



# Longwell Green Sports JFC Newsletter

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## Secretary's Notes

We are one of the largest Junior clubs in Bristol and recently received the League Secretary's Award for the way it is run.

It is always good to come together at the end of season presentation day, please note that this season's presentation is booked for Saturday 11th May. This year we are likely to be joined (at the end of the day) by the Longwell Green Ladies team and possibly the Men's team making it an even bigger event!

A reminder of the 'Spend and Raise' facility as we approach the season of much expenditure (although it is equally relevant the whole year around). Hopefully you will be aware that by entering our website and clicking on the green 'Spend and Raise' banner it takes you to many hundreds of on-line shops. By entering these websites via our Longwell Green Juniors website ([http://www.longwellgreensports.co.uk](#)) the football club gets back a percentage for each purchase - money for nothing! There are many well-known online stores including Amazon, how many people will order something from Amazon this Christmas? By entering via our website a percentage comes back to us. Your support in accessing websites via this link is appreciated.

There is a new classified section on our web site. I have been asked several times for a club so large if there is any facility to sell/pass down items e.g. football boots, the new classified section now offers that facility. Adverts can be placed by e-mailing your team's manager (or direct to me) with details of what you want to sell, a brief description, price and contact details. Please take a look occasionally and feel free to supply your own adverts.

Finally we will soon be running our annual Christmas raffle, we know at this time of year there are many raffles but please try to support ours as every penny we raise goes back to our boy's and girl's footballing future.

Paul Griffin - Club Secretary

## Under 6s

Report of Under 6's 'joint training session'.

15 months after coming together as a team, Longwell Green Sports JFC U6s played their first match against another team (BOCO) on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Had we picked any other weekend in the last 15 months I'm quite sure that the weather would've been better than the weekend we had chosen! It was cold, wet and raining. A lot of areas around the whole country were experiencing floods. The Longwell Green pitches were unplayable due to being waterlogged so we opted for the all-weather surface at SBL.

The format for the game was 7-a-side and three lots of 15 minute periods. LG took the kick off and Lewis Hillier playing to Fraser Harper got the game underway. It took a few minutes for the teams to settle and the first 5 minutes were fairly evenly matched (and played mostly in the middle of the

pitch!). LG started to get their noses in front with Jack Shorland making the most of some good possession down the wing. Fraser and Joe Woodman were doing well in midfield and the game seemed to be played more in the BOCO half. BOCO defended resolutely and were always looking to counter attack. Several times they did break and they looked dangerous. But ultimately they were dealt with by the two defenders Ben Brown and Eddie Baker, backed up with some sound goal keeping by Robert Paget. After each BOCO break had been dealt with LG worked the ball back into the BOCO half. After a couple of substitutions that brought William Westbury and Maurice Doherty in to play LG were still looking solid. But late in the first period, after some good pressure from BOCO the LG defence were overrun, unable to deal with the BOCO attack and found themselves 1-0 down. LG not wanting to find themselves going into the first break behind, got the ball to Fraser Harper who made some space for himself with drop of the shoulder and unleashed a thunderbolt of a shot which beat everyone, only to see it crash off the far upright and out for a corner. LG weren't able to come up with anything from the corner and finished the period a goal down.

After a 5 minute interval, where substitutions were made, Ciaran Teagle and Henry Cox were brought into the game. Robert Paget was now out of goal and in midfield with Eddie Baker now taking the place between the sticks. The teams changed ends and BOCO took the kick off. LG were determined to get themselves back on terms and after only a few minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period Fraser Harper made the most of some weak defending and crashed in the equaliser. LG's tails were now up as they went in search for some goals. BOCO however were settling nicely and were doing really well with keeping possession of the ball. It wasn't long before BOCO were back in front with a well worked goal from some nice build up play. The second period ended with 1-1 with the overall score 2-1 to BOCO.

Into the final period, with the game up for grabs and it all still to play for. Further substitutions for both teams having taken place. LG seemed a little disjointed from a complete change to the midfield. Joe Woodman now going in goal and Fraser Harper having to leave early due to another appointment with Manchester United at Old Trafford (get your hands off Fergie we saw him first!!!). BOCO capitalised on this and it wasn't long before a goal mouth scramble and the ball being poked goalwards, saw them 3-1 up. Saying that, if Sepp Blatter hadn't dithered for so long over the implementation of goal line technology, LG may have found themselves still only a goal behind. But the referee's decision is final and the goal was given. If heads had begun to drop then you wouldn't have blamed them. But LG were not giving up without a fight. They pressed forward in search of goals. And to be fair, the chances came. A shot on goal seemed to have done the trick until a stray hand from a defender stopped its path PENALTY??? No, the referee didn't see it. LG, not put off by this, carried on regardless and kept pressing forward. Ciaran Teagle went clear, had a one on one with the keeper and took his shot well, but the keeper was equal to it. Within a couple of minutes Ciaran got himself into another shooting position and this time he wasn't going to leave empty handed, having smashed the ball past the keeper giving him no chance. With the clock ticking away and LG now hungrier than ever for the equaliser, BOCO had to make do with defending. LG piled on more and more pressure in front of the BOCO goal. Another stray hand in the box again didn't result in a penalty and that was about it. LG just couldn't find the elusive third goal and BOCO came out eventual winners by 3 goals to 2.

In difficult conditions, and the result not perhaps how we would've liked, it was still a very enjoyable match. And that's what it's all about.

Longwell Green Man of the Match – Ben Brown.

The club, the coaches and the U6 players would like to thank Lets Move UK (Emersons Green) for very kindly agreeing to be our kit sponsors.🙏

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Back row L-R Matt Hillier (Manager) Ciaran Teagle, William Westbury, Maurice Doherty, Jack Shorland, Lewis Hillier, Fraser Harper, Scott Woodman (Assistant Manager)

Front Row L-R Robert Paget, Joe Woodman, Eddie Baker, Henry Cox, Liam Hibbs (not in picture Ben Brown)

## Under 7s

Half way through our first season of friendly matches and what a start it has been!

As coaches our goal at the start of this season was to develop a strong team spirit within the squad and for the boys to have fun as they develop their football skills. After only 10 games the boys have surpassed our goals with convincing performances and more so their positive attitude, enthusiasm and dedication makes them a pleasure to coach.

The U7's kicked off their campaign with strong pre-season tournament performances which they have continued into the season and remain unbeaten with over 10 games played. Strong results, an upshot of some great passing, fluid movement and strength of depth in the squad has made them one of the strongest (if not the strongest) teams in the area.

The U7 Colts opened their season with a couple of strong wins away from home, their defending and strength under pressure has led to a number of exciting (but tense) games. The colts continue to show fantastic team spirit and pure determination, which certainly bodes well for the remainder

of the season.

As coaches we would like to thank the huge commitment of both players and parents alike.

The future is bright ..

Thanks

Dave R, Lee, Simon, Dave H



A players perspective:

My name is Jack M and I play for Longwell Green U7's.

I love playing in midfield because I get to run up and down the pitch and cross the ball in, I also get to score lots of goals.

I like playing for Longwell Green because I am with all my friends. We have training on Saturday mornings and our coaches teach us new things.

We play matches most Sundays and we haven't lost yet! Simon our coach gives the best player of the week the Captains armband for the next match, I love being captain. I wish I could play football every day, even if it's raining.

Jack aged 7

## Under 8s

After some successful tournaments during the summer the U8's have had a flying start to the new season, scoring 66 times in 7 games so far (including a 20-0 win!) and with only one narrow defeat along the way. They have been playing some great football and are getting better all the time. Thanks to all players for your hard work and fantastic attitude to the game.

Many thanks go out to all our supporters and our sponsors, we now have a smart new away kit and tracksuits and an all-weather shelter all of which we wouldn't have without you.





#### Current Squad

Charlie, Gus, Cameron, Joshua, Sam, Riley, Lee, Jamie, Jake, Nathan, Ollie, Matthew, Joseph, Lewis, Joseph, Danny, Beau, Tyler, Jay, Finlay (not pictured), Patrick (not pictured)

#### Dates:

25/11/12 DRG Stapleton vs Longwell Green  
2/12/12 Longwell Green vs Cadbury Heath  
9/12/12 Yate vs Longwell Green  
14/12/12 Christmas Party

### Under 10s

It has been quite a busy time for the U10s since the last newsletter. We managed to survive relegation with a good run of results towards the end of last season, this season remains just as tough so far but the league is slightly larger this year with a few more teams at our level so we hope for a few more competitive games.

We have a big change next year as we move to a single game of 9 a-side instead of the two 7v7 games we are used to.

Back in the summer we had a very successful time at the Yate tournament. Both of our teams met in one of the semi-finals and one of the teams eventually went on to win the tournament after a penalty shoot-out.



Also in the 'Summer' we had a weekend camping near Cheddar. I think we had a months' worth of rain in 24 hours, this saw some of the less hardy campers bail out but a few remained and had a good time despite the soggy conditions! Thanks to Helen Gulliford for organising the trip, she has promised us better weather next year.



We have had a couple of fundraising events recently. We took a coach load to Swindon Dogs and managed to win a trophy in the fundraising competition! Thanks to everybody who supported the event, we made £140.



Karen Davidson organised a sponsored bike ride to raise money for a new training kit. We had an excellent turn-out and raised £340, thanks to Karen and everyone who turned up. Since the bike ride Sonia (Ruben's mum) kindly sorted out some sponsorship for the training kit through Lucas Vets so the bike ride money will now be used to buy something else for the boys.

Jon Cryer has recently passed his goal-keeping level one qualification – well done Jon.

We have booked a scuba diving Christmas party for the boys, this will take place on Saturday 15th December at a local pool.

As always, thanks to the parents and boys for making the team what it is.

Simon, Grahame, Jon, Jamie, Jason, Dave

### Under 11s

So here we are another year on, in our last season of 7 a side and our last year of the Hanham Minor League. It is amazing how the B Div has progressed, I think this is the hardest league we have played in (but I think I say this every year!). I wasn't expecting a few of the new sides to be so strong, but I believe we will hold our own.

I think this is an important year for us knowing that we are going 9 a side next year, (which is a single game only) and our first year in the Avon Youth League, so it's important we stay in the B Division.

I can see the boy's football knowledge and understanding changing year on year and it's great to see that we have a well-rounded football squad who play football in the right way. The football we play at times is fantastic.

Can I just say a big thanks to the coaches for holding the fort while I was off. One last thing that hopefully we will be able to offer in the new year is some Futsal coaching, if you are not sure what it is about take a look on YouTube, it's an exciting form of indoor football, that players like Messi and Ronaldo played as youngsters. It also offers another way of staying in football that is growing in popularity in this country, myself and Paul are currently looking at this, when we have more details we will let you know. Merry Christmas! - Rich

## **Under 11 Colts**

The under 11 colts are a new team this season, we are doing really well. This is many of the boys first season of proper football and they are improving all of the time. We are currently 2nd in the 'D' division.

Thanks Kev and Chris.

## **Under 12s**

Having missed out by one season on the new 9v9 format for this age group, the U12's took part in a few 11-a-side friendlies over the summer to get used to the demands of a full size pitch and full size goals. The squad of 18 boys was retained and after a mixed bag of friendly results the boys embarked on the new season in Division B. Our first league game against St Vallier ended in a narrow 4 – 3 defeat, a last gasp goal from the visitors the narrow difference between the teams. Then followed a couple of disappointing defeats until stronger displays against the 2nd and 3rd placed teams ended in narrow defeats. Performances, however, were improving fast now and there followed two good performances and wins against Ashton Boys Colts and St Nicholas.

Within this period we lost two boys after just one game of the new season, with Chris Bennett and Toby Bray both leaving Sunday football. This was followed by the loss of goalkeeper Charlie Kelly in October who joined A division side Keynsham Town. We thank all of them for their efforts with the team and wish them all well. We are currently in the process of finalising the transfer of Luke Hussey from Nicholas Wanderers to take the squad back to 16 boys.

We would all like to thank the boys for their efforts and commitment which I'm sure will reap their rewards as the season progresses and for their parents' support, even on the coldest and wettest of days!

With thanks to manager Lee and coaches Ian Feltham and Ian Ralph for their continuing dedication, I'm sure that the rest of the season will be a case of 'onwards and upwards'!

Alan



## Under 13 Cheetahs



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A picture of the under 13 Cheetahs in our away kit (kindly sponsored by B&Q). We have had a 100% record in the league away from home since we got the kit and so far it seems to be a lucky omen!

James, Marcus, Pete, Dave and I are working tirelessly to have a good season and have signed two new players to help us in achieving our goals.

James Harper

## Under 13 Lions

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Well we're off to a new season full of optimism that we are once again playing football. Our season started well with a moral boosting win versus Bradley Stoke which set us up nicely for a massive match against Rovers supporters club at Shellards.

This season we have been allowed to play on the hallowed turf of the first team pitch, it's wide open spaces came as a shock to our lads and as luck would have it they spent more time thinking about how big the pitch was and not who they were playing against, that they managed to win the match 5-4 coming from behind! Well done lads. A cup match and two league matches followed, two defeats suffered after playing really well and one defeat which was a bit of a hammering. A win and three defeats bring us up to date.

The boys have had a wakeup call in the last few games, this league is not easy and no-one is going to allow us to have the ball, we have to fight for it. All the lads give 100% each week, sometimes we need to give 110% to get the result we want!

I want to say a massive thanks to all the mums and dads who turn up every week to support the lads, help with nets and posts, cheer us on and now and again give the lads what for!!

The parents have once again got their collective thinking caps on and come up with the idea of going paintballing before Christmas. Myself, the other coaches and some of the dads will no doubt be attending with the lads, I sense some pay back and a lot of pain to come. Lads, just remember how old I am and who picks the team!!!!

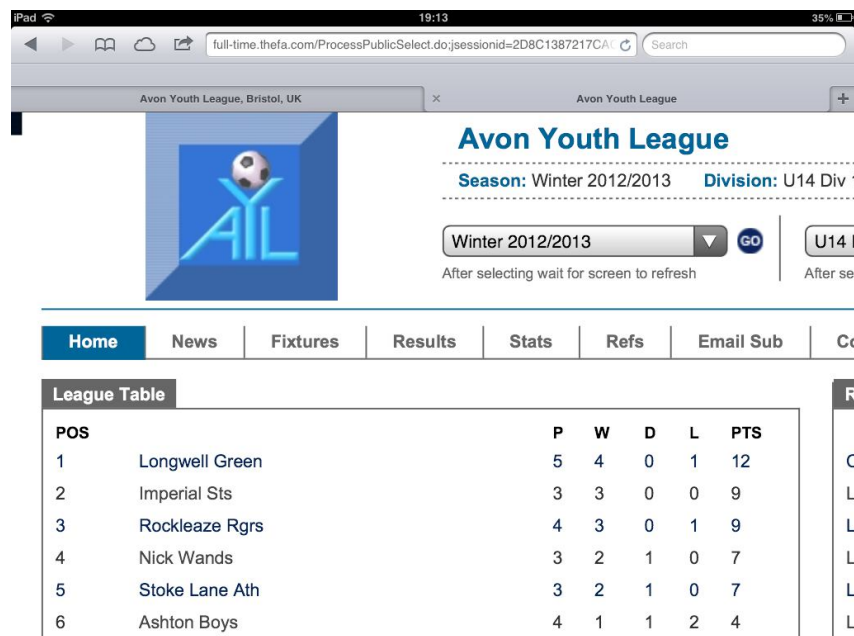
Finally, could I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and roll on the New Year!!

Steve Harding

## Under 14s

It's Thurs 1st November and looking out the window it's grim, It's cold, windy...and sheeting down with rain. It's also training night too. Life's rubbish, isn't it?

Not on your nelly! Not when you manage Longwell Green u14s who sit top, first, number 1, numero uno of the first division (see the pic below for evidence...I think all of us have this on our fridge door). Yes, we lead the way for the whole of Bristol. So proud. We'll all skip to training tonight.



The screenshot shows the Avon Youth League website for the Winter 2012/2013 season, U14 Division 1. The league table is as follows:

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Longwell Green	5	4	0	1	12
2	Imperial Sts	3	3	0	0	9
3	Rockleaze Rgrs	4	3	0	1	9
4	Nick Wands	3	2	1	0	7
5	Stoke Lane Ath	3	2	1	0	7
6	Ashton Boys	4	1	1	2	4

We know it's very early days, but what the heck! You gotta enjoy it when you can, haven't you?

So, why the big improvement on last season?

In no particular order

- a lovely new kit that gleams bright (Mark - thank you)
- A couple of quality signings that have fitted in beautifully
- A coaching team that care... and are all in it together
- We have a laugh (generally at my expense)
- Belief
- The boys, the boys, and the boys. A new, improved attitude. A footballing team.

Let's focus on the boys. I'm not sure we can recognise them from last year and that's huge credit to them. They have worked hard, listened well and know that it's a squad game. A lovely bunch of young men.

We have a quality team of footballers who, on their day, can beat anyone. We already turned over last season's champions 2-0 in what most parents said was the best game of football they've ever

seen. Again, doesn't get better than that.

Having a team of quality players on a roll is mostly full of good news. We're now attracting attention. I'm off to training tonight to sign a centre forward who is guaranteed to score us goals. The phone is ringing now with people who want to join. The only downside - the scouts are hovering like vultures. Three of our players are on trial at either City or Rovers and we risk losing them. Saying this, I couldn't be prouder if LG have helped in any way to make this happen.

So, that's it. A great start...but only a start. The tough games come thick and fast now and every team will now be very aware of us. But who cares? The boys will give 100% and fingers crossed it will be good enough. I know we can do it.

Finally, my huge thanks to my merry team of coaches. They know who they are - they shine bright in those lovely jackets on a Sunday morning. And in particular to my Director of Football, Martin, who you only realise how much of a great job he does when he swans off on holiday and leaves me to cope with paperwork on my own. Selfish git.

Jase Seeley

### Under 16s

Most of the under 16 boys have been members of Longwell Green since they started way back at under 5's and under 6's. They started life at Wick Fc juniors training in a field in Wick on Saturday mornings. They transferred to Longwell Green at under 6's age group under the guidance of Julian Harmer and various other parents and coaches. A few of our past players have gone on to play for academies but the majority are still here over ten years later.



**Shirts from under 6's to under 16's**

Over the years the team have had mixed fortunes and results. They have won quite a few tournaments including our first Longwell Green tournament, DRG Stapleton and Fry Club. Also finishing runners up in tournaments including St. Nicholas and Thornbury. They also played in a week long tournament held by Sports Tours in Woolacombe, and finished runners up.

Starting competitive football in the A division in the Hanham minor league at under 9's and under 10's and division B at under 11's after a reshuffle to make leagues even numbers, the boys continued in the Avon Youth League in division 2 and have stayed there ever since. The boys narrowly missed out on promotion to division 1 at under 12 by 1 point. Under 13's was a tough year after the disappointment of missing out on promotion and they finished in the bottom half of the league but avoided relegation after an excellent few games at the end of the season. At under 14 and 15, the boys finished in the top half of the league in both years.



Now at Under 16, the results still matter but as this is their last year in the AYL there is no relegation or promotion so the emphasis is on performance. It's been a tough start against the top teams but they have put a run of good results together over the last few games. At under 16 there are a lot of excellent teams around, not just in the top flight, but in all the leagues. Hopefully the results will go in the boys favour and reward them for their hard work and that of the coaches.



As for the coaches, we have been lucky enough to have had Julian Harmer as our coach for all these years. Julian won the Gloucestershire FA community coach of the year last season and has since gone on to be a coach for Southampton academy and at their talent centre for young players. The boys don't realise how lucky they are to have had such a great coach.



Our longest serving players this year- Toby Watson, Stuart Harmer, Daniel Nash, Michael Farrell, Charlie Smith, Toby Clifton, Jack Bartlett and Jacob Derisz all played in the Hanham minor league. The rest of the squad have joined since we entered the AYL Matthew Harmer, Josh Langdon, Jacob Wherry-Alimo, Pat Delaney, Jake Stephens, Zach Hallett, Jack Nott and Will Stabb.

**Jacob Derisz** has trained to be a referee and regularly does matches in the Hanham minor league each Sunday. He has also officiated at a Bristol Academy girls' centre of excellence under 11's game and did a really good job.

**Toby Clifton** helps out with Longwell Green under 6's. He applied to the Gloucestershire FA young coaches' development course and is one of five on chosen for the programme. He has also been chosen as one of four young leaders to be on the new student management programme for the GFA.

Good luck to them both.

We are uncertain of what pathway the under 16's will take next season at under 18s but whatever it

is we wish them all the very best of luck. It will be a sad day at the end of this season as I consider everyone in this team be it players or parents, to be a friend so I hope they will all stay in touch whatever the future may hold.

### **Under 12 Girls**

Let's start with the positives..... well that's that covered.

This is the closest and strongest league, I've seen since I got involved with Longwell Green JFC. The standard of the football has improved dramatically, but with only being five games into a 25 fixture season it's far too early to say how the year will pan out.

As this is the last year at 7 aside and the girls have started senior school, they'll be introduced to different sports, activities and friends it will be only natural for some girls not to make the progression to the 11 aside game, so let's enjoy ourselves and give every game our, all. By and large they're a good bunch, far too much to say, don't do a thing they're told but nothing is new there. This is the first year we've been unable to book a Xmas party but luckily the parents have been paying into a kitty and the girls are off to Euro Disney as a little treat. So I hope all of LWG Sports JFC have a good Xmas, We'll send you a postcard.

Cheers Olly Dorrington and Stu Hall

### **Ladies**

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Longwell Green Girls moved into Ladies Football this Season starting in Div 2 of the Gloucestershire County Womens League. The majority of the girls from U17's stayed and we gained several new players with experience from existing Ladies Teams, we had a few friendly games to test the waters and gain experience and then started our campaign travelling to Mitcheldean. We unfortunately suffered a 3-1 loss after dominating the game but came away knowing we would learn from this, all of our games since have resulted in wins putting us at the top of the league with Longlevens.

We have entered 2 cup games of which we won our first round in the GFA Cup and now host St Nicholas Ladies who are 2 divisions above at home on 18th November and we are away to Cheltenham Civil Service in the GCW Cup in the New Year.

We are aiming for promotion in our First Season of Ladies Football and with the squad we have are quite capable.

Thanks

Liane

### **Final Thought**

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A recent article from the FA:

Parent's We Need You!

Does your son or daughter play for a team? If so, how do you support their learning and development? How can you aid their development?

I'm sure we have all witnessed the parent that shouts and screams all the way through their child's football match, trying to play the game for them with many instructions and groans when they make a mistake. The actions of the parents really do impact on the players game, learning and all round experience of 'their game'.

With the introduction of 'The Future Game' over 2 years ago now there is an emphasis on

improving the learning environments for players and also developing independent thinkers and decision makers. Players that learn to make their own way in their games instead of looking to the touchline for help.

So how can parents help?

Mistakes happen every day in all aspects of life but they are so important in the learning process. If a player repeats actions and skills it is likely a mistake won't be made. If a player is put in an environment where they are happy to try new skills and not afraid of making a mistake this is where they start to learn and reflect. Why didn't that skill work? What would I do differently next time? Instead of "well that didn't work and everyone moaned at me so I won't try that again".

Spotting these attempts and giving the players encouragement for trying something new is vital, regardless of the outcome.

At your son or daughters next game, stand back and let them play and if you want to shout try and make it positive, encourage them for their attempts. Remember .. A piano teacher wouldn't stand behind their student and shout 'black key, white key!'

Let them play .