



WALKING FOOTBALL GOUP



NEWSLETTER



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This final issue of 2025 has a good deal of information and news to impart so it's a special 2-pager for you to enjoy!

[1] 2025 Awards:

Held at the Club on 21st November, if you were not there you missed a very good socialising evening and two awards-

🏆 Clubman - Chris Mountford

Awarded by your Committee in recognition of Chris' all round support and commitment to the Group and notably individuals, and of course his sense of humour 🤪



Andy & Chris receiving their awards from Paul & Colin respectively



🏆 Players Player - Andy Hufford

A Group award fully deserved recognising Andy's consistently strong performances both on Sundays & Wednesdays and that battle cry "Andy's."

Many congratulations to our worthy winners and a special thanks to Dave James for organising the evening and that quiz, and Filton Jon for comparing in his own inimitable style.

The evening was crowned by the joyous announcement that Ashlea and Richard will become parents next June and we extend our very best wishes to both of them.

[2] Awards 2026

Yes really, a date for your diaries; xx May 2026 - marking the natural end of the season for leagues and additional awards will be on offer. We hope all many as possible will view this as a must attend event to ensure another successful evening.

[3] Training Sessions:

- 🏆 Sundays - As from 25th January we will revert to our regular slot 09.30-11.00 (Gordano green). Whenever possible we will switch to the astro pitch (blue). Watch for notifications on SPOND.
- 🏆 Wednesdays – continue throughout the year 19.00-20.00 at PTFC. There will be a mix of training and development games. Details will be on SPOND.
- 🏆 Festive period – the only cancellations are Wednesday evenings 24th & 31st December. However, a one-off slot has been booked for 11.00-12.00 on 31st December

[4] Payments:

For the time being we will continue to offer the choice of cash or SPOND payments for both Sundays & Wednesdays but this does necessitate Tucks manually activating SPOND for each and every session. If everyone is willing and able use SPOND a book & pay operation would be much easier to administer.

[6] Festive Social:

Sunday 21st December 12.00 at The Albion. Hot food (chip butties – food of champions) will be provided free of charge to everyone who has booked – please respond asap to the WhatsApp poll. If you do not receive the WhatsApp message and want to join the fun just let us know.

[7] Game diary dates:

- 🏆 December –
10th Clevedon>65s (R2)-FA
- 🏆 January –
5th Hutton Moor >65s (R2)-WFA
7th Clevedon >65s (R3)-FA
22nd Gloucester FA>60s (R4)-FA
- 🏆 February –
2nd Hutton Moor>65s (R3)-WFA
4th Clevedon>65s (R4)-FA
12th Gloucester FA>60s (R5)-FA
22nd Somerset FA>50s (R3)-FA

January & February are busy months and we really need to support our team managers, Rod & Tucks, by responding to their availability messages promptly and we would particularly welcome involvement of those aged 60-65 for the GFA dates.

[8] The Laws:

Games are played under a mix of FA & WFA Laws (not rules) as indicated above and it is important that everyone in the Group reads both sets of Laws and understands the differences. Links to both sets of Laws can be found on our website PTFCWF.uk Some light reading over the Festive period.

Steve Redwood recently posted on WhatsApp a YouTube video produced by Chelmsford City WF titled "How to play or not play WF." Its an interesting watch and from references to recent international successes I gauge the script is WFA based, but there are variances with the WFA Laws and the latter must be your point of reference.

It is important to understand that both sets of Laws, in their own words, are drafted to protect players (being of a certain age!) and therefore any contact should expect to be penalised.

As a sometimes referee I would strongly advocate not questioning decisions as not only does this potentially allow the opposition headway but human nature will build a barrier to such protests and work against you. No referee likes a team of moaners!

The game is there to be enjoyed by players and referees.

[9] PTFCWF.uk website

Save the website address in the favourites bar of your browser.

The current site design is a intended to provide information and resources of a permanent nature, for Group members, e.g. newsletters, links to other relevant sites and for external people seeking information about PTFCWF.

[10] PTFCWF – The Way Forward:

One of key agenda items at our Committee meeting this week was a review of the Group's development and future pathway.

We have come a long way in 3 years, now having a solid membership of 40, two regular weekly training sessions, two FA league teams, regular representation in other monthly tournaments and a strong social and well-being ethos.

So far so good however, it is apparent that the Group is not large enough to support league teams, particularly in certain age groups. On paper our decision to enter leagues this year looked sound, however for various reasons there have been dates when we have struggled to form a squad of 8 (optimum number) and it is been necessary to draft in guest players.

In such circumstances results have been acceptable albeit matched with some frustration that we could have performed much better if players had been available, hey-ho!

So looking forward the Committee has identified 4 key objectives as a framework, in no particular order as all are important –

🎯 *Group expansion -*

🎯 *Addition of a weekday daytime session -*

🎯 *Performance development -*

🎯 *Enhanced communications -*