



March 2018 Newsletter

Please see below for a few bits of news for our members.

Important Dates for Your Diary

The club AGM will be held at 8pm on Thursday 22nd March in the side room of the Plough in Prestbury Village. Anyone who has parental responsibility for a member of the club is entitled to be there, although there is no obligation to attend. If you can not attend and would like a point raised at the meeting, please mail it in advance to huw.roberts@prestburyphantoms.co.uk

The end of season event will be held this year on 9 June at Pittville. This is always a brilliant day, a great opportunity to bring all the club together and celebrate being part of the Phantoms Family. The fundraising committee will be on the case as last year, so expect some activities as well as the usual cakes/ice-creams/sweeties cups and the infamous coaches/parents match. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us.

Girls Squads

We now have our girls squads up and running – many thanks to everyone involved. We are REALLY keen to put three teams into the Gloucester Girls League next year (U10s, U12s and U14s), but to do this we need to recruit more girls, particularly in the oldest age group. We are about to start a sustained recruitment campaign, and if anyone can help us with this we would really appreciate it. There are a number of posters which have been printed which need homes, and contacts with local schools to be made. If you can put up a poster in your workplace/gym/local shop or if you have a school or other contact, please e-mail lisa.roberts@prestburyphantoms.co.uk. Please try and help out with this if you can, as it would be great if we as a grassroots club could support the growing participation of girls in football.

U5 Academy

We are hoping to start our new Academy on the first Saturday after Easter (21st April). WE STILL NEED NEW U5 COACHES. We currently only have two volunteers (many thanks to them!) Whilst in the short term we can rotate coaches of existing age groups in to help out, along with our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers for crowd control, this will not be a sustainable solution for the long term. Please spread the word. Anyone interested can e-mail lisa.roberts@prestburyphantoms.co.uk for details. It would be a massive shame if we could not run the session past the summer due to lack of volunteers, so please nudge everyone that you know who might be interested! They are more than welcome to come and watch the sessions before they sign on the dotted line!

Weather changes

As the weather has been dreadful over the last couple of months, we have had to run significantly more sessions than we would have liked on the astros rather than at Pittville. Please keep an eye out on FB, Teamer and mail for training cancellations and movements – if you use FB and are not a member of the closed group, please do ask to join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/431248616952914/> The decisions are by necessity often made quite late, and it is sometimes difficult to get information out to everyone very quickly. FB is a very effective tool in doing this, so please do join the group if you do use this social media tool.

GDPR

You may be aware that there is new European legislation coming into force in May 2018 relating to personal data (called General Data Protection Regulation or GDPR). This is quite wide reaching, affecting all organisations which hold personal data (including ourselves and similar clubs) and you may notice some small changes in the way that we communicate with you. We are working towards putting together a policy and will be advising all coaches on what they need to do to ensure that we are GDPR compliant.

Season 2018/19

Although it is only March, we are moving towards the end of this season and already thinking about 2018/19. After Easter, subsonline will be updated with a new verification field and we will be asking everyone to log in and check their details, then sign off as reviewed. We ask everyone to go through this process at least once a year to ensure that we have up to date contact and medical details for safeguarding purposes. **Please ensure that the subsonline data reflects what is on your child's passport rather than any shortened names.** This is because this data is also used to register children with the FA, who then ask for a passport copy for proof of age, and it causes all sorts of angst if the details we have registered are not the same as the passport. Registration will take place with the league for those children old enough (U7 and above) in the first two weeks of August, so subsonline records will need to be verified before then. We appreciate that sometimes children wish to move around or do something else other than football, but if your child does not intend to play with us next season, we would be very grateful if you could let your manager know before 1 August 2018. This avoids us going through the process of registering them with the FA as playing with the club, only to have to them transfer or deregister them. Thank you.