



Manningham United FC 2012 Pre Season Newsletter

Hi All and welcome to 2012!

A new name and a new year and a great way to kick off the year with a strong turnout at our major registration day, recently held on the 5th of February.

I would strongly urge those of you that have not registered yet to do so as a matter of urgency as in some age groups numbers are filling fast and we would hate for you to miss out on a place.

Lots of new faces particularly in the younger age groups of u9s and u12s with even some of the older groups doing very well.

At this stage it looks like for the first time in a few years we will be fielding teams in each age group and fingers crossed, perhaps even our first girls team a real milestone for our club. If you know of any girls ages 12 to 15 who want to play let them know about us, we'll be happy to have them on board.

In fact, if you know of any new players whether experienced or beginners invite them down to the club or get them to contact us via our website "Feed back" on www.Manninghaunitedfc.com and we'll get back to them or they can call me direct on 0411133644.

If the interest and excitement shown to date is any indication then it looks to be a bumper year for our club and we, the committee, are excited about the prospects this brings.

We have acquired the services of Bill Bath to the club who will take on the role of Director of Coaching and Player Development. Bill brings with him many years of experience and it will be his job to help with player development through assisting Coaches with the latest techniques in training and skill development.

Bill will be focussing on our younger developing players from u9 to u13's but will also be assisting our coaches in the higher age groups to get the best out of their game.

Our aim from here on is to develop players of a high calibre into the future, in particular helping ALL our players get the best they can out of their game whatever their skill level and assist our coaches to bring in the latest training techniques.

Training will be commencing shortly if it has not already done so and you will be contacted by the relevant coach for your age group with the times etc that your pre season begins.

It won't be long now until we play our first official game 15th April, and the pre season will rush by, so get out on the park and have a great time, learn and get ready for a fantastic year of fun and football. I look forward to seeing you around the club in the near future.

Yours in Sport

Ed Gollow (VP-MUFC)

Important dates to remember in 2012

- 23rd February Team Registration period commences with FFV
- 1st March Registrations fees to be finalised
- 22nd March Team entry period closes
- 26th March Final league Structures (Juniors)
- 31st March First round Manningham United v Flemington Eagles (Seniors)
- 5th April Fixture release (Juniors)
- 6th – 9th April Easter weekend
- 15th April Round 1 Junior Competition
- 2nd June Trivia Night (Adults)
- 10th June First catch Up round (if required) Queens Birthday
- 19th August 2nd Catch Up Round (If Required)
- 2nd September Last Round
- 9th & 16th Sept Finals series (If Applicable)
- 22nd Sept Seniors Final round

(NB Family Day and Presentation Night to be advised)

Training

Coaches, please check with Luke Neofytou for your training requirements. That is the days on which you wish to train pre season and if possible during the season.

At this point of time we have, as is always the case, limited ground availability and we want to make sure that all can be accommodated equally and get fair use of any facilities. This will become better once the season commences and we have full use of Timber Ridge again.

Registrations

If you have missed out on Registration Day, you can still register. Just go to our website at www.manninghamunitedfc.com print off a registration form and send it to us.

Remember registrations must be paid in full by the 1st March 2012.

Coaches

Please ensure that all your players are aware of training times etc. We are receiving many enquiries as to when training commences and by now you should have received your registered player lists, so should be getting in touch with them.

It is important that you get your team(s) sorted out as a matter of urgency. Not only for the fact that these teams need to be registered to play, but we need to know exactly how many players need to be registered. This is an extremely labour intensive task and we ask that you comply and finalise your teams asap.

Another pressing issue is the order of Uniforms which must be completed in the next 2 weeks if we are to get all our teams fitted out correctly.

Uniforms

For those of you who have not yet been measured for uniforms we will be shortly advising you of a time to come to the club to complete this process.

It is imperative that you attend, date to be advised, otherwise you will not have the gear to take the field.

A note will be sent to coaches and Team managers to assist with this process.

Photo ID

Team managers will be required to assist with obtaining ID photos for their players.

These should be completed as soon as practicable, as without a photo your player will not be able to take the field.

ID cards will be distributed shortly for this purpose.

We are looking at the possibility of have a photo day, but this has not yet been confirmed, so please proceed with this task in the interim.

Coaches and Team Managers meeting

There will be a meeting for ALL coaches and Team Managers to attend. This meeting is MANDATORY as it will contain important information.

Bill Bath our new Director of Coaching and Player Development would also like to meet all of you and discuss what the plans for the year will be going forward.

Please watch your emails and check club website for details on a regular basis.

Functions

We will be holding a Trivia Night on 2nd June, Saturday Night, at Colombos Pizza Restaurant. This will be an adults only night, so please mark this down in your diaries.

It should be a fun night with lots of prizes and games, while testing your knowledge along the way.

Also in a our plans is to have a Family Fun day for the whole family later in the season, date to be confirmed, where all our families can get together to have some fun, so keep a look out for these details on our website or newsletters.

Our Season Presentation and awards night will be held shortly after the season concludes. His usually occurs a week or two after the final home and way fixture, again this will be advised closer to the time.

Working with Children Check

It is a requirement under legislation, FFV and Manningham United FC that anyone working with children u18 in the capacity of coach, team manager or administrator that they need to have been approved via Working with Children Check.

If you have not obtained this check you must do so immediately.

Forms are available from any post office and registration is free if you are a volunteer with the club.

These forms must be completed , along with a passport type photo and signed in the presence of the person at the post office who will witness your signature. **DO NOT SIGN FORM BEFORE SUBMITTING IT.**

It will take approx 3 – 6 weeks to get your card sent to you, but a receipt will be given in the interim.

Please make sure you comply with these requirements if Coaching etc.

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