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# PARKDALE SIDAC F.C.

*Junior Section Of Sidac Football Club*

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



### The Season So Far

As we approach the half-way point of the season it is fair to say that the players of Parkdale Sidac FC are all enjoying their football, whilst also doing the club proud.

Under 6's (Academy) - Having a great time making new friends and learning the game.

Under 9's - Have put their shaky start behind them with good results/games in recent months.

Under 10's - Sitting in 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 3, and look certain to achieve honours this season.

Under 11's-A - Flying high at the top of Division 1 and look certain to achieve honours.

Under 11's-B - Sitting in a comfortable mid-table position in Division 5, and are playing well.

Under 12's - In a high mid-table position in Division 3, and have a good chance for promotion.

Under 13's - Holding steady in mid-table of Division 1; good chance to push-on for honours.

Under 14's - Flying high in 1<sup>st</sup> place in Division 2 and look certain to achieve honours.

Under 15's - Currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 4 and are in with a great chance for honours this year.

It is important that all our players continue to enjoy their football at Parkdale Sidac FC and to play the game in the right manner - with a smile on their face. Well done to all our players !!

### Sportsman's Dinner Evening – Success !!



We staged our third Sportsman's Dinner Evening on Friday 20th November and we are pleased to confirm that the night was a great success. Over 180 people turned up for the evening, and they were not to be disappointed. The entertainment was fantastic with guest speaker Manchester Utd and England legend Nobby Stiles bringing the house down. Our host/compare for the night Lenny Lowe tied everything together nicely, and he was joined of course by the brilliant comedian Paul Le Vent who had the audience in hysterics.

All of the entertainment was accompanied by an excellent meal, and to finish the night we had a Sports Memorabilia auction and Raffle also.

We would like to thank everyone who attended on the night or was involved in it, especially Sue and all her staff at Sidac Social Club who worked tremendously hard throughout the evening. Thanks to all.



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# CLUB DEVELOPMENT SECTION

## 'Charter Standard' Status Achieved



We are pleased to confirm that our club achieved FA Charter Standard status in September 2009, and this award now identifies us as one of the leading junior football clubs in St Helens.

The Club Committee is extremely focused in its aims, and with the support of Sidac Social Club we have undertaken detailed planning to ensure that we have a long term strategy in place for the junior section of Sidac FC. **Our aim is to have a minimum of two new age groups installed ready for next season, helping to sustain our recent growth pattern.**



## 2010/11 SEASON – TEAM PLANS

### **1) U8's & U9's - Coaches Needed**

We are aiming to run an U8's and an U9's team for the 2010/11 season but currently do not have a coach to take charge of either of these teams as of yet. Therefore, **we are currently on the look out for a parent, who has a child interested in playing, to coach either of these teams.**

Your child must be starting school 'Year 3' in September 2010 for them to be eligible to play at Under 8's, or starting school 'Year 4' to play at Under 9's level. No previous experience in coaching is necessary, although the parent must be both a committed and enthusiastic person. Official FA training will be organised for you by the club.

### **2) U6's (Academy) - Coach Needed**

We currently have a 'Football Academy' in place this year but **we are now looking for a new Coach to take over the role from spring/summer 2010;** as current Coach Dave Morris will be moving up to Under 7's level with the current crop of players.

All equipment and facilities are in place, and we just require a Coach to run the sessions. No previous experience in coaching is necessary, although the parent must be both a committed and enthusiastic person. Official FA training will be organised for you by the club

### **3) Girls Team - Coach & Players Needed**

After achieving FA Charter Standard status our next goal is to create and run the very first Girls Team at Parkdale Sidac FC. We are very keen to get this team up and running, and **would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in Coaching it, or playing for it** (no matter what age). We are open to ideas at the moment, and would love to hear from you.

**We ask that any interested parties for the above roles please email us at [parkdalesidacfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:parkdalesidacfc@hotmail.co.uk)**

## Player Recruitment



All age groups within our club are **open to the idea of recruiting good new players** to boost our already talented squads. If you know of anyone who would like the chance to join one of our teams **please contact one of the Coaches, so that they can arrange for them to come down and 'trial' at one of our training sessions.**



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## Race Night – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February

We have organised a **Race Night @ Sidac Social Club on Saturday 6th February 2010**. The Race Night itself will be professionally run, and those of you who came to our last one will know that they are a great laugh, and if lucky a good way to make a couple of quid as well !!

Doors will open around 7.30pm and the first race will start at 8.00pm, then lasting for around two and a half hours. Tickets will be available after Christmas - priced at just £1.00 per ticket.



### £10 Monthly 'Subs' Collection

Players are not allowed to fall behind with their subs and it is a club policy that no player should go more than two months in arrears with their 'Subs'. Players within the club who currently have a backlog of 'Subs' will be required to settle their outstanding balance in full. Parents must be aware that any outstanding monies must be paid; they will not simply be forgotten about, as this would be unfair to other children whose 'Subs' are up to date.

Parents are also asked to **remember that we do not charge a 'signing on fee'** for players. This is unlike most other clubs whose signing on fees can sometimes be as high as £40 per player.

### Portakabin / Changing Rooms

You will now all be very much aware of our club portakabin located near the double garage on Sidac car park, and after recent success in selling hot drinks and snacks from this on match-days the club committee has put plans into place to make this a more permanent fixture.

Fixed water and power supplies are to be supplied to the portakabin, and over the course of the next few weeks the inside of it will be transformed to cater properly for its new use. You will be glad to hear that we have had the all-clear from the 'Environmental Health' agency on our plans and have been given the green light to continue and expand a little as well.

With the above 'policy change' in mind, the club committee is close to agreeing a deal to purchase another two smaller portakabins. These will have the sole purpose of changing rooms, and will be located on the opposite side of the double garage on Sidac car park.

### Pitches



You will be aware that the full-size pitches at Sidac Social Club have taken a bit of a battering in recent months. This is not only because of the six junior teams playing on them, but three adult teams playing on them also.

However, after using the pitches at 'King George V' playing fields in Sutton Manor last season, we decided to continue hiring the pitches for this season also. This has already proved to be a valuable contingency plan; helping to ease congestion on busy match days whilst also offering us an alternative when the bad weather hits Sidac Baths. ;-)

### Tracksuit Tops – Coming Soon

The club committee has agreed in principle for Tracksuit Tops to be rolled out across the club. We are aiming to fund the majority of this by doing a fund-raising activity in the very near future (probably a bag-pack). Further information will be relayed to players/parents once the fund-raising event has been organised, and we will expect the full support of all club members.



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## Team Kit – Possible Sponsorship

After recent discussions by the club committee regarding the current size of our club and the future growth of it, we have taken the decision to amend our current team kit policy. Previously we have always purchased our own club kits and have shunned any sponsorship offers in favour of standardising all kits with the club name emblazoned across the front of the shirts. This however is not sustainable as a 'fixed policy' for a club of our size for any longer.

We will always endeavour to fund kit purchases ourselves if necessary; **but we are now also actively seeking sponsors to help fund these future purchases**. We ask that interested parties please speak to your respective team coach, and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Coach / Player Welcome

Some minor changes within the Parkdale Sidac Football Club Committee have taken place recently, with new Coaches joining. Full details of the positions held along with all contact numbers can be found on our club website.

We would like to take this opportunity also to officially welcome all new players who may have recently joined one of our teams. We hope you enjoy the season with us.



## Use your 'Club Equipment' – Reminder

All registered players of the club now have a Club Jacket and some have a Club Hat also, and players who finished the 2007/08 season with us also have a Club Bootbag too.

- **Club Rule - Players must use their 'Club Equipment' for matches and training.**

These items cost the club a lot of money and we would like players to get the full use out of them, and using them at training/matches also helps to raise the profile of the club.



## Club 'Boot-Bank'

With over 140 players within our club now we came up with the idea of having a Club 'Boot-Bank'. It seems a shame to throw them away, and therefore if donated to us they can be recycled within the club. Whether the boots are too small or the old style, the club has been collecting them over recent months, and our club 'Boot-Bank' is getting fuller by the day !!

Any parents or players wishing to have a look in the 'Boot-Bank' please let your team Coach know.....It's not a charity, it just makes sense.

## Help Your Coach

**This is a reminder to all parents that we need your help !!**

Putting up and taking down the nets, sprags and ropes for matches can be a pain of a job when left to do between only two or three people. All we are asking is that if parents can lend a helping hand for a matter of minutes to spread the load. A job done by two or three people could take 20 minutes, but done by five or six would take half the time. So please help your son's team coach out, even if it means just carrying something back over to the lock-up for them, your help is greatly appreciated.



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## Lads & Dads Camping Event

After a number of enquiries and many good reports about "Lads & Dads" events, we are hoping to arrange something towards the end of the current season. Please inform your respective team Coach if this event would interest you, and we will bring further details to you in due course.

## Club Website



The club website is available for all to log onto. Links to fixtures, results, and league tables for each age group are on it, along with important news items.

Messages are posted for players and parents on the "Club Messages" pages, and there is also a **Guestbook facility available for all club members to post comments on**. Please check the website regularly to keep up to date with all club news.

.....**visit us @ [www.parkdalesidacfc.com](http://www.parkdalesidacfc.com)**

## Official Club Email Account

We have just recently populated our club email account with players contact email addresses (supplied on players registration forms). This gives the club a valuable facility to contact players and parents. Look out for official club emails from [parkdalesidacfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:parkdalesidacfc@hotmail.co.uk)

## Club Noticeboard

If you do not have access to the internet, don't forget that we still have our club noticeboard up on the wall inside Sidac Social Club. This displays all the latest club news and information just like our website.

## Dates for Your Diary



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2009** - Sidac Xmas Party @ Sidac for 5-10 year old players  
**All Academy, U9's and U10's players are welcome to attend. Please first make sure you have written your name on the 'party list' on the club noticeboard inside Sidac Club.**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010** - Race Night @ Sidac Social Club

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010** - Presentation Night for younger age groups (details tbc)

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010** - Presentation Night for older age groups (details tbc)



## Best Wishes



We hope that you all keep safe over the festive period and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. We, the committee at Parkdale Sidac FC, would like to take this opportunity to wish all players and their families.....

...a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!



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