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## NUTLEY FC NEWSLETTER JUNE '23

### CHAIR'S REPORT FROM AGM (22-Jun-23)

Overall it has been a very successful season. We've had four teams over four different age groups with 75 playing members playing 80 games plus tournaments and friendlies. We've started girls Wildcats football. We've received a 'Good' rating from the GMA for our pitches. We ran a successful tournament for about 250 juniors and put on a well attended quiz night for about 70 adults. We raised about £2300 from these two events and £250 from food sales. We've received about £10,200 in grants, donations and sponsorship which we've spent on the pitches, two pairs of goals, kit, VEO camera and Wildcats equipment. Not bad for a small village club! We should all be very proud. Huge thanks are due to committee members, coaches, ground staff, players and parents.

Unfortunately, our U13s team folded at the end of this season. I want to say a massive thank you to Ben S for the enormous energy and enthusiasm he's put into this team over the years. I hope Ben continues to help out within the club - we'd be much the worse if he didn't.

We had lots of parents help out at the tournament and the quiz - thank you very much to them. We have also had a few volunteers join us for this season for more of the day-to-day activities: Hannah and Shona have completed DBS checks and safeguarding training to help look after the U8s; Charlie S has been maintaining the tractor; Charlie McC has been leading some

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volunteers and hope that more people will join us next season. Volunteers are the only way we can continue to provide and improve the opportunities we offer for people to play football.

Gavin Paisley

### ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE

We're proud to wear the logo of St Peter & St James Hospice - a wonderful charity that provides care to adults with life-limiting illness. Thank you very much to Becky Rodriguez for sponsoring our adults home kit.



### TOURNAMENT SEASON

finished runners-up at the Heathfield & Horam tournament. We've got our own tournament on the 29th and 30th July at Fords Green. More information can be found [here](#).



### PAVILION SPRUCE UP

Thank you very much to Alex, Roger, Bert, Gavin, Kevin, Paul, Linzi, Birgit, Ben, Gary, Marceline and Chris for their hard work repainting a chunk of the Fords Green Pavilion back in May. The pavilion looks a lot better for it.



## OVERSEEDING

We had Fords Green overseeded in May. A tractor with a disc-seeder on the back planted 380kg of grass seed. We've been able to afford this considerable expense because of the generosity of the Football Foundation and our local community. Thank you. We had near perfect weather for germination and the seed was quickly up and away! You may still be able to see stripes of new grass.

A massive thank you to Ron Gibson for his generous donation to our general funds. Ron is a local resident who is right behind our club and what we're trying to do to promote female football.

## WILDCATS

Our Wildcats sessions have been really successful with a regular bunch of about 13 girls turning up. These sessions are designed for girls aged 5 to 11 that want to give football a go for the first time or who just want to play with other girls their own age. You can book a place at <http://faevents.thefa.com/bookevent?eventID=7548>.

We'd love to start a girls team or two. We need to find some coaches - there's got to be a parent or two out there that fancies it! Coaching is such good fun and is massively rewarding. You don't need prior football experience - you need passion, good humour, good communication and organisational skills and patience! There are FA provided training courses that are not too onerous and we will pay for them. We're hoping that with a large group of coaches (our existing coaches and some new ones) we can run these sessions and / or teams without putting too much pressure on anyone person. Please get in touch with Gavin Paisley at [chair@nutleyfc.co.uk](mailto:chair@nutleyfc.co.uk).

If we do start a girls team we'll be on the hunt for a shirt sponsor!



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT - BEN SCOTT

We want to turn the spotlight on the fantastic Mr Ben Scott. Ben has been in and around the club for the last three decades initially as a player and then as a coach, organiser and cheerleader. He's a force of nature that has kept the club driving in the right direction and has helped so many others to play football, have fun and develop into fine young men. He's been coaching juniors from 2011 right through to this season. Unfortunately for us, but deservedly so for him, he's hanging up his coach's whistle. Happily for us he'll still be around to lend a hand here and there, to be club secretary for another year (albeit reluctantly - admin is not his favourite job) and organise our tournament. Thank you for all you've done Ben - we all love you dude!



### GET INVOLVED

**Girls Football Coach** - if you fancy taking on this role our existing coaches and the club would support you and pay for your FA training. You would be taking over from existing coaches in delivering the planned Wildcats sessions. This would allow us to spend the grant we've received for these sessions on more kit rather than buying in coaching.

**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](mailto:secretary@nutleyfc.co.uk) or 07886 270219.

#### **FORDS GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Fords Green Management Committee needs a new chair person. The committee is a friendly bunch that is comprised of various people from Nutley and representatives of the three sports

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