

# May Newsletter

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As we come to the end of another fantastic season, our final handful of matches will take place at the club this weekend. After that, the pitches will be rested while preparations begin for our tournaments, which will be held across three weekends.

## **Pitch Maintenance**

Pitch maintenance continues behind the scenes, with fertilisation taking place last week. Would you believe it — after months of wishing the rain would stop because of waterlogged pitches, we're now hoping for a little rain to help the pitches recover!

## **Fundraising – 4G Pitch**

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. We are gradually moving closer to our target, although there is still a long way to go. If you know of any opportunities, ideas, or contacts that could help support our fundraising efforts, please get in touch with Laura at [socialmedia@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk](mailto:socialmedia@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk)

We are also delighted to announce that from next season, Nicky King (Current U14G manager) will be joining the committee as our Fundraising Lead. Nicky has already played a huge part in organising successful events and raising valuable funds for the club, and we know he has plenty more great ideas to come. We look forward to officially welcoming you on board, Nicky!

## **Tournaments**

We are really looking forward to hosting our three tournament weekends, starting on 30th May. These events are a huge undertaking for the club and rely heavily on the support of volunteers.

We will need help both in the lead-up to the tournaments during our **Club Clean-Up Days (23rd & 24th May)**, and across the tournament weekends themselves with tasks.

If you feel you could help in any way, or can offer something that may improve the event, please contact Laura at [socialmedia@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk](mailto:socialmedia@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk)

## **Father's Day Cup**

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision not to run the Father's Day Cup this year. It has been a fantastic event over the past few years, and we have all really enjoyed hosting it.

We offered the opportunity for managers to organise and run the event this year, but unfortunately there was no uptake. Hopefully it's something we can revisit in the future.

## **Football Tour**

Eleven of our teams travelled on tour last weekend to destinations including Bognor, Bournemouth, and the Isle of Wight. It was fantastic to see all the photos and memories created — moments that will last forever.

Many of our teams reached semi-finals and finals, but a special congratulations go to our U12G Clarets, who returned home as champions after winning the R&T Tour in Bournemouth without conceding a single goal. An incredible achievement — well done to all our teams!

### **Presentation Day**

Our annual Presentation Day is fast approaching and will take place on **20th June at Allenburys Sports and Social Club**. Timings are still being finalised and will be circulated as soon as possible.

To help ensure the day runs smoothly, we kindly ask that all teams remain until every team in their age group has received their trophies. Teams will then have the opportunity to gather for group photographs afterwards.

We understand that sitting in a warm hall for long periods can be frustrating, and we are exploring different approaches to help reduce waiting times while still ensuring every team feels celebrated. Managers have also been asked to keep speeches to an absolute minimum to help presentations run more efficiently for everyone.

Please also spare a thought for the committee members, who are usually there from 10am right through to 8pm or 9pm helping the day run smoothly. We will always do our best to stay on schedule, even if timings occasionally overrun.

### **Finals**

We warmly invite all our supporters to come along and cheer on our teams as they compete in divisional cup finals at Panshanger Football Club, Harpenden Town FC, and Cheshunt.

Your support can make a huge difference, providing the encouragement and motivation our players need on the big occasion. Full details can be found on our social media pages.

### **Ware United**

If you haven't already heard — and we know we've mentioned it a few times! — Ware United is our pathway for men's, ladies', and EJA teams.

Over time, we will gradually transition away from the Claret and Blue identity and move towards Ware United branding. This is a significant change for the club, and we are very conscious of preserving the proud history of Ware Youth. However, to continue developing opportunities for players progressing into senior football and beyond grassroots level, this evolution is an important step forward.

Further information regarding the transition to Ware United colours and kits will be announced shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Dan at [chairman@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk](mailto:chairman@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk)

*It is an exciting time for the club as we continue to grow and move forward together.*

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That's all for now. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the club — from our volunteers and coaches to our parents, players, and sponsors. Another successful season is coming to an end, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has played a part in it.

Please continue to follow our social media channels and regularly check the website to stay up to date with the latest news, events, and important information.

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Kind regards,

Laura Slattery