

Chairman Pre-season newsletter

My first year as Chairman has come and gone in a flash and it was an experience to say the least!

In at the deep end comes to mind, but thanks to continued support from Garry Blyth who has history and a good memory of BTYFC which comes in very useful!

Also a new year for our Secretary Donna Anderson and our Treasurer Dale Dewing, who have done a great job for the club and need a special mention.

So another season has started and I am sure the managers and trainers are looking forward to it as much as the players!

I would like to wish all teams the very best of luck, from the reports so far of the numbers we are little down on where we expected to be at this stage, but as normal more will join and teams will strengthen.

I would also like to mention all the supporters, parents, and grand parents who help in small ways to make each team as successful as possible, from setting up goals, running the lines, tea and coffee stands and general support. With this support we are all stronger as teams and anything to make life a bit easier can only help focus the managers through to the most important people, the players.

Best of luck to our new managers, Dan Pinkerton (under 9's) who is experienced in running young teams and inherits a strong couple of teams which I am sure can only progress further.

Ashley Catlin with Brad Gillham have started the Under 6/7 group with over 16 players already and with solid sporting background from the managers, this group will prove to be strong in years to come!

Good luck also to Dale's under 11's who move up to 11 side, the offside rule!! and real competitive stuff, as Div 3 champions they will have a task in Div 1 this season, but having seen them play, I am sure they will do well.

Personally, my own age group (under 10's) now have 33 players and 4 very good teams, we are delighted to have introduced 9 new players this year and following the development plan have stuck together for training to make sure opportunities for all remain into 11 side teams for next season.

Opportunities still exist for sponsorship, from team kit, jackets, or just a welcome donation, please feel free to contact us.

So, welcome to all old and new, and all the best for the season: We should all now have the fixtures, a pitch, and the motivation to ensure BTYFC remains as one of the teams to represent in the respective leagues.

As always the door is open for suggestions or discussion with any committee member. Lastly, a thank you to the 'behind the scenes' volunteers who co-ordinate pitches, report results, and help look after all the other items a big club has to manage.

Also a special thank you to Keith Bedford for setting up the new website and to Mark Stanley, who does endless work on the site making sure it works, is up-to-date and informative, please join if not already a member www.baldocktyfc.co.uk

Hope you all enjoyed the recent 5 a-side event which is always a good community weekend, thanks to Bob, Sean and the events reps, believe me, this takes some organising!

Biggest thanks to you guys who keep the players motivated and excited about football, simple aim, big task!

Looking forward, we have had many discussions with local councilors and are pushing to find a home for the Club, it is a long hard process and we feel only at the beginning, but it is on the agenda and we will keep pushing.

Looking forward to new season as I am sure you are!

Paul