



WALKING FOOTBALL GOUP

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to awards season.

What a great initiative by Portishead Town Club to arrange a Community Teams Awards Evening on 12th June. We were joined by the Ladies Walking Football group, the Posset Ladies, The Parkies and Galacticos, each taking centre stage to present their awards to a very packed clubhouse.

Hopefully, this will become an annual event and a must for your diaries, just ask anyone who attended.

Turning to our awards for 2025/26 🚶 ⚽

Group awards –

- Clubman: Jon Cursiter; one of the initial members of the group giving unstinting support, encouragement, wackiness and of course is the group Poet Laurette.
- Players Player: Ashlea Parsons; makes the long journey whenever her diary allows and is a classy footballer possessing ball skills and teamwork whilst holding her own riposting banter. Ash has also led Chilcompton Ladies WF to league champions and promotion and selected for Bristol City Ladies WF.



Ash Parsons - 2026 Players Player (the one on the right 😊)



Winners

Pete Milsom, Andy Sears, Jon Cursiter, Paul Tucker & Gavin Madle

Squad awards –

- Over 50s Managers award - Andy Seers; an easy pick for his commitment to the squad and also worthy of mention as a regular Sunday & Wednesday session player who has improved immeasurably.
Over 50s Players Player - Paul Tucker; well who would have thought! But seriously Paul stepped in where none feared to tread as keeper in all SFA rounds pulling off some outstanding performances before he kicked the goalpost in frustration.

- Over 60s Managers award - Gavin Madle; a real GK who played in GFA >60s and Clevedon >65s and was a candidate for both through consistent performances pulling off great saves when the defence creaked.

Over 60s Players Player - Glenn Jones; another player who performed strongly and consistently for this squad and also >65s and >70s and notched up vital goals. Captain of Somerset >70s.

- Over 65s Manager award - Pete Milsom; from brown suede shoes to a regular Sunday & Wednesday and whose vast improvement earned him a place in the squad when the manager was in dire need.

Over 65s Players Player – Aide Phillips; known as the magician leading the line and able to conjure goals almost at will, even from corners! Provides great encouragement to fellow players and has even been known to provide the occasional pass.



Winners – Glenn Jones & Aide Phillips

Briefly to other business –

- Sunday sessions through to September will be played at PTFC, except for 28th June, 5th & 26th July when we will be at Gordano School on the BLUE ASTRO pitch. All sessions 09.30-11.00.
- Our inaugural Annual General Meeting was held at the Albion last Sunday 12th June, attended by 22 members, a most excellent turnout and grateful thanks to you all. From a Secretary's point of view it was good to have all our procedural boxes ticked and the Committee ratified for the next 12 months and raring to go.
- We now have Team Managers for all squads –
 - >50s - Paul Tucker
 - >60s - John McSweeney
 - >65s - Rod Sowden
 - >70s - Chris Mountford

They will each control SPOND notifications and selections for their respective squads and you can help by responding to requests promptly. We have enough cat herders already 😊.

- All our squads are participating in the Clevedon & District summer tournament and giving a good account of themselves. This is also providing opportunities for more players to experience competitive games which will only enhance the quality of the group.
- We will be entering teams in the winter leagues; GFA >50s & >60s and SFA >50s. As soon as our entries are confirmed team managers will confirm dates and look for your commitment to ensure we fulfil all games.