



Clarby News



Issue 2 The official newsletter of Clarbeston Road AFC (Charity No. 1163455) August 2019

Who are we?

We are a registered charity (Charity number 1163455). We have twice been the FAW Trust Club of the Year (in 2003 and 2008) and we are a FAW Silver accredited club. We hold an InSport Ribbon award for our support to the Cleddau Warriors Disability Football Club. You can find out a lot more about the club by looking at our Welcome Pack on our web site.

Our web site, Facebook and Twitter links are as follows:

www.clarbestonroadafc.co.uk/home.html

www.facebook.com/ClarbestonRoadAFC/

@ClarbyRoadAFC

Queries may also be sent directly to June Harries (Club Secretary) on:

01437 731574 & june.27harries@gmail.com

Check out our senior fixtures, results and tables on:

<http://www.pembrokeshireleague.co.uk>

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

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- 3 Team of the Month

Pre-2019-20 season review

We are now counting down the days to the start of the new playing season. We have completed a lot of annual maintenance work on our pitches over the summer, costing over £6,000, and they are looking good and ready to go!

We have also largely completed the mammoth task of registering all of our players, coaches, officials and other volunteers onto the new COMET system, now being used by the FAW for player registration. We are though still registering new players so please contact our club Secretary if you wish to register.

Football Fun Days

We held a very successful Open/Fun Day at our Knock Field site in July. This was also used as a registration day and we would like to thank everyone for their patience when queuing to register!



We were delighted to be joined by Ffion Morgan, a member of the Wales Ladies squad who is pictured here with some of our girls and their coach Dafydd Makepeace. We are keen to recruit more girls at all age groups. Hopefully Ffion has inspired some more girls to give football a try!

SPONSORSHIP

We are grateful for the support of a number of local businesses who sponsor our pitch side advertising boards and team kits. We are always pleased to welcome new sponsors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPITTAL FOOTBALL FUN DAY & BBQ

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

Our popular fun day, held with the support of Spittal Community Council and the Pump on the Green.

COMEDY "LIVE @ CLARBY"

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019

Book your babysitters now so that you do not miss our evening of entertainment in Clarbeston Road Memorial Hall with a line of up to 5 comedians and a licensed bar.

MINI & JUNIOR HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2019

Spooky disco for mini/junior players, with Halloween fancy dress at Clarbeston Road Memorial Hall. Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Hall and support the event. Please contact Owen Roberts if you can assist.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Two separate BINGO evenings at Clarbeston Road Memorial Hall where you can come along and win your Christmas turkey. Held on Tuesday 10th December on Thursday 19th December.

2020

Please let us have any suggestions or new ideas about any further fundraising events that we may build into our programme for 2020. We are always open to suggestions.

Please see our Facebook site for more information ahead of event dates.

We have a further Fun Day planned for Spittal Green on Saturday 31st August and we look forward to seeing you there.



SCHEDULE	
3PM	Men's Challenge Cup
3.30PM	Ladies Challenge Cup
4-5.30PM	Children's games
5.30PM	Walking Football
6PM	BBQ (The Pump on the Green)

Activities
Games
Raffle
BBQ

All proceeds to be used to support the provision of football to the local community

Volunteering opportunities

We are always looking for new volunteers for a range of tasks to support our activities. Even if you just have the occasional couple of hours to spare, for example to help in the tuck shop or to trim the grass on the banks, please speak to us.

We are particularly keen to recruit more coaches/helpers for our Under 7s age group. Full training and support will be provided and you don't need to have any previous football experience. If you think you may be able to help, please speak to Huw Bevan our Junior Secretary on 01437 731358.

We would also like to give more support our coaches with team helpers who can help them setting out training sessions and providing information to parents. These roles could suit a parent who wishes to help but is not available for every game or training session or who does not want the commitment of a coaching role.

Further Ground Improvements



We have completed further work to deal with a drainage issue around the access to the seating area overlooking Pitch 1. We will be monitoring the effectiveness of this as we inevitably get wet weather in the autumn/winter. We have also installed further fencing for safety reasons around the access ramp to Pitch 1 and a spectator entrance at our main access gate to Knock Field.

We were unsuccessful in our application to Sport Wales for funding for a new changing room building through the "A Place for Sport Fund". It would appear that their awards were for much smaller amounts over a larger number of projects. We await feedback from the FAW to our request for funding to further extend our parking area at the top of the site to avoid the need for cars to park on the road outside of the site. This is also planned to prepare the site for the future changing room building.

Please note that toilet facilities are now available to both players and spectators in the portakabin at Knock Field.

Community Wellbeing Report

In our last edition we reported that we had joined up with St Marys Church Wiston Restoration Committee and Clarbston Road Memorial Hall Committee to ensure that our respective plans to improve our facilities are led by the needs and wishes of the community. PLANED then hosted a community workshop and developed a Community Wellbeing report to help influence future provision of services to the local area, including our aspirations for improved

facilities. Their report has been prepared and will be circulated soon. This should be helpful to us in our future funding applications.

Team of the Month



Our team of the month is our senior squad who competed in our pre-season memorial tournament in the memory of former player Michael "Sticky" Thomas who passed away in 2002. Each year the tournament supports fundraising for a nominated local charity. This year over £1000 has been raised to date for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. We are grateful to the Cross Inn for hosting a BBQ as part of their beer festival weekend to support this cause. The tournament was won by Carew FC, last season's West Wales Cup and Senior Cup Finalists. Our team, pictured above, contains 8 former junior players with the club.

Training Dates

Pre-season training arrangements will be notified to individual squads by their coaches. Training on the astro-turf at the Haverfordwest High Prendergast site on Monday evenings for all mini and junior age groups will re-commence on Monday 9th September. Further details will be posted on our web and Facebook sites ahead of this date. Senior training will take place on Tuesdays at 8pm.

Malcolm's Wales Ironman Bid



Malcolm Clash, who has lived in Clarbeston Road for over 5 years, has kindly offered to raise funds for Clarbeston Road AFC by taking on the gruelling 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and a full marathon of 26 miles for the Welsh Marathon at Tenby in September! We wish Malcolm all the best for the event and to thank him for raising funds for us.

Malcolm may be sponsored by following the Just Giving link on our Facebook page.

Football Boot Exchange



Is this a familiar picture? Do you have a growing collection of old football boots at home that no longer fit but are too good to dispose of? Have your children's feet grown yet another size over the summer and you are faced with the expense of buying new boots for the coming season, at the same time as all of the other back to school expenses? Then this may be of interest to you. We are trialling a boot exchange scheme for club players and members. We are inviting members to donate any surplus boots in clean and good condition to us and we will make them available to other club players for a suggested minimum donation to club funds of £5. Donors of boots will also be able to obtain replacement boots through this scheme.

If you donate boots to us, we cannot guarantee we will have availability of all sizes in exchange but the more club members who participate, then the greater the potential you will find what you need.

We will start receiving boots at our Football Fun Day in Spittal on Saturday 31st August and then subsequently at Monday night training sessions at the STP Astro, when the sessions commence.

Boots will be available for exchange on Saturday mornings at our Knock Field site.

Remember, this is a trial. If it does not work, we will end the scheme and donate any remaining stock of boots to an appropriate charitable cause.

Under 7s Kit Sponsor

We are grateful for the generous sponsorship from E.P.Harries & Co of this season's new kit for the Under 7s squad. We hope to publish a photo of the players in the kit once the season gets started.

Disability Football Festival

As part of our support to the Cleddau Warriors Disability Football Club we will be hosting a disability football festival at our Knock Field site on Sunday 20th October. Teams from across South Wales will be taking part and we look forward to welcoming them to our site.

Good Conduct Award

Congratulations to our senior footballers who won a good conduct award for the 2018-19 season. The club received a £250 voucher to purchase kit at the Pembrokeshire League AGM in July

Parking

When parking for Pitches 2 and 3, please use our off-road car park that avoids the need to park on the highway. There is a dedicated, safe pedestrian route within the Pitch 3 site and a road crossing point for players and spectators using Pitch 2 so that they do not need to walk on the highway. We are grateful to Pembrokeshire County Council for making recent changes to the road signage to help reduce the speed of passing vehicles.

2nd Team Manager

We are very pleased to confirm that Matthew Brown, a senior player with the club for many years, has been appointed as 2nd Team Manager. We wish him every success in this role.