



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2009

PRE-SEASON CLUBS MEETINGS IN AUGUST

The annual meetings will be held this year as follows:

MONDAY AUGUST the 17th at Keighley Rugby Union Club at 7.30. This is for any club representative and managers of under 11, 12 & 13 teams in the League.

This meeting is of particular interest to any team representatives that are new to the League. We shall explain how the under 11 preliminary fixtures work and how we use the results to allocate the teams to the new A, B & C divisions. We will explain the various options we have for the league cup competitions and ask managers for their views. We will also clarify any rules that we have had questions about. We will have the team packs available for collection.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST the 19th at Silsden F.C., Keighley Road, Silsden at 7.30pm. Please observe the parking restrictions and be aware that there are roadworks in the middle of the town which will affect anyone travelling from Addingham. This is for any club representative not able to come on Monday and for those concerned with under 14, 15, 16 and 17 teams.

The information to be given out is similar to the above but we assume that most people attending have been involved with the League before. We will however make officials available to answer the questions of any new managers.

It is essential that at least one person attends one meeting to collect the club and team packs. These will NOT be posted.

Father jailed for punching referee

A father who punched a referee in the face at his son's junior football match was jailed.

Richard Norman, 33, of Treboeth, near Swansea, South Wales, ran up and hit the 62-year-old referee from behind after he abandoned an ill-natured under-14s clash in injury time. Swansea Crown Court Recorder Paul Thomas jailed Norman for 18 months after branding Norman's actions a "wholly cowardly attack".

This was one of two news items printed in the Yorkshire Post on 25th July. We hope this never happens in our league. We hope the WRCFA never has to deal with such an incident in our league. But remember - this is all about behaviour on the field. It starts when clubs allow players and parents to question referees' decisions. Clubs and their managers/coaches must set firm standards of conduct for their players and their parents. This way we can avoid a situation like that in South Wales.

The other item was about a paedophile being sentenced following incidents at an amateur football club and at Leicester City F.C.

A PAEDOPHILE who preyed on young boys at football matches was yesterday jailed indefinitely for public protection.

Graham Simms, 49, befriended the boys and their families at Leicester City Football Club matches and an amateur club in the area, then inappropriately touched them.

Simms, of Braunstone Lane, Braunstone, Leicester, was convicted of five counts of sexual assault against a child under 13, and three counts of sexual grooming after a trial earlier this year.

The court heard Simms, who had been previously convicted of sex offences against children, had committed the offences whilst on licence.

Yesterday at Leicester Crown Court he was told he would not be eligible for parole for at least three-and-a-half years.

The court heard Simms was convicted of sexual offences in 1987, 1991, 2000 and 2003 after he met boys through his involvement in local football teams.

He also preyed on a vulnerable single mother, then touched her son.

Simms was released on licence in April 2004 but continued to offend and mislead the people he reported to, the court heard.

During the trial, it was revealed he ingratiated himself with families of football-mad boys, treating them and even laying on his own coach to take them to matches.

We know that many club officials are finding all the child protection business getting more and more onerous every season. However, now and again we find examples of just why young people need caring for. The question is why didn't the Football Association's

child protection and welfare systems catch up with this chap who had a history of offending? Maybe the answer is that it's down to the ordinary, honest, hard-working team official to do the safeguarding and we need to attend the courses and seminars to

ensure we know what to look for and how to do things properly for all our young players.

Now that the majority of our clubs have attained Charter Standard we need to put our efforts into supporting Club Welfare Officers and providing local courses.

www.cravenairewharfe.org.uk

Some of you may have seen the new League Website. This can be found at the old address but has been completely rebuilt by Martin and David Maran. Plans include better links to the FA/FULL-TIME website for results, fixtures and tables; links to club & other interesting websites; and a better way to bring you news items. We know that Martin and David are keen to make the site reflect the needs of the users - players, managers, parents, etc. Please send then any suggestions that you have. You can find the details on the site.

THE REGISTRATION PROBLEM

We have about 220 teams in the league next season. They could all sign on the maximum of 22 players. This would make a total of 4,840 registrations. Even if teams just register the minimum of 11 players per team, this makes 2,420. Our Registration Secretary, Allan Watt, reckons that it takes him about 5 min for each card. This means that he needs at least 200 hours before the season starts. This is the kind of time they give people as an alternative to jail - community service. To put it another way - it's the time taken to play nearly 70 football matches. The point is that the task just cannot be done at the last minute or just before the start of the season.

We require every team in this league to have sent in **TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS** a minimum of eleven (that's just a team) registrations for Allan to process. If everyone does this it means he can cope with the extra registrations needed by managers in the last week. You can send in your registrations now. You could have sent in some registrations from July 1st. You can hand in your registrations at one of the Pre-season meetings. Unfortunately we know some teams will just not bother, They will not have registered any players by the deadline. Therefore they will get a fine of £3 per player (yes, that's right - it went up at the AGM) for every one short of the required eleven. That could be a fine of £33 before the season even starts. Not only that - if a fixture cannot be played because one team hasn't got their registration cards back from Allen their opponents can claim the points. As the fixture will start on September the 13th it means that Allan must have got your application forms* by Saturday the 29th of August.

* For first-time registrations we need
a completed registration form
two passport-size photographs
proof of date of birth
a stamped addressed envelope for the
return of the cards

For renewals we just need a new application form and the old card. If the card has been used for three seasons it will need replacing so we will need two new photographs but not proof of birth as Allan will already have this.

Do not send us an original passport, birth certificate, etc as these could get lost. Always send us a photo copy which will be retained. We cannot accept medical cards as these can be easily forged!

If you have a question about registrations then you can get this answered at either of the Pre-Season General Meetings in August. There are nearly another two weeks before the deadline.

SHORT SEASON FOR THE UNDER 11s?

"There's only six teams in our division!"

"Yes"

"But that means we only play ten matches!"

"Five matches"

"What do you mean five matches?"

"You only play each other once."

"But the season will be over by October!"

"That's right."

At this point the under 11 team manager is totally confused. No-one told them about the preliminary matches that help the league officials to determine the relative strengths of the teams. These five games are enough to tell us what we need.

"We won everything at mini-soccer!"

"But with mini-soccer you just need five or six players. You need twice as many players now for 11-a-side. Those extra five or six could be rubbish or brilliant."

Another point is that 11-a-side football is a very different game to mini-soccer. The youngsters have to cover a much larger area and be much fitter. It is a fact that an overweight child can do well at mini-soccer but will fail miserably on a full-size pitch. Our system is tried and tested. It is not perfect but is the best we have found so far.

By the beginning of October those teams that have won every game may be allocated to the A or B divisions, those who have lost every game may be in the bottom division. For the under 11s the season proper starts in late October probably after the half-term holiday.

"But what about all those points we won (or lost)?"

"They will be deleted. We start again."

Further information on how the under 11 season works will be given out at the meeting on August 17th.

TEAM ALLOCATIONS

Team allocations to the new divisions can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

We have read all the comments and almost all have been agreed to. In two cases we were unable to grant the request and have been in touch with the clubs involved to explain. You elect your Management Committee and we do our best to make good decisions. The bottom line is that these need to be in the best interest of the League and not necessarily an individual team.

LEEDS UNITED MILLENNIUM CUP COMPETITION

We had decided only to allow teams in Div 13A to take part. However, we accept that Leeds FA needed your entries before teams know what division they were in and so we have waived the "rule" for this season.

The reason why the Management Committee felt so strongly about this was because we have have very poor communications from the competition organisers. Sometimes Olwyn Watson, our Fixture Secretary, has only been made aware of a Millennium Cup game during the previous week. That is just not good enough!

Our clubs can help Olwyn by telling her immediately they get news of the draw and by phoning Fred as soon as the match is over to tell him the score.

We will, of course, wish all our teams that enter, all the very best in their games.

This competition, organised by the Leeds District Football Association is for under 13 teams. Any clubs taking part should make sure that they read the rules very carefully as they may not be the same as those in our League.

CLUB WELFARE OFFICERS

It is now a requirement that each club has a Welfare Officer. This person will need to be the point of contact within the club for any officials who need help or advice. In turn these CWOs can go to our newly appointed League Welfare Officer, Ian Thornton.

Ian's role has been added because it is also a requirement that every League has its own Welfare officer.

Ian needs to make a list of all the CWOs and also find out who needs to complete the County's Child Protection requirements. Ian will be spending the early part of the season gathering information so that he can arrange for the necessary courses to be run locally for the benefit of our member clubs.

There is a form included with the posting of this Newsletter. We ask for all clubs to tell Ian the name of the CWO and also the names of any manager or coaches who have not received a Child Protection Card from the West Riding County Football Association.

OTLEY TOWN WITHDRAW THEIR ONLY TEAM

Towards the end of July Otley Town emailed to say that their under 13 team would not be taking part in our League. This was to have replaced their new under 11 team which was to have replaced their under 12s! Whilst other clubs like Farsley and Calverley have increased the number of teams in our League Otley have only had a single team at under 11s for the last few seasons. Once a club withdraws all their teams from the League they must re-apply if they want to rejoin. Membership of the League is not always guaranteed!

RAMADAN

Teams with Muslim players may be affected in late August and early September. Fasting during the hours of daylight puts great strain on young players. Several teams have requested open dates on the 13th and 20th of September.

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You can email your reply to Ian at Thornton at citygent1911@aol.com or post the form to the address given. Please make sure we receive the details by the August meetings at the latest.

EMAIL ADDRESS LIST

As you might imagine my Secretary's list is getting a bit out of hand. There are people who have given up running teams, there are addresses that don't work any more and there is no logic to the way I have them filed. I am therefore proposing to delete every email name and address in my files and to start again.

I would like to ask every club secretary, manager and coach to send me an email with their proper name, club and age group any time during August. I will then set up new circulation lists based upon these returns. Hopefully I can get rid of the unrequired contacts and only send information to those who need it.

Mike email to: cravenairewharfe@blueyonder.co.uk

Julius Caesar
Manager
Romans under 14A

UNDER 11		E	Number of teams in section:	6	C	Number of teams in section:	10
E	Number of teams in section:	BINGLEY JUNIORS B			BOLTON WOODS JUNIOR FC		
ALBION SPORTS		EMBSAY JUNIORS F.C.			HORSFORTH St MARGARETS		
BD3 UTD F.C.		MANNINGHAM ALL STARS			MYRTLE PARK JUNIORS		
HORSFORTH St MARGARETS TWISTERS		NAB WOOD JUNIORS HAWKS			PROSPECT JUNIORS		
SHIPLEY JUNIORS LIONS		QUEENSBURY CELTIC B			SEDBERGH CRUSADER JRS STINGERS		
THACKLEY JUNIORS CRUSADERS		SANDY LANE JUNIORS A			SHIPLEY JUNIORS PANTHERS		
THACKLEY JUNIORS DRAGONS		SHIPLEY JUNIORS PANTHERS			SHIPLEY JUNIORS TIGERS		
N	Number of teams in section:	SUTTON JUNIORS ROGUES			SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS REDS		
BINGLEY JUNIORS B	6	THACKLEY JUNIORS B			THACKLEY JUNIORS		
GUISELEY JUNIORS FC WHITE		UNDER 13			WILSDEN JUNIOR		
HORSFORTH St MARGARETS EARTH-QUAKE		A	Number of teams in section:	8	UNDER 15		
MENSTON JUNIORS A		CAMPION JUNIORS			A	Number of teams in section:	10
SKIPTON LMS JUNIORS		GUISELEY JUNIORS FC			BOLTON WOODS JUNIOR FC A		
THACKLEY JUNIORS LIGHTNING		HORSFORTH St MARGARETS A			BPA JUNIORS		
S	Number of teams in section:	OAKWORTH JUNIORS HORNETS			BRONTE WANDERERS JFC A		
BINGLEY JUNIORS A	6	SHIPLEY JUNIORS LIONS			CALVERLEY UNITED JFC		
HORSFORTH St MARGARETS TORNADOS		STEETON JUNIORS			ECCLESHILL UNITED JUNIORS		
MENSTON JUNIORS B		WESTWOOD JUNIORS JETS			FARSLEY CELTIC		
MYRTLE PARK JUNIORS		WILSDEN JUNIOR REDS			SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS A		
SANDY LANE JUNIORS		B	Number of teams in section:	9	SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS REDS		
SHIPLEY JUNIORS TIGERS		BINGLEY JUNIORS			VENTUS UNITED YOUTH		
W	Number of teams in section:	BPA JUNIORS TIGERS			WROSE VIPERS		
KEIGHLEY SHAMROCKS JRS	6	BRADFORD TIGERS			B	Number of teams in section:	10
LONG LEE JUNIORS		KEIGHLEY SHAMROCKS JRS			BINGLEY JUNIORS		
QUEENSBURY CELTIC		LONG LEE JUNIORS VIPERS			BOLTON WOODS JUNIOR FC CORINTHIAN		
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS		QUEENSBURY CELTIC			BRAMLEY PHOENIX JFC		
SUTTON JUNIORS		SANDY LANE JUNIORS A			BURLEY TROJANS JUNIORS		
THACKLEY JUNIORS THUNDER		SKIPTON TOWN JUNIORS			ELDWICK JUNIORS		
Z	Number of teams in section:	THACKLEY JUNIORS A			GRASSINGTON JUNIORS		
ECCLESHILL UNITED JUNIORS	6	C	Number of teams in section:	9	LONG LEE JUNIORS		
FARSLEY CELTIC		BD3 UTD F.C.			NAB WOOD JUNIORS		
GUISELEY JUNIORS FC BLUE		BURLEY TROJANS JUNIORS			SANDY LANE JUNIORS		
OAKWORTH JUNIORS		CALVERLEY UNITED JFC			UNDERCLIFFE CELTIC JRS TYKES		
THACKLEY JUNIORS WARRIORS		ECCLESHILL UNITED JUNIORS			C	Number of teams in section:	11
WILSDEN JUNIOR		FARSLEY CELTIC			BRONTE WANDERERS JFC B		
UNDER 12		HORSFORTH St MARGARETS COLTS			CONONLEY JFC		
A	Number of teams in section:	LONG LEE JUNIORS COBRAS			CROSSHILLS JFC		
ALBION SPORTS	9	SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS			GUISELEY JUNIORS FC		
BD3 UTD F.C.		SUTTON JUNIORS A			MENSTON JUNIORS ROVERS		
BINGLEY JUNIORS A		D	Number of teams in section:	9	MYRTLE PARK JUNIORS RANGERS		
FARSLEY CELTIC		ALBION SPORTS			QUEENSBURY CELTIC		
HORSFORTH St MARGARETS A		KINGS PARK JUNIORS			SETTLE UNITED JFC		
LONG LEE JUNIORS		MENSTON JUNIORS			SHIPLEY JUNIORS TIGERS		
OAKWORTH JUNIORS		MYRTLE PARK JUNIORS			UNDERCLIFFE CELTIC JRS B		
SHIPLEY JUNIORS LIONS		NAB WOOD JUNIORS			WILSDEN JUNIOR		
THACKLEY JUNIORS A		OAKWORTH JUNIORS WASPS			UNDER 16		
B	Number of teams in section:	SHIPLEY JUNIORS TIGERS			A	Number of teams in section:	9
BOLTON WOODS JUNIOR FC RANGERS	8	WESTWOOD JUNIORS DOLPHINS			BARNOLDSWICK BARONS		
BPA JUNIORS		WILSDEN JUNIOR WARRIORS			BINGLEY JUNIORS		
KEIGHLEY SHAMROCKS JRS STAGS		E	Number of teams in section:	9	BRADFORD PARK AVENUE JUNIORS		
NAB WOOD JUNIORS EAGLES		BARNOLDSWICK BARONS			GRASSINGTON JUNIORS		
QUEENSBURY CELTIC A		BRONTE WANDERERS JFC			GUISELEY JUNIORS FC YELLOW		
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS A		HORSFORTH St MARGARETS REDS			SHIPLEY JUNIORS LIONS		
SKIPTON LMS JUNIORS		SANDY LANE JUNIORS B			SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS		
WILSDEN JUNIOR		SETTLE UNITED JFC			UNDERCLIFFE CELTIC JRS		
C	Number of teams in section:	SHIPLEY JUNIORS PANTHERS			WILSDEN JUNIOR		
BOLTON WOODS JUNIOR FC WANDERERS	9	THACKLEY JUNIORS B			B	Number of teams in section:	9
BURLEY TROJANS JUNIORS		UNDERCLIFFE CELTIC JRS			CALVERLEY UNITED JFC		
CALVERLEY UNITED JFC		WESTON LANE J.S.& S.C.			IDLE JUNIORS		
CAMPION JUNIORS		UNDER 14			KEIGHLEY SHAMROCKS JRS KNIGHTS		
HORSFORTH St MARGARETS B		A	Number of teams in section:	10	NAB WOOD JUNIORS A		
PROSPECT JUNIORS		BD3 UTD F.C.			PROSPECT JUNIORS A		
SANDY LANE JUNIORS B		BINGLEY JUNIORS			QUEENSBURY CELTIC		
SHIPLEY JUNIORS TIGERS		CALVERLEY UNITED JFC			SANDY LANE JUNIORS		
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS REDS		FARSLEY CELTIC			SKIPTON LMS JUNIORS		
D	Number of teams in section:	GUISELEY JUNIORS FC WHITE			STANNINGLEY ALBION		
BARNOLDSWICK BARONS	9	IDLE JUNIORS			C	Number of teams in section:	9
BPA JUNIORS B		KEIGHLEY SHAMROCKS JRS			ALBION SPORTS		
ELDWICK JUNIORS		OAKWORTH JUNIORS			BURLEY TROJANS JUNIORS		
GUISELEY JUNIORS FC BLUE		QUEENSBURY CELTIC			ELDWICK JUNIORS		
KEIGHLEY SHAMROCKS JRS KNIGHTS		SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS A			FAIRBANK UNITED		
SETTLE UNITED JFC		B	Number of teams in section:	10	GUISELEY JUNIORS FC BLUE		
SILSDEN A.F.C. JUNIORS WHITES		BRADFORD TIGERS			KEIGHLEY SHAMROCKS JRS DRAGONS		
SUTTON JUNIORS RASCALS		ELDWICK JUNIORS			SHIPLEY JUNIORS PANTHERS		
WESTON LANE J.S.& S.C.		GRASSINGTON JUNIORS			SHIPLEY JUNIORS TIGERS		
		GUISELEY JUNIORS FC BLUE			SUTTON JUNIORS		
		KINGS PARK JUNIORS					
		LONG LEE JUNIORS					
		MENSTON JUNIORS					
		SHIPLEY JUNIORS LIONS					
		SKIPTON LMS JUNIORS					
		STANNINGLEY ALBION					