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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the November Edition of our monthly Newsletter. In this edition we highlight the November events, the developments within the club, our involvement within the community and since most of our matches are cancelled due to the weather we discuss our progress in the Futsal League.

CONGRATULATIONS U16'S

On the 1st of December, our U16 team wrote history in the National Cup Area Final against Leaside. On a bitter cold day, our lads progressed to the last 32 and out of Cork with a well deserved 3-2 win. A fantastic win, decided by a last minute free kick, for the lads and for the club as a whole. Lads, ye did yourselves proud and on the day ye are more than capable of beating any team, well done lads. We look forward to the next match. More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

ACADEMY TRAINING COMMENCES IN THE HALL

Due to the typical November and December weather in the Hill, our academy training is going indoors during the winter months. The training schedule is currently as follows:

Younger Girls born year 2005 & younger: 5 - 6pm, Thursday evening
Older Girls aged from year 2004 & older: 6 - 7pm, Thursday evening

U7 (YOB 2006,2007,2008) Saturdays 2pm to 2.45 pm
U8 (YOB 2005) 2.45pm to 3.30pm
U9 (YOB 2004) 3.30 pm to 4.15pm
U11 Monday 6 to 7pm
U12 Wednesdays 6 to 7pm
U14 Tuesdays 6 to 7pm

€2 per session towards the rent of the hall

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR U12, U14, U16 TRIALISTS

Watergrasshill United is proud to announce the following Cork Trialists for Season 2012/2013

U12 - Eoin Griffin, Sean Desmond, Tim Hegarty & Rob McKenna

U14 - Adam O Sullivan

U16 - Denis Hegarty, Dilan O' Donovan



Denis after one of the most enjoyable matches he ever played



U16 MATCH REPORTS

National Cup Third Round: St Mary's 1 Watergrasshill United 3
U16 League: Corinthians Boys 2 Watergrasshill Utd 4
U16 League: Watergrasshill Utd 0 Douglas Hall 0

Playing competitively every week is a different experience for both management and players of the WGH Utd U16 team but as can be seen from the results shown above the team is doing reasonably well. In the third round of the National Cup, a tough no frills match v St Mary's we dug out a win despite not playing to our full potential with goals from Dilan O'Donovan, Dylan McCarthy and Adam Murphy. A special mention must go to Ronan O Keeffe who deputised most capably in goal on the day. The next match played against Corinthians Boys first team on an immaculate pitch was a high quality attack orientated game which thankfully we won with goals from Dilan, Ronan O Keeffe and Josh Cooke. Our most recent game was a scoreless draw versus Douglas Hall which considering we were down to 10 men for virtually all of the game was also a good result and performance. As of now we are 4th of 10 teams in div 1 and into the Cork area final of the National Cup. Considering how small our squad is and the high division we compete in this is a remarkable achievement from the team. Again it is important for all to have realistic expectations as a lot of work goes into the team while we are also dealing with injuries and fallout from other codes.

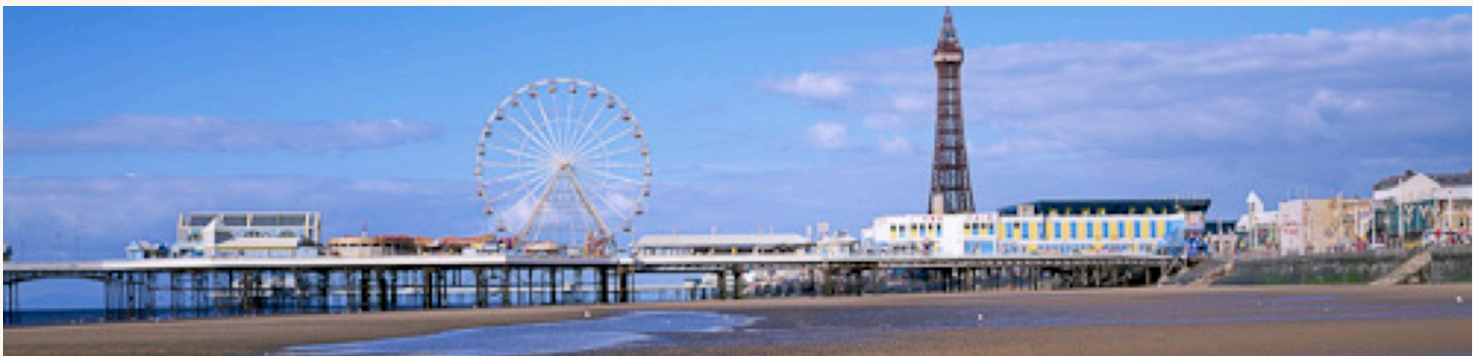
Panel: Adam Murphy, Chris Prendergast, Denis Hegarthy, Dylan Ring, Dilan O Donovan, PJ Dennehy(Capt), Conor O'Brien,, Dylan McCarthy, Eoin Hammond, Brian O'Callaghan, Kyle Cronin, Ronan O Keeffe, Eric Columb, Thomas Dinan

U14 Easter Trip to Blackpool, England

Over the Easter Weekend of 2013, members of Watergrasshill United's U14 squad will go on a trip to Blackpool England, accompanied by coaches from across the club. Four action-packed days have been planned with a wide variety of activities filling up each day.

The squad will take part in the Blackpool Cup, a competition which has been a true highlight in England since 1994. We will take part in the tournament with other teams from around England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The lads will be staying in the Sunnyside Hotel, situated approximately 600m from the Blackpool Coastline. Over the four days, the lads will attend the Preston vs. Portsmouth football match, head to the Blackpool Water Park and the Blackpool Theme Park, and if there's still time after all that, they'll take in the sights of Blackpool and maybe do a bit of shopping. A fun-filled, action-packed and unforgettable weekend to look forward to.



FUTSAL UPDATE

The CSL Futsal league is well underway and most of our teams have played 2 blitzes in the Sports Village on the Model Farm Road. Its great to see our teams holding up well against teams from a different part of Cork. So far, the futsal league has been a massive success and week after week we see our lads improving their passing and more important their team work and team spirit.

Special thanks to the parents and all other supporters who travel to the Sports Village to support our academy players.



REMINDER OF THE FUTSAL RULES

1. 6 A-side games with 4 subs, all subs can roll on roll off
2. Four teams play over 2 hours, 3 games per team
3. Each game is 15 minutes in duration each half.
4. The ball goes out of play when it hits the side boards; it is put back into play with a kick-in. The kick-in cannot go directly into the goal.
5. The ball goes out of play when it hits the end boards, it is put back into play either by the keeper throwing the ball back into play or the awarding of a Corner Kick.
6. After a goal has been scored, it is put back into play by a kick off
7. Players can score from anywhere on the field.
8. No slide tackling or shoulder charging. All fouls are penalized as in 11 a side soccer. The opponent must be five yards away from the ball at the time of the kick.
9. No off-sides.
10. Players have 4 seconds to take free kicks, corner kicks and kick ins. Goalkeepers have only 4 seconds to get the ball back into play upon receiving it.
11. 2 Managers/parents must accompany teams at all times to facilitate drop off & pick up.





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CONGRATULATIONS SEAN DESMOND

U12's Player Sean Desmond selected for Cork Development Squad

Sean Desmond, the U12 midfielder and Captain of the team, has been selected to train and play with the Cork Development Squad. This is a great honour for both Sean and for the club and it is well deserved opportunity for him to further develop his footballing abilities. Sean is a tremendously skillful player who never fails to give his all on the pitch whenever he is involved at either U12 or U13 level. Sean is a midfield dynamo who always plays with style, energy and a strong resolve to win. He has been our man of the match on many many occasions and his passion for the game and likeable personality is a fantastic example to his team mates.

We all wish him the very best with the Cork squad and there is no doubt that with continued desire to learn and mature as a player Sean can reach the very top level in football.

Dave Hogan, Manager Watergrasshill Utd U12 Squad

U12'S WATERGRASSHILL (4) VS. TEMPLE UNITED (3)

Saturday November 4th 2012 - WGH U12's collected their first league points of the season with a hard fought and well deserved victory over a strong Temple United team. The game started perfectly for WGH with a superb chipped goal from James O Leary after one minute. However our comfort was short lived when Temple United replied immediately with a similar goal themselves. WGH found themselves 3 : 1 down at half time despite having the majority of possession and scoring chances. Our patience was rewarded shortly after the break with the first of three goals in succession from Sean Desmond. There was great performances from everyone on our team but a special mentioned is merited for Cathal Feehan playing in central midfield with an inspired and man of the match performance for his willingness to run at the opposition and get the ball into goal scoring positions.

Squad : Colm Curtin, Rob McKenna, Cathal Fitzgerald, Ceadan Hogan, Ethan Nixon, Shane O Reilly, Sean Desmond, Cathal Feehan, Harry Buscievich, James O Leary, Eoin Griffin, Jack O Grady, Gerry Hurley, Colin O Toole
Coaches, David Hogan, Marcus O Reilly

DANONE U12 NATIONAL CUP THIRD ROUND

Sunday November 18th 2012 - Watergrasshill Under 12's bowed out of this year's national cup competition with a spirited performance against a very talented Coachford side. Goals from James O Leary and Sean Desmond brought WGH back level twice during the game in both halves but our lads were finally undone late in the game by a superb individual goal from Coachford's star striker. This WGH team should be commended for their never say die attitude which will serve them well in future years.

Result : Watergrasshill United 2 Kilinardrish Coachford 3





U9 Friendly Watergrasshill United (7) v (5) Carrigaline

In what was a cold and bitter day the U9's of both Watergrasshill & Carrigaline kept all spectators warm on the 4th of November with a fast and free flowing game of football. Tea/Coffee and biscuits helped as well. We raced into a 5-1 lead to only be pegged back to 6-4 going in to the final 3rd. Final score 7-5. We would like to thank all parents for their continuous support of this team. As we keep saying to the lads, it's all about the team and not individuals and that encouragement is much nicer to receive rather than criticism of mistakes. We all make mistakes and what will make them better players is learning from these.

Scorers: Dylan Roche (4), Eoghan, Rory, Dylan Feehan.

Squad: Eoin, Dylan F, Joseph, Ryan, Daniel, Eoghan, Brendan, Rory Dylan R

U14 ST MARYS (1) V (3) WATERGRASSHILL UNITED

St Marys provided great opposition on the 3rd of November in the U14s fourth match of their League campaign. On a cold but sunny day the team was awarded a penalty in the seventh after Daniel was taken down as he raced in on goal. He picked himself up, composed himself and gave us the lead. St Marys 0 WGH1. It didn't take long for St Marys to equalise. 3 minutes later a mistake by us allowed them to score St Marys 1 WGH 1. From here on we took control of the game and played some beautiful football. We were in total control and the only thing that troubled Kiernan was the sun. He forgot his hat. Darren, playing on the wing today was linking well with Andrew on the left, Adam & James playing some top quality throw balls for Tom and Daniel who keep the St Marys defence on their toes. Seamus has this natural ability to beat defenders and he did so again today to great effect at times. Jack slotted in a right back and Jason and Luke are getting stronger game by game together. The question was whether it was going to be our day or not.

Half time score of St Marys 1 WGH 1.

The second half was no different as we were in total control and defended well to anything that was thrown at us. An injury to Tom brought Colin on who played in midfield allowing James & Adam to push on more and support Daniel. Some excellent goalkeeping from St Marys kept them in the game as we drove on for the winner. The great thing about these lads is that a team in not developing but a squad and this was the case again today. Chris and Eoin came on to play down the right and it was from a pass by Chris which resulted in Daniel scoring with 15 minutes to go. St Marys 1 WGH 2. St Marys then for the first time in the match took control and pushed on looking for the equaliser but Jason & Luke stood strong. Eoin was tormenting their left back since he came on and we were awarded another penalty after some great play by him. Daniel once again found the net and completed his hatrick.

Final Score: St Marys 1 WGH 3

Squad: Kiernan, Luke (match captain), Jason, Jack, Adam, Darren, Chris, James, Andrew, Seamus, Daniel, Colin, Eoin, Tom

U14 Training this Tuesday at 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Community Hall

GIRLS ACADEMY UPDATE

The girl academy is growing from strength to strength as we continue to train in the hall every Thursday and enjoy our participation in the organized blitzes.

The month of November started with a blitz in the Sports Village on the Model Farm Road where we had a squad of 17, which we broke into three teams, ensuring, as is Club policy at every age category, that everyone played and got several games...! The girls played 4 games, varying each team, versus St Mary's, winning 3 & drawing another, a great performance. All participants certainly enjoy themselves immensely.

We use such an event as a chance to "team together" as a squad and it's becoming more and more evident as the weeks go by and as we play more games especially, that this entire squad have a great bond.

The C.W.S.S.L. picked 4 girls from this blitz from Watergrasshill United, to participate in a special training. Some pictures from the training session earlier this month arranged by the CWSSL (Cork Women's & Schoolgirls Soccer League) in the Sports Village on the Model Farm Road,

In attendance, & randomly selected, were: Maggie Darragh, Mairead Crowley, Jess Hoare & Saoirse Brady.



Thanks to Ber, Jackie and Paul for their continued enthusiasm, which we hope, brings the BEST out on ALL our Academy Girls.

Training for our Girls Academy in the Community Hall Watergrasshill each Thursday evening, schedule as follows:-

Younger Girls born year 2005 & younger: 5 - 6pm, Euro 2/each

Older Girls aged from year 2004 & older: 6 - 7pm, Euro 2/each

It's never too late to join the girls academy, any enquiries to our Academy Girls contact number; 086/4476760 or contact Jackie/Ber



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DECEMBER 8TH – BOOTSWAP DAY

Watergrasshill United is organizing a BOOT SWAP DAY on Saturday 8th of December from 1pm to 2pm in the Hall. The aim of our BOOTSWAP day is to collect as many football boots as possible that are too small for players. On the 8th of december we will have all the boots in the Watergrasshill Community Hall where kids can swap a pair boots with a pair that fit them. This way we help parents save the expense of buying a new pair of boots as we are heading into the expensive Xmass season. We will have a DONATION BUCKET on the day and all the proceedings will be donated to a local charity.



Come along on the day and swap your boots !!!!!!!!!!!

The collection of old boots has started, so feel free to hand in your old boots to any of the team managers.