



ALEXANDRA UNITED FC

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We're a little bit late getting this newsletter out but otherwise the Club wishes all of its players, parents, coaches, managers and officials a lovely Easter.

The AUFC Academy...

As we mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are putting in place plans to run a FREE Football Academy on Saturday mornings for 6-8 year olds. We are currently searching for one or more local businesses who might like to help support this initiative. If you know a business that would like to gain some favourable local publicity in return for providing some financial assistance, please let us know!

Keep the date free...

We are planning to hold our annual club day at Alexandra Rec on Sunday 17 April 2016 from midday to 3pm. While this may be subject to change, this is the date we are aiming for. We hope to raise funds as well as celebrating another successful season coming to an end. This year we are planning to make it even bigger and better! We are planning to have a BBQ, a bouncy castle, face-painting, football games and activities and, of course, each team will be holding their presentations where players can win 'Manager's Player of the Season' awards and 'Player's Player of the Season' awards. It is a public event and we encourage all families to join us on the day. If anyone would like to help organise an event or any part of the day, please contact us!

New team joins...

We are delighted to welcome our second under 10 team, the Colts, to the club. The training sessions with our under 10 Boys team were proving to be more and more popular resulting in us having enough players to set up a second team. For more information on how they have been getting on, please scroll down to Team News.

We need your help...

We'd like to thank Tony for being our Welfare Officer over the last 6 or 7 years. With Tony's son's team having reached under 18 level last season they disbanded as their players went off to university, college and new jobs etc. Tony kindly offered to stay on for one more season while our new Club Secretary was bedding in but now has come the time for a new volunteer to replace him. Can you help? The first thing to mention is that as an officer of the club, your child would be entitled to £150 off the annual membership fees. The responsibilities are fairly limited too, you would be required to attend a Welfare Officer's course run by the Surrey FA in Leatherhead and you would be responsible for ensuring that all of our coaches hold current CRC checks and renewing those which are expiring. This process is now online and doesn't take

long! If you would be interested in taking on this role or giving any other help to the club, please contact our Club Secretary, Charlie.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers...

Don't forget to keep collecting these and hand them in to your manager. We will be able to use these to acquire free sports equipment for the club which will be of direct benefit to our players.

Online presence...

Don't forget that you can keep up to date with all of the goings on at AUFC by visiting and liking our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/aufc1972

Weekly match reports for our youth teams are posted on Facebook so if you miss a match, it's a great way to catch up!

Team News:

All results accurate as at 29 February 2016.

Under 9's:

The Club are still hopeful of a parent volunteering to send match reports after every match so these can be posted on Facebook and progress can be summarised in each newsletter. These can be as long or short as you want, they could just include the score, goal scorers and man of the match or they could include a summary of the match. Have a look on our Facebook page for examples and if you would like to volunteer for this very small role – please contact us!

Under 10 Boys:

Played 7, Won 5, Drawn 1 and Lost 1

A few words from Matthew Hammond, the manager of our Under 10 Boys team:

The Alex U10 Boys continue to progress extremely well in The League and are undefeated since October. Cup form hasn't aligned this season and a little naivety has crept in to Away games. Overall though The Boys have adapted well and are greatly enjoying playing competitive football, and with Callum's Tuesday night coaching everything is very much going in the right direction. With better attention to detail in front of goal, which is also getting better, we hope in the very near future to be winning games more comfortably.

Under 10 Colts:

Played 4, Won 1, Drawn 1 and Lost 2

A few words from James Chenery, the manager of our Under 10 Colts team:

The U10 Colts is a new team formed in January as AUFC's second U10 team. While the squad has been training since last September, this season marks their first game experience. It started with a baptism of fire against Epsom Athletic Falcons, a team in their second season, and the match awareness of the opposition was clearly greater. The Colts lost to nil but, for a first game, the team played well and the result was flattering to the opposition. The boys kept their heads high and were not too disillusioned though.

This game was then followed by a 1-1 draw and an unlucky 2-0 loss which were good results off the back of that significant first loss. More structure was definitely forming within the team, so much so that they recorded their first win in their 4th match, a fantastic 3-1 win which could easily have seen more goals for AUFC.

The team is coming together very well, much less of a herd mentality following the ball, maintaining position on the pitch, staying goal side and really giving everything for those 50 minutes on a Saturday morning. Well done to all the players and thanks to all the parents for helping out too.

Under 13's:

Played 11, Won 5, Drawn 3, Lost 3

A few words from Simon Trent, the manager of our Under 13 team:

The Under 13s are currently in 4th place with games in hand, so a top 3 finish is now our target for the season. We received the fair play scores for the first half of the season and got a very high score of 4.88 out of 5. This was higher than every average in every age group which is very pleasing. Well done to all the boys and parents - keep up the good work.

Alexandra United 1st Team:

Played 10, Won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 3

Following their promotion to the Premier Division of the Leatherhead and District Sunday Football League our first team are currently sitting in 6th position. Unfortunately, due to a number of injuries resulting in too few players, the team have had to withdraw from the league.

Alexandra United 2nd Team:

Played 12, Won 3, Drawn 2, Lost 7

Following their promotion to Division 3 of the Leatherhead and District Sunday Football League our first team are currently sitting in 7th position. It would be fair to say that their results this season are not reflective of the team and we're expecting a hard fought end to the season with an eye on keeping away from the relegation zone. They are through to the Quarter-Final of the Charity Cup which is being played this weekend.

Alexandra United 3rd Team:

Played 12, Won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 5

New to the Club this year, our third team have slotted into the lowest tier of the Leatherhead and District Sunday Football League. Following back-to-back 3-3 draws they've solidified their 6th position but will be hoping to turn the drawing streak in to winning ways in the next few matches.

Feedback...

We'd love to hear from you about any feedback you have about the Club or about anything you would like to see in this newsletter. Please send your comments to contact@aufc.info