

CLWB PÊL DROED



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2020

It goes without question that nobody would have predicted a year quite like 2020. Everyone's plans went out of the window.

Here at Clwb Pêl Droed Drefach it has been no different. Our expanded, young committee has been working hard in the background all of last season.

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

PLANS & UPDATES

TRAINING FACILITIES

PAYMENT STRUCTURE

AND MORE...

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

FOR YOUR CONSTANT SUPPORT



We had been busy securing three year sponsorship deals with local businesses, we had an all club vote to change the design of our badge and big plans to secure a deal for new kit, to be organised and ordered before the end of last season so we would have it all back for the start of this season.

Little did any of us know how this would be so different!

THE NEW KIT

A massive thank you to you all for your commitment to the new kit and more so to you all for your patience! We have had delay with the playing kit (still hoping to have this delivered to us before Christmas)

We also had small set backs (issues with the silicon badges) with the leisure wear kit, BUT through it all you have all been very understanding of the situation, for that we are truly grateful.



ONE CLUB

The main idea you will have seen change, hopefully for the better, is that we have tried to centralise everything and become 'one club', instead of 14 different teams playing under the name of Clwb Pêl Droed Drefach.

We have a new club website, one Facebook page with an expanding 'one club' presence on all forms of social media and of course one kit design throughout the age groups, which is a privilege to see all of the various teams wearing.

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Even through the Covid-19 pandemic, we continued with the plan to centralise payments to release coaches from the burden of collecting subs and also make it a fairer system where every player of each age group contributes equally to the costs of the club (with the exception of the seniors who pay slightly more per month).



A lot of work went into researching what other clubs of a similar set up charge annually and why. There are some significant hidden costs to running the club that are not always appreciated but please rest assured we are doing our very best to minimise costs and deliver local grass roots football as cheap as we can.

A lengthy debate took place on how moving to a monthly standing order could help us all as parents with our personal cash flow situations. Especially when we have historically asked players to find a large chunk of the annual fees upfront when we are all already faced with the cost of new school uniforms etc. We hope that everyone has found this beneficial and a massive thankyou has to go to every single one of YOU for making the change a massive success.

TRAINING FACILITIES & COVID-19 RULES

Without your monthly payments during Covid-19 we would not have been able to budget, plan and ensure that every single one of our teams has continued to have somewhere to train when the nights were closing in.

That in itself has been a logistical nightmare BUT thanks to our committee volunteers and the help of – Cefneithin RFC, Drefach Welfare Committee, Maes y Gwendraeth and Porthyrhyd Welfare Committee we have managed to maintain regular training sessions for all.

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We are extremely proud to boast that even though our weekly training costs have doubled due to the FAW restrictions on the number of players on a pitch at one time, we still have strong numbers attending sessions across all age groups. This is testament to the dedication of all of our players to the club (and to stay fit and healthy) and also testament to the club's dedication to all of its players.

OUR STANDARDS & ACCREDITATION

For several years now the club has strived to reach the high standards set by the FAW, we have seen the number of teams within Clwb Pêl Droed Drefach grow and with that the number of volunteers, we now have nearly 250 registered players across all age groups and over 50 active volunteers taking on all sorts of roles, from coaching to helping organise raffles etc.

As a club we are dedicated to supporting all of our volunteers by organising and financing the cost of all of the various training that we need, to be able to operate in a safe and responsible manner. This includes, DBS checks, First aid course and FAW coaching qualifications and more.

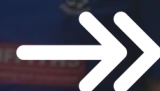
If anybody would be interested in getting involved, we are ALWAYS looking for more help big or small, at individual team level or centrally within the many roles of the committee. Please feel free to contact a coach to let us know.



GOOD NEWS

We have finally had the go ahead by both the FAW and our local Carmarthenshire league, that with the right preparation we can play games against other clubs!

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There is a lot of health and safety, planning and risk assessments (over and above what was needed to get back to training) that needs to be done for this to happen. Our volunteers and committee are working hard to make sure as many games as possible happen whilst adhering to all of the extra safety precautions.

And let's not forget all of the hard work our Chairman and his 'grounds team' go through to make sure each of the four pitches we use are cut, marked and playable for when we get the chance to play.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank every player and every volunteer for their hard work and commitment to our club and we would like to wish everybody a safe, Covid-19 free, family filled, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in January where we plan on hitting the ground running with training and games. Remember to keep yourselves fit until then!

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