Club Newsletter - November 2008

Over 6 Boys (Martin Durrant)

The Over 6's now have a healthy squad of 13 who are all showing great enthusiasm and willingness to learn. We are having some great games in our training sessions and the boys really enjoy them and are developing a great team spirit and togetherness.

U7 Boys (Chris Dolan)

Firstly I would like to thank the parents that have helped with training, refereeing and with the kit this season. We have now got twenty boys in the team so all help is greatly received and if anyone else would like to get involved please let Chris or Mark know. We would like to congratulate all of the boys on their splendid efforts in the matches we have played so far this season. All have shown considerable improvement and demonstrated good sportsmanship and teamwork. We have been particularly impressed with their die hard attitude which has meant that they never give up in a match even if they are behind. Thanks to all of you (and your relatives) who have come along to support and encourage the boys whilst enabling the coaches to instruct the teams during matches.

Results Oct / Nov Friendly

Home Team		Away Team	Game 1	Game 2
Mini Tournament Southdown United				
Patcham United Under 7's	V	Southdown Rangers	2 - 1	n/a
Patcham United Under 7's	٧	Mid Sussex Blues	9 - 0	n/a
Patcham United Under 7's	V	Horsham Ambassadors	0 - 3	n/a
Other Games				
Meridian	٧	Patcham United Under 7's	5 - 2	2 - 2

U8 Boys (David May)

The Under 8s have remained unbeaten in the 9 matches they have played during November. 2 of these were against our Under 7s where our 'training only' boys were given an opportunity to show us what they could do. They acquitted themselves superbly and the 2nd match went to a keenly contested penalty shoot-out. Our 'league' matches have gone very well and the boys have taken the chance to show their full range of skills against the slightly weaker opposition we have faced since half-term. The whole squad now look very professional in tracksuit tops kindly provided by GR Vardy Electrical & Sean Bleach Roofing. We are extremely grateful for this sponsorship. Many thanks to all the parents for their continued support and in particular the way they have observed the new directives of the FA's Respect campaign.

U9 Boys (Wayne Smith)

The boy's team performances are improving and this has started to show on a Sunday. The Sussex Sunday squad have won 10, drawn 2 and lost 8 (3 of these by the odd goal) so far this season. They haven't had the best of luck in front of goal. Sunday was an example away at St Margarets in monsoon like conditions they battled away and created numerous chances but just couldn't convert them. Going on to lose 2-1, it could have quite easily been a win with a bit more luck. The performances especially in the first match are going in the right direction. The Mid Sussex squad have won 13 drawn 2 and lost 1 so far this season. The passing game has improved and they are starting to play some nice football, so hopefully they can continue their good form. Keep the hard work up lads.

U10 Boys (Emma Kirby)

Well although we have lost a few players this season the boys have coped very well upping their game and playing to the best they can. Winning 6-1 and drawing 1-1 last weekend against Falmer was a real boost for the boys. Well done to Nasser for his goal from defence and Joe's goal from a corner and all the other boys for scoring. All the goals were outstanding. I look forward to seeing a more in the forthcoming weeks

U11 Boys (Dave Garnett)

The team played some hard matches at the beginning of the month but still managed to get 3 points from each game. However, playing Withdean away was the biggest challenge for them so far this season, managing to pull back 2 goals in the second half to get a well-deserved draw. The final game of the month sees the next round of the Knockout Cup, where they travel to Old Town Youth (yellow) to try to progress to the quarter finals.......to be continued!!'

U11 Boys (Richard Watts)

Steadily improving performances in the league allowed the boys to secure the teams first point of the season against Adur Athletic. We look forward to the remaining fixtures, with confidence that there are more positive results to come. A fantastic seesaw game in the second round of the knockout cup against Kingston saw the boys win 5-3, progress to the final 16 and set up a third meeting of the season with ASC Strikers!

U12 Boys (Steve Wedge)

The last few weeks have been frustrating for the team with so many games being called off but I am very pleased that the games we have played we have won. We are the only team in our league with an unbeaten record so far. Great debut Danford! Well-done boys -keep it up.

U13 Boys (Adam Kipling)

This month has seen our numbers attending training continue to grow. With an increase in the quality of football, the spirit around the squad remains upbeat despite some unfortunate results.

News From Our Squads

U13 Boys (John White)

Patcham's attacking policy and solid defence has brought them great success in cup and league matches. Patcham Under 13's amber have had a great season so far they have been the division 2 highest scorers, with 45 goals in 8 league games, topping the league. Three times in the league they scored 10 goals in a game. In the knock out cup they have made it to the quarter finals, scoring 21 goals in two games and producing their highest win of the season so far, 15-0 v Seaford Town West. In the County Cup its played one, won one beating Felpham Town Youth 5-4. However we had to forfeit the next round due to a school trip.

U14 Boys (Simon Jackson)

An early exit from the knock-out cup has allowed us to concentrate on our league matches. Having said that we were unlucky to lose Hove Park Colts in the 2nd round and this fact adds to the belief that we can achieve our aim for a mid table. Our first league points came with an excellent away draw to Preston Panthers, although we were disappointed to only get the draw having dominated possession during the game. The lower end of the table is congested and the one point we received from the draw has moved us up the table- a few of wins and we will be pushing for promotion! In all seriousness, the boys continue to train with purpose and our match play is improving all the time and this is very encouraging for the rest of the season.

U15 Boy (Rob Dunkerton)

Only 1 in 4 victories since the last newsletter, a good 3-1 win against Little Common. This was achieved after going 1-0 down, but 2 goals from Scott and a 30 yarder from Zak Andrews sealed the points. Tom Warren notched a good goal in a heavy defeat to Hove Park. We also lost 6-2 at Lindfield despite being 2-1 up at half-time. Scott hit a stunner from 30 yards and James scored from close range. The game was marred by injuries to Zak & Reece, the latter being taken to hospital by ambulance. Fortunately, the injury is not as bad as it appeared and we expect Reece back shortly. On Sunday we lost at Burgess Hill in a monsoon, all the boys did well in very difficult conditions, particularly Ben who scored our consolation in a 7-1 reverse. Also a mention for Josh in goal who has produced several good performances of late, he's being kept busy! Keep it going boys, we're still on target for mid-table.

Adults (Steve Knott)

Only won one match so far.... but we have picked up four long-term injuries to key players, which has had an impact on the team. We have signed on some new players in the past couple of weeks hopefully they will make some good contributions. We get a good turn out at training with up to 20 players turning up. The main thing we need is a recognised goalkeeper, our reserve goalie is doing well under the circumstances but he is a better out field player!

U12 Girls (Paul Wardle)

We have had a very quiet November, playing just 2 games. Both have been home wins against Horsham Sparrows 10-1 and Worthing Piranhas 11-0, which were played in awful conditions. The girls are currently 8 points clear at the top of the West division with a game in hand. Our final game of November is away at Predators Girls in the League cup 1/4 final and I'm sure the girls would like to retain the trophy they won last season, Good Luck Girls!!!! The girls had a day out at Withdean on Saturday 22nd November to see Brighton & Hove Albion v Huddersfield Town, apart from being a very cold day and that Brighton lost the girls had a great day and I'm sure were heard from many parts of the ground!!!! A big thank you to Pat for organising the day out. A massive well done to the girls, and a big thank you to all the parents for all their support.

U14 Girls (Tony Foulger)

Season going well and great team performances have resulted in a 9-0 win over Ploegate in the cup to take us through to the quarter finals, and convincing league wins over Storrington both home and away. Our last home match was a thrilling 6-3 win over Worthing Minors who are currently top of the table having played 2 more games. Players of the match recently include Nicole Webley, Saskia Taylor-Doyle and Rebecca Ferroni and our top goal scorer is Nicole. The girls have played with great character and skill and are a joy to watch. Well-done girls and have a great Xmas break. Tony Kenny & Chris.

U15 Girls (Steve King)

We have been very lucky in the last few weeks with the weather and have managed to get our games played. Since the last newsletter we have played six games, winning 5 against Horsham Sparrows 3-1, 3-2, 6-0, Shoreham 3-1 and Chichester 8-2 and unfortunately losing just the one, going down 3-2 to Littlehampton Town in a game that we did create enough chances to win. The girls are currently top of the league on goal difference from Littlehampton Town. Keep up the hard work Girls, both at training and matches and you will get your just rewards....

U16 Girls (Audra Ryder)

Since the last newsletter it has been a very quiet time for us. Due to bad weather conditions we have only played a handful of matches. The girls continue to train hard, and some great football has been displayed on the pitch. I would like to wish all my team and parents a very Happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.