



May 2019 Newsletter

As we come to the end of another season, we should take this opportunity to thank all the teams and academies across the club for a fantastic year. From the little 4 year olds joining at Easter, to the 16 year olds who will shortly sadly be leaving us, we are incredibly proud of you all for showing the Phantoms Spirit in every game and training sessions that you take part in. Particular congratulations go to the U14s, who unfortunately were forced to fold two months into the season, and still won the Sportsmanship trophy, voted for by other clubs in their league. Well done to everyone in the Phantoms Family, children and coaches, who make the club what it is.

Notice of AGM

Our AGM will be held at the Plough Inn Prestbury (side room) on 13 June 2019 at 7pm. Anyone who is a parent/carer of a member of the club is entitled to attend, although there is no obligation to do so. If you have any matters that you would like to be discussed at the AGM, please e-mail them to the Secretary, huw.roberts@prestburyphantoms.co.uk, at your earliest convenience. If there are any changes to date, venue or time due to circumstances beyond our control, we will let you know as soon as possible.

End of Season Event – 15 June 2019

DON'T FORGET THE END OF SEASON EVENT ON 15 JUNE 2019. This will start at 10am and run to around early afternoon (weather dependent) and is an opportunity for all 450 kids in the club to get together. There will be sweetie cups, ice creams and cakes, pork baps and hot dogs, tug of war and soak the coach, plus a few medals and trophies thrown in. For anyone who has not been to one of these before, it is always an epic day, and there will be running commentary on the state of the weather on Facebook from about 7 days out, as is tradition. Start praying to the Sun God now! We are also hoping to have the odd surprise or two on the day.

CTFC tickets

CTFC are running a fantastic offer for children in grassroots football clubs in Cheltenham. Youth League players and a parent can buy a season ticket together for the price of £249 in any area of the Jonny-Rocks Stadium, which represents a saving of up to £161 if both tickets were bought separately at full price. One additional adult on top of this offer would pay £200 as opposed to the price of a full paying adult.

If we can sell a lot of tickets, we may have the opportunity to forge amazing links with CTFC, including them making a minimum of three visits to us next season

If you are considering a CTFC ticket next year, please do consider purchasing through this scheme – it is a big cost saving to you and could help us inspire our youngsters.

TO QUALIFY THE APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE THROUGH PHANTOMS (NOT DIRECT TO CTFC) BEFORE 1 JULY 2019. Application forms will be available at training and will also be available on the FB group and website.

Sponsorship

We are coming to the end of our two year sponsorship cycle. Huge thanks to all our sponsors – they provide much needed funds to enable us to buy all our match shirts. Martin Johnson, our Chairman, is currently discussing with all current sponsors about renewing our close links, but there may be some sponsorship opportunity for other local businesses who are interested in becoming involved with us. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supports our community club. If this is something that might be of interest to a business that you know, please contact Martin directly via

martin.johnson@prestburyphantoms.co.uk

Club administration and subscriptions

Over the summer period (mid June to August) we will be asking everyone to log on to our administration system and check their details. It is imperative that we do this once a year, so that we are confident that we have up to date contact and medical details for your children. We are also required by the league to confirm that we have consent to register your child with them each season (for those league registered, so U8 and above) and we take sign off of this data as consent of registration. **WE WILL NOT REGISTER YOUR CHILD WITH THE LEAGUE UNLESS THE SIGN OFF PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. Details of what to do will be sent out after the end of season event.** It is a two minute job, and we would be incredibly grateful if everyone could do it as soon as possible, once the instructions have been sent out.

We have had some issues with subs collection this year, with some people not paying in a timely manner. This issue is being reviewed at the AGM, and we are likely to implement much stricter policies next year, with suspension from training and matches unless subs are paid on time. If you have a genuine hardship case, please do let the treasurer, Lisa Roberts, know in absolute confidence and we will endeavour to help. Otherwise, we expect all subs to be paid on time, and will take appropriate action in the event of non payment.