

# Haddington Athletic Newsletter

April 2012



Our last newsletter was issued back in October 2011 which covered the topics of – a) Training nights; b) Footwear for 3G; c) 3G bookings; d) Parents/Spectators of players within HAFC; e) 3G opening day; f) Scarves and umbrella's for sale; g) Play for £1; h) Support the teams and i) a list of our sponsors.

This edition of the newsletter is intended to give you an idea of the ever increasing workload undertaken by the HACFC committee and what is planned for the future as well as sharing the successes of the club with you. Remember, everyone (players, parents, coaches and committee) is a member of the community club, and it will only be a success if we all pull together and help one another out thus ensuring the facilities we have are run to their full potential.

Haddington Athletic Community Football Club (HACFC) committee.

## 3G Opening Day Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011

The club was absolutely delighted with the level of support we had from the Haddington community for our opening day. A total of £1305 was raised from the 12 hour match sponsor monies collected as well as sales from the café on the day. The sun shone, football a plenty with all teams associated with the club taking part.

We thank you again for making the day a success, another remarkable milestone in the evolution of the club.



## in association with BIG LOTTERY FUND

2014 Communities is a grants programme which offers local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools grants of £300 to £2000 to support and stimulate grass roots involvement in sport and physical activity.

The HACFC committee applied for the maximum £2000 to assist with the start up and ongoing running of the HACFC girls' teams.

The club received a grant of £1956 which has so far allowed us to kit out both the 11's and 13's girls teams.

## 3G Operations Update

Over the winter of 2011 and spring of 2012, the club have seen over 20 different organisations booking slots on the 3G pitch. There has been a good mix of community, adult and commercial with football being the majority; however we have had some organisations using it for rugby training and matches.

We have just started a new booking on a Thursday for the Hawks junior/senior rugby league teams.

We are also looking to let out the full 3G pitch for Super Soccer Sevens league starting mid June.

Friday afternoons £1 per play sessions are going extremely well with our record having just over 80 kids in attendance in one afternoon.

We thank all our regular customers for their support and look forward to you continuing to book our facilities in the future.

If you would like to book/enquire about the 3G facility, then please follow the details on the website: <http://www.haddingtonathletic.co.uk/>, under Whittingehame Drive you will find contact details, terms & conditions and online schedule.

## HACFC Football Festival – Sat 26<sup>th</sup> & Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May 2012

This year's football festival will be held at the 3G facility at WD. On the Saturday, between 09:00 – 14:00, the 2 girls' teams and the 10's (2002) will be playing 7v7 games against selected opponents. On the Sunday, between 09:00 – 12:30, the soccer school (2007 – 2005), the 8's (2004) will be participating in 4v4 games with the 9's (2003) playing 7v7. Between 13:30 – 17:30 it will be the turn of the 11's (2001) and 11's colts (2001), the 12's (2000) to play 7v7 games. Come along and join in the footy fest and support the teams. The café will be open on both days assuming we have parent & coach volunteers to run it. Please park sensibly and obey the no parking zones around the junction.

## Easter & Summer Football @ WD

The HACFC committee were delighted with the success of the 3 day course we held for primary school children in the second week of the Easter holidays. There were over 30 kids taking part over the 3 days. First hand coaching was on offer from Stevie McLeish and Rob Hart with plenty of football drills to develop the kids' skills as well as providing a safe and fun environment. Easter eggs and certificates were presented to all who took part – just because they really deserved it after all the hard work! To read more, visit, <http://www.haddingtonathletic.co.uk/index.php/24-community-club/925-hacfc-ess-review>.

As an appreciation to all the regulars showing for the £1 per play each Friday, the club offered 2 afternoons of free to play at the 3G during the Easter holidays.

The HACFC committee are planning the Summer programme and working with Helen Bruce (ELC) for adding detail to the ELC Summer Activities Brochure. We are looking to provide the following courses in both the week 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> and the week 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July – same programme each week:

- 10-12 OR 24-26 July (3 days), 09:30-11:00 for 5 to 7 year old boys and girls – cost £15 per child.
  - 10-12 OR 24-26 July (3 days), 11:00-13:00 for 8 to 12 year old boys and girls – cost £20 per child.
  - 9-13 OR 23-27 July (5 days), 10:00-15:00 for over 12's boys and girls - £50 per child
- Focus will be on Train like a Professional. Packed lunches will be required as lunch will not be on offer.



## Birthday Parties @ WD

Have you got a birthday party coming up and stuck for a venue? Why not hold it at our facilities at Whittingehame Drive. We have already held a few parties where the kids get a 7 a-side pitch for 1 hour and use of the club room for the party food/drinks (self catering) for 45 mins for only £30. If interested contact our booking number on 07952 000103.



## News Snippets

- HACFC committee progressing work to run the club as an Ltd company with charitable status.
- Raymond Daniel wins East Lothian's sports volunteer of the year. Well done RD and thanks for your efforts!
- HACFC involved in Community Sports Hub (<http://www.gameslegacyscotland.org/community-sport-hub-haddington> for information).



## Volunteers Needed

Are you able to help the club? Do you have any skills which can be used to assist in developing and managing facilities, marketing and organising courses, etc? Then tell us as we'd be interested, email [martin@pirie58.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:martin@pirie58.fsnet.co.uk) subject heading HACFC Volunteering. HACFC is a community club and we need your help!