

Ladybridge F.C.

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Club Scene

AGM REMINDER

Yes its AGM time a golden opportunity to come to our Lostock Clubhouse on **Sunday 16th March 16.00 - 17.00** and get more involved with Club activities.

We are always on the look out for the right calibre of volunteer for team managers and coaches with fully funded training to acquire FA coaching qualifications, emergency first aid and other courses you want us to provide for !

Please attend this AGM and have your say. We really do value every single member and welcome all of your views.

Best Wishes

Steve Hill, Mobile tel No 07931 353870

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is brought together to collate a number of news items which we would like all the membership to be aware of including the update on the Ladybridge Tournament, various funding opportunities, opportunities for young referees, ideas for the future, Charter Standard and requests for your input / advice.

Please by all means if you feel that you can help in any way either give **Steve Hill** a bell on **07931 353870** or drop him a line at Chairman@ladybridge.net

Finally if you want to send a match report in, a player profile, an item of news, or would just like to mention something you can speak to me, **Warren Barlow** (Newsletter and Website editor) at clubline@ladybridge.net

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Club Sponsors:

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Practice footballs and training bibs for the season and U16's kit

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U7 Crusaders

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Bulldogs Drill Tops

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Rovers & U10's Lions

Kit

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& Lions Kit

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Lions Kit

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Kit

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(Architects): U14's Kit

Ladybridge Football
Club: U11s Crusaders,
U13s (11 a side) &
U16's Kit

Freytts Fabrics: U18's
Kit

Freeparking.co.uk :
Open Age Kit

Kinder Roofing Ltd :
U10's Crusaders kit

Grass Roots Football
is always in need of
sponsorship and we
at Ladybridge would
like to thank all those
individuals and
companies who have
provided assistance
and finances in order
to support the youth
of Bolton.

If any other liked
minded persons or
company
representatives would
like to offer there
support then please
contact:

The Club Chairman,
Mr Steve Hill on

07711 226092 Or e-
mail

chairman@ladybridge.net

U11's Ladybridge Athletic 0 Leigh RMI 2 (BBDJFL)

We were at home on a near perfect February morning, but playing on a rather soggy pitch. The first half saw a determined Ladybridge and Leigh fight for every ball, but despite several goal mouth scrambles there was no score.

Credit for this goes to our defence and midfield who were both well organised and skilful in keeping the Leigh attacks at bay. Our goal keeper [**Stephen**] made a series of excellent saves and we had a goal [by **Kasim**] disallowed, the reasons for which are unknown to the writer.

The second half was to a certain extent similar to the first half. We were unlucky in that we conceded two goals, however the Ladybridge side played well and didn't really deserve to lose. As was the case with first half, our defence was excellent [**Matthew, Jordan, Scott** along with midfielders **Ryan** and **Rory**] and our keeper [**Stephen**] did a superb job despite the fact we conceded two goals.

The Ladybridge players were **Alex, Jacob, Jordan [captain], Joshua, Kasim, Chris, Matthew, Ryan, Rory, Stephen, and Scott**. The match statistics were Athletic had 5 shots on goal to Leigh's 7 (excludes goals) and 3 corners to Leigh's 6.

Man of the match went to Matthew and Stephen.

U13's Roach Dynamos 2 Ladybridge Lions 4 (BRJFL)

Team - **Billy (GK), Liam (LB) Michael & Gareth (CBs), Jack (RB), Ciaran (LM), Alex & Curt (CMs), Will (RM) and Tom & Hassan (F)**. Sub - **Ainsley**

On a bitterly cold morning, the Lions today coped with an extremely robust Roach team. The superior firepower up front for the Lions eventually won the day. Roach kicked off with both the wind and the slope but it was somewhat against the flow of play when a cross cum shot from **Alex** went untouched by the Roach Defence to nestle nicely in the left corner of the goal. 0 - 1 Lions

Whilst having the majority of possession in midfield. partly due to their tough tackling, Roach didn't pose a threat to **Billy's** goal until a cross from the left came in, **Will** and **Michael** both getting panicked touches on the ball eventually going in off **Mike's** knee. Some Lions heads went down again, but were soon raised by an excellent run on the right from **Hassan** which was more than matched by the quality of the cross which was missed by the onrushing **Tom** but picked up by **Ciaran** who finished calmly for a Half Time score of 1 - 2.

H/T Substitution - **Ainsley** on, **Jack** withdrawn.

The second half started much as the first with some of the Lions appearing intimidated by the robust Roach approach. The game was evenly balanced with **Tom** and **Alex** attracting particularly hard tackles on a repeated basis. **Alex** eventually sustained one too many and had to come off with **Jack** taking his place in midfield.

Hassan made the game 1 - 3 with a fine finish following some Roach defensive hesitancy and **Tom** got the goal he richly deserved after the punishment he took to make it 1 - 4 with a fine solo effort.

The now habitual defensive lapse during time added on led to a Roach goal and a final score of 2 - 4. **Player of the Match went to Ciaran but all team members should take heart from a resilient performance**

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Opportunities for Referees

On Sunday 19th February Nathan Burke was appointed referee for the academy match between Bolton Wanderers and Everton at under 10's. Nathan had a good match and was watched by the referee's assessor from Bolton Referees Society. After the match Nathan was congratulated by both managers and pleased with his own performance. Nathan only qualified as a referee two months ago and is making giant strides in the profession. Nathan is the youngest member of the referee's society. While Nathan was referee for that game his dad Gary was running the line on the older age group of Bolton versus Everton and had a good game as well. Gary is arranging training for any person wanting to take up the whistle. The course will be open to adults young and old, but the young adults can not sit the referee's exam until they are fourteen. The course will be starting around the end of March beginning of April (date to be confirmed) and the cost will be approximately £20.00 to under sixteen's and £40.00 over sixteen's, the course is normally eight weeks long and is for two hours per week. Any people interested should contact me by phone on the two numbers listed below;

Home 01942 792481

Mobile 07841 685698 (new number)

Once people have completed the course it would be beneficial for them to join Bolton Referees Society, not only for the support the society give, but also the need for referees to be insured while on the pitch. There is no charge for under sixteen's to join the society but there is a small charge to register with the FA (£7.50), adults pay to join the society (£15.00 per year), and pay a small charge to register with the FA (£7.50),

Young adults can earn between £10.00 and £30.00 for two hours on a Saturday morning and older adults can earn between £14.00 and £40.00 for the same two hours (better than doing a paper round seven days a week).

Front Runner who supply some of our football kits also supply referees kits at approx £25.00 which is about half the cost of anybody else and they supply any size kit (large or small) for that amount.

Thanks **Gary Burke**

Salford Mini Soccer Festival

I am writing to promote our upcoming Mini Soccer Festival which is now called the Salford Mini Soccer Festival.

The festival has evolved into a partnership between ourselves Salford Community Leisure and the local NDC and will be held at our new £4.7m state of the art HQ at the Salford Sports Village over the weekend of 5 & 6 August 06.

We are hoping to attract 300 teams over the weekend at ages U7/8/9/10 and girls only U10/12 (next seasons age groups). As with previous Manchester FA festivals the ethos will be fair play and scores will not be recorded plus all kids will get a medal and a goodie bag to take home. There will be a whole host of other forms of entertainment and competitions besides the football to cater for players, brothers, sisters and parents alike.

The festival has its own dedicated website which can be found at:

www.salfordminisoccerfestival.co.uk

The website goes into much more detail about the festival and allows interested parties to download an application form.

Best Wishes

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Community Club Award

Steve Hill met with Roger De Nobrega @ LFA Leyland last Thursday and we went through our application for this Community Award. Roger was impressed with the submission and indicated that subject to three monitoring checks by the LFA at random the Award was likely to be successful and an announcement made before the end of this season so that the LFA could arrange a presentation @ the Reebok with Sam Allardyce and ourselves. The LFA will return all the paperwork to us ASAP.

We must though communicate to all our coaches that monitoring checks - first aid kits including water sprays, behaviours and positive attitudes etc etc will be monitored continuously by the Club Trustees throughout the year, every year ! as part of the Charter Standard process

Steve Hill completed two test checks at Lostock @ weekend and they were both fine.

FA Level Course One @ Lostock for 24 of our coaches

Colin Greenall (Coach Education LFA) has agreed to put on a Level 1 course @ our HQ @ Lostock on the following dates :-

Sunday 7th May - Clubhouse and Sportsfield
 Monday 8th May - Clubhouse only
 Thursday 11th May - Clubhouse only
 Sunday 14th May - Clubhouse and Sportsfield

Steve Hill has asked the LFA to consider Approving our HQ as an FA Approved centre for emergency first aid and child protection courses - with an FA plaque on the wall ! Colin will recommend as he is very impressed with our standards etc

Meetings are being held with major funders to try and obtain funding of £12,000 (£6,000 for 2006 and £6000 for 2007 courses) for all our training needs - FA Coaching courses (levels 1,2 & 3), new and renewals of CRB and emergency first aid courses, Referees courses, treatment of injuries and senior member training.

The application form is completed and the Regional Director is going through it with me as a first pass, if he supports it will be considered at the March meeting of the Greater Manchester Foundation.

Great Lever Funding of £1000

Application submitted today for max of £1000

Funding Requirements

We now have applications into major funders of **£36,000** for a variety of needs, including upgrading of facilities at Ladybridge Lane as we need to consider renewing the club house or upgrading the existing one. Sportsfield work at both Ladybridge Lane and Lostock, Car Parking at Lostock and upgrading of existing access road and environment.

Also we need more equipment, training, bags, balls, strips, goals, completion of changing rooms, tables for the clubhouse, completion of kitchen facility etc, etc.

In addition to all the above we are considering leasing a warehouse facility which would be kitted out and used for all our training requirements

Club Minibus

The club owns its own 17 seater minibus and it is available to **ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS** for a nominal contribution. Please contact the **Club Secretary Mrs Elizabeth Waring on 01204 62547** for further information.

Club House Hire

Ladybridge Club House @ Lostock is available for hire to members for a small contribution, if you need a venue for Football Parties (We would provide the goals, balls and bibs!!), Birthday Parties, Meetings or for any reason you can come up with please contact the **Club Secretary Mrs Elizabeth Waring on 01204 62547** for further information.

LADYBRIDGE FC 7-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT & FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 2006

Places are now at a premium for all the age groups, as we have entries from clubs like Chadderton Boys, Horwich St Mary's, Boothstown, Highfield Grange, Horwich RMI, BAC Preston, Pearsons JFC, Chaddy FC, Bolton Wyresdale, Worsley Juniors, Urmston Meadowside, FC Sharples, Cadley Boys, Irlam Vale, Rooftec Rangers, Woodbank, Bolton Lads Club and many others from the North West Region. If you do not want to miss out on this superb event, then please ensure you complete your application forms as soon as possible. These forms can be downloaded from the club website at www.ladybridge.net A Number of places where initially reserved for Ladybridge teams, but these have now had to be released due to demand from other clubs.

The Under 11s for example (Under 10s This year) is completely full with two teams on the reserve list (OLOL and Oxford Grove), The under 7s has only a few places left, and there are only around 7 vacancies left in the 8s, 9s and 10s. Out of the 100 places in total, 62 places have been taken up already.

Age groups catered for are outlined below:

U7s, U8s, U9s, U10s, & U11s (All age groups as of 2006/07 season.)

(If you are an under 8s this year you must enter this event as an under 9s team)

This is so that we can give all the under 6's this year a test of a top footballing event, prior to their new season at Under 7's

This is going to be a terrific event just prior to the start of the World Cup Finals. So do not delay get your applications in NOW. If you know any more details please drop me a line to clubline@ladybridge.net regards **Warren Barlow.**

Anybody got a Warehouse?

The cost of winter training for all our teams grows year on year and this year has certainly been no exception as **the club now spends over £15,000 per annum on providing indoor training facilities** for our members. So what is the future? We can continue to pay these rising costs and eventually we will see all our reserves eaten away by privately run and council run venues which we will have to keep passing on to our members to survive, or we will have to look at alternatives.

7 years ago when our subs were put up to £2.00 per session the average venue was between £12 and £16 per hour. Now the average venue is between £28 and £35 per hour. As a result of this increase we have no option but to consider raising our training and match day fees for the first time in 7 years to £3 per session to offset these rises commencing August 2006. Still a great saving on other sports like, golf, cricket, horse riding, dancing, after school clubs etc. But we don't want to!!!!

We though would like to reduce our costs to our members and as such will continue to look to alternatives and that is where the option of a warehouse comes in. **Can any of you help?** We need a warehouse on a long term lease basis for between £10,000 and £12,000 per year (If we can get it cheaper than that, all the better) (Saving the club £3000 per annum towards fitting it out!!). One which just has a massive floor space which we could obtain funding to fit out with Astroturf and we would like some form of dividers to separate areas for the various groups. It needs to be local, and it needs to have ample parking and at least a 2 toilets and a sink area, with some form of heating system.

If this comes to fruition we may even consider making money for the club and its members, by hiring it out to other clubs / groups when we are not using it. If you feel that you may be able to help in any way in relation to this please give **Steve Hill** a bell on **07931 353870** to discuss your ideas.

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