



# May 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to our end of season newsletter, for what has been the quickest season I can remember! When I look back and reflect on the season, we have made so much progress in so many areas and as a bigger MCFC team, we should be proud of that! You will see all the things we've implemented throughout the newsletter and it's not until we stop and remind ourselves of this that we recognise how far we've come.

I'd like to start by thanking the amazing Committee and coaching team who make the Club work behind the scenes, most of their work goes unnoticed but is vital for us to function. From organising all the administration (for which there is loads!!), checking our Coaches are up to date with training/safeguarding, ensuring the pitches are playable through to holding training in all weathers and then match day itself (sometimes the easy bit!). In April we were delighted to successfully renew our FA Standard Charter Club Accreditation, highlighting that we are doing so much right and something that we continue to build on.

There are also others to thank including Emily and Vikki for setting up the café and ensuring it runs smoothly plus Dan for spending hours on our pitch equipment. I would also like to extend our thanks as a Club to every single parent/guardian for supporting us, turning up for training and matches and for being part of our amazing Club.

And last but certainly not least, the players. It's been great to see hundreds of children and adults enjoying football and again this season I've seen first-hand some of the amazing teamwork and energy that makes us one of the best grass root clubs in the world.

For me personally, the season ended with a bit of an emotional rollercoaster giving my final U14 team end of season presentation before handing over the reins. I've coached them since they were U7's when they couldn't kick a ball and I'm really proud that today they are one of the most tactically and technically gifted teams in the area. In the same week, my other team (U12's) won promotion in their final game so it was a very mixed ending to the season filled with pride (and some tears!).

I hope you have a great summer break and hope to see many of you at our tournament on Sunday 2 July 2023.

*Wayne Campbell*  
MCFC Chairman



## 2022/23 Roll of Honour

The following MCFC members have made your football season a wonderful success.

<b>Girls Section</b>	Tony and Grace Dedman and Lewis Harris
<b>U7</b>	Will Bush, Leon and Lou Smith and Dan Carter
<b>U8</b>	Gareth Uden and Adam Perryman
<b>U9</b>	Chris Morris and Ash Neville
<b>U10</b>	Jon Pollard and Mark Mounsdon
<b>U11</b>	Carl Squire and Peter Critchley
<b>U12</b>	Luke Terry and Wayne Campbell
<b>U13</b>	Chris Shore and Simon Knight
<b>U14</b>	Wayne Campbell, Kev Franklin and Carl Squire
<b>U15</b>	Wayne Goss and Lewis Harris
<b>U16</b>	Joe Stevenson and Chris Prosser
<b>U21</b>	Ollie Ross and Mark Deegan
<b>First Team</b>	Chris Morris



### MCFC Committee

Theresa Goss   Luke Terry   David Handley   Wayne Goss   Gareth Uden  
Emma Jackson   Carolyn Hay   Chris Morris   Wayne Campbell



### And a special thank you to those leaving the club including:

**Emma Jackson** (Club Welfare Officer), **Joe Stevenson and Chris Prosser** (U16's Coaches) and all of our U16 boys who have represented the Club over the past few years. Also, our Girls and U15's Coach **Lewis Harris** who is off to Cardiff University to study Sports Performance, good luck Lewis! Well done and thank you all!!

## Volunteer Focus

This newsletter, we are focusing on our departing Club Welfare Officer, Emma Jackson, who has done a great job over the last few years. Thank you Em for all you have done and set up!



### Emma Jackson

**What she does...** Emma's role is to ensure that young people at our Club feel safe and supported, have fun and play with respect.

### 5 Favourite Things

Team	The Lionesses
Player	Beth Mead
Film	The Holiday
Album	The Seldom Seen Kid
Food	Mexican

**And one thing she really (really) doesn't like is...** Glitter.....



Whilst the league season is over, we now turn our attention to our biggest fundraiser of the year, our 6 aside tournament for U7's to U12's (including our Girl's!) on Sunday 2 July 2023 at Astrop Road.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have put themselves forward to help during the day but **we are still looking for helpers to support our café/BBQ and other roles across the day.** If you can spare just a few hours, it would be really appreciated as the Committee and organising team have a really long day, starting around 6.30am and finishing around 12 hours later, so any help would be greatly appreciated. **Please contact [football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk](mailto:football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk) if you are interested.**

## MCFC 2022/23 Presentation Day



	Most Improved	Players Player	Supporters Player	Managers Player	Top Scorer
<b>Girls</b>	All girl's received a trophy for their hard work since joining MCFC training sessions.				
<b>Under 7's</b>	Henry Carter & Marlowe Davis	Freddie Bush	Ronny Ewens-Tinsley	Zac Smith	Freddie Bush
<b>Under 8's</b>	Seth Wootton	Alfie Uden	Alfie Allen	Elliott Carter	Teddy Houghton
<b>Under 9's</b>	Jacob Morris & Toby Neville	Kaiden Berry	Reuben Isaacs	Harry Skidmore	Toby Neville & Reuben Isaacs
<b>Under 10's</b>	Harry Knight	Harry Knight	Ethan Dean	Toby Pollard-Bond	Caleb Millington
<b>Under 11's</b>	Ryan Critchley	Harvey Simms & Eugenio Chisari	Nathaniel Danquah	Alex Croft	Nathaniel Danquah
<b>Under 12's</b>	Logan Hicks	Sam Yates	Ben Johnston	Blake Nelder	Alfie Carter
<b>Under 13's</b>	Alfie Derry	Reuben Gibbs	Reuben Gibbs/ Henry Canning	Henry Canning	Noah Boynton
<b>Under 14's</b>	Toby Maud	Jay Squire	Charlie White	Josh Melia	Noah Cottom
<b>Under 15's</b>	TBC – These presentations are happening in the next week or so				
<b>Under 16's</b>					
<b>Under 21's</b>					
<b>First Team</b>					



We love that many of our goalkeepers picked up awards at the end of season presentation. For much of the last season MCFC has worked with an outstanding goalkeeping coach, Jake Butler, who has had such a huge impact on our goalkeepers. Having watched lots of games across the season, it has been evident that our goalkeeping group have all improved and we will continue to invest in specialist goalkeeping training.

Well done everyone, the Presentation Day was fantastic and it was great to see so many parents attending throughout the day. Also, well done all of the Coaches for their time and effort preparing for this, particularly those who don't like talking in front of groups of people (it's one of the hidden things in football coaching that you don't get told about or trained in!!).



### **Special thank you to our match officials**

It is sometimes a thankless task, but we cannot end the season without thanking every parent who has helped run the line or referee games across the season. Without referees we can't play the game, and a special thanks goes out **Ben Nelder, Chris Jackson, Mark Harris, Chris Wiltshire** for their running/walking (and hobbling) up and down the side lines in all weathers!

Also having watched many games this season at Astrop Road, a special parent thank you goes to **Mike Howard** for refereeing the U10's this season. I've personally witnessed how he referees games with fun, fairness and positivity and he's an inspiration to us for the way he deals so brilliantly with all the children.

And whilst we are thanking officials, we are very lucky to have three qualified referees in the village who officiate many of our older team games. So thank you to **Aaron Clayton, Paul Mitchell** and one of the best up and coming referees we've ever seen, **Rueben Clayton** (who is just 16!). Well done boys, you make such a difference to our home games and we continue to get brilliant feedback about your performances (which is a rare thing!).



## Our St George's Park Trip

Wow, what a day out we had at the home of England Football. 114 children and adults in two coaches and a day of fun and football. From U7's to U16's, not only did the children have fun but the coaches learnt some new things from the FA Coaches and the adults even managed a penalty shoot out on the 3G pitch.

As a Club we wanted to give something back and the Committee agreed to fund 50% of the overall cost of the day, reducing the cost per person to just £25.00 (from £50.00). Apologies we couldn't fit more people in, but it's another example of why MCFC are the best grass roots club around. The problem we have now, is that we've set the bar so high in terms of venues, we aren't sure we can top this in future years!





## Our achievements this season

**Well done and thank you to everyone involved in making each of these happen.**

- ✓ Lifetime friendships started, built on and continued to be developed
- ✓ Our coaches were all provided with winter jackets and hot/cold MCFC bottles
- ✓ Our new Girl's section has started brilliantly, well done Tony and Grace, amazing work!
- ✓ We funded all of the new Girl's football kits to set them on their way
- ✓ Our really successful (and incredibly fun) FIFA night raised over £400
- ✓ We held our first ever Coaches pre-season meeting in preparation for the season
- ✓ Our Medium Night raised around £400, half of which was donated to Katherine House Hospital (amazing work Theresa for making this happen!)
- ✓ We've introduced VEO video system to record games and help coaches and players to develop! It's been a big hit so far with over 40 games recorded
- ✓ We've increased the range of drinks at our Café (we now sell Lattes and cappuccinos!)
- ✓ We've delivered lots of specialist Goalkeeper training. Thank you, Jake Butler!
- ✓ Our used football boot sale has gone better than expected! **We will continue to do this so please can you pass any out grown boots to your Coach before our Tournament**
- ✓ We've completed the first year (of 5) for the FA's Pitch Maintenance Fund
- ✓ MCFC paid for a Defib Cabinet outside the Memorial Hall which is accessible 24/7
- ✓ Our Presentation Day was a great success with over 100 trophies handed out!
- ✓ We've used Chenderit School for many matches to ensure that we can continue playing football during the worst season we can remember for awful weather!
- ✓ We organised a trip for 114 children and adults to St George's Park, the home of England
- ✓ We've done our first season of Newsletters to keep you up to date with progress and news
- ✓ We are holding another exciting tournament for U7-U12's on Sunday 2 July 2023
- ✓ We've completed another successful season with hundreds of children and adults enjoying the beautiful game and learning life lessons along the way
- ✓ We've arranged defib training for our Coaches, Committee and others who assist the Club (more sessions will be delivered in due course)

## What's happening next season?

We've already started making plans for next season and we are also reviewing our Committee structure and roles within the Club. The main reason for this is that we are a thriving and growing football club and for sustainable growth, it's really important we have strong foundations on which to build. We meet in early June to review all tasks and recognise we need to increase our Committee team. So if you'd like to get involved, please contact us. We meet every other month, plus work outside of this to ensure we continue to function professionally.

In positive news, we are discussing plans to expand our Girl's section and are looking at setting up a couple of teams to compete in leagues from all the girls who have attended our training sessions. We also will be welcoming a new U7 team and have started training sessions for the youngest members of the Club. At the moment we are looking for a couple of Coaches to run this side, so if you are interested please let us know.

To help with the increasing number of teams, we are looking at additional facilities (match day and training) away from Astrop Road as we have been at maximum capacity for a long time, so the Club is collating a proposal for other locations to help us. And whilst the season is over, it won't be long until we need to start organising winter training.

Winter training is the biggest cost to the Club where we spend over £12k per season on various venues across the area. Unfortunately, these venues are usually fully booked and we don't get a great choice of times/days of the week so we are always looking for better options for our teams. In the meantime, if anyone wins the euro lottery, please let us know! 😊

In terms of other preparation for 2023/24 season, we have already invested in a new set of goals (the size in between 9v9 and 11v11) and also new nets for all of the goals. A big investment of over £2,000 has been made to purchase some 360 wheels and mechanism to lift the goals and move them from the compound without needing to lift them. We know this causes some problems so we are hoping this will improve the situation immediately.



## In other good news.....



We'd like to welcome our **new Club Welfare Officer, Tasha Davis** who will be starting her journey with MCFC shortly. One of Tasha's children will be joining our new U7's so she'll be visible at these games and I'm sure you'll get to meet her over the coming weeks. **Good luck Tasha and thank you for joining the MCFC family.**

**Olly Campbell**, one of our U14's who have been part of the MCFC family since U7's, has just signed a 2 year contract with Northampton Town taking him to U16's. Olly becomes the second player to join a Northampton Team in recent years with Jake Aspinall currently representing the Cobblers U13's. Good luck Olly, the hard work starts now, and thank you for all your efforts and dedication at MCFC!

In previous years other MCFC players have joined professional academies including Jacob Scott (current NTFC U18), Johnny White (NTFC U12-15), Devon Weldon (NTFC U12-U16) Alfie Richardson (U11-16) and Danny Markham (current Oxford United U15).

Other players who have excelled since leaving the club include:

- Liam Goss (18) made his Wantage Town (Step 5) debut this season.
- Luke Slater (ex youth GK) made Leamington's 1<sup>st</sup> Team squad in the National League North this season.
- Lucas Timms now plays up a year up for Oxford City U16's.

**Well done boys, you are all an inspiration to others at MCFC!**



**And to end where we started the season, and also this Newsletter, thank you to everyone involved in the MCFC Family for your support throughout this season, we look forward to seeing you soon.**



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