Hello again, and welcome to the spring edition of “Coaches Corner” for 2015. What a fantastic presentation we had on the 16th May, it was great to see so many people attend and with the sun shining it was a brilliant day for the club. Well Done to everyone who helped organise the day. We took this opportunity to share our club philosophy with the parents, so over the coming months, as we prepare for the forthcoming season, please use this time to talk to parents to really embed our beliefs.

**WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING**

Since my last update, a lot’s been going on. Several teams have had success in their respective league (special mention to our U16 Girls who won the league and reached the cup final, well done Jo and Ade and all the girls). Teams have been away and represented LG on tour, including the Isle of Wight, Weymouth and this weekend Pontins at Brean. Tours are a great opportunity for managers and coaches to work on the social corner and coming back with the winning trophy is not the only things that matters, the experience the kids benefit from as well as the social interaction for the parents and siblings cannot be underestimated. My family really enjoyed the Isle of Wight recently, and it was great to share the weekend with other families doing the same thing.

Last weekend, we were invited to represent LG at the FA’s Regional Coaching Conference for the South West of England. This involved our boys being at the conference for the whole day, being coached by several FA coaches in front of over 50 coaches from across the South West. Thanks to Dave Hood/Simon Anderson and our U9 Boy’s who did the club proud on the day. It was really good fun and a great experience for the boys and further recognition for the club.

On the 27th May, I have been invited to attend the GFA to talk to the next batch of chartered standard clubs who have been selected for the FA Mentoring Programme. I will talk about the success at our club and how this can benefit them in the future. Our own club DNA has been shared in very senior places and received great recognition from people within the FA.

**WHAT’S COMING UP**

Our dedicated Goalkeeping training for the club is just around the corner, I am just finalising the venue and date and will communicate this in the next week. Myself and a few other coaches will be taking the sessions and these are open to every age group at the club. We will split the ages coach to age relevance on the night. Once I confirm the dates, if you could let me know if your GK’s are coming and we will plan the sessions accordingly. Hopefully we will have good take up and these will be a permanent fixture throughout the season.

Our next “Coach’s Session”, will be on the 28th May at Coronation Park, Cadbury Heath. Steve Lilley will be hosting the session and we will work some selected subjects to help develop our coaches. Please can you make every effort to attend, it would be great if we could get high numbers for this one, as it’s out of season and we’re all bored and looking for some football!. **PLEASE EMAIL ME (BELOW) TO LET ME KNOW IF YOU’RE COMING SO I HAVE A ROUGH IDEA OF NUMBERS.** For those who have come before, please continue your own development, for those who have not been before....**WHY NOT**? It’s a great chance for coaches to get together and learn from each other.

Following this session, I will be hosting the next one in June/July and this one will be slightly different. I am looking for all coaches who attend to bring their 2 favourite drills. If we get 6 coaches at each session and each coach brings 2 drills, then at the end of the session we all leave with 10 new drills. I’m sure these sessions will be a success and I’m looking forward to taking part in them.

**COACHING CPD**

Since my last update, myself, Andy Teagle and Pete Randall have all completed the Youth Module One, Matt Hillier has completed YAM1 and 2!. I am really keen to support coaches with their CPD, the FA are promoting the YAM more and more and I really encourage coaches to take this certificate if they have the chance, the club will support you and it’s really beneficial for all of us as we coach kids! That’s it for this update, I hope you can see we’re making great progress with our coaching structure and I’m sure our new Club Philosophy will give us the platform to be the best for years to come.

Regards

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