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ANOTHER SEASON OVER!

As we've reached the end of the 2022/23 season, there's been the usual ups and downs. We've been hit with intense rainfall, the biggest dump of snow we've seen in years leading to busy periods catching up on fixtures, with those having successful cup/shield runs being hit the hardest. This season has seen some great success amongst our junior teams and a special mention to our Ladies Open Age teams, the First team finishing joint top in their first season in the East Midlands Womens Regional Football League, missing out on the title on goal difference only. Our Ladies Reserves coming together at the end of the season to ensure survival success in the Sheffield & Hallamshire Womens and Girls League, Division 2.

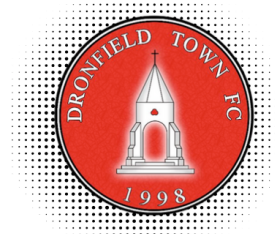
We've had another successful 10K and Fun Run kindly sponsored by Stauff, held in memory of Darren Bradwell. Plans are well underway for the hosting of our next juniors football tournament weekend in July.

As always, if anyone is interested in being more involved with the club or could support with expertise in any way or interested in supporting us with sponsorship, please get in touch.

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Mini Soccer Sessions:

Football training sessions for boys (aged 4-7 years) and girls (aged 5-9 years) held on all weather pitch at Gosforth Fields, S18 8NP, 09:15 – 10:30. (Age ranges set by FA and not DTFC).

First session free, then £3 after that, please register via their own Facebook Town FC Mini Soccer".



Mini Soccer Sessions:

As advertised above, our Mini Soccer sessions (formerly nursery sessions) have successfully ran on a Saturday morning for many years on Gosforth Fields. A considerable amount of today's players have come through this session, having taken their first step into competitive football here. For the last years this has been under the direction of Michael Washbourne. Michael has provided a consistent successful platform, which continues to produce local talent, both boys and girls.

As with all these ventures, this takes significant commitment from Michael and we are now looking for someone to work with him with a view to step into his shoes and continue to drive these sessions forward.

Please get in touch if you are interested.

SOCIAL MEDIA: We need you help.

We are looking to expand out social media team as we look to maximise the potential for the club and continue to keep our followers up to date.

If you want to get involved please get in touch to discuss.



Kitlocker kit partnership:

The range continues to grow.



On-line Club shop:

DTFC club shop hosted by Kitlocker, see link below to browse and place your orders.

<https://www.kitlocker.com/dtfc/index.php>

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

With the cost of living increasing and out-going costs for services rising, we have various opportunities available for sponsorship in support of our Open Age teams.

Stonelow Ground:

Following the publication of the Northern Counties East League divisions for the forthcoming season, our Men's 1st team are scheduled to play 46 games next season.

With this comes increased expenditure with cost of electricity for the floodlighting with likely games regularly having to be played mid-week to achieve the schedule. Our Men's U21's also play their fixtures mid-week utilising the floodlights.

Ladies Open Age teams:

Following the First teams success this season in the East Midlands Womens Regional Football League (EMWRFL) and reaching the 1st Round Proper of the Vitality Women's FA Cup, our ladies continue to develop with a push for promotion in the plans for the next season or so. To help achieve this we are seeking team sponsorship to support our Ladies with running costs.

An integral part of our Ladies development pathway is our Reserves team, these will play in the Sheffield & Hallamshire Womens and Girls League again next season in Division 2 and are also seeking support with running costs If you would like to discuss options please get in touch.

Mens 1st Team:

Linked to the above NCEL schedule, the increased number of games will increase travel costs for away fixtures. At this time it is well known our players do not get paid for representing the club at the NCEL standard and here at Town we are desperate to ensure we can support our players in return for this.

Mens U21's Team:

Similarly, our team are looking for training kit and tracksuit sponsorship.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS IF YOU CAN SUPPORT ANY OF THE ABOVE.

Football round up



Ladies section developments:

Ladies First team

Preparations are already underway for next season as our Ladies First team look to build on a fantastic first season in the East Midlands Womens Regional Football League (EMWRFL). The ladies secured joint first on points, missing out on the top spot on goal difference only. A great second half comeback against Notts. County FC Womens Development on the last day of the season saw Ruby Burns level the score before Krissy Humble snatched the three points in the 90th minute. Coupled with their Vitality Womens FA Cup run which saw them make the 1st Round Proper this season the ladies are steadily gaining momentum and progressing as a team. Importantly developing a solid Open Age setup for our junior girls to aspire to as they move through the development pathway.



Ladies Reserves team

Not to be left out, a strong finish to our Ladies Reserves season in Division 2 of the Sheffield & Hallamshire Women and Girls Football League secured their place for next season. April saw a great win away at league winners Penistone Church Ladies 1st team, despite being 2 v 1 behind at the break, a great second half saw the ladies win 3 v 2. The following week the ladies continued their form beating visitors Worsbrough Bridge before a narrow defeat on their last game of the season dampened their mood somewhat. Nevertheless, the ladies should be proud of their first season, they've come through some tough ties, but stayed strong and seen the rewards. On to another great season in 2023/24.

Men's section developments:

Men's 1st team

After some grit and determination, and a few broken nights sleep for our gaffer Milly, our Men's 1st team avoided the drop from the Northern Counties East Football League, Division 1. After a difficult season plagued with injuries, the loss of a few players who moved on to pursue their football elsewhere, it is now time to re-group and plan for the forthcoming season. With the commitment of the current squad, strengthened by some new additions and our progression from the U21's side, the lads will be back in for preseason shortly. With the already reported increase in games for the 2023/24 season, we anticipate another tough journey ahead. We are confident with the squad we have and our coaching team at the helm, the lads will lay on another entertaining season.

Men's Under 21's team

If weekend commitments don't allow you to achieve your local football fix then look no further than our Men's U21's who play midweek at our Stonelow ground. Next season they will continue in the North Midlands Development Football League. This team continue to develop and continue to provide talent for our Men's 1st team. In preparation for next season, the team are looking to recruit players aged 16-20 (as of August 23). Please contact on stelow123@outlook.com

Men's Over 35's team

Our Men's Over 35's team saw success this season, reaching the final of the Wragg League, Sid Butterfield Cup. A trip to Parkgate FC last month, whom hosted the final, saw Thorncliffe Villa Veterans our opposition. A harsh penalty decision for handball against the run of play gave Thorncliffe the lead, before it was level at the break. Thorncliffe secured the win on 75 minutes to lift the trophy. Well done on a great cup run and congratulations to Thorncliffe Villa Veterans.

Football round up



Junior section developments:

Boys' teams

Our under 7 Reds went to Doncaster and came home winners of the Eves Merton Trust Charity cup. A great first season for them in the Sheffield & District Junior Football League (SDJFL). Their future looks bright as they prepare for the forthcoming season.



The under 12's Stonelow team had a successful season, unbeaten at home across their campaign with only one draw, scoring 112 goals saw them seal the league trophy on the last match of the season. Away at Dinnington was the venue for their post match celebrations before attending the league presentation evening to collect the SDJFL I Division trophy this month.

Our under 14's Gosforth team also had a trip to their league presentation awards this season, securing runners up in the SDJFL Division C. Winning 13 of their 22 games, losing just 5 was enough to finish three points clear of their rivals in third place. Another of our teams showing great potential gaining promotion this season.



A memorable night for our under 16's under the lights, they played their final league fixture on our HE Barnes stadium, hosting Sheffield United Junior Blades. A bumper crowd saw the lads put on a performance, leading 2 v 0 at half-time. A further two goals in the second period and a consolation goal for the Junior Blades saw a final score 4 v 1. That result secured the SDJFL Division C and another trophy in the club cabinet.

The home of Alfreton Town FC was the location for this seasons North Derbyshire Youth Football League (NYDFL) cup final. Our boys under 18's faced Matlock Town back in April. A fantastic first half performance saw the lads go in with a 5 v 0 lead, the second half saw them add another goal, finishing the match, with a 6 v 0 victory and the silverware making its way back to Dronfield.



Football round up



Junior section developments:

Girls' teams

Our Under 8's saw success in their first season, not only did they perform well in their league but they saw success in the cup also. Drawn against strong opposition the girls faced Maltby Main FC. From the kick off the girls looked strong and were up for the game. Adaline's effort making the only difference at the break. The second half remained tight, until a hat-trick of goals for Annabelle sealed the game for Town. Celebrations all round and the first trophy in the cabinet for the team in their first outing.



Similarly to our under 8's, our under 9's in their first season also saw the trip to Huddersfield, this time for the Shield final, against Handsworth FC. Despite a few nerves before kick-off the girls started brightly. Molly gave the girls the lead with a super shot from inside the box, before getting her second before the half-time whistle, despite some good defensive work from Handsworth. Second half and more of the same, some solid defensive work kept Handsworth out and when Molly completed the hat-trick, that put the game out the reaches of the opposition. Final whistle and another trophy in the cabinet.

Our under 12's Blacks travelled to Shelley FC, as they faced Doncaster Belles in the league cup final. A nail biting game kept the travelling spectators on the edge of their seats, level 0v0 at the halfway stage set for a good second half. A penalty gave opportunity to Belles to take the lead but Rosa was on hand to keep Town in with a chance, the girls eventually broke the deadlock when a corner was converted by Megan to bring the trophy back to S18. A great day out and the party bus was rocking on the return home.



Our under 12 Reds secured another successful season in their league campaign in the SHWGL, finishing runners up in Division 1. Having seen a successful cup run also, only to be knocked out with a late winner by our U12's Blacks, the league finish wrapped up their season with a high. Their final game of the campaign saw a close fought contest with Sheffield Wednesday at home. All square at half time and with the visitors being a constant threat, a strong second half performance was needed. Some great saves saw Taela-Rose, Sandia and Florence denied but a looping shot over the keeper from Hattie gave the girls a final day victory.

Dronfield Town FC 10K & Fun Run

Thanks to Stauff who got in touch and committed to supporting our 10K & Fun Run this year and for the next 3 years in memory of Darren Bradwell.



This year's event saw the weather be kind again, with 140 competitors in our 10K event and a further 150 supporting the Fun Run, with many of our Junior teams being represented. Thanks to all the volunteer marshal's, who without you all, the event could not go ahead. In the 10K, the fastest male, Sam Gilson, shot round in 00:34:35, over 3 minutes ahead of second place. Our fastest female competitor this year was Ashleigh Barron, well done to Sam and Ashleigh.

Keep an eye out for next years details, we look forward to welcoming you all to the event in 2024.

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Thank you

to all our players, managers & coaches, volunteers and supporters, #TownFamily #OneClub