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NUTLEY FC NEWSLETTER JULY '24

What a busy year! Three Nutley teams started the 2023/24 season - U9s mixed, U11s mixed and Men's. We had a total of 59 playing members across the three teams playing a total of 60 games (not including friendlies and tournaments). Our U11s had a particularly good season only losing one league match, winning both shield competitions they entered and winning their age group's fair play award. All three teams seem to have a lot of fun. We also had a full year of Wildcats football for primary school aged girls. A girls team (U9s next season) has been born out of this and they've had a great time playing friendlies, entering tournaments and generally getting used to match football.

So we now have a well earned summer break (although pre season has started already for the men's team) and we look forward to the coming season.



U9s Mixed



U11 Mixed



U8 Girls

TOURNAMENT

One of the highlights of the season was our junior football tournament. We had 37 teams enter four categories. We think we had about 700 people visiting the green to play, coach, ref,

support and spectate. We raised just over £3000 for the club. This money, and all that we raise from subscriptions and grants and sponsors and other fundraisers, goes into providing football at Nutley through the purchase of equipment, space on 3G training facilities, insurance, pitch works, etc. The tournament was very successful and we had glowing feedback from the visiting teams including this lovely quote

"I honestly couldn't think of anything that would have made the day better. You and your team hosted an amazing day, it was a real pleasure to attend. Thank you for having us I hope we can attend again next year."

A huge thank you to all the tournament volunteers - you put in an amazing shift and made a lot of people very happy. It would not have been possible without you. Also, a big thank you to the Nutley Arms for allowing us to use their field as a car park - it was a huge help and was much appreciated.



Tournament volunteers

ORGANIC FERTILISER

We aim to maintain the pitches in as a wildlife friendly way as we can. We asked the Sussex FA for advise on wildlife friendly fertilisers. They in turn asked the head grounds keeper at Brighton Hove Albion who recommended a company called Symbio who make a range of organic fertilisers. So we've bought a batch of their slow release granular fertiliser and plan to put

this down in September. Fingers crossed this goes well and we'll continue to use them.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - JEMMA TESTER SMITH

We're very excited to have Jemma Tester Smith join the committee as Girls Secretary. Jemma has a daughter that started at our Wildcats sessions and is now playing in our girls team. Jemma is super organised and will doubtless be a huge help to the girls coaches and the club in general. Thank you very much Jemma.



A PLEA TO SPECTATORS

We love spectators and particularly value all the hard work that parents put in bringing their children to training and games. We love the passion that the spectators show and we want all our teams to win. However, most of all we want our players to enjoy their football and to develop from game to game. We

must trust our coaches to direct our players during games. It's really not helpful for a player to have their coach giving them one set of instructions and spectators to give them another. We also need to give the players time and space to find their own voices on the pitch. That said please do be vocal in your praise and applause, and please thank the opposition and officials as well as our own players and coaches.

GET INVOLVED

Nutley Football Club is a community group. We are all volunteers. We aim to create a fun, safe and inclusive environment for people of all ages, genders and backgrounds to play, volunteer and support football in our local community. We welcome all. You might want to coach, help with the administration, serve teas and baps on match days, help with the facilities or do something else entirely. Here are some ideas of roles you could volunteer for:

Line marking and match day setup - it would be amazing if someone / some people could help us mark out the lines each week and maybe help setup for match days please.

Youth Secretary - work with junior members to ensure their voices are heard. Perhaps you could set up a youth group with regular meetings and a suggestions box, and to bring these ideas to the committee. These meetings could be a couple of times per season for each junior team. This role could empower our junior members and help keep everything positive.

Community Secretary - responsible for organising social events to bring all club members together to enhance relationships within the club and with the local community (perhaps parties, quiz night, end-of-season do).

Cafe Manager - help run our cafe during home games. The cafe creates a fantastic social environment and provides a vital source of income for the club.

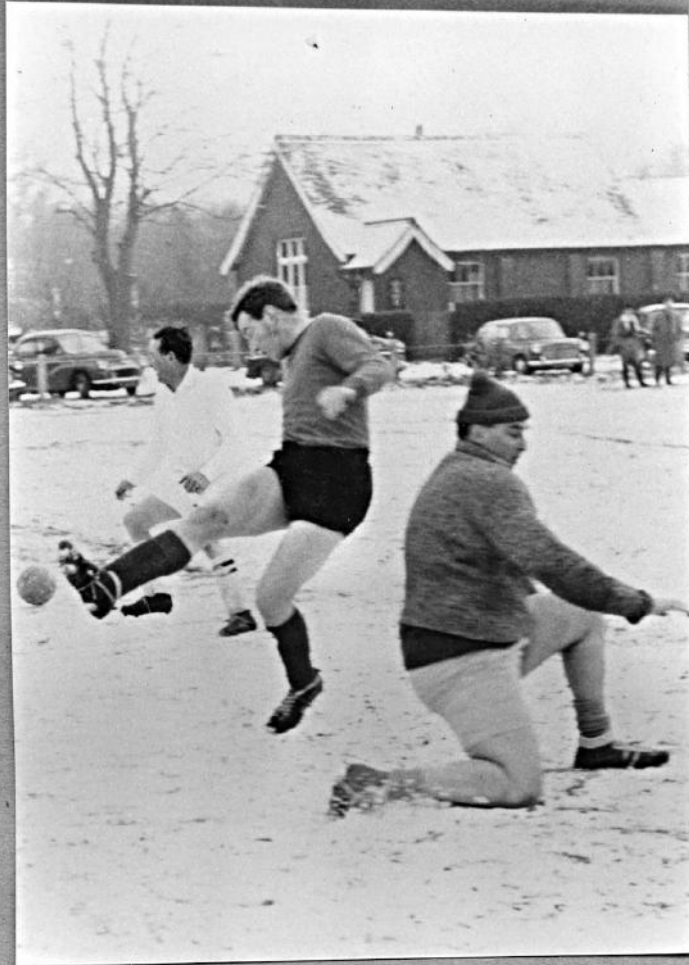
Club Secretary - main point of contact for the FA, team managers, clubs and leagues, the Secretary will help look after the administrative duties for the club. We really need someone to take over from Ben S please.

We are a friendly and supportive bunch of volunteers. Please do think about joining us. You will be rewarded by a sincere

thanks from the club, a warm glow for yourself and some good karma coming back your way! If you are interested then please contact our wonderful secretary Ben Scott on secretary@nutleyfc.co.uk or 07886 270219.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Nutley 1sts 1965 - I'm glad we no longer play in conditions like these! You can see more photographs [here](#).



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TOM WELWER CYRIL GILLHAM BOB HOAD

THE OLD CHAPEL WAS STILL STANDING



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