stuart and David). We have tried to make the emphasis on enjoyment and camaraderie (many of the group have now been together for at least 3 years), but also can't ignore competitive streak that runs through our age group (the coaches included!)

The U10 Reds / Blues squad have had another great season in the top division of their league. Overall, they won 5 fixtures, drew 7 and lost 5, scoring 127 goals in the process. Whilst they probably drew too many matches, they did prove generally hard to beat (reflected in the fact that the joint players of the season are both defenders – Georgie Lloyd and Mattias Gianneri) and have definitely narrowed the gap to the supposed top couple of teams in the division. For me, the highlight of the season was drawing the home fixture with Cookham (2 wins, 2 defeats), a fixture in which historically we have never registered even a drawn match! It has been extremely rewarding to watch the kids develop their passing game, and many of the best goals of the season have come from flowing passing moves involving multiple players. We will continue to encourage this next season as we move to the 9-a-side format on bigger pitches. Well done to all the kids – they are a pleasure to coach and we are already looking forward to coaching them again next season!

And some great breaking news: we won the Chinnor tournament so have some silverware to show for the season!!

The U10 Colt's season was a tale of two halves. We began the season in the blue division, and after losing a match in week 2, we had an unbeaten run through to end of October, which led to our second promotion in two seasons - so far, so good. After reaching the heady heights of the green league, our learning curve grew ever steeper. An early draw was followed by a series of heavy losses as we adjusted to the ability, speed and determination of our new opponents. As the season progressed, we got better and began to compete, and the players really raised their game. It was rewarding to see the improvement in the players, and the gelling of the team, and we're all looking forward to the new season.

The U10Yellow buddy squad were not the most successful of teams in terms of results but that was never really the point. We played a huge amount of competitive football in a league full of very serious teams. The team improved noticeably through the season by sticking to a few simple strategies and putting in a lot of good old fashioned hard work. If one thing held us back from achieving our full potential it was a lack of firepower up front. We had some big losses but also some famous wins, including a penalty shootout demolition of Seer Green, and a stunning 9-1 destruction of Thame Tigers. Two draws against the very talented Bedgrove Dynamo team were also well deserved. Yellows were a team without attitude and superstars, but with a lot of goodwill and good humour (I was asked once what my tactics would be if a player brought a chainsaw onto the pitch).

They are a great bunch of kids, all with super-friendly parents, and I hope to see them all again next year.

U11 Holger Beyer, Steve Potts, Simon Johnson, Peter Coates, Bikram Aulja

The U11's moved up to playing 9-a-side this season, with off-side, bigger pictures, bigger goals and big ambitions.

We wanted all of our 37 players to get as many games as possible and decided to register three teams with the South Bucks League. This required a considerable number of volunteers to discover their passion for coaching youth football and we preyed on five Dads, who quickly rose to the challenge. Elaborate cone displays were soon confusing airline pilots and conversation rarely strayed from the nuances of 3-5-2 versus 4-4-2. If you are now wondering how you can play either formation in a 9-a-side game, please let us know once you have worked it – we are still trying to figure it out.

We were very lucky to have a professional goal keeping coach join our coaching team. Doing special training for the keepers every week gives us a real edge against other teams.

And now a quick summary of how each team did, as seen by its coaches:

Beaconsfield Town set itself the objective of playing, acting and thinking as a team. The boys had a strong season and won more games than they lost, at times playing some very nice football. They qualified for the league final, which made for an exciting day out for the boys, their parents and 5,000 travelling supporters. We were beaten by a very strong Bourne End side, but the boys and their parents should be very proud of how they played throughout the whole season.

The Beaconsfield Athletic team had a good season, with all the boys learning and developing well - both individually and as a team

Results were generally good, with one or two exceptions to prove the rule! It was a pleasure for us to see the boys' progress, often playing good football and scoring some great goals.

The boys also did well in our tournament at SYCOB, beating some very strong teams' en-route to the semi-final where we couldn't quite muster the win. Nonetheless the boys did themselves proud, playing expansive football and also defending resolutely where required. Overall, a fitting end to a successful season.

The United squad came together for the first time in September, including a number of players who were new to the club. We played against some strong teams in the Black league, many of which were from clubs with only 2 squads, and some teams which were subsequently promoted to the next league.

Our squad pulled together throughout the season to show resilience in each game, and to keep trying harder for every next game, and we really enjoyed seeing the significant improvement both in the individual players and in their team-work.

They should all be proud of their effort, resilience, and improvement over the season, and I hope to see them all continue to improve next season.

U12 Michael Reyner / Leon Rasenberg

Our U12 FC team have performed terrifically in the Red (top) division of the South Bucks Mini Soccer League, winning 14 out of 16 games in the regular season (scoring 58 goals and only conceding 19). They deservedly finished top of the League in the competitive part of the season but were edged out 3-2 by Marlow in the League Final at Thame. Their excellent results have continued into the summer tournaments, with an agonising penalty shoot-out defeat in the final of our own tournament.

We are not the biggest team physically but the boys compete really well, pass the ball incisively and have pace in all the key positions. Next year will see the big step-up to 11-a-side but the boys are looking forward to it and continue to progress well; they are a polite and friendly group and a pleasure to coach.

The U12 Colts squad showed tremendous improvements in their results this which was very pleasing to see. They played in the Blue division of the South Bucks Mini Soccer League which provided a decent level of opposition for them to develop. Out of the 15 games played they won 10 matches, drew 1 and lost 4 sadly missing out on what would have been a well-deserved Finals Day but just a few points.

There is still a lot more to come from these boys as they start to fully develop a competitive edge to their game and we look forward to the challenge of moving to 11 a side fully competitive matches next season.

They have been a fantastic and committed group and I look forward to coaching them all again next season as we strive to win our first trophies that they have deserved for their overall play over the past year or so.

U13 Harriers Ian Wood

The U13's this year combined two squads into one for this season. This meant we had a wide range of skills, all playing in one team, which can be a problem.

The boys are a pleasure to coach and immediately forged a united squad, involving everyone. All 18 boys played and contributed towards the team.

We emphasised at the beginning of the year, that the most important thing to get out of the season was enjoying their football. I think we have been successful in achieving this. We don't take ourselves too seriously but still play with commitment and a smile.

The boys conduct, once again, was exemplary. We won the U12's fair-play across all leagues last year and the last results I saw we were still top of the league at U13. It may cost us a few points, but their attitude and respect for others is a pleasure to see.

We had a great start to the season, even topping the league at Christmas. We fell away after Christmas ending with won eight, lost nine and drew one and a 7th place finish. However, we took points off all the top four clubs and also managed to drop points to the bottom three.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in making it a really enjoyable year.

U14 Athletic Jim Slater

It was a season of stark contrasts for our two U14 teams.

Jason Allen and Paul McDonagh led our Division 4 team to promotion, playing swashbuckling brand of attacking football that yielded 55 goals and losing only 1 game all season. The success was also built on a solid defence which conceded the lowest amount of goals in all five Divisions. The team spirit amongst the squad was fantastic and the boys should be very proud of their achievements.

Our Division 2 team suffered from player availability, and continuity issues, often struggling to piece together a starting XI from our 17 man squad due to other sporting commitments. A poor season ended in relegation to Division 3, and due to this a number of players have decided to move on to other clubs - We wish them well.

Next season will see an amalgamation into just one squad in Division 3, managed by the successful duo of Jason and Paul and we are looking forward to the challenges ahead.

U15 FC – Stewart Jameson

We are not the sort of side that takes it too seriously. There is no training and match days are faced with humour rather than a win-at-all-costs mentality, which is why I think coaching these boys has been both enjoyable and successful over the years. I am delighted that every member of the squad has committed to return next season.

This season has been something of an oddity. Following our D2 Championship win last season we headed into the new season in D1 in great spirit, however an injury curse at the outset caused us to completely rethink. 2 boys were lost for the season, and along with broken legs, hands, collar bones and sundry

other ailments meant we decided to drop back into D2 rather than face a weekly shoeing. As such, the season has ended up being much more competitive and we have managed to finish fourth in a tougher division 2 than we faced last year, despite never once being able to call upon a full squad. It has however given us the opportunity to bring in some new boys who, being friends of our existing players have added to the ability, spirit and unity of the side rather than diluting it.

U16 – Mike Pallister

The team played some good football this year. Our finishing position in the table doesn't accurately how well we played. A number of results went against us which we should have won or drawn, but we didn't get the breaks. Good luck to all the players as they move on.

U17 John O'Reilly / Richard Roy

Having got over our usual couple of early losses (it always seems to take this team time to get going) the U18's enjoyed a great season with a long string of successful results. Sadly the loss of critical players (for reasons outside their control) towards the end of season robbed the team of what would have been a well-deserved first or second place. We still managed a very creditable third place.

All in all a very enjoyable season leaving the team are looking forward to the new year with relish.

U18 David Taylor

Unfortunately the team had to fold in February 2017 due to quite a few players having to work as they start saving for university life and no doubt a few of them have started partying early as well 😊

The club would like to thank the boys (now men), the parents and the coaches for representing and supporting the club with such distinction over the last ten years and wish them all the best for the future!!

Sue Adams – Child Welfare Officer

All of our coaches have been successfully CRB checked.

To maintain our Club Charter Status all coaches must now be level 1 FA qualified with the appropriate First Aid qualification.

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

SUMMER EVENTS

Summer Annual Awards Event

- Date.....Sunday June 25th
- Location..... Beaconsfield Sycob
- 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

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.)