# CHRISTMAS 2013 NEWSLETTER

# 2013, WHAT A YEAR!

Enjoy our final newsletter of 2013. In this newsletter we review the highlights of 2013, a year in which the club went from strength to strength. Enjoy the Read.

# Watergrasshill United – On the Pigs Back For 2013!

2013 has been a very successful year for Watergrasshill United, both on and off the field.

Earlier this year, we increased our presence in the community with our Family Fun Weekend, co-ordinated in conjunction with Watergrasshill NS Parents Association, which attracted over 4,500 people to the village. The main attractions included A Live Street Concert and Real Pig Racing with Real Pigs, all of which were totally free of charge. The event was a hugely successful fundraiser and we hope you'll join us in 2014 when we look to do it all again!

Thanks to the funds generated by our Family Fun Weekend and other ventures, we invested heavily in our facilities at our home ground, Skehanagh Park, and in our Coach Education Programme.

Several of our Coaches have completed various FAI Approved Coaching Courses ranging from Kick Start 1 all the way up to UEFA B level and each management structure has a minimum of 1 coach qualified to Kick Start 1 level. Several of our coaches also completed a course in Emergency First Response and AED training in January of this year, meaning all of our players receive the best coaching and care possible.

We've also been quite busy upgrading our facilities in our home grounds of Skehanagh Park. Sixty-six metric tonnes of specialised sand was spread across our pitches and training area's as part of a three year plan to improve our pitches and that, coupled with our rental of Hillington Park, has helped our grounds withstand the onslaught during the Winter months.

Our existing cabins were given a complete overhaul by our volunteers over the Summer and were freshened up for the new season. The time, effort and dedication of our volunteers here has really paid off as the dressing rooms are looking fantastic both inside and out. We have also purchased a new dressing room which will be of great benefit to the club in the coming years.

In addition, our volunteers also gave a general tidy-up to our grounds by cutting back overgrown areas, laying new foundations along our entrance and purchasing new signage for the pitch .

On the football side of things, our squads in general have gone from strength to strength with our recruitment campaign over the Summer months adding in excess of 25 members to various squads. This is due in no small part to our "Sport for All" initiative in our Summer Camp and weekly School Coaching Programme in Watergrasshill which encourage children to keep fit and follow a healthy lifestyle in a non-competitive environment.

Our Underage Boys and Girls Academies have seen huge growth, with this being reflected in our record breaking Summer Camp this year. All squads in our Academies are currently on a strong footing and competing at a high level of football. The turnouts here for training and matches are absolutely amazing and the players are a credit to both Watergrasshill Utd and their parents.

Our U7-U9 boys have played numerous games this season and have developed well as units throughout the year. Our U10 boys are currently preparing for life in the CSL and are progressing nicely.

Meanwhile, our U8,U10, U12 girls have seen a huge increase in numbers this year. The U12's are playing in a competitive league for the first time this season and are more than holding their own with some impressive results to date.

Our CSL teams are also more than holding their own in their respective divisions. Our U11 team currently sit top of Division 2 and are playing some brilliant football and are unbeaten to date. Our U12's are also undefeated in league and cup competitions, while our U13's and U14's are playing some fantastic football and pushing for promotion in Divisions' 2 and 3 respectively. Our U15 squad, playing in Division 2 this year, are currently struggling due to injuries to several key players and our U16 squad, newly formed this season, is competing well in Division 3.

We also have an U18 team this year, the first team at this age group for Wgh Utd in some time. Having reached the Last 16 of the National Cup last year, the lads have recovered from a shaky start to the season to sit comfortably in mid-table and competing well with the teams around them – a great achievement considering they play a year above their age.

Our AUL squad, playing in Division 1 this year, have a new management structure for the coming seasons. It has taken the lads a bit of time to settle into their new way of playing and have picked up 2 wins from 9 this season. The good news, however, is that the performances on the pitch are finally starting to reflect the work on the training ground and the results will surely follow.

Finally, Watergrasshill United would like to thank all managers, coaches, officers and assistants for volunteering on a daily basis. Without these volunteers we simply could not provide the excellent facilities currently on offer.

*From all at Watergrasshill United,*

*we wish you a*

# *Merry Christmas*

*and a very*

# *Happy New Year!*

# 2013 – What We've Accomplished Thus Far!

- 2 x 33 metric tonnes of special sand was delivered earlier during August & September from Wexford for spreading throughout our two main pitches & training areas.
- New Dressing rooms installed which will be vital in future years
- Our existing cabins were given a total overhaul and refurbishment both inside and out by our volunteers and they are now looking fantastic
- We entered our first float in St Patrick's Day parade in Fermoy March 2013
- We have invested heavily in our equipment this year purchasing new bibs,balls,cones ect for all our members
- We have invested in FAI approved & run training courses for Coaches as well as First Aid Training
- We organised the cutting of heavy growth of grass along the side & back of pitches:
- New signage for Skehanagh Park was purchased
- We also secured the use of Hillington Park as a secondary pitch to alleviate pressure on Skehanagh Park

Of Course all of this was accomplished thanks to the funds generated from our Summer Camp, Golf Classic and of course the Family Fun Weekend in June!

# Club Refurbishment

Our volunteers were hard at work through-out the off-season carrying out some much needed upgrading to our facilities at Skehanagh Park. Thanks to our volunteers, all containers and dressing rooms were given a fresh coat of paint, along with our gate which now sports our “Skehanagh Park” sign.

The overgrown areas were all cut back and new benches were constructed alongside the dug outs. The pitches were also treated with Specialised Wexford Sand which we hope will improve the conditioning of our pitches and hopefully reduce the number of games that are called off during the Winter Months.

However, the most impressive work done without a doubt has to be the huge overhaul given to the dressing rooms. All dressing rooms received several new coats of paint and were given a new colour scheme to match up with our club colours. The new dressing rooms look fantastic and are ready to roll for the new season!

We would like to thank all coaches who volunteered their time to help improve facilities for everybody in our club and especially to our very own Bob the Builder, Mark Dennehy, who was the driving force behind this project!

# U9's Season So Far!

This year has been very successful for our U9 team. We have played 19 games this year and have won 15 of them. The team has been training hard all year and the commitment from the parents and players has been fantastic. We've welcomed one or two new players into the squad and this has added to our great numbers to date. The lads are on a well-deserved break until the New Year but we'll be back training hard for the Small Sided Games in a few weeks. Finally, we'd just like to wish all the parents and players a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! - Pat, Trevor and Tim.

# U10's Season So Far!

2013 has been a great year for this bunch of lads whose numbers have now swelled to a squad of 18 and are in preparation for U11 competitive football next year with a few games in October / November in a 11 aside format.

This squad has played 24 games this year excluding FUTSAL and have seen only 2 teams get the better of them. They took part in their first competitive matches in the Tournament By The Sea in Kinsale and reached the final only to be beaten by Temple. Most made their Communion this year so all in all 2013 has been an active and maturing year for them.

In September the lads welcomed 4 new additions from the clubs recruitment drive. Our emphasis is one of creating a squad and all the lads are given fair playing time during this year matches. We are in the process of changing our rotation policy to fixed positions so please bear with us.

Rob & myself have completed Kick Start 2 by the FAI with the clubs backing and aim to use this to focus is on nurturing individual talent of each player into that of a team with an emphasis on positioning and thinking. The kids by nature will be a little bit competitive but the goal is to create a squad over time that will be ready for CSL next year.

Myself & Rob are very fortunate to have, not only a great bunch of lads but also a great bunch of parents who have supported us every step of the way. The continuous support at matches they give the lads with encouragement not only for their own child but all team players is very heart warming. The way they leave the kids play their own game is to be admired and I am convinced that's what is helping the lads improve their own game.

The game can be one of different opinions but the most pleasing aspect for Rob and myself is seeing the lads not only grow as players but also as children. They are a pleasure to work with and of course we have our moments but who doesn't.Special thanks to our shirt sponsor EMC for providing us with a team match kit and matching beanie hats. – Frank & Rob

# Family Fun Weekend!

The June Bank Holiday Weekend saw an innovative and history making three-day event come to Watergrasshill. The event was organised, co-ordinated and ran entirely by the Watergrasshill National School Parents Association and Watergrasshill United and has been touted as the most successful event ever held in the village.

The weekend started off with a Food Fair on the main street, with Zumba and live Band RETRO keeping everybody entertained well into the night. Saturday started off with a Spinathon and Academy Soccer Tournament in the WGH NS Grounds and was attended by over 250 kids!!!

Saturday Evening saw the Main Event of the weekend take place as Watergrasshill hosted its first Pig Racing Event. Six Real pigs in six real races on an artificial track on the main street of the village. This was a fantastic sight to see and over 4,500 people descended upon the village to witness this truly unique event.

Sunday's activities kicked off with a Family Orienteering Event in Ardnageehy Woods and finished off with the Annual Over 35's Tournament in the National School. We would like to congratulate all members of Team Loftus for picking up the coveted Wooden Spoon for finishing in last place and Eddie Ricken, who won the Most Memorable Moment Award for his outstanding penalty save on the day.

Watergrasshill United and Watergrasshill National School Parents Association would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all of our sponsors who made this event possible and to everybody who supported us over the course of the weekend. Finally, a big thank you to Event Organisers Paul Sharkey, Derry Desmond, Dave Hogan, Jen Knaap, Joanne McHugh and all other volunteers who gave up their time to bring this historic event to the village.

# U12 Summary for 2013/2014 Season to Date

This year has seen the team transition from 9 aside small sided league games to the 11 aside Cork Schoolboy League. I'm happy to report that the transition has been made successfully. The advertising campaign by the club during the summer months has greatly bolstered our numbers to about 17 players. That's been a great news story and has brought an air of optimism to the whole group. Both Denis & I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Jason from Coverer during pre-season. This was a great help during the team formation.

At this point in the calendar year we have played 5 games ( 1 friendly and 4 league games) and remain unbeaten with 5 victories. We lie in 2nd place currently in the division. To put in perspective the turnaround - last year we played 12 games ( lost 9 & Drew 3). Collectively the team are working hard, training is well attended and the team is progressing well . Each league game has presented different challenges. At our first game versus Richmond we found ourselves 3 goals to 1 down at half time and came back to win 4-3, the second game versus Bandon we won relatively easily but got lucky at key times in the game. The third game versus Corkbeg we played poorly but went 4-1 up only to scrape over the line with a last minute goal. Our last game versus Ballinhassig we played good football , passed the ball well and only for the intervention of some great goalkeeping from the Ballinhassig keeper could the score have been more. We finally saw out the game 5-3.

There's a long way to go but we are getting there. Ironically our biggest constraint from last year in terms of squad numbers is a challenge this year, as we are only allowed play 5 substitutes. Both Denis and I share the disappointment when players don't get to play in a game. Both of us are committed to ensure all players will get game time the following game. We thank parents for working with us on this matter. Striking a balance is difficult. Confidence is contagious but so is a lack of confidence. In a short period of time coaches, parents & players have seen both sides of the coin. It's the willingness of all to return each week and go again at training and matches that brings improvement and development and ultimately make us a better team.

Finally both Denis and I would like to sincerely wish all the U12 team members and their families a Happy Christmas and thank them all for their continued support throughout the year and look forward to a strong campaign in 2014.

Dave & Denis

# U13 Report for 2013!

The u13's currently sit in 4th position in Division 2, being 5 points behind, but having a game at hand over the leaders. So it's a case of having it all to play for. At the end of last season the boys finished with a mighty flourish beating Temple, Everton, Castleview and drawing 0-0 with league winners Buttevant away from home. This season we started in some style, carrying on our good form with 3-1 win at home to Mayfield way back in sunny September, this was followed with a 3-2 win away to Leeds United in Ballyvolane. In our next home game we drew 2-2 with St. Marys before losing our last game to Crosshaven 5-2. We currently don't have another league game scheduled until early Jan 2014.

In the cups we have also won through the first round of the Local Cup beating St Marys A 3-2, but we have not had the next round scheduled yet. In the National Cup we lost 5-4 after extra time to Premier division side Riverstown. A game in which the lads gave their all but were really unlucky not to have won.

All in all its been a very positive year for the u13's and we look forward to 2014 with great anticipation. Thanks to the whole squad for their participation in training and the matches. David & Mick

# Ross's Centra Underage Academy Summer Camp!

Our Annual Ross's Centra SummerCamp returned this year and was held from the 1st-5th July at Skehanagh park. This was our most successful Summer Camp to date with over 145 children attending and a further twenty attending our Elite Camp.

A very enjoyable week was had by all and the weather was nice for a change with even a few people getting a bit of colour along the way! The camp was run entirely on a voluntary basis by our members to ensure familiarity for the children and it's safe to say everybody had a fantastic time. Various activities were organised over the week including Tug of War, Volleyball, obstacle courses, World Cup and trips to Team Thomas!

We would like to thank everybody who volunteered and helped out in any capacity, including Jennifer Thomas of Team Thomas Fitness Centre who entertained various age groups at her facilities over the course of the week free of charge.

A huge Thank You to our Camp Sponsor Ken Ross of Ross's Centra Watergrasshill for once again showing his support to our club and the community. Ken once again donated a €20 voucher to all members of the camp and gave every child a Goodie Bag on the last day of camp! Thanks Ken!

# U14 Summary for 2014!

After a very successful 2012/2013 we began the new season in division 3. During our pre season we recruited three new players to the squad - Mark Moynihan, Evan Lynch and Lee Flanaghan. Due to the size of our squad where the numbers are always very tight we're looking to recruit new players to strenghten our squad all the time. We also welcomed a new coach to our setup, Frank Cronin, who brings enthusiasm, fresh ideas  and vast experience from his playing days in England.

So far our season has been a bit of a mixed  bag with 5 games played, we've won 3 and lost 2. Our first game of the season was a great result at home to Mallow utd who we beat 4-3 in the Leonard Gould cup. It was a great result because Mallow utd play in division 2 which proves on our day with a full squad of players, we are more than capable of taking on any team in the csl.  It took us the first two games in the league to settle into division 3 but once we got up and running we started to play very well, with 14 goals scored and only one conceded in our last two games.

We continue to improve as a team and it's great to see the lads getting stronger and more confident as we progress through the season. Our objective this season is to achieve promotion, which can only be done with the full commitment of all the players and it's great to see the numbers out trainning on these cold winter nights.

Just a final mention on behalf of Mark, Marcus and Frank we want to thank all the parents for their continued support.

# U15 Summary for 2013

Last Easter we had our Club Trip to Blackpool  in the UK and over 13 players plus 5 leaders travelled. In this trip we played 4 games and visited Pleasure Beach and had a great night of Karaoke .Must be said this trip has brought this bunch of players closer together  .

This season we are in a Transition Phase. This bunch of lads are very committed, all training on a weekly basis. Results todate this season have been poor but with the great effort the lads are putting in our Luck will change.

We have 16 lads on the age with a few u14 stepping in to help us out when required as this season our squad has suffered badly with injuries.With the addition of Pips And Des Hamond as Coach's this season this team are progressing nicely.

We would like to Thank All the Parents and Players for their support to date this season plus thanks to All in the Club for their efforts in making Watergrasshill United a very progressive club.

# Club Presentations Night

On Friday July 5th, we held our Annual Club Presentations in Skehanagh Park. Player of the Year and Team Player of the Year awards were given out to our squads aswell as token awards to our U16's in recognition of their achievements in the National Cup.

This was another Community event in which we gave back to our members with complimentary ice-creams and teas/coffees and bouncy castles. Thanks to all involved and to Marcus O' Reilly for supplying the bouncy castles free of charge! Pictured below are James O'Leary at U12 and Sean Desmond at U13, both involved with the CSL Cork development squads.

# Girls Academy Update for 2013:

Our fist training sessions of 2013 commenced indoors on January 10 for all age categories and as usual fantastic numbers turned up.

For our U12's we went outdoors in February & had Cork Women's FC players Eimear Knightley, Nathalie O Brien & Irish International Denise O Sullivan out to go through some drills. Back in July Denise signed for Glasgow Celtic & won a league & cup double title with them as well as gaining invaluable Champions League experience. In May the Club invested in COERVER Coaching's Jason Brown to attend several coaching sessions for our Girls Academies.

We brought training indoors to the Community Hall for our U8 & U10's back in November when the evenings got short & the weather became bad to ensure that we keep these squads together, with our U12's remaining outdoors. This certainly has worked & is quiet evident in the numbers attending indoor training on a Thursday between 4-5pm for U8, 5-6 for U10 & outdoors 6-7 for our U12's.

Although indoor facilities greatly restricts what we can/cannot achieve from a training point of view, the comradeship between all girls is incredible, many of whom go to different schools, Watergrasshill / Glenville / Fermoy / Rathcormac, and only meet up once a week. This will certainly stand to them as we progress over the next 2 years into our under 12 league.

Thanks to all families for registering and for your diligence with girls paying the euro 2.00 weekly payments which go towards hall rental/various club outgoings/reinvested back into the Club.

# League – U12:

2013 as stated last year was always going to be a tough year for our U-12 Academy Girls & indeed coaches as they entered for the first time a competitive league. We had no previous foundation with this squad & the only option was an under 12 league, which means we compete against teams who have been established many years ago & who are 11, 12 year olds versus 8,9 years old from Watergrasshill United. This is a massive age difference, especially in sport, HOWEVER it seems to be us coaches who get deflated at the hands of results & not the girls!!! This goes back to the friendship bond within the squad. We are learning our trade the hard way & no doubt this will stand to them. For every away game there will be a home tie, with the exception of cup events. Our numbers travelling remain consistently great so thanks again to all who travel & car pool & payments for the referee's fee at home games only, has been 100 percent. Our league has really only started, but we will continue also to try & get as many friendlies played too to gain game experience.

Our U12 team captain for the season is Kate Sharkey with Lisa O Keefe as vice captain.

Due to the great numbers in our squad plus the fact that our league is a 9 a side competition we will continue to rotate our squad for games. As per our hand out notification at the start of the season , we have now started to rotate our U-12 squad for league/cup games to ensure ALL older girls get fair & equal match time during the season, due to the fantastic numbers presently attending games and training. Relevant text message is sent to parents/guardians for games, please don't be offended if you haven't received it for a specific game, it just means that you'll be included in our squad for our next game. We would ask for you to be patient during this process which we have implemented solely for the welfare of our girls academy.

# U8/U10/U12 - Indoor Futsal Blitzes:

Again to ensure we continue to grow as a squad, we commit to entering the futsal blitzes run by our league, CWSSL, out in the Sports Village on the Model Farm Road. Going forward & to ensure that players don't get too fatigued on the night, we will be limiting our teams to 6 a side, bringing on substitutions at half time. Our attendance this year at these events have been astonishing, up to 18 at one blitz. Back in January 18 we won 4/4 games.

There have not been as many of these tournaments unfortunately during 2013 as in previous years but there is talk on this becoming a bit more regular in 2014.

We all travelled to Carrigaline AFC on May 26 with our U8 & U12's for blitzes v Carrigaline at their all weather facilities.We also had our blitzes over the June Family Fun Bank Holiday Weekend in the National School grounds which was attended by several Clubs.

We continue with our Annual Boys v Girls tournaments, which were held at our facilities in March & November which again are greatly supported.

# CWSSL Involvement

Eight U10's attended a special indoor training session run by the CWSSL back in February (We also had these sessions for our U10's at the end of 2012, one in Nov & one in Dec). Attendees were randomly picked & our members get a chance to interact with other team players under the eye of qualified coaches, all to improve their techniques.

We also presently have 5 girls who attend an U11 Development Squad weekly training sessions run by the CWSSL, over a 12 week period.

We continue to support our colleagues involved in Cork Women's FC also.Back in March over Easter, some of our girls attended a week camp run by Cork Women's FC (CWFC) in Montenotte.

They were coached for the week by Nathalie O Brien (Cork Women's FC & Munster) & Denise O Sullivan (Cork Women's FC, Glasgow Celtic, Munster & Republic Of Ireland No 10 Striker)

CWFC players also attended our Summer Camp earlier in the year. We also signed up for CWFC's Summer Camp at the end of July with several girls attending.We have attended 3 of their National League games in Turners Cross already this year : April 14 CWFC v Castlebar, April 28 CWFC v DLR Waves,May 12 CWFC v Peamount FC. Goodies Bags compliments of Watergrasshill United supplied at all games.

As one can see there is a lot of activity within our Girls Academy structure, including many hours of voluntary time travelling etc. We have belief in our Academy which shows in this commitment.

We will try & get as many friendlies as possible for our U8's, U10's & U12's as possible, pending of course on coaches availability & personal schedules.

Watergrasshill United are delighted to have on board Deirdre Doyle & Linda Leahy as our U8 coaches & Gwen Conroy who assists with coaching with Ber Desmond with our U10's.Simply without this voluntary assistance there would be no girls academies. Thanks ALL. Also a word of thanks to Tony Carroll & Paul Sharkey who coach the U12's & to Brid O Regan who's a fabulous help at training week in week out. Thanks also to Karen O Shea for helping our during the year.

We thank Watergrasshill United's committee members for all their support & encouragement to date.Thanks to Dean Roche for having our facilities up to top standard when training & for matches.

Of course finally we'd like to thank ALL parents/families who have committed & stuck with us during 2013, for those who assist us during games & at training, and of course ALL Academy Girls for their dedication & fantastic attitude week in week out. *HAPPY CHRISTMAS & PEACEFUL NEW YEAR*

# Annual Golf Classic

Our Annual Golf Classic was held on Friday August 16th at Fermoy Golf Club. This event was our most successful to date and was a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

Again the day was made by the weather which was fantastic again and we would like to thank all of our team entries and tee sponsors for their support on the day.

The event was won by the CSL Team which was captained by CSL Chairman Peter Connolly. Congratulations to all!

Finally, a big thank you to Paul and Derry for organizing a fantastic event and all the staff at Fermoy Golf Club for their hospitality and impeccable service on the day!

# U16 CSL Season Update

The Wgh Utd U16 team (born in 1998) are newly formed this season 2013-14. As such the team is starting anew this season and is an ongoing work in progress. The panel size is very tight with attendance at training slowly building. On the field of play unfortunately results to date have been poor with inexperience and a few mistakes costing us dear. The good news is that the team are very enthusiastic, great lads to work with and performances have been much better than results to date. The plan for the rest of the season is to present a good stable training regime, have good management commitment to the team, try to slowly improve and build a solid team structure for the weeks ahead. Hopefully results and lady luck will follow. Regards Derry and Noel.

# AUL Season Review:

The season so far for the junior team has, to say least, been a mixed bag. There has been so many highs & lows. The pluses have been the introduction of our new manager Eddie McCarthy who,with his vast playing experience at League of Ireland & Munster Senior League level & coaching qualifications (UEFA qualified), has brought an air professionalism to training which the lads have taken to very well. We can visibly see the improvement in their fitness & overall playing style from the training sessions he is doing with the lads.

As a result of the recruitment drive in the summer, the size of squad has grown to a 25 man panel of regular players and there is a great togetherness in the squad which is evident at both training & matches no matter what the result of the match they have just played.

Another plus was thesecurement of a new set of jerseys kindly sponsored by IPS Global Logistics which gave everyone in the squad a lift as the junior team had no new gear for a few years and it was great reward to the players for their fundraising with Last Man Standing which will run again in coming weeks.Thanks again to Paul Sharkey for sourcing this sponsorship for the juniors.

The playing side has seen the biggest disappointment as at the time of writing this article we have only won two of our nine matches and lost seven but one of those wins was against league leaders Knockraha. We are still in the St. Michaels Cup (Div 1 Cup) & the County Cup so there is still a lot to play for and we also have to play most teams again so there is time to address the league table. Hopefully, with a bit of luck, by the end of the season we will have improved our league position and maybe have delivered a decent cup run which would be a great reward for the lads given their hard work to date.

Finally on behalf of myself & Eddie I would like to thank all the players for their hard work & dedication to the team especially when at times it would be easier to walk away when results are going against us. Ye have stuck at it and I'm sure we will end the season on a high as reward for you're hard work.

On behalf of the Junior squad I would like to thank all club members in the background who have worked tirelessly on fundraising for the facilities, equipment and general running of the club as without this there would be no teams at any level & to Dean Roche for his tireless work maintaining the great standard of pitches we have at Skehanagh Park.

Lastly from all involved in the Junior squad, we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Nicholas O'Sullivan, Assistant Manager

# CSL appointment

Special Congratulations to Marcus on his appointment as Goalkeeper coach to the Cork Schoolboys U13 Development Squad. This is great reward for the hard work Marcus has put in on getting his coaching badges with the usual sacrifices to family life in time and effort that are required to achieve this standard of appointment should not be understated.

This appointment also shows the continuing growth of our club with two players involved with the Cork development squads this year **James O'Leary** at U12 & **Sean Desmond** at U13. These appointments shows that everyone's hard work for the club is now starting to get recognition at county level. Hopefully this will grow in the coming years at both playing & coaching level and will allow all involved in the club to achieve the highest levels of Football coaching and playing while at our club.

We wish Marcus huge congratulations and every success in his new role and we hope he passes on any new methods and tips he learns with the coaching staff with Cork & champions our players causes with The Cork Schoolboys League in the coming years. Congratulations Marcus from all at Watergrasshill United

# Thank you for all your support in 2013

Finally we would like to thank all of our volunteers who make everything that Watergrasshill United does throughout the year possible – Nick O Sullivan, Rob Knaap, Paul Sharkey, Chris Sheehan, Kevin O' Callaghan, Eddie McCarthy, Mick McCourt, Declan Brady, Dave Cooke, Derry Desmond, Frank Cronin, Des Hamond, Pips, Mark Dennehy, Billy Loftus, Marcus O' Reilly, Pat Healy, Trevor Hennessy, Tim Sexton, Dave Hogan, Paddy O' Keeffe, Paul Walsh, Denis Barry, Dave Doyle, Jimmy O Leary, Kevin O' Mahony, Tony Carroll, Deirdre Doyle, Ber Desmond, Dean Roche, John O Regan, John Barton, Linda Leahy, Gwen Conroy, Bríd O Regan, Noel Prendergast and all parents and other volunteers who help out in any way possible!