



MIDDLETON CHENEY FOOTBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER- APRIL 2020

Welcome to our second Club Newsletter. The Committee hopes you and your family are keeping safe and well, after a rather abrupt end to the season. We are all living in strange times at the moment, but it is important to protect the NHS and save lives by staying at home and should anyone need support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Club and we will do our best to help. The Club does not have any information as yet, about when the new season will start, but as soon as we do, we will let everyone know.

The Club would also like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all the NHS staff and other key/frontline workers for their hard work and continued commitment during this pandemic. Please stay safe! We hope that everyone is joining in with the #clapforcarers at 8pm every Thursday evening so we can all show our appreciation.

Presentation Evenings – These had been scheduled for mid-May however, they have been postponed. The Club is hoping to possibly hold them during June or July 2020, but this will be guided by the advice from the Government on social gatherings.

Tournament – The MCFC Tournament has been scheduled for Sunday 5 July 2020. However, the Club has decided not to cancel the event yet, we will wait for further advice from the Government or the FA, but a decision will be made by the end of May 2020 at the latest. As you will appreciate, this event is the Club's biggest fundraiser and could have a significant impact moving forward if it is cancelled.

Club Committee – For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Club Committee, the members are as follows:


Mike Aspinall – Chairman
Luke Terry – Vice-Chairman
Theresa Goss – Secretary
David Handley – Treasurer
Emma Jackson – Club Welfare Officer
Wayne Campbell – Under 9's & Under 11's coach
Chris Morris – First & Reserve Team Coach
Nicky Trower – Witney & District League Secretary

Club Subs – There are a number of subs which were due on 1 February 2020 but have still not been paid. As a goodwill gesture during the Covid-19 crisis, the Club reduced this payment from £60 to £30 (£70 to £35 for the MJPL team) and those parents who had paid the full amount, were offered the option of a 50% refund and those who took this option, have now all been repaid. As teams and players have benefitted from the winter training facilities from October 2019 through to March 2020, (as well as other things) it is important that these outstanding fees are paid please, so that the Club can meet the £10,000 cost of winter training. The Club is also investing over £3000 in the playing field for essential maintenance work so we need parents to support the Club and pay the outstanding monies please. If parents are hoping to sign-on their children for the 2020/2021 season and fees from 2019/2020 remain unpaid, they may not be able to do so.

If parents or players need to contact the Club, please email football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk or if it is a child welfare matter, please email welfare@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk

The Committee usually meets on a monthly basis. Details of Committee members are also available on the Club's web site www.middletoncheneyfc.co.uk



<p>On-line Shop – This is still being worked on and it is hoped it will be ready for the start of the new 2020/2021 season. The shop will include a variety of items such as kits, bags and hats.</p>	<p>Fundraising - Evening of Mediumship with Mark Wilson – This was a very good evening and everyone enjoyed the event which raised £850.00 for the Club. It is hoped another evening can be arranged for September 2020.</p>
<p>New Community Pavilion and Sports Pitches – The PFA’s Steering Group is still investigating the feasibility of building a new community pavilion and sports pitches in the Parish. The work has slowed down due the Covid-19 pandemic but discussions with land owners are still being pursued. If anyone has any suggestions of what could be incorporated into the new facility, please email Wayne Campbell at mcpfa2019@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Club Welfare Officer – Emma Jackson, Club Welfare Officer, carries out a very important role ensuring the safeguarding of all of the Club’s junior players. Emma is currently working on a Club Development Plan, Action Plan, Ethos and Philosophy and this will be shared with all parents and players in the coming months. Emma also completes all of the CRC checks for the coaches and Committee. If you need any advice, in confidence, with regard to a safeguarding issue, please email Emma at welfare@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk</p>
<p>Player Registrations 2020/2021 Season – Parents of players who will be registering with the Club for the 2020/2021 season, will now have to complete their registration on-line. Paper registration forms will not be accepted for next season and the registration payment will also be made on-line. Further details will be emailed to parents nearer the time. If you are unsure whether the Club has an up to date email address for you, please email football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk</p> <p>The Club plans to start the process w/c 6 July 2020 however this might be affected by any guidance the Club receives from the FA.</p>	<p>Free Food Boxes – Just a reminder that during this Covid-19 pandemic, Middleton Cheney Parish Council is working with Brackley Town Council to distribute free food boxes to families and elderly people in Middleton Cheney who are in need, eg self-isolating, loss of income etc. If you would benefit from a free food box, please email football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk and we will pass your details to the Parish Council.</p>
	<p>Keeping Fit – It is important for children to continue to exercise now that the football season has ended and schools are closed. So along with the Joe Wicks exercise sessions available at 9am every weekday on YouTube, the FA & McDonalds have introduced ‘The FA Superkicks 2 O’Clock Challenge’ to enable children to practice their skills and also be creative. Visit the FA web site for more details www.thefa.com or download the app.</p>