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## Vernon Colts Under 8's Red Newsletter – May '07

### Manager's Message

What an exciting an exciting couple of months since the last Newsletter, we won the League and the Presidents Cup Final.

All I can say is am extremely proud of every single player for all they have achieved this season.

### Game Review

All game reviews can be found on the Under 8 Red forum section of the AFC Vernon Website. If you need information on how to access the information, please let me know.

### Player/Kit Update

Unfortunately, after the tournaments are finished, we will no longer be able to call on the services of Pierce who has signed for Nottingham Forest's academy. All I can is that I wish Pierce every success with his footballing future. Hopefully one day we will all be going down to the City Ground to watch him play for the first team, if he does I want free tickets ;0)

We are also no longer able to sign players who already play for a Saturday side, therefore the situation with Luke Thompson and Lewis Jones will not occur next season. As we have lost 2 players from our league squad for next season I am on the scout for new players. To reassure you all I am only looking to sign players that will fit into and improve our current squad, I will not be signing players for the sake of it.

Next season will also be a lot different from the one we have just finished in that there will be a lot more tighter games so there will be less player/positional rotation.

I have also organised a sponsor for next season's new home kit, stay tuned for this.

### Fixtures

We are in the following tournaments

- Grantham – Cancelled
- Cotgrave – 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Dunkirk – 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Clifton – 2<sup>nd</sup> June (I am on Holiday)
- Southwell – 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Toton – 7<sup>th</sup> July

I may add another tournament in to act as a warm up for the forthcoming season, as well as selected friendlies.

Please note that after the Toton Tournament you can all have a well-earned rest from football. There will be no training and no games until Mid-August, enjoy it.

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## People News

I will be the first to admit that I have taken on too much of the work involved behind the scenes so we/I will be 'appointing' a number of volunteers to take on some of these responsibilities for next season. Positions already finalised are as follows

Team Assistant Manager – Paul Goddard  
Team Coach – Mark Harrison  
Team Coach – Steve Smith  
Team Treasurer – Lisa Goddard  
Team Administrator – Leslie Smith  
Team Communications – Paul Goddard  
Team Events – Lisa Phillips

Paul, Mark and Steve will soon be undertaking their FA Level 1 Coaching Course, which is great news for the club, the team and most importantly themselves. To cover the cost of the course, part for the money will come from the team raffle and most will be covered by the club funds. Paul will also be responsible for Newsletters and Match Updates so will be seeking people to help him. Please do help as this is a very important role.

Lisa Goddard will continue in her role as treasurer, while Leslie will take on the role of administrator to make sure all player details are up to date, match reports are filled in and sent, opposing managers are liased with etc.

Lisa Phillips will take on the responsibility of co-ordinating team events and organising the team raffle. This does not mean Lisa is responsible for buying all the prizes!!!! Please continue to contribute to this also

Hopefully this will create a team effort off the pitch as well as on it. Hopefully you will join me in wishing these people all the best for their new roles.

## The Final Word

I will not be around for the YEL Presentation Day as I will be sunning myself in Ibiza but I have asked Lisa Goddard to collect the trophy on our behalf.

I would also like to organise a parent's evening out so please feel free to let Lisa P know of any preferred places you wish to go to eat/drink and I am sure she will kick off her new role in fantastic style. I was thinking of going out around the 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May if that is OK with you all???

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