

Playing Kit Season 2012/2013

The club teams will be issued with new playing kit next season. The club tends to renew playing kit bi-annually, with a new club jersey being the prominent new addition, and long standing kit partners Pendle Sportswear will hopefully be the usual suppliers. The company are in the process of supplying new kit designs and we should have these for viewing by mid May. Our club colours of Red/Navy/White is our recognised, and historical preference, and the design will be chosen by the management teams in early summer with the kit ready for display in August..

Your own personal match day jersey?

During a recent team meeting with Senior Colts players, the topic of next seasons playing jersey style was discussed. An interesting idea was put forward by a few of the players who were part of the youth set some years ago. Back in their Youth days the youth squads liked the idea of displaying their surnames on the back of the jersey. Television and the professional game had just witnessed the players wearing names on jerseys to allow TV commentators easier identification of players. The club agreed to the lads request, but financially it would have been impractical to finance the idea due to problems of players coming and going. If some players left, the club would be short of playing jerseys etc. The players were keen to do it however, so the club suggested that each player BOUGHT his own jersey!. The garment became the players own personal property, and if he left, he kept it! But what about new players?. Well, the club invested in additional jerseys used for trialists, and these were sold to the new signings with their personal name added. Could it be done again?. Well if any club section wants to take up this option the club will be happy to investigate.

Coach Recruitment

The club welcomes 5 new additions to its Junior Coaching teams. Senior players Kris Collinson and Neil Ross have committed their valuable time to support the tremendous work undertaken at the clubs younger levels, Kris will lead the U8/9/10 programme, with Neil assisting with the clubs U7s. Our coach mentoring programme has moved to the next level with U17 youth members, Fergus Ross and Tom Linton. Both lads along with Neil Ross, have been accepted to the SFA Volunteer Coach programme, having completed the stipulated 30 hours voluntary coach process. All three will undertake their SFA Diploma qualifications in the Summer. Also added to the junior mentoring team is Connor Cunningham. Young Conner is in his second stint with the club. Back in 2010, Conner was with the club as a placement student from Telford College. Conner will attend U7 and U10 sessions. Mac Tait has also come out of "retirement" to lead the U7 sessions after an 18 month break.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Talks with the club core sponsors, Trinity Roofing Ltd have opened up the possibilities of the club canvassing for additional sponsors. Trinity are more than happy to share their brand name on club playing and leisure kit with any company or individual who may wish to display their brand or name/logo on club kit. Trinity fully agree that if the club can obtain additional income streams from attracting more sponsors then the club should pursue these options. We are now open to offers.

U8/9 & U10 Parent & Player Information Summer 2012



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Annual Membership 2012 - 2013

In light of ever increasing overheads, such as SFA legislation changes to affiliation and Insurance cover, association fee rises and a host of other so called inflationary rises, we have been faced with no alternative but to increase our annual membership fee from £10 per annum to £20. It is our first membership increase since 2005. We shall as always, include a number of new training/leisure kit items for the members, to be distributed pre-season. Due to factors of "good housekeeping" and strict budget control over the seasons, we are happy to announce that training and match fees for junior sections will NOT increase in season 2012/2013. We intend to hold these fees at their current level. We will however, be planning a number fundraising events to cover costs associated with additional kit, training and match costs, travel and coaching and member development.

U9 & U10 Section Development - What the future holds?

A key element of our coach development strategy is our commitment to increasing our pathway for Junior sections. At present we only have one team participating in the soccer sevens association. The reasons for this are solely down to the lack of experienced, and indeed, committed coaches. Many years ago the club adopted a policy that we would only recruit the right people, with a sense of dedication that matched our current coach teams. As witnessed at recent U11 games we've been shocked at the number of teams with only one recognised coach in charge. The issues that can be associated with the one coach per team principle is one we will certainly never adopt. A minimum of two coaches, preferably three, is the maxim that we strive to aim for. Given this policy, and our recruitment ethos, it takes time to place coaches within the club structure. Coaching qualifications, Disclosure clearance etc all adds to the restraints of placing coaches. Our youth coach mentoring system is also now in place and we already have three of our youth players, one at U7s, and two at U9/10 and U11, working towards their SFA Diplomas. All going well, we are working towards entering at least two additional sides at soccer 7s (U10) and soccer 4 (U7) levels in the near future. Of course, we can't make these steps unless parents and the boys can commit to regular Sunday morning games. The club is seriously looking at enrolling a new U9/U10 (born 2002 or 2003) section to play in the ESSDA set up from August 2012. If we can secure a coaching team to undertake this commitment, we will then be required to register 10 lads to ensure a commitment to weekly soccer sevens fixtures. Are our lads ready for this step? We think they are but we need assurances from parents to commit the lads to Sunday mornings. It also worth noting that players are charged £4 for games to cover weekly match costs. This charge along with the regular £2 coaching charge will bring the individual player costs to £6 paid weekly. The club mini bus will be available most Sundays to transport club teams to away fixtures. Travel costs are included in weekly costs.

The First step for the club in making this decision is for you to let us know if you can make this commitment. Send us an email if you want to express an interest, or if you require further details at webmaster@redpathalbion.co.uk or alternatively contact the chairman at the club office @ 0131 554 0953 or in person.

Club website and Blog

Our ever popular website is still going strong and will be a vital information medium for all club stats and historical data. However, we're finding the club Blog is just as popular and is experiencing as many, if not more Internet hits as the website. The emergence of smartphones gives us an invaluable opportunity to rely news as it happens without the need to sit at the laptop and list the details on the website. The Club Blog suits the club needs for relaying information as it happens and will be used for up to the minute club news and information. Find the club Blog at redpathalbionafc.blogspot.co.uk

Summer Coaching Programme

The onset of the holiday season, and the drop in lads attending coaching sessions added to Pilrig School being closed, as well as coaches holidays, tends to leave us with no option but to take an enforced 4 or 5 week close down. We are undecided on whether to return in late July or stick with the usual closure dates. We have a number options to consider which are as follows:-

- a) the U11s will return on Tuesday 31 July to prepare for new August season
- b) the U9/U10s will return on Tuesday 14 August
- c) If the 9s/10s enter the 7s association then they will also return on 31 July
- d) The club will be in a position to inform everyone at our final session on 26 June.

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On payment of annual membership each U9/U10 player will be issued with new training T shirt (Red), shorts (white/navy or Navy/White) socks (navy/red) and club Tracksuit top (navy/white) all kit to be sourced from club kit supplier Pendle Sports. Club badge will be displayed on T Shirt and Track Top. Please note the club retains ownership of the track top will need to be returned to the club if any player leaves.

