



Club Contacts

Management Committee
The Committee is responsible for organising all activities of the club and meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

Honorary President

Angela Banks
Club Chairman
Paul Cartwright
Vice-Chairman
Terry Cox
Club Secretary
Ruth Watson
Club Treasurer
Sarah Mingaye

U15 Parents Rep

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U13 Parents Rep

Gill Duchossoy

U11 Parents Rep

Elaine French

U10 Parents Rep

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Events Organisers

Karen & Garry McKellar

Fundraising Officer

Alan Burr

Publicity Officer

Mark Lea

Child Protection Officer

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Coaches

All of our coaching staff and committee members are volunteers. If you are unable to make training or a match – please ensure you text or call the relevant manager as soon as possible.

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U13 Managers

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U11 Manager

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U10 Manager

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Coaches

Paul Cartwright, Steve Phythian, Martin Perkins, Joe Letang, Steve Walder.

If you have any membership enquires or you know someone who would like to join call

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Diary Dates

Besides a busy schedule of training and matches, there are lots of other events for you to enjoy. Keep up-to-date by visiting our website at www.dynamo-gfc.co.uk

Sunday 27th April, 10.30
Junior Kickers Festival
Burgess Hill (U10)

Thursday 1st May, 6pm
Summer Fun Sessions start
Telscombe Playing Fields

Tuesday 6th May, 7pm
Committee Meeting
Badgers Watch

Sunday 11th May, 9am
Dynamo Football Festival
Telscombe Playing Fields

Saturday 7th June, 7pm
Annual Awards Evening
Meridian Centre

Tuesday 24th June, 7pm
Annual General Meeting
Telscombe Civic Centre

Saturday 28th June, 2pm
Dynamo Fun Day *
Telscombe Playing Fields

** Please note that this date has been changed since this newsletter was sent out in the post*

Caption Competition

What was Sarah thinking as she trudges through the snow?!! If you can think of a witty caption to go with this picture you could win yourself a football! Email your caption with your name and age group to info@dynamo-gfc.co.uk or if you don't have a computer, write it on a piece of paper and hand it to Paul at training. The best caption will be published in our June edition!



It's snow joke!

You would have thought that the above picture was taken in the middle of December but no, this was the scene at our home ground on the 6th April! Though snow had been forecast, we had all hoped that the U11 fixture against Newhaven could still proceed. However within 10 minutes we had gone from a light snow shower to near blizzard conditions and unsurprisingly the match was cancelled.

It was a bit of a shame as the U11's are on a bit of a winning streak at the moment as they have won the last two games and were confident of a third.

The U15's game (also against Newhaven) on the same day was also cancelled. The girls still have one fixture to play and have a chance of catching East Grinstead in their league.

The U13's league season has now finished, but the U10's were in action at the Junior Kickers Festival in Burgess Hill at the end of March. Whilst the results weren't as good as previously, improvements were made by all the players as the tournament progressed. The girls have one more indoor festival to attend on Sunday 27th April.

The other remaining fixtures are the U11's vs Sovereign Saints and U15's vs Newhaven both on 27th April.



Festival Draws Close

We have just under a month to go to our Annual Football Festival which this year is on **Sunday 11th May**. We are still finalising the plans for the event but we do know one thing – we need plenty of volunteers to help out on the day.

Whilst we fully understand that you will want to watch your daughter play, we will need help setting up the event, seeing in the arrival of the teams, running stalls and helping to pack up and tidy up at the end. There will be a letter sent to all families requesting help, but the following timetable is an indication of what we need:

6.30am Set-up of pitches. This is one for the real early birds. It takes about an hour to prepare all the pitches – assembly of the goals, putting out the corner posts and pitch markers. Volunteers: 4

7.30am Stalls. We will have a marquee to assemble, food stall, penalty shootout, bouncy castle, control tent and public address system to set-up. Volunteers: 8

8.30am By now we should have set-up and unloaded everything needed for the day – time for a cup of tea and a bacon sandwich!

9.00am Car Parking: By now the teams will start arriving from across Sussex. We will need volunteers to manage the car park and programme sellers – brothers and sisters can help with this.

9.30am Tournament Starts: We will have six pitches running this year and each one will need two pitch marshals. They will be responsible for reporting results and selling raffle tickets. On top of that we will have at least three fund raising stalls that will require manning, help with the catering (this year we are doing our own food) and the control tent where all the results are recorded and league tables published. Volunteers: 20

3.30pm Finals: This year all the finals will be played on just two of the pitches, so from about 3.30pm, the remaining pitches can be cleared and the goals etc dismantled. Perhaps if your team has been knocked out (which we hope not!) then you can stay behind and help with the clearing up. Volunteers: 4

4.30pm Clear Up: By now all of the matches should have been played and all that is left is the clearing up of rubbish, packing up of the tents and general clearing up. This can be the hardest part of the day as everybody is tired, but we will make sure that there are still plenty of refreshments on hand. Volunteers: 20

Now, we don't expect you to help out all day and what we will try to do is run a rota so that everyone has plenty of time to relax and enjoy some of the football action. For example, you may be able to give an hour in the morning to set-up, a couple of hours during the day as a pitch marshal or on a stall, then an hour at the end. Whatever help you can give will be appreciated.

This is a really important day for the Club. We are hoping to raise lots of funds, but just as important this is the **ONLY** girls only tournament in Sussex – lets make it the **BEST** tournament ever!



From The Sideline

Hi and welcome to the latest edition of our Club newsletter. The next two months will be the busiest period of the season for me and the rest of the Club Committee as firstly we have our Annual Football Festival closely followed by our Annual Awards Evening.

Somewhere in between the two we will also be fitting in a number of fund raising events and summer tournaments too! Whilst it is a manic time, it's also very enjoyable as the pressures of league competitions are over, everyone chills out a bit and best of all we should be enjoying better weather! It has been a nightmare again this season and no more so than on the 6th April. Whilst I enjoyed the snowball fights and sledging, it was frustrating to have yet another delay in the season.

Finally can I please ask all parents (and grandparents!) for their help at the Annual Football Festival? This is an important event for the club for many different reasons and your support will make all the difference. There will be loads of different jobs available and if everyone helps a little then the whole thing will be much easier. Thank you!

Keep enjoying your footie!

The Gooner

Paul Cartwright



Summer Training

Sorry, but the dates for the summer training sessions were a bit confused last issue! The actual dates are as follows:

Saturday 26th April: This is the last Saturday training session for ALL age groups.

Sunday 27th April: Last day for all league matches to be played and final Junior Kickers Festival.

Thursday 1st May: Summer fun training sessions begin. These will take place every Thursday from 6pm – 7.30pm. They are open to ALL age groups. Most of the sessions will be at our home ground, occasionally at other venues to be confirmed.

Thursday 19th June: Final evening training session of the summer.

Saturday 28th June: Fun Day at Telscombe Playing Fields. TBC *(date changed since newsletter sent out in post)*

We will then take a break for the summer, with the youth players coming back for pre-season training in August.

Clubhouse

The Club has received fantastic news since our last newsletter with confirmation that planning permission for the Clubhouse has been granted. The unit is currently being built and should be ready for delivery from 20th April onwards. We still have a few final things to sort out, but we may still have the Clubhouse in time for our Football Festival – fantastic news, I'm sure you will agree!!!

Ladies Team

The Club is really keen to organise a ladies team to play in the Sussex Womens League next season. We have had some discussions with players, but if you or any of your friends would be keen to play please contact the Club Secretary on **info@dynamo-gfc.co.uk**. We intend to get a training session planned for late July/early August.