



Winter Newsletter 2007

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR

The Directors, Officers, Council Members and Staff would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a successful and prosperous New Year. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work you have done during the year in the National Game.

Thanks are also sent to all our working partners, who have helped us deliver the diverse scale of Football Development Projects and to everybody involved in helping us to develop grassroots football within the County. We look forward to continuing our good links in 2008.

County Squad Victorious Overseas

*Saturday 3 November 2007
FA County Youth Cup - 2nd Round
Isle of Man FA v Westmorland County FA
At The Bowl, Douglas*

The Under 18 team travelled to the Isle of Man on 3 November to participate in the FA County Youth Cup 2nd Round, having received a 1st Round bye.

After flying from Liverpool on Friday evening and staying in a hotel close to the ground the visitors were fresh and looking forward to the game.

The visiting team made a couple of changes to the side that lost in the last game against Northumberland FA with fit again Dale Metcalfe coming in for the non available Matt Longden, Nathan Turner coming in at full back, Scott Allinson moving up front and Michael Wilson to the bench.

After the match coaches Ian Carradus and Mike Graham were delighted with the team's performance.

Full -Time: Isle of Man FA 1 Westmorland County FA 2
Westmorland County FA Squad:-

Joshua Morris, Robin Mackenzie, Drew Lowe, Sam Cooper, Nathan Chambers, Nathan Turner, Matthew Dodwell, Dale Metcalfe (captain), Steven Robinson, Joshua Hind and Scott Allinson

Subs: Thomas Atkinson, Michael Wilson, Jordan Bryson, James Benjamin and Chris Algar



Cumbria Girls Centre of Excellence

For the first time, Cumbria has been granted a licence from The FA to run a Centre for 4 age groups from U10's to U16's; one of 52 in the country.

Over 230 girls attended the trials held at Frenchfields, Penrith in September. The standard was very high over the 4 trial sessions demonstrating the continued development of girl's football in Cumbria over the past few years.

The Centre takes girls from all over the county including Barrow, West Cumbria, Kendal and Carlisle.

The 4 squads representing Cumbria have already taken part in their first fixture. Newcastle Centre of Excellence were welcomed to Frenchfields, during the half term holiday.

The development of the County Under 16's league continues this season. The County FA are currently meeting with clubs to encourage the formation of a women's county league. For further information, or if you have an interest in playing football (women or girls) please contact Helen Aitchison, Girls & Women's Football Development Officer.

Kendal 5-A-Side League Winners

James Cropper FC were crowned the Kendal 5-A-Side Autumn League winners.

The competition organised by Westmorland County FA started earlier this year and this Autumn saw the standard improve significantly. 7 teams competed at Kirkbie Kendal School Astro Turf for the trophy.

To win the title James Cropper won 14 games, scoring 44 goals and only conceding 14.

If you are interested in entering an Open Age, Under 18 or Veterans (over 35) team in the Spring League please complete an enquiry form by following the link below:-

www.westmorlandfa.com/News/2007/12/BrandNew5-A-SideLeagues

CLARIFICATION OF UNDER 16 FOOTBALL

The FA has confirmed that players in the approved School of Excellence programme at Football League level and Academy programme at FA Premier League level are exempt under the provisions of FA Rule C4 (vii) (C) which states that "to play in an open age football competition a player must have achieved the age 16 (to come into effect from the start of the 2007-08 season)".

For the avoidance of doubt grassroots football is unaffected by the ruling applied at professional level. A player outside the excellence programme cannot play in open age football until on or after his 16th birthday.

Westmorland County FA Coaches Association (WCFACA)

The Westmorland County FA Coaches Association aims to provide football coaches with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and improve their understanding of the game and share information with fellow members.

Who is it for?

Anyone can become a member of the Westmorland County FA Coaches Association regardless of your coaching experience or qualifications. Current members range from coaches with no football coaching qualifications and very little experience to UEFA B License coaches who have coached at professional clubs. There is something for everyone!

What are the benefits?

Practical coaching demonstrations by guest coaches from The FA and Premier League Clubs throughout the season - One every 2 months.

Online Access to various coaching session plans

Access to partner club & associations coaches evenings & events

Discount on WCFA Coach Education Courses - Access to 15% discount on Umbro Kit & Equipments

What is the cost?

At present the annual membership fee is £5 per year. Coaches Association members must also complete an FA CRB check

What do I need to do to become a member?

Please contact Peter Nicholls on 01539 730946 or e-mail peter.nicholls@westmorlandfa.com

Forthcoming Events

As part of our commitment to local football we will be delivering several events in the next few months

Start Date	Course	Venue	Cost
22, 23 & 24 January 2008	Drop in Consultation Evenings (5.30-7.30pm)	WCFA Office, Natland Road	Free
29 January 2008	Level 2 Taster Evening	Kendal	⚙
5, 6 & 7 February 2008	Drop in Consultation Evenings (5.30-7.30pm)	WCFA Office, Natland Road	Free
11 February 2008	Specialist Goalkeepers Camp	Queen Katherine School, Kendal	£5
18 February 2008	Visit to Liverpool FC Academy	LFC Academy	⚙
2 & 16 March 2008	Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Football	Queen Katherine School, Kendal	£80
6 March 2008	Child Protection	Queen Katherine School, Kendal	£18
13 March 2008	Emergency Aid	Queen Katherine School, Kendal	£15

⚙ = Free to WCFA Coaches Association Members, or £5 Membership fee to the Coaches Association.

If you are interested in any of the above courses, please contact the WCFA Office for further details and an application form.

No Referees, No Football

Referees Wanted

If you or you know of anyone interested in Refereeing, please contact the County FA Office.



Referees manage games with their own style and personality within the Laws of Association Football and managers and coaches at all

levels of the game must encourage players to play in the correct spirit to enjoy the game and respect the match officials. Otherwise we will not have a game to enjoy or match officials to control the game.

Forthcoming courses:

- ◆ Referee's Course commencing **8 January 2008**
see website for more details



County Development Centre



The Under 16 and Under 18 Squads have trained together this season, receiving coaching from Kendal Town and Westmorland County FA Coaches.

Under 16 Squad

Callum Allardyce
Graeme Cowperthwaite
Jack Dickson
Jackson Eatherden
Jordan Field
Adam Garnett
Elliott Higgins
William Kelly
James Pattison
Joshua Sayle
Max Shaw
Jack Smith
Laurence Stannard
Philip Towler
Grant Troughton
Stephen Watson
Thomas Wright

Under 18 Squad

Chris Algar
Scott Allinson
Thomas Atkinson
James Benjamin
Craig Blakey
Jordan Bryson
Peter Carradus
Nathan Chambers
Sam Cooper
Matthew Dodwell
Joshua Hind
Matthew Longden
Drew Lowe
Robin Mackenzie
Daniel McCandlish
Dale Metcalfe
Philip Metcalfe
Joshua Morris

Daniel O'Connor
Steven Robinson
Stephen Sewell
Lloyd Trippett
Nathan Turner
Nick Turner
Oliver Wales
Michael Wilson



County Development Centre

Talented local players receive coaching from qualified UEFA Coaches from Bolton Wanderers FC and Westmorland County FA



Listed below are all of our County Coaching Squads:

Under 8 Squad

Aidan Saunders
Joshua Casson
Kieran Saunders
Will Chambers
Ryan Taylor
Matt Kennedy
George Tickell
Bailey Kenny
Oliver Tickell
Max Pearce
Alvin Wong
Lawrence Queen
Jamie Woodruff



Under 10 Squad

Rory Noon
Joshua Brabbins
Henry Porteous
Declan Britton
Benjamin Scott
Matthew Brotherton
Charles Skyrme
Jake Chaplow
Adam Soulbey
Regan Coats
Bradley Thompson
Oliver Hambley
Leeming
Hayden Millar
Cameron Trew
Thomas Moore
Blake Wightman



Under 12 Squad

George Henderson
Richard Addison
Kier Hetherington
Carl Airey
Thomas Horner
Oliver Brownlee
Thomas Jackson
Ryan Close
Sam Kelly
Brandon Croskell
George Mason
Robinson
Michael Newton
Paul Crowdy
Kieran Rafferty
Joseph Davidson
John Sewell
Joseph Dickson
Robbie Stephens
James Garner
Mark Sullivan
Joshua Graham
Brody Wallace
James Greenall
Moffatt
Kyle Hansen
William Wilson
Cameron Young



Under 14 Squad

Cole Procter
Joe Atkinson
Keenan Quill
Xavier Baines
Cory Robinson
Rudi Colman
Michael Sharpe
Ryan Crayston
Alex Taylor
Aaron Davidson
Samuel Taylor
Ben Dixon
Matthew Treloar
Joe Fallows
Callum Wallace
Oliver Field
Moffatt
Benjamin Gregg
Connor Walmsley
Thomas Heap
Jezero Walsh
Aaron Holland
Cameron Wilkinson
Thomas Jackson
Khan
Michael Johnson
Jack Woodburn



County Development Centre
Visit Reebok Stadium

During the October half term holiday the Westmorland Atlantis Kitchens County Development Centre Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 Squads travelled to Boothstown FC in Worsley to play in friendly matches against the Bolton Wanderers FC shadow squads. The matches went well with lots of positive aspects. No score was kept as the ethos of the County Development Centre is around developing players individual skills which they can take back to their club teams and providing playing opportunities outside of our County.

The Under 8 and Under 16 Squads will travel to Boothstown FC to play the Bolton Wanderers shadow squads after the Christmas break.

During 2008 the Westmorland County FA will be submitting a plan to The FA regarding the development of football within Westmorland from July 2008 to July 2012.

To ensure that everyone involved in grassroots football within the county has an equal opportunity to pass on their experience and views on what is required and desired to develop our national game at a local level, we will be holding "Drop-In Consultation Evenings" throughout January and February 2008 at the WCFA offices. (Dates and times above)

We would like to invite you to come to the office and give us some feedback, comments and suggestions regarding what you think is good about football within the county, what's bad and what is needed to enable the game to develop.

This is an excellent opportunity to have your say and we welcome you all to do this. If you have an opinion on football (which most people do!) please come and share it with us.....

Clubs are reminded to give the Match Card to the Referee who will give that to the opponents at the end of the game.

It is not necessary to switch Result Sheets!

Make Sure Your Players Are Registered

So far 25 clubs have been fined for having unregistered players. Please make sure this isn't your club!!

INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE

Unfortunately there have been several examples this season of County FA's giving erroneous advice to member Clubs over FA provisions affecting International Clearance. By and large this has been done in all innocence to assist new teams and clubs formed of migrant workers from other EU countries.

The FA's registrations team is mindful of the pitfalls and urges all County FA's to inform their clubs that all players moving countries (including Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) must have International Clearance. This includes players outside of the National League System playing for the Dog and Duck in a local Sunday League. It applies to all players over the age of 12 - you have been warned!

If in doubt please contact the registration staff via e-mail registrations@thefa.com or telephone 020 7454629

Member's Services

Clubs can keep up to date on:-

- ◆ Cup Competitions
- ◆ Registered Players
- ◆ Discipline
- ◆ Payments History
- ◆ Outstanding Cases

By following the Link below:-

www.westmorlandfa.com/membersservices



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The County FA Office will be closed from the 21 December 2007 to 2 January 2008. The office will be visited regularly during this period to deal with urgent post.

In the event of an emergency, telephone contact arrangements will be given on the office answer phone.

Cup Final Dates

Some of the dates for the 2007/08 Cup Finals have been changed following the introduction of the Tesco Under 14 and Under 16 Girls competitions.

The new dates are as follows:-

◆ Minor Cup	Sunday 4 May 2008	Kick Off 3.30pm
◆ Dallam Tower Cup	Sunday 4 May 2008	Kick 1.00pm
◆ S M Jones Trophy	Sunday 4 May 2008	Kick Off 11.00am
◆ Tesco Under 13 Boys Cup	Sunday 9 March 2008	Kick Off 3.30pm
◆ Tesco Under 16 Girls Cup	Sunday 9 March 2008	Kick Off 1.00pm
◆ Tesco Under 14 Girls Cup	Sunday 9 March 2008	Kick Off 11.00am

During the last few months the following clubs/schools have achieved Charter Standard status

FA Charter Standard Senior Clubs

- ◆ Kendal County

FA Charter Standard School

- ◆ Witherslack Hall Special School

FA Charter Standard Primary Schools

- ◆ Levens Church of England School
- ◆ Old Hutton
- ◆ Warcop Church of England School

All these organisations provide safe environments in accordance with the Rules/Regulations of The Football Association



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