



ExtraTime

Parkdale Sidac F.C. Newsletter
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The Junior Section of Sidac Football Club

Welcome

We are proud to present to you our first club newsletter of the new 2017/18 season. A big welcome to all new coaches, players, parents and families to the club. We hope you enjoy your time at Parkdale Sidac Football Club, being part of one of the biggest junior football clubs in St Helens.

The Start Of The New Season

This season we have 15 teams playing games every weekend. We would like to wish all our teams the best of luck for the season in their respective divisions and hope enjoy their football and portray our club in the correct manner.

Website

Our club website is updated with the latest club news and information and has individual team pages for each team will quickly links them to fixtures and results/league table (if applicable) on the Warrington JFL website. The website is purpose built and shows the strength of our club by creating better access, having new features and encouraging wider use by all club members.

Please visit us on the website opposite.

Recruitment of Under 6s Coach

As part of the clubs 'long term strategy' we are now looking to recruit a Coach for our Under 6's (Academy) age group. No previous experience in coaching is necessary, although the Coach must be both a committed and enthusiastic person.

We will welcome any enquiry, and will in turn invite you down to our home ground to discuss your plans and give you a chance to meet and talk to key members of the club committee.

The Under 6's age groups will be supported with new equipment and will get access to all club facilities. Support from the club committee will be organised and will help aid anybody new to coaching and kids football fit into the role.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 7th October:

Sportsman's Dinner Evening – Guest Speaker Jason McAteer, Compere Mike 'Bradders' Bradshaw, and Comedian Max Pressure

Friday 3rd November:

Professional Bonfire & Fireworks Display, now including entertainment in the function room

Contact

If you would like to speak to us or have any questions or feedback please get in touch by using any of the options below:-

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Chairman: Mr Andrew Buck



Know Your Coach

This Month - Ste Potter, Under 10s Coach and Committee Member



Q. What brought you to join Parkdale Sidac FC as a coach?

I was never really into Football with my eldest son, mainly due to work commitments. I wanted to support my youngest and brought him to Parkdale - tried Penlake but it was chaos!!! Jamie who was coaching back then was struggling with all the kids and asked for help and I decided to help with a few other of the guys and it went from there.

Q. How are you different to other coaches at the club?

I wouldn't say I am any different than any other coach - very similar actually as we are all in it for the kids, commit a lot of time and enjoy the social aspects that the role brings with it. Perhaps I am a bit more vocal than some, especially after having a few pints in Sidac Club!

Q. What has been the highlight in your time at Parkdale?

Two things spring to mind, seeing my own lad develop is one of the proudest parts of being a coach, knowing that you are involved with his development every single day. Also, after our first season we had a young lad who struggled to kick a ball, but the improvements he made after the first year led to us presenting him on stage with the 'most improved trophy' - this was a real lump in the throat moment for me.

Q. What qualities have you gained and brought to your team?

Being in management previously has made me aware of how complex coaching kids can be as you are not just coaching kids but managing parent's expectations as well, as well as being a role model for the kids. It's tough managing the 'non-competitive' side of the game yet this has helped me turn down my own desire to succeed if you like, and ensure more than anything that the kids are enjoying everything. (I do still have the desire to succeed before any of my parents have a go at me haha, and this clearly comes out on match days).

Q. What mistakes have you made during your time at the club?

My toughest test has been and still is 'Coaches Dad Syndrome!!' I am undoubtedly tougher on my own lad Reece than the rest of the squad.....Need a sub coming off at a critical time of the game....Reece!! - Need a sub starting off on a cup tournament when all the kids want to start.....Reece!! - He puts up with a lot and gets irate sometimes, well a lot of the times, and this has to be the hardest part of the role; trying to coach and support him and support the other players as well. I sometimes forget I am also a parent after all as well not just a coach.

Q. What are your thoughts on how the club is being run?

I can say without a shadow of a doubt that the Committee are the right people to be involved in running the club. There is a great energy when we are together and we are really lucky to have the experience (and challenges) of Keith, Andy and Paul as well as the other hands on coaches on the committee.

Q. If you could change anything at Parkdale, what would it be?

There's a lot of work going on behind the scenes in getting Parkdale and Sidac working even closer together, and I am extremely confident that over the coming months that this bond can improve even more as both will be supporting each other. Both committees rely on feedback and support from their members and this is exactly what we need going into 2018.

Q. Being part of the club committee entails a lot of time at meetings and work behind the scenes, what is your motivation?

Being single at the moment helps a lot! hahaha (not through the lack of trying though!) Spending some quality time with the kids, watching them grow in both skills and maturity is a real reward in itself (a bit like being a teacher but not having the hassle of marking books) . Working with a committed team to improve kids' lives, what more do you need?!?