



WALKING FOOTBALL GROUP



NEWSLETTER



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Lots to cover in the edition so hopefully a good read.

Clevedon25

The final round of >70s mini-league this week wrapped up the event and a fine performance dragged us up from 5th to a very creditable 2nd place.

The >50s finished in 5th place out of 6 and the >60s in 7th place out of 8, the latter suffering by withdrawal from round 2.

As always such competitions provide invaluable learning experience and an opportunity to blood new players.

Training Sessions

- **SUNDAYS** from 7th September we revert to Gordano Green 09.30-11.00. Regrettably this facility is the only option available on a Sunday so we must continue to make the most of it and these are fully inclusive sessions are open to everyone.
- **WEDNESDAYS** from 27th August we switch to PTFC 19.00-20.00. This is a prime timeslot and we must ensure at least 10/12 each week to justify the booking. Sessions are again open to everyone although there will be a slightly greater emphasis on training, skills & tactics.

Clevedon WF has booked the pitch 20.00 – 21.00 also on Wednesday so some inter-club games and/or training may help numbers for both.

SPOND PAYMENT

With effect from Sunday 7th September you will be required to make a £5 payment when booking for Sundays and Wednesdays. The system will offer you various payment options – debit/credit card, Google pay, Paypal & your preferred method can be stored for repeat bookings. It's really easy to use!

If you are not technically minded and cannot use SPOND you will still be able to pay by cash on the day but we would ask you to confirm attendance by WHATSAPP – this will greatly assist planning.

League Competition 2025/26

We have entered teams into Somerset and Gloucester leagues, a big step in the development of PTFCWF.

Team Managers, Paul (>50s) and Rod (>60s) will shortly need to register players in their squads and will be looking for your full support to fulfil commitments. We must make every effort to avoid the disappointment of failing to field a team at Clevedon.

Somerset FA >50s dates & details – Street, Sundays 10.30 kick-off, 26th October, 7th December, 22nd February, 12th April

Gloucester FA >60s dates & details Almondsbury, Thursdays 10.00 kick-off, 18th September, 16th October, 20th November, 22nd January, 12th February, 12th March

Somerset FA Friendly Festivals 2025/26

Very advance notice for your diaries – 13th November, 5th March, 7th May

All at Street, probably 13.00 kick-off

PTFCWF Website Launch

We now have a dedicated website ptfcwf.uk. Can it be more logical or easy to remember!

This will provide information that should be of interest to people seeking to participate in Walking Football as well as members.

We will populate with important information, including links to FA & WFA Laws, Newsletters, competition dates & reports.

Refereeing & Laws of the Game

You will be aware that Martyn & Colin are now WFA qualified Club level referees and to gain experience one or other will be refereeing most Sunday sessions. As you would expect they will be enforcing the FA Laws as our normal format.

One law (9) to clarify is when a keeper makes a save or block causing the ball to exceed the height restriction a touchline kick-in is awarded to the opposition in line with the point the offence was committed. If the keeper is deemed to have deliberately caused the ball to exceed height an indirect free-kick 3 metres outside the goal area is awarded to the opposition.

PTFCWF Annual Awards

Davis James has kindly agreed to organise a social event, probably towards the end of November. David needs volunteers to form an ad-hoc committee and initially seek feedback on dates, partners etc. Please contact David asap.