



# WALKING FOOTBALL GOUP

## NEWSLETTER



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Its only May and already this is our third publication and for those of you (hopefully all) who have read Tucks' recent WhatsApp message you will appreciate why we need to roll out the next phase of the Committee development plan.

After being our guiding light since the formation of the group Martyn has decided it is the right time to step down as Committee Chairman, and pass the baton to others to take the PTFCWF group forward.

We will of course recognise Martyn's invaluable contribution in a fitting manner but on behalf of everyone in the group we will start by simply thanking our leader for giving us the opportunity to participate in playing walking football and socialising that is the ethos of PTFC. The good news is that Martyn is returning to playing and once more displaying those silky left-foot skills.

Also, we would like to thank Karen for her support on the committee as she will be taking some time out and will then concentrating on playing.

Now we must move forward restructuring the Committee, not only replacing Martyn and Karen (is that possible!) but expanding to bring more members on board.

We feel that this will be vital in developing PTFCWF, particularly as we are optimistic of entering both Somerset and Gloucester >50s and >60s leagues in season 2025/26.

So, we invite all members to consider joining us on the committee. We hope you will be inspired and in the first instance please contact Paul Tucker (Head of Walking Football) for a chat.

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### Training Sessions Reminder:

Sundays (09.30 – 11.00)

- Gordano (Blue) 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- PTFC 3G from 8<sup>th</sup> June (until otherwise advised)

Wednesdays (19.00 – 20.00)

- PTFC 3G (until otherwise advised)

We will shortly move to payment via SPOND. As & when you book you will make payment by Paypal or card. A cash option will remain for those not able to use SPOND.

### Important Diary Dates:

June

2<sup>nd</sup> - Friendly v Nomads at PTFC KO 11.00 (>60s).

8<sup>th</sup> - Clevedon25 >50s Round 1

11<sup>th</sup> - Abbeymead (away) (>60s) KO 12.30

25<sup>th</sup> - Clevedon25 >70s Round 1

### Important Diary Dates:

July

1<sup>st</sup> – Bristol Utd at PTFC KO 11.00

6<sup>th</sup> – Clevedon >50s Round 2

23<sup>rd</sup> – Clevedon >70s Round 2

August

3<sup>rd</sup> – Clevedon >50s Round 3

20<sup>th</sup> – Clevedon >70s Round 3

All these "friendly" fixtures are on SPOND.

Team managers will be in touch regarding your availability for Clevedon25 rounds.

We would also like to float the idea of a fathers and sons/daughters (perhaps any younger family members) training session at PTFC on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, Father's Day of course! A poll will follow shortly to gauge opinion.

Finally, it looks as though we have enough expressions of interest to run our Walking Football Festival on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. To date 15 members are attending, however we wish to field 2 teams and need non-playing helpers so please let's have some more acceptances asap to make this day a success.

### Parkinsons Fridays:

The charity now has a regular weekly booking on the PTFC 3G pitch Fridays 10.00 – 11.00.

Some of you have already been involved with the sessions and enjoyed the experience. We now have the opportunity to link this with an extra WF training session.

We are offering a combination of –

- Helping with the Parkinsons sessions 10.00 – 11.00
- Having our own training session 10.00 – 11.30 if we have good numbers or if numbers are low 11.00 – 11.30 after helping with the Parkinsons team.
- The clubhouse will be open so it makes sense to have this as our Coffee Group meeting place. Of course, the bar should be open if something stronger is required.

Please understand we need to see how this develops but it does seem a great opportunity to help the charity, have some additional training capped-off with socialising.

As we are there to assist the charity there is unlikely to be a charge for any additional training. This will also be an excellent opportunity to bring new people into the PTFCWF group. First date will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

With so much happening, keep an eye out for further dates and announcements and above all remember.....

**NO RUNNING! The Referee's decision is final.**