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WATERGRASSHILL UNITED OCTOBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



IN THE COMMUNITY

WATERGRASSHILL UNITED JOINS THE FIGHT AGAINST BREAST CANCER

On Saturday October 27th, Ross's Centra Watergrasshill held a Breast Cancer Awareness Charity Walk. The walk consisted of a lap of the ring in Watergrasshill and proved to be a great community activity, with approximately 150 people turning out to support this great cause. Watergrasshill United were proud to support this event through promotion and participation. Members of our Underage Academy and CSL teams turned out on the day to show their support. In addition, all club officials and coaches showed their support on the day. A video showing a selection of photos from the event (courtesy of Jason O' Mahony), can be viewed on the Centra Watergrasshill Facebook Page. Ken Ross of Centra Watergrasshill expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Watergrasshill United for their active involvement and support of this cause. Special thanks to Chris and Noel & Kathleen Prendergast for providing refreshments on the day, and to Derry, Mark, Frank, Rob and Nicholas for their help with jerseys ect. Finally, Watergrasshill United would like to thank all players and parents for their support. A great day was had by all, in what turned out to be a feel-good community event



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ACADEMY GAMES GET UNDERWAY

Our U7, U8 and U9 teams played Temple United AFC from Churchfield at our Skehanagh Park on, Saturday October 6th. On a fabulous day, we played 4 matches (2x U7) under a blue sky and all the lads had a great time and had great fun.

Thanks to all for the support and special thanks to all the coaches and the Watergrasshill Gaa for the lovely cakes and sandwiches.





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CSL FUTSAL COMPETITION UPDATE

2 weeks ago the CSL Futsal competition started in the Sports Village on Model Farm Road. This indoor competition will take place during the winter months and each team will play 1 game every 4 weeks. Games will be held on Saturday or Sunday from 10:00 - 12:00 or 12:15 - 14:25.

We signed up 2 x U7 and our U8, U9 and U10 teams for the 2012/2013 Season. Check our website frequently for U7,U8,U9 and U10 match schedules.



UNDER 7'S FINDING THEIR FEET IN FUTSAL!

Our U7's had the Watergrasshill debut in the FUTSAL organised by the CSL. 4 teams took part, Watergrasshill United x2, Lakewood and Ballinhassig. Fun was had by all and an excellent experience for both the kids and parents. Special thanks to the parents who travelled today and also to those who assisted with the team.





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ACADEMY GIRLS FACED ACADEMY BOYS!

On the 20th October, our Academy Girls took on our Under 8 Boys team at our facilities at Skehanagh Park. Both teams had a fantastic time and thanks to John Crowley, CWSSL Committee Member, for taking the time to travel and say some words of encouragement to the girls.

Thanks to Noel & Pat for arranging, Dave Hogan as Referee & to Ber & Paul, Jackie unable to attend on the day.

Squad: Abbie Leahy, Saoirse Brady, Mairead Crowley (Captain), Orla Kenneally, Elsie Cahill, Jessie Dalton, Louise Horgan, Hollie Horan, Kay Sheehan, Maggie Darragh, Mollie Scannell, Emma O Shea, Naoise Hogan



GIRLS FINDING THEIR FEET AGAINST BANDON!

Score: Bandon 2 - 0 Watergrasshill United

By far our best competitive performance to date. From goal keeper, a very solid & reliable back 4, to an energetic & never give up midfield & lone striker, everyone played there part last Saturday.

A great spirited game by all girls. The results will come judging by our display in Bandon. Well done to Abbie Leahy who won her second "player of the game" this season. Thanks to ALL who travelled to Bandon.

Our entire squad who travelled: Maggie Darragh, Mollie Scannell, Saoirse Brady, Kate Sharkey, Grace Sharkey, Sarah Doran Good, Elsie Cahill, Louise Horgan, Hollie Horan, Katie Burke, Amy Geary, Leanne Loftus, Jessie Dalton, Abbie Leahy, Jess Hoare, Emma O Shea, Grainne Curtin, Naoise Hogan.



U9'S IMPROVING ALL THE TIME

It was a cold afternoon at Skehanagh today but that did not take anything away from an entertaining match. We decided to play 4x10 minute periods with 10 a side. Everyone played their part in a fine 6 - 2 victory. The score line is not important in these matches but the performance. There were some encouraging signs today with the lads in relation to movement of the ball and positioning sense.

Thanks to Sean from Glounthaune for the match and the large crowd who supported and encouraged both sides today.

Scorers - Eoghan (2), Brendan (2), Darragh, Ryan

Squad: Ryan, Eoin, David, Dylan F, Daniel, Darragh, Dylan R, Eoghan, Brendan, Sam

U12'S PROGRESS IN THE NATIONAL CUP!

The U12s squad progressed to the Third round of the National Cup with a well deserved victory over Midleton A. on their home pitch.

Captained by Sean Desmond, WGH started strongest and went ahead with a well taken goal by Harry Buscievich after 10 minutes who deftly volleyed in from a corner kick. We quickly went 2 nil up when James O Leary played an excellent shot to chip the Midleton goalie. We started to dominate the game now at midfield with Cathal Feehan and Tim Hegarty attacking confidently at every opportunity. Cathal Fitzgerald came on as a substitute for the injured Eoin Griffin at the twenty minute mark and scored shortly afterwards with good link up play with Sean Desmond.

At 0:3 up, WGH were in total control but then a defensive error where we did not chase up a passback from Midleton to our goalie brought them back into the game at 3:1. We continued to press on and a great long ball from Ceadan Hogan in central defence was latched onto by the ever industrious Sean Desmond who calmly slotted home our fourth goal to go in 1:4 up at halftime.

The second half was all about concentration and discipline for WGH and Midleton made all their substitutions in an effort to come back at us. We held firm at the back for most of the second half and conceded a second goal after 10 minutes to leave the game still in the mix at 2:4. WGH continued to play with confidence and Sean Desmond scored his second and WGH's fifth goal with a few minutes remaining. Midleton kept at it and got a third goal right at the end to make it a two goal victory for Watergrasshill United.

Again, the whole squad performed very well with a big team effort in the second half getting us through. Gary Doyle and Colin O Toole make fine contributions when they came on and man of the match goes to Harry Buscievich for his skillfull passing and overall influence on the game.

Our reward is to progress to a third round match at home versus the free scoring Kilnadrish Coachford in the next few weeks.

Squad : Colm Curtin, Ceadan Hogan, Gerry Hurley, Jack O Grady, Ethan Nixon, Tim Hegarty, Sean Desmond, Harry Buscievich, Cathal Feehan, Eoin Griffin, James O Leary , Colin O Toole, Cathal Fitzgerald, Gary Doyle.

Coaches : Pat Griffin , Dave Hogan.

Many thanks to those who helped out on the day and to all the parents who travelled in support.



U13'S UNLUCKY AGAINST KINSALE!

On Sunday Oct. 28th we travelled to Kinsale in a league fixture. We started this game very well with some very early shots on Kinsale's goal. With us setting the tempo we were very very unfortunate to concede an own goal with 15 minutes gone. However we picked ourselves up and drove at Kinsale even harder and were rewarded on the 25th minute with a lovely goal from our midfielder Colin Cronin. It finished half time Kinsale 1 -1 WGH.

At the start of the second half Kinsale came out fighting. While we matched them tackle for tackle we were very unlucky not to be rewarded a clear penalty chance on the 45th minute when our centre forward Pdraig O Leary was tackled from behind while racing into the box with the ball. We knew whoever got the next goal would win the game and unfortunately this happened to be Kinsale on the 50th minute. Kinsale 2-1 WGH. We kept going right up to the final whistle pushing hard to try and get something out of this game, no more than what we would have deserved but to no joy, at the final whistle it finished Kinsale 2 - 1 WGH.

Well done to all the lads who could not be faulted for their passion and determination on the day, we just have to get more out of chances in front of goal. Thanks to all the parents who travelled to support us.

U14'S BATTLE BACK TO EARN 3 POINTS!

On a chilly morning at Skehanagh Park, our U14's hosted Riverstown in the league. We got off to a nice start with a beautiful passing combination which unfortunately resulted in nothing. We then conceded a corner and some sloppy defending led to Riverstown breaking the deadlock inside 5 minutes. The next ten minutes saw us up the tempo and the lads really pushed on and afforded Riverstown very little time on the ball. However, Riverstown had one burst down the wing and made it count with long range effort nestling in the top corner. For the last 15mins of the first half we continued to outplay Riverstown and created a plethora of chances but could not find the net. Half time finished 0-2.

The second half started much the same as the first half ended. We continued to play the better football and finally our hard effort was rewarded as Adam scrambled the ball over the line and pulled one back for the Hill. Our equaliser came shortly afterwards as Adam played a through-ball to Dan, who had the awareness to realise he was offside, and let the ball run past him. James capitalised on this and scored with a composed finish while one on one with the keeper.

Substitutions played a key role in allowing us to score the winner. Colin played in front of the back four when introduced and allowed James and Adam to push on up the pitch. With 10mins remaining, Adam scored our third, and his second, and wrapped up the three points for us. The last ten minutes saw us defend masterfully, although we did have a last minute goal line clearance from Jason to ensure we picked up all three points.



GREAT CRAIC AT OUR TABLE QUIZ!

Watergrasshill United would like to thank everybody who participated in our recent Table Quiz in The Hut. A thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all with unexpected stand-up comedy and one-liners being provided by everybody's favourite cyclist Declan Brady (We make the bacon!).

Congratulations to Michael John O' Sullivan, who captained the winning team to a 2 point victory.

Thanks to everybody who supported the event on the night!

CORK CITY FC MID TERM SOCCER CAMP

On Wednesday October 31st, we had over 30 club members ranging from 5 to 13 years of age take part in the Cork City FC Mid Term Soccercamp on what was a cold Halloween Morning at our Skehanagh Park Grounds. The Camp was ran very professionally by CCFC officials Billy Woods (Cork City assistant manager), Geraiod Morrissey (midfielder) and Kevin Burns (goalkeeper)

Everyone that took part in this camp thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt valuable new skills to help them in future games. It was a very fun based program but at the same time working on key elements of each players game. After today's camp Cork City FC will be keeping an eye on Watergrasshill United as they could not believe the talent that was on show.

Well done to all, Hope you all had a great day.

A big thank you goes out to Billy, Geraiod and Kevin for showing that you can still work hard and have fun at the same time.

Lets hope the kids still had some energy left for some Trick Or Treating !