



# WALKING FOOTBALL GROUP



## NEWSLETTER



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How time flies, nearly the end of April already, so time to provide some important updates.

**Team Managers** - having done such a good job of pulling together >65s and other friendlies this year Rod Sowden has agreed to take this role for >60s and >65s. Please support Rod and respond to match invitations at the earliest opportunity.

**Training Notifications** - are all now being notified only on SPOND leavings WhatsApp groups for "chat." If anyone has a problem accessing SPOND please let us know.

**Player Registrations** - we now have 32 completed registrations with just a very small number remaining. Everyone should receive emails confirming (a) FA confirming their FA number and (b) WFA confirming registration. Many thanks for your co-operation – we know paperwork is a pain!!

### Forthcoming coming events/dates –

- **29 April** >65s v Clevedon at PTFC  
Meet 10.30 for 11.00 kick-off (3x 20mins).
- **01 May** >50s Street Festival  
Meet PTFC 11.30
- **02 May** WFA Parkinsons Charity Day at PTFC  
Organised by WFA for anyone affected by Parkinsons. It would be good if we show a presence as members of PTFC (no playing involved) – no need to book just come along 10.30 – 13.00.
- **07 May** >65s v Peasedown at PTFC.  
Meet 11.00 for 11.30 kick-off (3x 20 mins).
- **02 June** >60s v Nigel's Nomads at PTFC.  
Meet 10.30 for 11.00 kick-off (3x 20 mins).

More matches are planned so keep an eye on SPOND for notifications and any changes of times.

### Leagues Season 2025/26 – we are entering teams for

Almondsbury  
Gloucester >50s (Sunday pm)  
Gloucester >60s (Thursdays am)  
Street  
Somerset >50s (Sundays am)  
Somerset >60s (weekday)

We are hopeful that most, if not all, of our entries will be accepted and we will confirm all dates/times as soon as we receive notification.

**PTFC Kit** – The Club has purchased shorts and socks to go with our sponsored shirts and so we will be very smartly turned out for all future competitions.

**PTFC Festival** – this important date should already be in your diaries. SPOND shows 14 attending but 25 unanswered but as we will have two teams and need non-playing support it would be good to see more decisions to attend. Several clubs have accepted invitations and we are hopeful of at least 10 teams. As per last year the clubhouse will be open and food will be available. Provisional time for playing 11.00 to 15.00

### Sunday Training - confirmed days/time

- 27 April Gordano 3G Green
- 04 May Gordano Astro Blue
- 11 May Gordano Astro Blue
- 18 May Gordano Astro Blue
- 25 May Gordano Astro Blue
- 01 June Gordano Astro Blue
- 08 June to 31 August PTFC 3G

09.30 to 11.00 all dates

### Wednesday Training – confirmed days/times

- 30 April 20.00 to 21.00 Gordano Astro Blue
- 04 May 20.00 to 21.00 Gordano Astro Blue
- 14 May to 24 September 19.00 to 20.00 PTFC 3G

Remember moulded studs are obligatory for PTFC.

**Laws of the Game** – you should all be aware there are two "governing" bodies the FA and WFA and their laws and interpretations differ (why is life so difficult!). For the avoidance of any doubt, unless specifically advised, all our training and games will be played under FA laws. The two most important laws are –

- NO non-walking and this is likely to extend to any perceived fast pace.
- NO contact whatsoever. Therefore no tackling from behind or the side.

There is also a growing view that excessively hard shooting should be considered dangerous play and penalised with an indirect free kick to the opposition. Statistically low controlled shots are more likely to chalk up a goal.

**Training fees** – will continue at £5 per session for the time being. Committee is reviewing two aspects –

- Whether it is viable to switch to a monthly standing order that would not specifically relate to sessions offered/played
- Whether it is viable to introduce card payment via SPOND.

Your thoughts/feedback is invited.