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EASTER 2013 – U14 BLACKPOOL TRIP

After leaving The Hill at 4am on Friday morning, the bus journey to Dublin was full of chatter as the lads were obviously buzzing about the weekend ahead. The novelty of travelling on a ferry was enough to keep the lads happy on the journey over but they had a great time playing cards on the way over aswell.

After docking in Hollyhead around midday, we travelled down through Wales and on to Deepdale Stadium, the home of Preston North End FC, to take in the evening game between Preston and Portsmouth. Portsmouth took an early lead on the 3 minute mark after a deflected effort went through the legs of Preston Keeper Declan Rudd, who had just made a great save minutes earlier.

Although it was not the best of games, the atmosphere in the Town End of Deepdale was electric, with the lads joining in with the chants of the hardcore home support. Preston's Joe Garner and Jack King both hit the woodwork before Irishman Keith Keane scored a spectacular 20-yard volley to level things up with 10 minutes to go. The game ended 1-1 but the lads were happy to see a soccer match in England and had great banter with the home fans.

The following morning saw an early start for breakfast, before the lads went off shopping for an hour or two in the local shops. After the shopping, we headed to Pleasure Beach in the centre of the town. Everybody – both players and coaches – had a ball here and it really is a great place to go. The lads went on The Big Dipper and a few other rides before leaving for the soccer tournament.

The first game against FC Tilleur Saint Gilles of Belgium was a very close game with Watergrasshill leading 1-0 at the break. However, a mistake from the match official led to the Belgians getting the equaliser and although the lads kept plugging away they went down 4-1 in the end.

Before the next game, the lads challenged the coaches to a training match, which was very close and featured some brilliant skillful moves from both sides. Both Gavin and Kieran were fantastic in goal, with even Derry making one or two crucial tackles and setting up a goal or two.

The next game against Kildare Town was a tough game. The lads, tired from the days events, took a few minutes to get going and found themselves 3-0 down at half-time. The second half was a much better contest from our point of view with the lads limiting the Kildare attacks and carving out one or two half-decent chances. As luck would have it, Kildare caught us on the break and killed the game off totally with another goal, bringing the final score to 4-0.

After dinner back at the Melville Hotel, we headed down to the Amusements Centre on the waterfront. The lads had a fantastic time here playing pool competitions, Deal or No Deal and helping Kieran cash in the 500 tickets he won on the Big Wheel.



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The following morning saw us return to Pleasure Beach, where the lads had a chance to go on the rides they missed out on the previous day. After leaving Pleasure Beach, we headed to the soccer tournament for the second set of matches. The first game againsts locals Fleetwood was our best display of the season so far. The lads did absolutely everything right, with some unbelievable play at times. We did everything but score in this game – with several attempts trickling just wide and hitting the woodwork a few times. However, lady luck was absent again as we were not awarded a throw-in and Fleetwood capitalised with a winner with the last kick of the game.

The boys were extremely disappointed with the result but were thrilled with their dominant display. The disappointment didn't last long though as they had unfinished business to settle with the coaches from the day before. Again, the training match was full of brilliant play and fantastic goals and everybody had a great time taking part in an end-to-end game.

The final game against Scottish opponents Cleland was a chance for the lads to go out and have a laugh and they certainly did that. The lads tried all the skillful moves and had a blast in their final match in Blackpool. Despite losing 2-0, the lads thoroughly enjoyed their final day in Blackpool and ended their participation in the Blackpool Cup on a high. It was particularly difficult to pick one Player of the Tournament but all coaches agreed that James was deserving of the honour and he was greeted with cheers from his team-mates when presented with the trophy by Pips after the game.

The lads returned to the Melville on a high and had dinner before commencing the night of karaoke and more pool competitions. The highlight of the night came when the Karaoke Kings, consisting of Chris, Darren, James, Greg, Daniel, Adam, Andrew & Kieran took to the stage to give a thrilling rendition of a song about a girl named Alice!!!

The lads were absolutely wrecked on the journey home but the spirits remained high as they sang a few songs here and there and started a few match chants aswell. The lads arrived back in The Hill at 9pm with all the parents waiting outside the church.

Everybody at Watergrasshill United would like to thank all the players and parents for their participation in this trip and especially to leaders Derry, Pips, Chris, Gavin D, Gavin C and John for their supervision over the course of the weekend. A special thanks must go to Derry as well for coordinating a fantastic trip that was enjoyed by all.

Blackpool Squad: Kieran McGrath, Connor Crowley, Luke McCarthy, Andrew Desmond, Thomas Dinan, Darren Healy, Seamus Curtain, Pearse Moloney, Adam O' Sullivan, Greg Magner, James Gowen, Daniel McCarthy & Chris Healy (Trip Captain).

Leaders: Derry Desmond, Pips, Chris Sheehan, Gavin Daly, Gavin Cronin & John Magner.

Once again, thanks to everybody involved for a memorable trip from all at Watergrasshill United.



GIRLS ACADEMY

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Our Girls Under 12 League season has now finished. On behalf of us ALL involved with our Girls Academy we'd like to sincerely thank both the girls & parents for all their support at home & away games in this our first competitive year of league & cup competition.

The support both at training & games has been quite astonishing and proof that despite results at times our squad are enjoying playing.

We will continue with outdoor training each Thursday evening (6-7pm, euro 2/each) and hope to have a few friendly games arranged in the next few weeks.



Some of our Girls Academy: Katie, Hollie, Ellie, Gemma & Leanne with mascot "CORKY", who all attended Turners Cross earlier this month, when Cork Women's FC played DLR Waves in the Bus Eireann Womens National League.

Thanks to to Chris O Mahony & all involved with Cork Women's FC and also to Ber & parents/families for attending. Goodies bags & event organisation compliments of Watergrasshill United....

We hope to be back in supporting Cork Women's FC on May 19 next at home in Turners Cross, details to follow via normal text mode.

Check out *www.corkwomensfc.com*



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THE 2013 WATERGRASSHILL UNITED SUMMER CAMP DATE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY.

Watergrasshill United promises an action packed week of fun and games from Monday the 1st of July until (and including) Friday the 5th of July.

The Summer camp is open to boys and girls from 5 year onwards. For the older player we will organize an Elite camp.

The cost of the camp remains the same as last year and is €80. This includes a €20 Centra voucher to be spend at Ross's Centra Watergrasshill and Watergrasshill United club crested training gear. From today ,

You can reserve a place or sign up to the camp with Paul (086-8225646) or Derry (087-6964588). You can download the registration form from our website.

Please check our website and Newsletters for more details closer to the date.

We would like to thank Ken Ross of Ross's Centra Watergrasshill for his continued support and sponsorship of our Summer Camp.

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SUMMER CAMP

JULY 1ST – 5TH

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THE CSL SMALL SIDED GAMES KICK OFF

Our Watergrasshill United Academy teams kicked off the Small Sided Games League with some great games. Our under 9 team played Greenwood, College Corinthians, Carrigaline and Middleton. After an initial first match defeat, the lads came back with 3 wins in a row.



Our Under 9 Team prior to the match against Greenwood.
Andrew, Joseph, Rory, Daniel, Dylan F, Darragh, Sam, Eoghan, Dylan R.

Our U7 tiger's team were playing Passage last week. Passage were the stronger team by far in this game and ran out easy winners, but the real winner last week was seeing our lads just enjoying the game. Don't forget all of the Tiger Squad players are new to the game and it will take us time to gel as a team.

Our U7 PANTHERS team played Blarney last week on a very windy afternoon, an unreal team performance made us run out 6 nil winners in this game and only for the unreal saves made by the Blarney keeper we would have had at least another few goals ...Great team performance from the young lads and coaches. Well done, it was a very enjoyable game to watch



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WATERGRASSHILL FAMILY FUN WEEKEND



JUNE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

FRI
MAY 31ST

LIVE CONCERT

Music by "Retro" and local Artists @ 8 pm

MAIN STREET
WATERGRASSHILL

FREE

SAT
JUNE 1ST

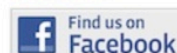
PIG RACES

Real Pigs, Real Races, Real Bets @ 8.30 pm

MAIN STREET
WATERGRASSHILL

FREE

Other events: SPINATHON, DJ'S, ORIENTEERING, KIDS & OVER 35'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT, FOOD STALLS



As You all know, Watergrasshill United is organizing the Family Fun Weekend with the WGH National School Parents Association. It promises to be an action packed weekend with the following activities:

FRI MAY 31ST – FREE ENTERTAINMENT

- 18.30 – 22:00:** **Food Market on the main street**
O'Flynn Sausages, Volcano Pizza, O' Conaill Coffee/Chocolates
SeaBreeze IceCream, Crepes
- 20.00 – 21.30:** **Local Musicians performing on the main street**
- 21.30 – 23:00:** **Live concert by "RETRO" on the main street**

SAT JUNE 1ST – SPINATHON, SOCCER TOURNAMENT & PIG RACES

- 13:00 – 17:00:** **Family Spinathon: Sponsored by Team Thomas Fitness Centre**
Location: Watergrasshill NS Grounds
Sponsorship Cards available at Team Thomas, or contact committee members via email/ facebook. Booking essential. DJ will keep the music pumping.
- 14:00 – 18:00:** **"Watergrasshill United Underage Academy Soccer Tournament"**
sponsored by Ken Ross Centra.
Location: Watergrasshill NS Grounds

A total of 40 Teams will participate in this event, 8 home teams and various teams from other clubs. Kids participating pay an admission of €3. Medals and light refreshments will be provided.



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SAT JUNE 1ST – PIG RACES

20.30– 22.30: Pig Races on main street, supported by DJ.

A total of 6 races will be run with 6 real pigs running down a track on the Main Street!!. This is not to be missed.

You can purchase one of these pigs for €10. The pigs need to be purchased in advance of the night to allow us to include the Owners Names on the Programs, so please contact the committee as soon as possible.

Owners of winning Pigs from each race will be placed in a draw if there are multiple owners of the winning pig.

A tote will be available on the night where bets can be placed for as little as €2 per pig.

SUN JUNE 2ND – ORIENTEERING, OVER 35'S, SOCIAL GATHERING

11:00-1:00: Registration for Family Orienteering in Ardnageehy Woods.

Admission for families is €5. Maps and instructions will be provided by members of the Bishopstown Orienteering Club and the 118th Watergrasshill Scout troop.

Families will receive a voucher for complimentary refreshments in Tir Na Si to help them unwind and relax after the trek around the woods.

16.30 – 19.30: Over 35's outdoor soccer tournament at the NS School grounds.

Teams of 7 but at all times a FEMALE member (over 18) must be on the pitch. Squad size 10 players.

Cost per player is €10, ie €100 a team. 2 groups with Top 2 teams proceeding to the Semi-Finals.

Games will be 20 mins (10 mins a half). Subs can roll on/off, no off side.

This is friendly tournament and is a fantastic way to meet and socialize with your neighbours from within the village and surrounding areas and have a bit of fun on the pitch. Priory Court currently hold the 'Wooden Spoon' for their tragic attempt last year and keen to pass it on!!

20:00 – 23:00: Prize Giving & Social Gathering.

Prize giving and light refreshments will be provided in The Hut bar, where the socializing can continue into the early hours!

A BIG "BAG PACK" THANK YOU

Just a note of THANKS to ALL parents and players who assisted in our bag pack in Dunnes Stores Ballyvolane last weekend, Friday night & all day Saturday.

Despite been stretched for numbers, due to various other commitments, we managed to get all allocated slots covered, ensuring a good successful fundraiser.

We have another bag pack scheduled for mid August in Supervalu Glanmire.

