Hello again, and welcome to the summer edition of “Coaches Corner”. Last season has now finished and some of us will be enjoying a welcome break from training and playing. Others will think nothing of taking a break and will still be training every week and taking part in summer tournaments over the coming weeks.

As always, the purpose of my update is to share some of the great things going on at the club and this edition is no different. I’m sure there were lots of other great achievements from last season, but here are just a few that I am aware of:

Congratulations to our Under 14’s Colts who finished 2nd in their league and gained promotion. Our Longwell Lions Under 11’s had a successful first season and will be playing in AYL Div 2 next season. All players worked hard in training and matches, with parents supplying positive encouragement. A good season all round!

Longwell Green Under 12’s did the league and cup double winning every game and beating Fry's (higher division) in the final, coming from 2 goals down to win 4 – 2. The achievement was also recognised by the local MP who wrote to the club to say well done.

In terms of our coaching philosophy, we completed our 2 years work on the FA Mentoring Programme with the FA and are seen as the beacon for the region.

We created our club video which has now had over 730 views on You Tube. If you have not watched it yet, paste the link into your browser and take a look. It last 5 mins.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bmFlkNeaww>

Our mentoring will continue next season, so if you would like some help or advice, get in touch and we’ll set you up with one of our club mentors.

Our dedicated summer Goalkeeping Coaching is taking place right now. This takes place at SBL on a Monday evening at 6.30pm for one hour. This will go onto until the 18th July. It’s free and open to all GK’s at the club.

Our next edition of the Longwell Green Roll of Honour will be out shortly, so if you have anyone who has achieved something great, let me know and I will add them to the edition.

**COACHING CPD**

As mentioned previously, we need to get as many coaches as we can to join the FA Licensed Coaches Club, it’s free to join and this provides you a wealth of information and helps to encourage your CPD (link below).

<http://facc.thefa.com/Users/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fnews>

We also need to have a certain amount of coaches who hold the Youth Modules 1, 2 and 3. We’re already ahead of the game with this, but we will need more as the number of players increase at our club. I have just completed the Youth Award Level 3, every chartered club needs this as well as a certain number of L2’s and L1’s, so if you are interested in doing these, please get in touch with me or Paul and we can support you with this.

<http://learning.thefa.com/totara/program/index.php?categoryid=8&viewtype=program>

That’s it for me, don’t forget to use our mentors for support and help. If you would like any of the mentors to come along and work with you at any of your sessions, please let me know and I will fix this up. I am available to come along and watch, take part or help you if you would like, just let me know.

Regards

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