



WALKING FOOTBALL GROUP



NEWSLETTER



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There's a definite nip in the air; is that the end of our glorious summer weather? It's been a bit of a messy last month or so with low numbers mainly due to holidays, grandparenting and injuries so let's start by recapping on training schedules and fixtures –

Sunday Training:

Until otherwise advised we are at Gordano School on the green 3G pitch with no specific footwear rules. Start times will vary, either 09.00-10.15 or 09.30-11.00. Keep an eye on the weekly SPOND messages. As and when available we will switch to the blue astro pitch - no studs.

There will be no training on 26-Oct as there are two competitions taking place - a rare clash!

Wednesday Training:

Every week 19.00-20.00 at PTFC (moulded studs only).

A number of development games against other clubs, dates below, to help with our WF skills and tactics. Everyone is welcome to participate, book on SPOND.

01 Oct v Western Rebels

15 Oct v W-s-M

22 Oct v Bristol Utd

05 Nov v W-s-M

08 Oct v Bristol Utd (11.00 KO at PTFC)

League Fixtures:

16 Oct: GFA >60s round 2

26 Oct: SFA >50s round 1

26 Oct: Hutton Moor Gauntlet Trophy >60s

10-Nov: HM >65s round 1

20-Nov: GFA >60s round 3

01-Dec: HM >65s round 2

07-Dec: SFA >50s round 2

05-Jan: HM >65s round 3

22-Jan: GFA >60s round 4

02-Feb: HM >65s round 4

12-Feb: GFA >60s round 5

22-Feb: SFA >50s round 3

09-Mar: HM >65s round 5

12-Mar: GFA >60s round 6

12-Apr: SFA >50s round 4

All these dates will appear on SPOND and there will be specific WhatsApp groups for each league – more of which below.

The GFA & SFA leagues are subject to FA laws as per our normal playing format. The HM league is played under WFA laws and everyone participating will be provided with a full copy of the laws so they are fully aware of the key differences, for example not-walking offences & fouls are personal not team, 3 and it's a Blue Card!!

Annual Awards Social:

David James and his committee will shortly issue a communication setting out provisional arrangements and a poll with date options for your feedback.

There will be trophies awarded including, of course, the much coveted PTFCWF Ballon d'Or, and your votes will decide the winner. Further information will follow.

Club Communications:

We are revamping our lines of communication as follows

[1] SPOND:

Will be the primary method of booking for training on Sundays & Wednesdays and all other leagues/fixtures. Hopefully, most of you will be able to pay your £5 online.

[2] Community WhatsApp:

- Sunday - to be used solely for registrations if you cannot use SPOND and post-game comments.
- Wednesday - to be used solely for registrations if you cannot use SPOND, and post-game comments.
- Social Events - specifically for proposed events, planning, polls etc.
- Chat – this should be the only forum for craic, banter, Chris' much loved holiday snaps etc.
- Announcements - solely for Administrators to provide important notifications not requiring responses

[3] Team WhatsApp:

To assist Team Managers a group will be created for each league team: >50s, >60s & >65s. Members will be those players participating in these age groups only.

As you will have noted there are quite a number of league fixtures already in the diary and this places a considerable burden of work on the Team Managers so a plea to respond promptly to communications.

[4] Website:

Undergoing maintenance and development prior to a re-launch. This will be the primary location for information resources, FA & WFA Laws, newsletters, match reports etc, for both members and those in the wider world interested in learning more about PTFC and walking football.

[5] Newsletters:

We will continue to issue on a timely basis and we would welcome and feedback and/or ideas and contributions.

The next meeting of the PTFCWF Committee will be on Tuesday 16th October and if you have any points to raise please email committeetfcwalkingfootball@gmail.com. If that's too much typing you can always contact one of the committee direct –

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