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Club House News

DOUBLE SUCCESS FOR MEN!



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AFTER A STEP UP TO INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL the Abbey Rangers Men's 1st team, under the guidance of manager Richard Margetts, always knew that their season would be tough. They also knew that with a strong squad and huge team morale they were capable of anything and everything... and nearly achieved EVERYTHING!!

The season started relatively poorly in comparison with what was to come as after 4 league games Abbey were mid table with two wins and two losses, both losses against teams who would be right up there come the end of the season. Things were going slightly better in the cup competitions with the team progressing into the next rounds of both the County and League cup, disposing of the team at the top of the premier league in the process.

With the season in full swing the Abbey boys had a relatively uneventful few months. Un-eventful by the fact that nothing different really happened, they just kept on winning! In the period between the 11th October and the 21st March Abbey notched up 14 wins and 2 draws, reaching the Premier Challenge (league) Cup final in the process, knocking out the second place team in the premier division! The team then travelled to Battersea where they were knocked out of the County Cup by a very strong Battersea Ironsides team. Nevertheless, with a cup final and a league to contend, the team pushed on.

The rest of the season was very nervy. The team kept winning but those two vital losses at the start of the season meant their hard work was useless unless the side at the top, Burpham, slipped up... which they did. Abbey then played them the very next week and beat them with a superb performance, putting them at the top of the table, on goal difference, with two games left. The scenario was simple. Win the last two league games, win the league. A tad presumptuous considering they may end up on the same points as Burpham but considering the extra 30 goals goal difference, a presumption perfectly understandable. After a dubious Tuesday night win, the scene was set. Win at home against the University of Surrey and the title was theirs. 90 minutes went by, no goals from either team and then a moment epitomising Abbey Rangers Football Club. Richard Gough, a reserve team player asked to step up due to a long injury list, stepped up and scored a league winning volley in the 93rd minute! The Division 1 League title was Abbey's.

Then it was the League Cup final, a nice evening out at Cobham FC. The game was a real game of two halves. The first saw a poor Abbey side going in at half time only 1-0 down when it could have been so much worse. The second saw a stunning 25 yard own goal and a spirited performance being topped of in the 81st minute with a cup winning header from David Risk.

An awesome season (scoring 103 goals, conceding only 18 in 22 league games) had been sealed with a League and Cup double! Every player was a hero throughout the season and each one thoroughly deserves their TWO winners medals!

Thanks to the Coaching Staff: Richard Margetts (Manager), Chris Lynch, Doug Laidlaw, Steve Gray. *Report by Paul Shorter.*

FA CUP BBQ

SATURDAY 30th MAY 2009

FREE 100% BEEF BURGER

Present your copy of the flyer at the bar (flyer available in ClubHouse) and receive a voucher for a free burger.

Also available fresh salad, BBQ burgers, chicken kebab, vegetable kebab and chilli 'n' chips all for £2.00 each



Chelsea v Everton



SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL

Starting this Summer at Abbey Rangers

4 weekly courses to choose from.

Ages 4-13.

Week One: 27th July - 1st August

Week Two: 3rd August - 7th August

Week Three: 10th August - 14th August

Week Four: 17th August - 21st August

Cost £65 per child per week / £17 per day

Breakfast & Lunch Option Available

Pick up an application form in the ClubHouse

THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE who has donated to the club over the last 12 months. With your generous support we have managed to purchase a pitch aerator, a chain dragmat & boot brushes. We still need your help to raise funds for new mini-soccer goals. Attending our events supports your club!

As our season draws to a close our pitches will be renovated. We thank you for your patience whilst we work to make 2010 a successful season!

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL

SHOWING LIVE IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Wednesday 27th May, 19:45

11-A-SIDE & 7-A-SIDE PITCH AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE BOOKING

CONTACT MARK FRENA ON

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CAMPING WEEKEND

FRIDAY 12TH & SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD & ALCOHOL

CARAVANS £15 : TENTS £10

Clubhouse bar & kitchen closed but open for showers, pool, Nintendo Wii, sky tv etc

NO camp FIRES ON GRASS / DOGS WELCOME IN RESERVED CAMPING AREA ONLY / DISPOSABLE BBQ's MUST BE ON BRICKS