



*All of us at Watergrasshill United,
wishing you and your family*

a Merry Christmas

and a very

Happy & Healthy New Year!



A QUICK WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN.

This a quick word from me to wish all the managers and members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

With Watergrasshill United growing from to strength we have had another extremely busy year on and off the field since our formation in 2004. In 2015 the club is offering U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 teams in the Cork Schoolboys League, an U17 team in the Cork Youth League, an AUL team and an U14 Girls team in the Cork Womens and Schoolgirls Soccer League to the wider Watergrasshill and Glenville Community. With over 275 active members our facilities have never been in a greater demand. We sincerely thank Marcus O'Reilly for his continuous work and maintenance done at Skehanagh Park on a weekly basis. No pitch/no club..!

Needlesstosay our volunteers in terms of managers/coaches/fundraising etc are constantly working tirelessly all on a voluntary basis to ensure the club continues to strive. We thank them all sincerely.

Thanks as well to all our sponsors, your contributions are an integral part of funding for the Club.

I'd like to thank all who supported the Cork Penny Dinners Food Collection over the last few weeks and all other contributors that supported our various fundraising events during the year. It's quite evident that all donations are reinvested immediately back into the Club and this year some of the raised funds went towards the Watergrasshill National School astro turf project. A great assett to the community and hopefully we will be able to make use of this for our academy teams very soon.

Our efforts within the community are being recognized and 2015 was the first year we were able to secure 2 sport grants to further develop the club.

I wish ye all a Merry Christmas & a Happy successful footballing New Year....

NICHOLAS O'SULLIVAN



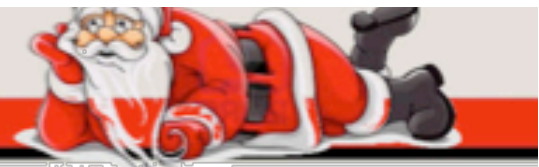
SUMMARY

March 2015 - Our first trophy of the year was earned at this years Fermoy St. Patricks Day Parade, our 3rd year participating. The Watergrasshill United boys and girls wore their hill colours proudly and their singing of "We're from the hill, the mighty mighty Hill" could be heard back in the Hill. Our effort this year was awarded with the "Best Club" prize.

May 2015 - Our U11s played the Local Cup Final in Turners Cross in May of this year. In a night that was full of emotions for all U11 players and management, butterflies, excitement, courage, togetherness, pride and finally happiness to sadness. It wasn't meant to be. The team went down in the end by a single goal to a very good Lakewood side, which on the night deserved their victory.



Our U11 Local cup final players ; Cillian Tobin, Daniel Cronin, Ryan Murray, Adam Walsh, Eoghan Knaap, Joseph O'Riordan, Dylan Feehan, Nicky Kelleher,, Darragh Casey, Ronon O;Connell, Rory Brennan, Dylan Roche, Brendan Lehane



May 2015 - Our U12 team travelled to the Netherlands in May of this year to participate in the “Internationaal Jeugdvoetbal Toernooi” organized by VV de Heeg in Maastricht. The lads had a fantastic experience playing some of the best clubs from Holland, Belgium, Germany and France and came away with 3 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. We would like to sincerely thank all parents for their support in fundraising for this once in a lifetime trip and all companies that sponsored us for making this trip happen.



The 2014/2015 U12 team that made the trip over seas. Tiernan McCallister, Dylan Field, Andrew Chandler, Bradley Walsh, Gearoid White, Eoghan Knaap, Ben Nodwell, Ben Atkinson, Davan Sullivan, Dylan O’Leary, Liam O’Keeffe, Dylan Roche, Criag O’Reilly, Rory Brennan, Edmond Cashman, Ian O’Callaghan

May 2015 - Our Watergrasshill United U11 team won the 2014/2015 Cork Schoolboys League Division 2 in May of this year after a well deserved win over Crosshaven. Our U11’s were undefeated winners of the League and secured promotion to the first division.

June 2015 - The June Bank holiday weekend had the pig races returning to Watergrasshill. Watergrasshill United organized an academy tournament and the over 35’s tournament as part of the fun weekend activities and our volunteers helped out during some of the Family Fun Weekend activities. Some of the monies raised with the Family Fun Weekend Academy Tournament and the Over 35’s tournament were presented to the Family Fun Weekend Organising committee. Representatives of the Watergrasshill National School Parents Association and the Family Fun Weekend organizing committee presented a cheque of €32000 to Headmaster Pat O’Brien. The money, raised during various fundraising activities during the year by the different Watergrasshill Clubs and the parents council, will be go towards the new Astro Turf All Weather facility. A great facility for the school and the Watergrasshill Community.



Our third annual Family Fun Weekend Academy Tournament was a great success this year with over 300 kids taking part. U6, U7, U8, U9, U10 Teams from Watergrasshill United, Douglas Hall, Springfield Ramblers, Midleton, Mayfield, Ballinhassig, Corkbeg and Riverstown. The Watergrasshill U7's, U9's and U10's teams all secured a trophy as winners in their age groups. Ballinhassig secured the U6's trophy and Mayfield United won the U8's age group.



U9 Family Fun Tournament 2014/2015 winners Watergrasshill United U9's

The 4th edition of the Watergrasshill Family Fun Weekend Over 35's FUN Tournament was a roaring success this year. 5 teams from Watergrasshill and 1 team from Glenville played for the Port of Cork sponsored Crystal Watergrasshill Family Fun Weekend Cup. Ard Cashel won the Tournament the second time in a row and O'Mahony's Bar won the wooden spoon. Special awards were introduced this year "Why wasn't that a red Card Award" - Ciaran Flannagan, "Ironman Award" - Derry Desmond "Best Goal" - Fiona O' Mahony, "David De Gea Award" - Dinny Bing and "Over 35s MVP" - Denis McCarthy



Over 35's Tournament winning Captain John Ahern accepting the "Port of Cork" award from Watergrasshill United's Chris Sheehan



July 2015 - Watergrasshill United would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers that made the 2015 Ross's Centra Watergrasshill United Summer Camp such a success, again the number of participants continue to rise annually. Special thanks to every single one of the 170 boys and girls for taking part in our Summer Camp. Thankfully the weather was good this year..!



Special mention to our main Camp Sponsor Ken Ross from Ross's Centra in Watergrasshill for his continued support to the club and for sponsoring the Summer Camp vouchers, goodie bags and the refreshing ice creams. This year all Summer Camp participants received the new Watergrasshill United Academy Kit that will be worn on match days for the U6, U7, U8 & U9 teams and will be available in the club shop going forward. Special thanks to main shirt sponsors Ventura Homes and Dave Hogan for sponsoring the Summer Camp Jersey.

July – 2015 Our numerous squads held their own individual presentations at the end of the season, all details on watergrasshillunited.com. Special mention the the following girls for winning their 2014/2015 Watergrasshill United Girls Academy Awards. Well done Girls.



Amy Geary: 2014/2015 U-12 Player of the Year Award, Kate Sharkey: 2014/2015 U-12 Team Player of the Year Award, Kelly Jenkin: 2014/2015 U-10 Most Improved Player Joint Award, Emma Hannon: 2014/2015 U-10 Most Improved Player Joint Award



Aug – 2015 Watergrasshill United’s 10th annual Golf Classic. An important annual fund raiser for the Club, Watergrasshill United would like to thank all participants and sponsors of our Annual Golf Classic, held in Youghal Golf Club this year. Special thanks to main sponsor MSC Mediterranean Shipping for sponsoring the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, NTP and longest drive prizes. A fantastic day was had by all and the weather made the day all the more enjoyable! This was our 10th Golf Classic since formation and it gets better each year, mainly due to the great organizing talent of Paul Sharkey. It was our most successful golf outing to date in terms of funds and participation. Winners this year were representatives of the Cork Women’s & Schoolgirls Soccer League, (C.W.S.S.L.)



1st Prize winners Ger Cahill, Robert Stephens, Denis Cronin - Team: Cork Women's and Schoolgirls Soccer League CWSSL with a score of 54



Aug 2015 - Congratulations to James O Leary (U14), Ben Atkinson (U13), Bed Nodwell (U13), Bradley Walsh (U13), Jack Dawson (U13) and Dylan Roche (U12) who have successfully made it onto the Cork Development Squads during the year, a great honour for lads as well as family & club.

Nov 2015 – Congratulations to the Watergrasshill United U13s for reaching the last 32 in the National Cup. They have drawn a home match against Ardee Celtic from county Louth that will be played in the weekend of January 30/31 2016.

Dec 2015 – For the 3rd year in a row Watergrasshill United had asked our members, players, coaches, parents to support the Watergrasshill Unites Food Collection by donating food to help the vulnerable in our community and for Cork Penny Dinners. The response to our request was unbelievable. Thank you all that have donated food items at the various Watergrasshill United academy training sessions during the week. Your donations are much appreciated. All donations were handed over to the 2J's who on completion of their charity event on December 18th in the Fir Tree passed on Watergrasshill unites donations to cork penny dinners and the vulnerable in our locality thru Watergrasshill Community Care.



Some of our Girls Academy who generously donated some non perishable food items for Cork Penny Dinners last season.



Dec 2015 - Follow all our activities on and off the pitch on watergrasshillunited.com, our facebook page and on twitter @WGHUTD. Several of our squads have had a truly magnificent year on the pitch, check out on our website for further details.

UNDER 14 GIRLS TEAM UPDATE

On behalf of our U14 Girls team, I would like to thank Mary Sheehan for her help so far this year and also Dave Hogan and behind the scenes Paul Sharkey. The biggest thanks of all needs to go to the players and their parents, without them the U14 Girls team wouldn't be able to continue. So far we played 2 League games with one win and drew one. Up the Hill

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

BRIAN CRONIN

UNDER 7 TEAM UPDATE

Started the season with 6 U6's (born in 2010, 2011) and 8 U7's (Born 2009) but grown to a group of 25+ very enthusiastic players. So far we played matches against Mallow Town, Ballincollig and Springfield Ramblers but many more to come this season. Training has moved to the Community hall from 2-3pm every Saturday. New members welcome. Special thanks to Joe, John & Alan for their help during training and matches.



17 Watergrasshill U6/7s at a Cobh, playing four 4v4 matches against Springfield Ramblers. U7's Squad : Tadhg McC, Cormac McC, Ciaran, Luke, Micheal, Finn, Liam, Scott, Ben, Josua, Josh, Patrick Sean, Alan, Leon, Donagh, Cathal

ROB & GARY



UNDER 8 TEAM UPDATE

2015 was a great year for the U8s in which we have played in numerous games versus some very strong opposition and had great results. Overall there is a big improvement and the lads are in top form showing great potential and teamwork.

We are very confident they will do brilliantly when the official CSL small sided games kick off in 2016. We hope to field two U8 small sided teams. (5 a side)



Pictures include: recent blitz in Mallow, Coerver Training in Carrigtwohill, home on a sunny day and prize giving on the June week end.

Thanks to the Dads that have helped out – Tim, Eamonn, Marcus and Liam. Much more help is needed in 2016 if the lads are to reach their full potential!!

Training has moved to Bride Rovers Astro on Saturday and will remain there until spring 2016.

Have a great Christmas and here's to a happy and successful 2016.

EMMET



UNDER 9 TEAM UPDATE

During 2015 we participated in many friendlies and also in the SSG's (small sided games) against some good teams where we gave a very good account of ourselves . We have a large and ever expanding squad which can only bode well for the future. Indeed the academy as a whole is growing strong in numbers, that was evident by the popularity of the summer camp in June and the numbers at training weekly.

As a group the team is progressing and it is inspiring to see the progress being made . Like most wannabe superstar players lots are reluctant at times to pass the ball however that will improve in time. We have a very eager and enthusiastic squad who are gaining valuable experience. This is fantastic at such a young age and will assist them to develop a strong team ethic. The most important thing is that the lads enjoy themselves .



At present we are training on the astro turf pitch in Castlelyons as our pitches fall victim to our chronic weather. In January we shall begin training on Tuesday Nights in preparation for matches at the weekends.

I would like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to get the players to matches and training, I would also like to thank the Dads who helped out , to name a few Denis, Ken, Colm, Peter, Richie and Sean and anyone else who has helped. All assistance is greatly appreciated. I would finally like to thank Rob and Frank for their continued support and help.

KEN BEECHINOR



UNDER 10 TEAM UPDATE

Our team play in division 4 of the CSL small sided games. We as coaches hope to progress to a higher level after Christmas as lot of games didn't benefit our team - we played 8 matches in total, we won 7 and drew 1.

Our team is growing all the time, last year we only had about 14 players, this season we have 25 boys. Now we have some excellent players from Watergrasshill, Rathcormac, Fermoy, Leamlara and other places.



Our players are very committed, they all train hard every week and the result shows at our games and we all are very proud of them ..

DENIS & JINTY

UNDER 11 TEAM UPDATE

Our under 11s started training on the 12th of august with only 12 players in the squad because part of the U11 age group are playing a year above their age in the 9 a side U12 CSL league. While the season progressed the squad grew to 20 players. The U11's play weekly in the 7-a side U11 CSL league where they play 2 seven a side games side by side. The 25 minute a side games were introduced this year to give everyone equal playing time. To date the U11's have played nine games, winning seven and loosing two. All the lads try hard in training and give it their all and that's all we can ask for.

KEN COTTER



UNDER 12 TEAM UPDATE

2015 proved to be a very successful year in terms of playing numbers and teams. We have continued with 2 teams at this age level (born 2004) and in total over 30 players played U11 from September 2014 to June 2015 with the assistance of U10 players.

We had a great cup run this year reaching Turners Cross on the 14th May after beating 2 premier teams & division 1 winners on our way. The day was an experience for us all both as players & coaches. The support we received on the day from club managers, coaches & players was exceptional and something that we really appreciated. The night didn't go our way as we went down 1 – 0 to Lakewood.

Due to our cup run, our league campaign was extended and came down to Tuesday 9th June away to Crosshaven with a winners take all. The lads were outstanding on the night and ran away 6-1 winners to take the CSL U11 Division 2 title. A fantastic & well deserved achievement.

This season from September has seen us play every week in the CSL U12 Division 1. We started off quiet well with 4 victories but since have a mixed bag of results. We currently sit in 2nd place.

Myself, Rob & Emmet 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 Myself, Rob & Emmet 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.

FRANK, ROB & EMMET



UNDER 12A TEAM NEWS

What a start to the CSL season for all the lads. Playing under 12 (division 5), while still only under 11 is to say the least incredible.

The attitude they have and their will to win is so remarkable. All the hard training they have done, not only this year but in the last three years is now starting to pay dividends.

If anyone told me we would be top of division 5 and in the 3rd round of the Founders Cup by Christmas, I would have given my right hand.

These are an exceptional bunch of lads on and off the pitch and we are so proud of them for all they have achieved so far. The standard of football they are playing for their age is awe-Inspiring and delightful to watch.



It's a privilege to be involved with such a great bunch of kids, and great credit must go to their parents. So here's hoping for a great 2016.

PAT HEALY & GARY FREYNE



UNDER 12B NEWS

Our U12b's are the surprise of the Division 7 of the Cork Schoolboys League. Undefeated after 5 wins in the CSL and undefeated in the Albert Conboye Cup through a 1-4 win against Buttevant a & 4-2 win against Cobh Ramblers.

Myself and Ciaran 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 is evidence of that and the way they leave the kids play their own game is to be admired and we are convinced that's what is helping the lads improve their own game.



Our U12b Squad:

Shane Russ, Daniel Pooley, Eimantas Jakobauskis, Eoghan O'Leary, Colm O'Regan , David O'Toole, Eoin O'Mahony Caolan Bondov Shinnors

Brian Crowley, Darragh Casey, Ben Flanagan (missing on the photo is right back Gareth Reilly)

CIARAN & ROB



UNDER 13 TEAM NEWS

We finished last season just short of getting promotion to the Premier Division, in hindsight it was probably for the best as we were short a couple of players to compete at that level.

The high point of our year was our trip to Holland to compete in a European tournament. There was a lot of fund raising involved in this and once again we take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses who supported us, and the shops who let us on to their premises for collections. The parents and other club members who got involved in a quiz night out, the bright spark who came out with the bright idea to get sleeping bags in Heaton's will forever be close to our hearts! The Holland trip was a fantastic experience for all the kids and the adults who came with us to help out..we had good laughs and it has to be said once more that a lot of credit goes to Rob for all the background work that he put into the entire event, thanks again Rob. It was a great achievement to lose 1 out of 6 games and we did our club proud.

We started the season with 2 new players who have settled in nicely and have strengthened our squad. We are well placed at this point in time to gain promotion and remain unbeaten in league and cup competitions. We qualified out of our section for The National Cup and we have drawn Ardee Celtic from County Louth in the last 32 of this competition. This will be played at the end of January and please come out to support us on the day.



So to finish we would just like to thank the lads for all their dedication to training, there in all weather and always wanting to stay longer and always great to work with. Thanks to the parents for putting up with the all consuming U13 football team and everything else takes second place as far as the lads are concerned.

Special thanks to those parents who always volunteer to help out with special events teas/coffees, selling tickets, fundraising, your help is invaluable to us and is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your Christmas *PADDY & MARCUS*



UNDER 14 TEAM



UNDER 15 TEAM UPDATE

The U15 started the league with a hard fought 1-1 draw at home to Churchvilla back in August with David Cummins grabbing the goal from close range. We didn't play our best that day but dug out a result. Next up was an away game to one of the favourites for the league in Ringmahon Rangers. There we played out a stormer of a game coming away with a 3-3 draw - only a late home town penalty denied the lads. Ceadan Hogan, Paddy King and Stephen O'Toole getting the goals that day, with an honourable mention to Paul Ciocan who made a fantastic save from an earlier penalty. On October 3rd we were playing at home and lost 1-2 at home to Springfield Ramblers. This was a disappointing result, a very late goal at the death denying the lads a deserved point. As we moved through October we also went away to St Marys, drawing again 1-1. Stephen O'Toole grabbed his second of the season after great work by Aiden Barton. Marys scored from their only real shot of the game – an absolute stunner from 30+ yards. Just one of those things! At the time of writing our last league game was a 1-2 home loss to league leaders Avondale. Ethan Nixon gave us the lead on the stroke of half time but playing into a strong wind in the second half we gave up 2 goals. We finished stronger but just couldn't find our way past the well organised Avondale defence and keeper. Although our results haven't been much to write home about, we have played all the top 4 in the division so we hope 2016 will bring us the just rewards the hard work of the team deserves.

In the Founders Cup we went out of the Neil Welch after drawing a Leaside team who are still top of Division 2 – the strongest team we could have drawn. Dylan McCarthy scored for Watergrasshill in a game that had few positives.

Our squad continues to grow stronger, we have added Paul Ciocan in goals, Sean Knox on the left side and Dylan Power in defence. This brings us up to 15 on the age players. We still get great support from the u14s when needed and a special thanks go to Stephen O'Toole, Keelin O'Sullivan, Sean Graham, Sean Og Barrett and Mark Garde who have stepped up and played with us this year.



Overall a big thank you to Jack O'Grady (Captain) Ceadan Hogan, Cathal Feehan, Harry Buskievic, Aiden Barton, David Cummins, Seamus Ahern, Ethan Nixon, Paddy King, Josh Collins, Aaron Foley, Dylan McCarthy, Paul Ciocan, Sean Knox and our latest signing Dylan Power for all their work over the past year, and to the parents for supporting the kids and ourselves in the management

MICK MCCOURT & DAVE HOGAN.

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