

PENICUIK ATHLETIC YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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MONTHLY AGE GROUP FOCUS – 2017



Our 2017 age group recently broke away from our Early Touches and will start their Fun Fours season in March. The age group have 21 players spread across five teams. Gary Stenhouse is the Head Coach and the other coaches are Scott Gibb, Drew Moyes, Darren Fowler and Shaun Churchill. We wish them all the best as they embark on their football journey through the ages.

COUPLE OF CUP FINALS

Our 2007s and our 2010 whites are in Cup Finals.

All details are still to be confirmed, but we would hope that we can get as many players and families along to support the matches when they come round at the end of the season.



FANCY WINNING A FOOTBALL



We are looking for you all to take a photo of your child wearing PAYFC attire dropping tokens in our slot at Tesco. As per photo above. All photos should be emailed to socialmedia@payfc.co.uk with child's first name and team. The photo will be posted on our Facebook page and all entries will go into a hat to win one of three new footballs. If we win you win.



CLUBHOUSE PROGRESS



Insulation Solutions Scotland



Work is continuing on our clubhouse to adapt it to contain our football clothing and equipment swap base, a player signing station, secure storage and improvements in the kitchen area. 2011 coach Jamie Lumsden managed to get Insulation Solutions Scotland to donate insulated plasterboard and even got his sons to load it into his van 🙌



Ross Leask parent volunteer of 2011 and 2015 has been busy, stripping, reframing and adding the insulation. Ross along with doing the labour he also obtained £1,000 towards materials from his work. Will promote Ross's employer once he has finished the clubhouse 🙌



WEEKEND HOME COMPETITIVE FIXTURES

Each week Daniel Turner our Social Media Officer pulls together all info for the 11-a-side home competitive fixtures. He posts it on social media each Friday. Therefore if you are looking to watch a game in the town any weekend you should find all the details you need there.

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS

DATES FOR DIARY

Saturday 25 May
Penicuik Gala Day

Friday 31 May
Boys Competitive Presentation

Saturday 31 August
Club Speakers Night

BOG ROAD CROSSING SAFETY



The club have explored this before however we are revisiting it again with Midlothian Council after it was raised at last months committee meeting.

The club firmly believe that there should be a crossing in place as it is simply not safe in its current state. The number of times players cross the road each week in the dark for training alone runs into several hundred.

The local police through 2011 Coach Ally Livingstone are supportive of our plight. The initial response from the council is positive with potential work on the cards for after April.

In the meantime it would be helpful for parents to avoid parking at the bridge/entrance area to allow players and their families to cross safely and not between parked cars. So watch this space and please watch out when crossing the road.

OUR PENICUIK FOOTBALL COMMUNITY MOURNS A LOSS

Our club are sad to hear of Neil Gordon's passing.

Neil was a Volunteer Coach and leading Committee Member with Eskmill Boys Club (previous name of PAYFC) during the 80s and 90s before moving to the role of Club Secretary of Penicuik Athletic FC.

His commitment to football in Penicuik was absolute and extends for the best part of 40 years, he will be sadly missed by our community.

He was a much loved character and Cuikie football won't be the same without him. We shall always be grateful for the time he gave us. Rest well friend, thoughts are with the family. 😞

Neil 'Cuikie' Gordon

Wallyford was where it started
And Penicuik where he departed
His time in Cuikie is what we saw
Watching us aw kick the baw

A coach at Eskmill BC
No a better place to be
Helped shape the people that we are
Neil Gordon oor Cuikie fitba star

Penicuik Athletic FC, then his calling
Semi-Pro players, he worked with balling
He never ever changed his ways
The man will be the way he stays

He kent how to deal with us
Put in oor place if we made a fuss
Could make us feel, ten fit tall
There to pick us up, after a fall

If you could bottle what Neil had
The capitalists wid be going mad
Fitba and patter levels, the highest set
The Rookie Cuikie will never forget

A Penicuik Fitballer

