



CHARTER STANDARD
COMMUNITY CLUB

WELLAND JUNIOR FC SPRING NEWSLETTER

Spitalfield Drainage

Working with the Town, District and Local Parish Councils the club has obtained specialist advice with support and funding made available to significantly improve the drainage on Spitalfield. The work will begin during May (see the schedule of works below) bringing to an end the weeks, sometimes months, we lose due to water-logging!

***Indicative work programme if works commence in May**

Construction Work	Year 1	Year 2
Mobilisation of Contractors	May	
Natural Turf Works (incl regrading and drainage)	May - June	
12 Months Maintenance Period	July ongoing	Complete around June
Sand Groove Installation (where applicable)	September - October	
Over Seeding	October	
Ground Ready to Play		July - September

N.B. The precise date for the return to play is highly dependent on the weather conditions that prevail during the construction works and growing-in period. Play/use shall recommence upon approval from the Contract Administrator.

The downside of course is that the pitch will be out of action for all of the 2017-18 season so we are already looking to hire alternative and additional facilities to ensure we can continue to support all our football commitments and ambitions for the future!

On a Saturday morning the non-league training sessions for u5 to u13 will continue across the road onto the recreation field and we are currently looking at several options to make the best of this until Spitalfield is available again. The car-park will still be available and we can't stress enough for everyone to take extra care crossing the road. The Marlbank Road can be busy, especially when there are other events on in the village hall or church, at the same time!

With best will in the world this will be a disruptive process and a difficult year having a knock-on effect throughout the club. It is however a one off opportunity to put Spitalfield right and do something positive in terms of sport and recreation within the village. The money is coming from the S106 fund provided by the builders who, in line with the 'South Worcestershire Development Plan', are building 150 new houses within the Welland boundary. Looking further ahead this will bring new members to the club and a new generation of local people take the club forward. The money will also be used to buy land for further recreational development by the Parish Council. You may already have noticed the new, children's play equipment on the Parish field by the school and plans are advancing to invest in sports and gym equipment to be located on Spitalfield to get people of all ages and ability moving!

We will keep you advised as the project progresses. During the next couple of months the Football Club will make a presentation to the Parish Council outlining our plans for the future and, working with the County FA, will be producing our own 'Three Year Development Plan'. There is a lot going on in the village so let's all work together and make this happen for the benefit of the next generation of Welland Junior footballers.

WFA Skills team return to Welland,

The FA Skills is a unique football coaching programme that gives 5-11s of all abilities the opportunity to get active, learn new football skills and enjoy the game. They provide after-school football coaching, holiday football coaching and also work within primary schools providing specialist football coaching.

Their half-term visit to Welland was a great success so why not register now for their return Easter holiday sessions planned on Spitalfield for Tuesday 18th/ Wednesday 19th April – follow the link on our webpage or go direct to: <http://faskills.thefa.com/SkillCentres/Worcester/WellendPavillion>

There will be (free) girls only afternoon sessions following on from boys/mixed coaching in the morning (£3 or £5 for both days!)



Volunteers

- Welland Football club is run entirely by volunteers,
- The club needs desperately requires more volunteers to help with running the club. The managers and coaches also tend to be the ones who volunteer for these additional roles, adding to their already busy workload.
- The ethos of the club is: 'to generate an atmosphere and environment where young players can develop their skills and enjoy the game in a friendly non-competitive environment until such time that they are mature enough to take part in competitive fixtures and leagues. The emphasis must always be on development, enjoyment, fair play and fostering team spirit rather than simply being winners'.
- Please help us maintain this ethos and the high standards of football excellence the Club provides for your child by getting in touch and offering your services, whether it's; coaching, managing, team support, fundraising, administration skills, marketing, I.T. – we really do need your help.

Please contact Peter Manion for more information

Team News

With over 350 players, within 6 different leagues, Welland Juniors now have 19 teams within the club !

It's hard to keep track of how the other teams performed, here's a quick snapshot of some of this season's team performances. A huge well done to all the teams involved !!

U9 colts, u10colts & u10lions are all in their respective cup finals on Sunday 30th April at Malvern Town.

U12's, u18 Lions & u14 Lions are in Cup Semi Final action on 18th March.

U12's, U13 Lions & U18 Lions are all currently top of their respective leagues. (stop press u18s Champions!)

The Men's first team are currently top of the CAFL Div 1 and are also in the Trophy Final on 15th April.



Team Focus

It's always rewarding to see a Welland team go on all the way through the leagues to u18s, the core of players staying together since their introduction to mini-soccer as under 9s! Here are two pictures, one from the archives then bang up to date as under 18s Ambassador League Champions!



Well done to all the hard working managers, past and present, to the lads and their parents for 10 years of support and a club success story to be proud of!



Today's under 18s League winning squad are:

top left to right

Liam Gleeson, Adam Robinson, Max Gwinett, Harry Westfield, Josh Parsons, Charlie Tippell, Jacob Kent, Luke Norris

Bottom left to right: Max Norman, Dino Bradford, Sam Whitton, Dan Jackson, Jake Norris, Sam Naulls, Theo Ceres (missing from picture - Harry Thatcher, who scored his first goal for Welland in March!)

Good luck to the team for their forthcoming summer tour to the 'Gothia World Cup', in Sweden and the Cup Semi-Finals on March 18th along with the U12's & U14 Lions!

New Girls Team Planned 2017/18

Welland Junior Girls welcome all young girls interested in Football, to join in the fun on a Thursday evening from 6-7pm at Hanley Castle High School - Sports Hall. These sessions are aimed at year 6 & 7

School girls interested in forming an u12 girls team with Welland, next season.

Pictured here are Wellands' under 13s girls during a recent training session!



For more information contact Jodie Williams

World Cup Day!

This year 'World Cup Day' will be on Saturday 6th May on the Upton Sports Fields,

For those new to the club this is a fun tournament for ALL club members to join in and an opportunity for newcomers to see what the club is about! We will have presentations of the season's individual awards, football tournament, BBQ and a host of refreshments/pavilion bar/raffle and tombola etc. With so many teams in contention for league and cup awards we will be taking this opportunity to make additional presentations and take photographs etc,

Cost per player £3,



Kit

MG Sportswear – Welland kits and accessories ordered direct

We have been buying kit from the Kidderminster based company MG Sportswear now for two seasons. We will shortly have a link direct from our website to the MG shop where the club, managers, sponsors, parents and friends can purchase directly kit/replacements/jackets/training tops/accessories and equipment complete with Welland logos. We also have a set of 5 different shirts and shorts which can be used to check the correct sizes are ordered. The link will be active very soon on our website so keep an eye out for it:

www.mgsportswear.co.uk/clubshops/wellandjuniors



Thank You!

Thanks to our under 15s managers Chris Russell and Richard Oakley for these pictures of their old Welland kit which is now having a second life in Tanzania! Puts things into perspective, doesn't it!

Dates for the Diary

Fun-Run – Friday 31st March – Spitalfield 6pm

World Cup Day – Saturday 6th May – Upton Sports Field – for 12.30pm

Walking Football Tournament – Saturday 10th June – The Hill Centre, 10am

Welland Juniors AGM – Friday 30th June – Welland Pavilion – 7pm