

WATERGRASSHILL UNITED

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



FROM ALL INVOLVED WITH WATERGRASSHILL UNITED
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

WEBSITE UPDATE

Total hits on our Web Site "www.watergrasshillunited.com" reached 22.000.

WEBSHOP UPDATE



Although orders closed for Christmas check out our web shop at www.watergrasshillunited.com which sells all your favorite Watergrasshill United shirts, socks, training gear, track suits and jackets!

The shop offers a 10% discount for paid up Watergrasshill United Club Members. Club gift vouchers also available in nominations of €10, €20, €40 or €50 euro.

Email us at watergrasshillunited@gmail.com
There have been numerous Christmas orders dispatched already!

10 % DISCOUNT ON ALL FOOTBALL BOOTS
CHILDREN & ADULTS AT

MC CARTHY SPORTSWORLD GLANMIRE.
JUST MENTION YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH
WATERGRASSHILL UNITED



"IN THE COMMUNITY"

Paul Sharkey donating Club Sports Tops to Paddy O'Sullivan from the Watergrasshill Community Association for their annual bazaar in the Community Hall Watergrasshill on Sunday December 04 2011 last.



"IN THE COMMUNITY"

Watergrasshill Community Association: In addition to the above article/photograph of Club Sports Tops donation to the annual bazaar, Watergrasshill United also donated several meal vouchers to the Community's Senior Citizen's Party in The Fir Tree on Sunday December 11 2011. Robert Ryall of the Community Council thanked us for this generous festive gesture.

Glenville Community Care Association: Watergrasshill United also donated several boxes of chocolates & biscuits to their annual event on Friday December 16th 2011 for the senior citizens within the Glenville Community.

Breda O Riordan Glenville, Secretary of Watergrasshill & Glenville Parish Office, on behalf of Tim Manley & Anthony Forde Glenville Community Association also thanked the Club for our kind donations.



Ceadan Hogan (U11) with his hand crafted Xmas ornaments for sale at Tir na Si on Dec 03 last

Ceadan also sold out of stock in Ryan's SuperValu Glanmire on Saturday December 11.

MONTHLY QUIZ

OVER 18'S ONLY.

Congratulations to Cathy Mc Guinness of Pratt Cottage Kildinan who correctly answered last month's quiz question

(Mr Noel Prendergast is the present Underage Secretary of Watergrasshill United), € 20.00 ECO DOUGLAS Restaurant voucher on route.

December Monthly Quiz - Over 18's ONLY

Question: Who is Watergrasshill United's Under 10 Manager?

Answers on email with your details to watergrasshillunited@gmail.com or alternatively via text message to 086 849 3414

Prize: € 20.00 meal voucher compliments of MSC Cruises





DECEMBER 2011



PLAYER PROFILE



James Hennessey, Glenville, Co Cork

James has been involved in Watergrasshill United for a number of years and has been an integral part of our underage academy and most recently CSL success with our Under 11's winning their league title last season.

James is a volunteer in East Africa.

Here's a synopsis of his cause:



James has been working in Kenya for the past five years. He originally worked with a charity from Ireland, but in 2009 James and three Kenyans set up our own organisation. They work in an area called Mogotio which is situated on the Equator. It is a rural area with poor infrastructure, limited access to clean water and poor health facilities. Most people who live in Mogotio are farmers, living on small once acre farms. The land is very dry as there is very little rain and the average salary is approximately one euro a day.

James's organisation is called Development Pamoja. Pamoja is the Swahili for together. Their work focuses on improving the lives of those living in the Mogotio area. They have various projects running in this area. In 2011 the organisation bought members of a woman's group water tanks. There are thirteen members in the group, and each member was provided with a water tank. Each tank has a volume of 3,500 litres and the tanks are designed to capture rainwater during the rainy season. This water is then used to provide the women and their families with clean drinking water, to reduce the incidences of waterborne diseases and can also be used for farming purposes. They also have an education program, where they assist orphans to go to school. Apart from helping to educate these children, Development Pamoja provided micro finance loans to their guardians to start small businesses so that the guardians can receive an income.



All their programs are cost sharing as they do not believe it is a good idea to give something for free as it will make people dependent on us as an organisation. Therefore the women who they provided the tanks to must pay back 30% of the value of the tank over a 12 month period, while those they provided the micro finance loan to must pay us back their loans in full, also over a period of 12 months. By implementing such a system, those the organisation assist must show greater responsibility when they work with them and it also means that money they receive through donations goes further.

James & Co also have a community run farm which next year this will be extended as they are building greenhouses to increase the yield from the farm and we are installing more efficient irrigation systems to ensure that we get optimum use of the scarce rain that falls in this area. Throughout his time in Kenya James has always received great support from members of Watergrasshill United. James was back in Ireland in 2010/2011 and managed that year's U11 team. Prior to leaving for Kenya, the players, their parents and James's fellow coaches provided me with a sizeable donation to assist us in his/their work. James wishes to thank Watergrasshill United for the on-going support they as an organisation receive from us.

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK JAMES



Also above are some photographs of jerseys donated by Watergrasshill United to James's "local team". We look forward to the away trip someday!



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FACILITY UPDATE

Lights update: No change from last month, we need to replace 8 light bulbs but due to the bad weather conditions/soft ground lately we've been unable to get the relevant machinery in.

Due to the poor weather condition at the end of November & the beginning of December we had to cut short our weekly underage academy training sessions on Saturdays & also our development program in Watergrasshill National School.

The picture below just shows the sheer scale of how wind conditions affect our facilities, this dressing room is 2 tonne in weight and was shifted several feet by the wind back in mid December.



Relevant text message will be sent out in early January advising of new start up date for Underage Academy.

There are still quite a number of memberships due so can you please approach your relevant team manager/coach

All CSL Manager/Coaches will be in contact with their relevant squads advising of back to training dates/time etc.

ENJOY THE BREAK!

We would like to thank sincerely all Managers, Coaches, Parents, Guardians and
off course PLAYERS for their enthusiasm and dedication throughout 2011
The Club is a voluntary organization and is only as good & successful as what we all put in.

Follow us on facebook & at www.watergrasshill.com for regular updates on training & match times.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Since its inception in 2004 Watergrasshill Utd has been a progressive club, that receives no funding and relies heavily on a team of local community volunteers striving to make a difference in the development of local children

We are currently looking for enthusiastic people who like to volunteer some of their free time to help Watergrasshill United setup a Fundraising Committee. Since Watergrasshill United receives no grants, we have to organize fundraising events like our pub quiz and our annual golf outing to help us grow the club to the next level. Please contact Paul on 086/8225646 if you are interested in participating in our fundraising committee.

UNDER 7 COACHES WANTED

We are also looking for enthusiastic people who would like to help coach and train our Under 7 Academy Team. Please contact Paul on 086/8225646 if you are interested in getting involved in the Under 7 Academy Team, the future of our club.



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