



Edition 3 - Oct

Dear Parent/Guardian and Supporter of Nether Green!

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the Green'Un. In this edition, we start the half term break with a sad goodbye.



Deb Solomon has been the Club Welfare Officer for nearly 10 years. She took on the role when her son joined one of the teams at U8 and he recently left to go to University, at which point Deb's decided to call time on her Nether Green volunteering career. During her time, Debs will have processed endless DBS checks and made sure that the managers were up to date with their qualifications and certifications when needed. Deb has also got involved with any safeguarding issues parents or players will have reported and liaised with the County FA on the proper process required to a conclusion.

Debs was recently presented at her last Managers meeting with gifts to thank her for her support and service to the club. It's goodbye for now but you know where we play Debs if you want to come and cheer a team on!

So, with Debs leaving, we say hello to our new Club Welfare Officers, both joining the committee for the first time. Yes, Officers; we now have two in a shared role due to the number of teams the Club has registered.



Milena De Felice is new to the Club Committee but not new to Nether Green, in fact 3 of her children are playing for Nether Green teams. Her eldest son plays for the boys U13 Juniors on Sundays, whilst her two daughters play for the girls U8 & U11 Black teams respectively on Saturdays and now she has kindly volunteered to share the Club Welfare Officer role. Busy weekends ahead!!

Milena can be contacted via email milenade@yahoo.com

As the role is split, Milena will be responsible for Boys Development, both U8s, U12, both U13s, U16 & U17 as well as the Girls U8 and both U11s.



Johnnie Spring is new to the Club Committee but not new to the club; his son plays for the boys U15 Panthers and now he has kindly volunteered to share the Club Welfare Officer role (Johnnie will take up the role at the end of Nov).

Johnnie can be contacted via email johnniespring@gmail.com
As the role is split, Johnnie will be responsible for Boys U10, U11, both U14s and both U15s. Girls Development, U9, both U10s and U12.

Just a reminder that any issues you feel as parents/guardians or carers that can't be resolved with your team manager can be reported directly to the Welfare Officers, especially in the case of any Safeguarding issues. Note that Milena will initially be contactable for all teams until Johnnie takes up the role at the end of November once his training is completed.



We are on the look-out for a new volunteer parent to join the committee in the role of Club Treasurer. This is a key role that the Club must have in place if we are to continue our affiliation with the League and FA. Our current treasurer, Ian Marshall, U16 Boys Manager, took the role initially on a temporary basis 18 months ago whilst we stabilised the new committee, but we are on the look-out for a new volunteer to fulfil this role. Not necessarily having an accounting background, but it may help. We are looking for someone to join us who could give us typically one hour a week to look after this position.

If you can help us, please get in contact with our Club Chairman Matthew Knox on email matthewcknox@hotmail.co.uk

Pitches / Facilities

We've had some issues with joy riders gaining access via the Common Lane car park and driving over the Plateau pitch on 3 occasions since June, which in turn has damaged the pitches after we have spent money on trying to improve them. We are looking to get some new signs printed to remind people not to park in the car park when football isn't taking place and that the gates will remain locked.

Bents Green School has access to the car park during the week as an overflow car park and the caretaker opens them in a morning and SHOULD lock them in the evening. We will be talking to the Council about how we can improve this situation.

If you are the last one leaving the car park on a match day, please check that the gates are locked behind you. It would be appreciated by all concerned.



We appreciate the grass hasn't been cut on regular occasions by the council this summer which has caused some frustrations with the teams. We are looking to see if we can afford a private contractor company to help do this for us and move away from unreliable Council promises. We will update you in future editions. If anyone knows of any contactors which could help us in this area, please get in touch with us.

Our planning permission for the new container in the Common Lane car park should be concluded by the next edition and we will let you know the outcome of their decision.

Just a reminder that the new goals have locking pins on them, so if you help take down the goals at the end of the game, please can we make sure the pins are left stored in the base bar and in the cross bar after taking the goals down so we don't lose them. The bars should be left on the floor to one side of the pavilion corridor. We have already had to purchase a number of replacements and the season is only two months old.

Also, when placing the goals back behind the pavilion, can we kindly remind people to use the locks around the posts to keep them secure, we have noticed on more than one occasion that the locks have been left unsecure. We don't want them to go walkies.....



New Website Coming.....



Hopefully by Christmas we will be launching our new website to help improve the image of our Club and will also be a central place of resource reference for Club information and documentation. We thank another parent volunteer who has come forward to help us with this, Andy Nash, who's daughters play for the girls U9 & U11s Black.

Amongst all our parents at the Club, if you have some skills that you think you could help us with like Andy, then please come forward and chat to us. The more volunteers we have like this, the lighter the load on just a few and the more that can be achieved to help improve every aspect of our Club.

Teams Update

We continue with our team updates below, with added commentary from some of the Team Managers who contributed on how the season is progressing so far. Tables are only shown from U12 upwards for boys, so links for younger age groups will just show their fixtures.

The Boys Teams

Development

We currently have 17 players with us on the astro pitches at Goodwin, with the aim to create 1 or 2 teams come next summer to enter in the league next season at U8s. If you know any school year Y1 or Y2 boys wanting to join the team, please let us know.



The poster features a large image of a soccer ball hitting a goal net on the left. The right side has a dark green background with white and light green text. At the bottom, there are two small photos of children in soccer kits and a logo for Nether Green FC.

NETHER GREEN FC

PLAYERS WANTED

- ▶ Nether Green Green FC are setting up teams for inclusion into league football both boys and girls. We are currently recruiting players from school years Y1 & Y2 (Sept 2023 age) for our development squad.
- ▶ Your child does not need to have played football before, the sessions focus on fun and games, exercising, keeping healthy and building friendships.
- ▶ Training is Sunday mornings 10-11am at Goodwin University on astro pitches.
- ▶ If you are interested or have any further questions, please contact:
▶ nethergreenfc@yahoo.com or Jonathan on 07771921353



Under 8s

We have 2 teams at U8s, Thunder and Lightning

Thunder are playing in Div Owls

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Manager Ben says, "It's been a great start to our boys' footballing life. 5 wins and 2 defeats to take us in to the half term break, culminating in a glorious cup win for their first bit of silverware." Well done Thunder! Sounds like a great start to your footballing journey, a couple of pics of the boys celebrating.



Lightning are playing in Div Magpies

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Manager Steve says, "After a busy pre-season and their first introduction to competitive football, Lightening got off to a flying start in the Magpies League with a 7-3 away win! With some closely contested league games to follow, the boys came into week 1 of the October Challenge Cup chalking-up a win and a draw away in Rotherham. This saw us placed in week 2 away at Millhouses Juniors where the boys did us all proud pulling out a win and a draw resulting in a nerve-racking 10 min play-off match, followed by the dreaded penalty shootout! No nerves in this team though with all hands straight up to take a penalty. With one fine save from our keeper and all of the boys successfully converting their spot kicks, Lightening was crowned the October Challenge Cup Under 8's 2023 Ouse Winners! It's been fantastic seeing the boys develop over the weeks into a really great little team who finish every game with a smile, win, lose or draw!"
Another great start by our other U8s team, hopefully more success in the future without the drama of penalties!



Under 10s

Lions are playing in Div Mercury

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Under 11

Eagles are playing in Div Orange

<https://fulltime.thefa.com/index.html?selectedSeason=300860210&selectedFixtureGroupAgeGroup=12&selectedDivision=399577600&selectedCompetition=0#tab-2>

Manager Matt says, "The boys have battled hard in a tricky and competitive league, operating under a new coaching team. They've managed a couple of memorable wins and are building momentum. A special mention has to go to Will Thompson who has gone from one of our best outfield players to being by far the best goalie in our league."

Under 12s

Pheonix are playing in Div K.

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Manager Dave says, "We retained all players from last season and as we enter season two together with the benefit of the team understanding gained from a season together is paying off. The team learns and grows every week as we find ourselves in a competitive division. So far, we've lost 3 games, all competitive by narrow defeats with some great individual performances, but a couple of wins have given the boys a lift, scoring 13 goals across the two, including an 8-4 win away at Laughton.



Off the pitch the support from our parents has been superb as we launch our artisan tuck shop and high-class wine raffle (this is S11 after all!) to raise much needed funds for the team. Special mention goes to James Tissington of Worrall Business supplies for his on-going sponsorship of the team. We look forward to turning those narrow defeats into draws and wins." Great to see Pheonix get some wins - let's hope there are many more to come!

Under 13s

We have two teams this season at U13s, Juniors and Rangers.

Juniors are playing in Div G

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Manager Jonathan says, "Having integrated 4 new players this season, it's been a great start with the Juniors winning in all 4 league games so far, putting them through to the semi-finals for the cup. The team is making great strides adjusting to 11-a-side football this season. They boys are really playing as a team and I don't like to single out individuals, but a special mention must go to the hottest striker at Nether Green right now, Rafi Sood; he's scored 21 goals in just 5 appearances!" Let's hope it continues Juniors.

Rangers are playing in Div I

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Under 14s

We have two teams this season at U14's, Gold and Red.

Gold are playing in Div C

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Reds are playing in Div D

<https://fulltime.thefa.com/index.html?selectedSeason=300860210&selectedFixtureGroupAgeGroup=9&selectedDivision=598997799&selectedCompetition=0>

Under 15s

We have two teams this season at U15s, Panthers and Gold.

Panthers are playing in Div E

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Manager Giles says, "A very quiet summer transfer window, with all 15 players in the squad re-registering for the 23/24 season. Following two successive promotions, it's been a tough start to the season with one win in four attempts, but the team are looking sharp in training and working on areas to improve. It's only a matter of time before our passing game starts to reap rewards again." I'm sure the luck will change and they will get some wins on the board soon.

Gold are playing in Div G

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Under 16s

U16s are playing in Div D

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Under 17s

Gold are playing in Div B

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The Girls Teams

Development

The Club set up the girls' development sessions 3 years ago to help with the growing demand for girls football. The sessions work differently to the boys. Girls aged Y1 – Y6 can come and train to learn skills and begin their journey into football and into one of the established girls' teams.

Under 8s

The team are playing in Div Blue

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Under 9s

The team are playing in Div Blue

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Manager Jonathan says, "Tough start to the season for the girls in the top division and that's not just the travel to places like Pontefract! We've had to take some blows and some fierce tackling, but we get back up and go again. We've got 3 new players for this campaign, getting their first experience of junior league football. It's a great group, with a lovely team spirit, playing football with smiles on their faces. Well done girls!"

Under 10s

We have 2 teams this year at U10s Pumas and Lightening

Pumas are playing in Div Blue

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Lightening are playing in Div Yellow

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Under 11s

We have 2 teams this year at U11s Black and Gold

Black are playing in Div White

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Gold are playing in Div Yellow

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Under 12s

They are playing in Div 2

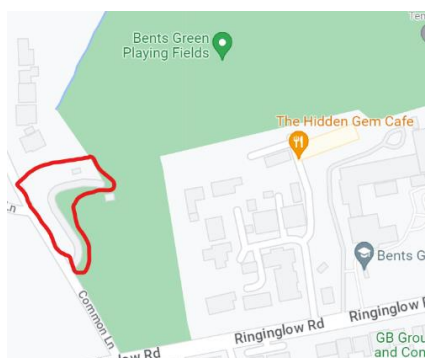
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Manager Kev says, "The girls have made the move up to 9-a-side and made a good start to the season. The last game against Hallam Rangers was a thrilling end to end 3-3 draw with Poppy Rhone scoring a late dramatic goal to level the match."

Reminder

We have also engaged meetings with Work Ltd/Hidden Gem about improving our relationship. They own the car park next to the pavilion, so we are actually 'guests' in their car park on match days. During training nights and Sundays, their charity business and café are closed but on Saturdays the café is open. This is their main source of income to support Work Ltd (the charity for adult students with learning disabilities). We must be mindful that we must avoid parking in the pavilion car park on Saturdays and please **ONLY** use Common Lane car park or the road so we don't affect their trade from regular visitors. We are working hard to build a relationship, as their funding, along with ours, could be the main contribution towards the new renovated pavilion, so please help us to keep those positive relationships. We have highlighted the Common Lane car park below if you are unsure.



Well, that's a rap for the 3rd edition of the Green'Un!

We hope you got more of an insight into the Club and what plans are in place over the coming months and in some cases years, to try and improve your child's playing experience. We know we have a long way to go but remember every member of the committee/manager or coach is a volunteer. None of us get paid; we do it for the love of the game and for our kids. If you are reading this and want to get involved in any capacity, contact any of us via the details above and we would be more than happy to discuss. You can follow us on Facebook and stay up to date with any news in the meantime <https://www.facebook.com/nethergreenfc>

Be loud, be proud, but remember to show respect at all times whether you are playing or watching.

Jonathan Smith

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