



# WALKING FOOTBALL GOUP



## NEWSLETTER



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Only 5 weeks into the new year and so much to report.

### [1] PTFC-WF Committee:

With activity increasing Rod has agreed to be acting Chair, at least until our AGM later this year. John McSweeney has accepted the offer to join the committee and will add value with his knowledge of the game.

### [2] New Members:

We welcome Pete Condon who has moved from Clevedon for a change of scenery and brings a wealth of experience, as a player, team manager and tournament organiser. Also Peter Noble and Steve Woodland who are already regulars on Wednesday evening sessions.

### [3] Sessions Update:

- Sundays regularly 09.30-11.00 Gordano (green). We have asked to switch to astro if it is ever available – probably only Easter holidays. We will move back to PTFC late May for the summer period.
- Wednesdays regularly 19.00-20.00. We will be introducing a rota of development games, coaching, >50s v >60/65s, training/game. This plan is aimed at developing individual skills and game play.
- Fridays 11.00-12.00. Yes we are finally getting this off the ground starting 27<sup>th</sup> February and regularly providing there is a minimum of 10 available to play.

### [4] The Leagues:

- Gloucester FA>50s – after 4 rounds and 14 games we are 5/8 on 19 points only 2 behind Cirencester in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We have a strong squad for R5 this week & if lady luck is with us we could climb the table.
- Somerset FA>50s - after 2 rounds and 7 games we are 6/8 on 7 points but only 6 behind Peasedown the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team. All to play for in R3 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Hutton Moor>65s – after 3 rounds and 12 games we are 5/6 on 10 points but should be able to overhaul Weston on 14 points in the next round on 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- Clevedon>65s – after 4 rounds and 15 games we are 4/7 on 22 points with Clevedon 25, Peasedown 30 & Keynsham 37. We defeated both Clevedon & Peasedown last week. Next round 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Every league game is a learning experience this year and we are taking great strides (walking of course) under the team management of Paul & Rod. It would be great to have some touchline support & more involvement of the 60-65 age group.

### [5] 2026 Awards Night:

PTFC will be organising an awards night for all Community Teams on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. This will be held at PTFC and will include all Walking Football groups – ourselves, Posset Ladies and Parkinsons. Partners will be most welcome and food will be provided.

Please ensure this date is marked in your diaries. More information will follow and of course you will be voting for your Player of the Year.

### [6] Social:

A very good evening was enjoyed at Bottelinos last week, low on numbers but high on banter.

A future social will be combined with our first AGM, nothing too heavy but your opportunity to keep the committee on the right tracks. Date to be announced.

### [7] Portishead Christmas Lights:

As a group we have committed to raising £100 towards the fund for replacement lights this year. Not too much to ask for such a worthy cause and details of our scheme will follow.

### [8] PTFCWF.uk

We hope everyone has viewed our website. Rod has done some great work on it and you will find new documents including our Constitution and Committee Roles as well as Newsletters, game reports and LoTG – that's Laws of the Game, essential reading.

On the subject of communications we will be making more use of SPOND for messages as it seems to attract a greater response.

### [9] County Selections:



GLENN JONES OF SOMERSET HOLDS THE BALL UP AGAINST WILTSHIRE. GAME ENDED 1-1.

Congratulations on representing Somerset at county level go to Aide (>65s) and Glenn & Colin (>70s) yes they are that old!

All three have played in two rounds of the inter-counties tournament held at Hutton Moor each month.

Pete Condon is player/manager

### [10] Stop Press News:

The grapevine is buzzing about Clevedon Town WF.

CTWF based at the Hand Stadium has been established well over 10 years and currently has over 100 members. Unfortunately relations with the charity that now operates facilities at the Hand Stadium have broken down and CTWF has served notice they will quit at the beginning of April.

A new group is to be formed under the name of Clevedon WF and they have entered into an agreement to play at PTFC retaining their separate identity and regular session slots on Monday and Thursday mornings.

We (PTFCWF) have an excellent relationship with the CWF committee and a great many of the members are very well known to us. As a Group we fully support CWF and the simple aim is to ensure both PTFCWF and CWF thrive and all members continue to play the game they enjoy.