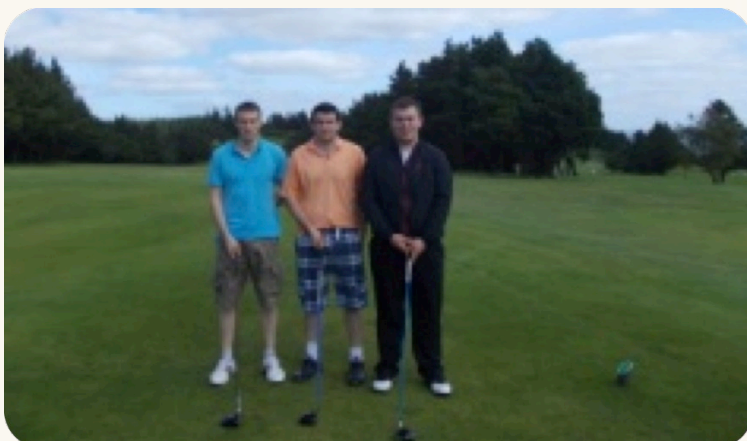




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WATERGRASSHILL UNITED ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

On September 5th, Watergrasshill United held our annual Golf Classic at Fermoy Golf Club. For once the weather was good to us and it was a beautiful day for a round of golf. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all in what turned out to be a great competition. Watergrasshill United would like to thank everybody who participated in the competition and all the staff at Fermoy Golf Club for their hospitality and help on the day. We would like to thank all those who sponsored tee's on the day. Finally, thanks to Aiden and MJ for their help with the signs and to Derry and Chris who ran the event on the day. Congratulations to Aiden Foley who had the longest drive on the 4th hole of Fermoy Golf Course during our Annual Golf Classic and to Carol Griffin who was closest to the pin (7 9) on the 15th hole. €20 Brook-Inn voucher en route!

UNDER 13'S HIT TOP GEAR!

On Saturday September 8th, on a beautiful summer's morning, we hosted Kilreen Celtic in the first league game of the season. In the first half both teams started nervously and as a result it was a very open game with both teams defending when they had to and attacking when the opportunities arose. The dead lock was not broken until a couple of minutes before half time. Kilreen Celtic scored from a corner kick, half time finished WGH 0 - 1 Kilreen Celtic. It was a completely different game in the second half. After enduring some early pressure from Kilreen we started to dominate the game, attacking at will. With 45 gone, Sean Desmond leveled the game for us. WGH 1-1 Kilreen Celtic.

From this we grew in confidence and five minutes later scored a spectacular goal from Colin Cronin. WGH 2-1 Kilreen Celtic. From here on it was one way traffic and with a few minutes to go Owen Desmond scored our third goal. The game finished WGH 3-1 Kilreen Celtic.

The U13's continued their great form with another impressive win away to Ballincollig on September 23rd.



BALLINCOLLIG (U13) 2 – 3 WATERGRASSHILL UNITED (U13)

We started this game very well having all the play for the first 10 minutes. Ballincollig had a very pacy midfielder who caught us on the break with 15 minutes gone and with a goal mouth scramble we conceded the first goal. Ballincollig 1-0 WGH. However we reacted very positively and within minutes Pdraig O Brien got our first of the match. Ballincollig 1-1 WGH. With 27 minutes gone Pdraig O Leary scored an excellent goal to put us ahead at half time Ballincollig 1- 2 WGH.

We started the second half in the same tone as we finished the first half and with 40 minutes gone Sean Desmond got our third of the day. Ballincollig 1 - 3 WGH. While we were always in control of the game with 50 minutes gone we were caught on the break again and Ballincollig got their second of the day. Ballincollig 2-3 WGH. In the last few minutes of the game Colin Cronin secured victory for us with our fourth goal of the day. The game finished Ballincollig 2-4 WGH.

Well done to all the lads on another great result and thanks to all the parents who travelled for their support on both occasions.

UNDER 16'S FINDING THEIR FEET!

WGH Utd U16s made their home division 1 debut against Avondale last Sunday morning. This was a game we dominated from start to finish and raced to a 3-0 lead at the half time whistle with goals from Adam Murphy, Denis Hegarthy and Brian O Callaghan.

In truth the second half was a bit of a non-event but further goals from Adam and Dilan O Donovan sealed a comfortable win. This division is very even and will be a good test for us but with a little extra belief and effort we are more than capable of holding our own. Congratulations to all our players on getting great junior cert results over the last week.

U16'S PREVAIL IN CLOSE GAME!

Showing great determination, desire and attitude in a very close and tough game WGH Utd claimed all three points away to Leaside last weekend. This was an excellent team performance and shows we are well able to compete in Division 1 in the weeks ahead. Our goal scorers were Denis Hegarthy, Adam Murphy, Dilan O Donovan, Ronan O Keefe and Dylan McCarthy.

Unfortunately Brian O' Callaghan broke his wrist during the game and will be out for a few weeks. We would like to wish Brian who has been playing very well this season a speedy recovery and hope he is back playing with us in the near future.

Panel: Adam Murphy, Chris Prendergast, Denis Hegarthy, Dylan Ring, Dilan O Donovan, PJ Dennehy(Capt), Conor O'Brien, , Josh Cooke, Eoin Hammond, Brian O'Callaghan, Kyle Cronin, Ronan O Keefe, Thomas O Connor



IMPROVING FACILITIES

Watergrasshill United is constantly improving our Skehanagh Park facilities and last week we erected new signage at our Parks entrance and shortly we will introducing some new pitch advertising.

Painting of the cabins will take place shortly.



UNDER 14'S OFF TO A FLYER!

On an overcast morning our U14's took to the field in their first match of the 2012/2013 season. We are heading into the unknown this season as we are now taking part in a Division higher than the one we took part in last year. Our 13 man squad this morning consisted of all players on the age i.e. born in 1999.

We started the match in a cautious approach and after an even contest in the first 15 minutes, we took the lead with a long range shot by Daniel. We soon doubled our lead with a Daniel header from Adams cross. We took control from here and goals followed. Karol scored from a pass from Seamus. Daniel fed James to make the score 4-0. The half finished with Daniel completing his hatrick following a fine pass from James. Half Time: WGH 5 Tramore Athletic 0

The second half started off with Tramore going for broke. Some excellent saves from Kieran kept the clean intact. However Tramore soon pulled one back. For the final 15 minutes we were down to 10 ten after using all our subs as Kieran received an injury after another fine save. Jason took the reins in goal. Tramore with more pressure on our back four soon pulled another back. However we finished the scoring with James rounding the keeper. Final Score: WGH 6 Tramore Athletic 2



Squad: Kieran, Conor, Jason, Luke, Darren, Seamus, Andrew, James, Adam, Karol, Daniel, Chris, Grantis.



Daniel receiving the match ball from James after scoring a hatrick in today's match against Tramore. James scored 2



ACADEMY GIRLS MAKE HISTORY!

Our Girl's Academy played their first competitive league game earlier today since the formation of Watergrasshill United, back in 2004. As always, bursting with enthusiasm, we had a very young squad of 16 for an under 12 competitive game (many players were 8 & 9 year olds). We could only start 9, but we did ensure everyone got match time. We had stated last Thursday, at our first training session of the season, that this year's league games are not about results but building for the future.

The Club has vast experience of days like today, where a squad ventures into the unknown with their first league game, but the more this squad plays, the better, confident and stronger they will become. We started with a 1-4-3-1 formation and kept this throughout the game, occasionally pushing one defender into help the midfield 3. We were up against a well established Carrigaline team consisting of many 11 year olds but for the first half played & defended well.

No doubt the half hour per half & pitch size took its toll on us in the second half but for a team on their first competitive outing we learned quickly what the "offside" rule is in soccer and with some quiet coaching words (!!!) of encouragement from the line caught Carrigaline out on many many occasions. As a squad we certainly do not lack confidence & despite losing today every player walked out the gate with a smile, what sport is all about. We'd like to mention a special thanks to the Carrigaline coaches and the referee Sean for a very sporting fixture.

We'd also like to thank Dean Roche for the superb condition of the pitch and indeed the grounds today. Carrigaline travelled with large support and many complimentary comments were paid to us on our facilities.

Finally, thanks Watergrasshill United's Committee for the support and resources available to us at all times and to Frank Cronin who has begun Goalkeeping Coaching with the girls.

Watergrasshill United Player of The Day: Abbie Leahy, Team Captain for today's game: Jayne Fitzgerald
Watergrasshill United's Goal Scorer: Jayne Fitzgerald

As coaches, it's imperative we keep this great group of girls together and playing for Watergrasshill United and to date this has been down to the great weekly work of Jackie & Ber over the past few years.

Squad: (In no specific order): Abbie Leahy, Jayne Fitzgerald (Captain), Louise Horgan, Jessie Dalton, Elannah Sheehan, Saoirse Brady, Sarah Doran Good, Katie Burke, Kate Sharkey, Amy Geary, Naoise Hogan, Elsie Cahill, Molly Scannell, Sophie Condon, Amy O Shea, Maggie Darragh.

Thanks to all the parents for their support on the line but a special THANK YOU to the entire squad who gave it their best today, from your biggest fans - Ber, Jackie & Paul. **YOU DID THE CLUB PROUD...!**





MIXED BAG FOR THE JUNIORS

The start of the season has been mixed for the juniors, in our first five games of the season. Two good wins over Cathedral Celtic & Springfield have been tempered by three defeats to Brooklodge, Dillons Cross & Village Utd although performances in all the games have been good. We're hoping our good work in training which has been good will be kept up and the results will reflect our performances and see us challenge at the top of the table.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR BREAST CANCER – WALK THE WALK!

Ross's Centra Watergrasshill are currently organising a Charity Walk in aid of Breast Cancer. The walk consists of a lap of the ring in Watergrasshill and will take place on Saturday October 27th. The group will leave Ross's Centra at 12 noon and return to the shop for refreshments. Each entrant must purchase a pink umbrella, available on the day, at a cost of €5 with all proceeds helping to raise crucial funds for the fight against Breast Cancer. Watergrasshill United will provide assistance with any and all preparations on the day and we hope to have a team or two take part in the walk itself. If you would like to sponsor the participants, fill in your details on the sponsor cards in Centra.

Watergrasshill United are pleased to announce that, in addition to our help with preparations on the day, our Underage Academy will participate in the walk. Training for all age groups will be cancelled that Saturday afternoon as teams will take part in the walk instead. Players are still asked to bring their €2's, which will be donated to Breast Cancer on the day. All teams will be given their respective Watergrasshill United jersey's and will walk around the ring with the rest of the participants and their coaches.

Everyone is welcome to attend and parents of the players are encouraged to show their support on the day also.

No registration forms are required for the Underage Academy players. However, forms are required for any parents who wish to take part on the day. Forms can be downloaded from our Website, the Centra Facebook page or can be collected and returned in store. If you have any queries, please feel free to ask any member of staff in Centra or any club official.

On behalf of Watergrasshill United and Ross's Centra, we would like to thank you for your support of this good cause.



Walk the walk

Registration Form

Sign up for our charity walk in aid of the Irish Cancer Society's Action Breast Cancer

Take part & support a great cause

Name:

Address:

Contact number:

If family group, please provide details of participants attending:

All entrants take part at their own risk and neither the organisers, sponsors or beneficiaries of the community walk shall in any way be liable or responsible for any personal injury, ill health or death nor shall they be liable for any theft or damage to personal property arising in the course of or during the walk. And, in so far as permitted by law none of the organisers, the sponsors or any of their servants or agents shall in any way be responsible for any such injury or damage or any loss suffered, however caused, in connection with participation in the walk.

IMPORTANT - All participants must familiarise themselves with this disclaimer and indicate their acceptance of it by signing below.

We accept and understand the implication of this disclaimer.

Signature:

 Irish Cancer Society

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U12'S BEGIN LIFE IN DIVISION 2

The U12's had their first league match of the season away to Blarney United on Sunday September 16th. This was always going to be a tough start for our squad as we stepped up to playing in Division Two and we found it quite challenging to adjust to the fast pace on their Astro Turf surface. Even though we were missing four strong squad players, our lads fought very hard in the first half playing against a stiff breeze and we were very unlucky to concede an unfortunate goal just before half time. Despite our best efforts in the second half, and a great work rate from Sean Desmond and Tim Hegarty in particular in Midfield, and the diligent defending of our back four we ended conceding three more goals before the final whistle.

Colm Curtin was outstanding in goals, producing a number of fine saves to keep us competitive throughout the match. Well done also to Jack O Grady and Cathal Feehan on their debuts with the team.

Squad : Colm Curtin, Shane O Reilly, Ceadan Hogan, Rob McKenna, Jack O Grady, Sean Desmond, Harry Busceivich, Cathal Feehan, Tim Hegarty, Colin O Toole, Eoin Griffin, Stephen O Toole, Sean Graham, Paddy King.

Coaches – Pat Griffin, Dave Hogan.

REGISTRATION / MEMBERSHIP

Registration/Insurance fees are now due for all members. In the interest of Child Welfare and Health & Safety, our **"No Pay No Play"** policy comes into effect next week. We would like to thank everybody who has paid registration to date.

OCT 12TH TABLE QUIZ



On Friday October 12th, Watergrasshill United will hold a Table Quiz in The Hut, starting at 9pm. There will be a variety of prizes available on the night. A team of four costs €40. A great night with challenging questions, spot prizes, banter and craic is guaranteed for all. If you are interested in participating in the quiz, please inform any club official or email info@watergrasshillunited.com.

Thank you for your continued support.



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PROFESSIONAL SOCCER COACHING: CORK CITY FC & UCHOOZ

Watergrasshill United are pleased to announce that during the Halloween Mid-Term, a one day soccer session, teaching kids in Cork how to play the Cork City way which is managed by Cork City FC & Uchooz will be coming to Watergrasshill.

The 4 hour session will look at the key aspects that will help our players develop their skills, understanding of the game and personal development. Nutrition, Education, Fitness, Skills & Techniques, Teamwork and Match Awareness are all covered in this extensive one day programme.

The programme has been specifically designed to provide every child with an insight into how Cork City FC players manage their training and lifestyle. Cork City players will be actively involved at every camp along with qualified soccer coaches.

The camp will run from 10am – 2pm, exact date to be finalised, at a cost of only €15 per child. This session is independent of Watergrasshill United and is an excellent service which should be utilised by all of our players as it will without doubt enhance their abilities and bring their soccer skills to a new level.

If you are interested in taking part in the session, please make contact with Derry Desmond as soon as possible as places are limited for the session so as to ensure that the coach-to-player ratio is conducive to players maximising their learning and skill upgrading.

WEBSITE ANNIVERSARY!

On Saturday September 29th, our official website celebrated its one year anniversary! To date, the website has received a phenomenal 130,000+ web hits. The success of our webpage has been absolutely exceptional and Watergrasshill United would like to thank Robert Knaap for all his effort and hard work in creating the website. We would also like to thank all coaches for continuously updating the website and keeping it thriving with up to date announcements and match reports.

MONTHLY QUIZ



During the 2012/2013 season, MSC Cruises is continuing to sponsor our Monthly quiz with a €20.00 restaurant voucher. September Monthly Quiz – Over 18's only. No winner in August!

Question: Who are the current defending holders of the English League Cup?

Send an email with your answer to quiz@watergrasshillunited.com.

The €20.00 meal voucher is kindly sponsored by MSC CRUISES (www.msccruises.ie)



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BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!

Following up from our very successful fashion show, Watergrasshill United is pleased to announce that for the first time in the clubs history we will be holding a Talent Show for Watergrasshill and the surrounding areas in early 2013. More details to follow!!!!

