

Mile Oak FC Youth Monthly Newsletter

December and 2022 Review

Welcome to our monthly newsletter for the month of December and 2022 as a whole, for any information on the club or to make suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact mileoakyouth@gmail.com

2022 - A Year of Change - Thank You

What an incredible year we've had. Going into January 2022, our then U7s were split into 3 sides as we climbed to 28 players. With momentum building, plans were in place to bring in sides at U9, U10 and U15 level. However, the takeover of Mile Oak Wanderers put our growth plans on fast forward as we end the year with nearly 400 players registered.

A lot of hard work, experience and fortune was called upon to quickly ramp up a Youth Committee who have done such a fantastic job in their first half year. Also doing a fantastic job are our coaches, who have embraced the takeover, which is such a positive and gives us real momentum as we work through this transition season and build the foundations for a solid framework to be laid down for the 2023/24 season.

The year ended with a community event held for 6-10 year olds, free of charge offering to the public, i'd like to thank Mike and Pete from our U10s Blue side for supporting me with the event. It's very important the club doesn't take its eye off the ball we grow, and ensure we continue to support the community and their local side that they're proud of.

Whilst praising Mike and Pete, i'd like to draw your attention to an incident which occurred during December. A group of teenagers were playing on the 3G as the U10 session ended down the other end. A serious injury occurred to one of the group. Mike and Pete were quick to act and put to use their 1st aid training all our coaches have in place. They stayed with the injured player for over 2 hours, until medical assistance arrived, and we're pleased to say there were no long term effects of the injury, due to their diligent approach to this situation. A massive well done, each should be proud of the support given, and the club is extremely proud as it demonstrates the importance of the courses and certifications our Welfare team, Karen and Donna work so hard to have in place for all coaches.

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Secretary's Team of the Month

A huge well done to our **U15 Girls** side managed by Lloyd Francis and Dan Mitchell

Playing in the Sussex County Women and Girls Premier Division, the side face tough tests each week. The team have gone on a great run, having not lost since the first week in October.

2 wins from 2 in December followed, including an impressive 6-1 away win to Bognor Regis. Lloyd added, "The girls have won their last 6 matches in the top division. Playing great football and working hard".

Keep up the good work in 2023! A £50 Christmas reward for your side.



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Secretary's Club Member of the Month - Christmas Raffle

This month goes to **Glyn Rowland and Adele Rowland**.

Nothing makes me prouder than seeing the youth contribute to the wider club. On boxing day was the Clubs Christmas Raffle draw day. As well as a tough senior 1st team fixture v unbeaten Shoreham. The senior committee was short handed and Glyn and Adele stepped up.

Running the gate, selling raffle tickets and then doing the draw themselves. Huge praise received from our senior committee and a great shining light on our youth sections impact on the club now, and into the future.

The Christmas raffle itself was a huge success, the club sold a record high with 50% coming from the youth section and therefore towards youth funds. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and donated prizes. Pleasing to see some of our parents winning great prizes.

We ran a youth section competition for the most tickets sold and I'm pleased to confirm that **Wayne Whittington's and Tony Burnett's U8 Black** side won the competition, and i'll be in touch to discuss a team prize. Extra thanks to everyone in that side who bought a ticket, including fittingly, Glyn and Adele

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Mile Oak FC Quiz Night

It's time to enter your team into the Mile Oak FC Quiz.

Saturday 4th February 2023. Spaces going fast so be quick!

City Coast Centre in Portslade, North Road.

£10 per person to attend, teams of up to 6.

Contact mileoakyouth@gmail.com to enter a side and be part of this great night with your Quiz hosts, Chris Paine and Daniel Towse.

The Purple People Kitchen - Food Bank Donation

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Purple People Kitchen Foodbank - this being the 4th year of support from the club.

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Summer Tournament / End of Season Do

A sub committee group has formed to organise the clubs **2023 Summer Tournament** with a pending date of **8th and 9th July** to be confirmed and advertised during January

Due to the planned renovations at Mile Oak Recreation Ground next Spring and Autumn, we're exploring alternative venues and confirmation of the venue and date will likely be shared in the next newsletter.

The tournament will run across multiple days and age groups. With the idea being that coaches and club members will support on one day, and run their sides in the tournament the next.

We'd love for more of you to get on board to support, please email mileoakyouth@gmail.com we'd love to hear from you, even if it's to make a suggestion.

We will soon also be exploring options for our **End of Season Awards**. Again any suggestions are welcome to the email address above for venues. Each side at U7 and U8 level will receive an award, and we'll be collecting votes across the age groups for Managers, Players Player etc as the season comes to a close around Easter

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Website & Club shop

The website is at the top of our list to rebrand over the coming months. We have now purchased a new domain and begun the build of the site. We hope to launch the first version of the site in 2023

The main clubs website can be found here - <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/mileoakfc>

The Mile Oak Wanderers website is still active, and Mile Oak FC has embraced its policies and procedures. - <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/mileoakwandersfc>

For the most up to date club information, please follow our social media pages, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook

We have begun to open up our club shop, and have personalised water bottles and hats available to buy, follow the below link to view our products

<https://mile-oak-tea-bar.sumupstore.com/products>

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The Mile Oak FC Committee

The Mile Oak FC committee is one of the most respected in Sussex, with its hard work behind the scenes maintaining the club's status at Step 6 and a England Football Accredited. All elected Officers are volunteers and many have served for over 10 years.

The senior club committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month, the Youth sub committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, here is a list of the clubs elected officers, which is voted on at the club Annual General Meeting (previous was 13 June 2022), inline with the club constitution

President - Ron Kerly
Life Vice President - Barry & Sharon Gratwicke, Les Hamilton, Chris Tew
Chairman - Phil Brotherton
Vice-Chairman - Nick Kerly & Anthony Whittington
Hon Treasurer - Cliff Payn
Hon Secretary - Greg Austin
Club Welfare Officer's - Donna Cox & Karen Hilton
Youth Secretary - Karl Gillingham
Youth General Secretary- Sam Cornish
Match Secretary's - Karl Gillingham, Dwight Heffelfinger & Glyn Rowland
Youth Treasurer - Nick Kerly

Registrations Secretary - Karl Gillingham
Programme Editor - Vacant
Commercial Manager - Tony Burnett
Events Manager - Victoria Lindfield
'100 Club' Officer - Chris Paine
Press & Social Media - Karl Gillingham
Facilities Manager - Karl Gillingham
Player Liaison - Darryl Livesey
Youth Website & Sponsorship - Sam Behar
Kit Manager - Simon Thompson & Chris Georgiou
Committee Member - John Paine