

# Mile Oak FC Youth Monthly Newsletter

## January

Welcome to our monthly newsletter for the month of January, for any information on the club or to make suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact [mileoakyouth@gmail.com](mailto:mileoakyouth@gmail.com)

### Secretary's Team of the Month

January has been very stop start, following the Christmas break and various postponements, but overcoming this challenge was our U10 Blues, coached by Mike, Pete and Stu. With 2 victories including a 9-0 victory!

Manager Mike Willmott, had this to say, “December brought a number of challenging results, which impacted the morale of the squad. The three coaches focused on slight adjustments to both team format and our training drills and consequently the improvements shown across the whole squad has really paid dividends in January. Very well done to every squad player involved, your dedication and application are really showing up in our game management, keep it up!”



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## Mile Oak FC Summer Tournament

Our 2023 Tournament details have been confirmed. 8th and 9th July at Buckingham Park.

The club is looking for support from all club members to support with the running of the two days, and will be working with the coaching team to put them to work over the weekend.

We'd greatly appreciate support from parents too. There are multiple jobs which need support from the below

Parking Attendants, Programme Sales, Support Tent Support and Sales, Goal Construction and Transportation on Friday evening 7th July. Goal Dismantling and Transportation Sunday 9th July afternoon.

In addition the club are searching for pitch sponsors, £50 a pitch, if you know someone with a business who'd like to support we'd love to hear from you.

Sponsors will have their business promoted via our Tournament Programme and Goal Displays/Signage.

If you can support with any of the above please contact us [mileoakyouth@gmail.com](mailto:mileoakyouth@gmail.com)

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## Girl's Team Partnership

In recent weeks we've been in discussion with Russell Martin Foundation, to further extend our partnership to more girls sides for the 2023 / 24 season

Positive meetings have been held and we can announce that....

We are recruiting for players across the U9 and U10 age group for next season. If anyone has a girl interested please contact [mileoakyouth@gmail.com](mailto:mileoakyouth@gmail.com) and we'll direct you to the RMF team for more details.

This extended partnership continues the great work already in place, with our U13 and U15 Girls already working under the Mile Oak FC and RMF partnership, as well as our Mile Oak FC Ladies side

Fantastic news for all those players who want to follow in the Lionesses footsteps.

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## **Mile Oak Recreation Group Top Field Renovations**

The Mile Oak FC committee has been working hard with B&H Council to conclude the remaining steps to progress with the pitch renovation, which will be used by our Youth sides.

The current plan is for renovations to begin in August 2023, and finish ready for use by November 2023.

This will provide the club with great training options for Saturday mornings and most importantly, improved grass pitches for our home matches on Sunday.

It also further enhances our desire for the Mile Oak Recreation Ground and Portslade Sports Centre to be the hub for Mile Oak Youth.

We are also in the process of agreeing a new lease for the Pavilion at the site. We are currently sharing this space with the Pavilion Pre School / Nursery. However they are due to leave over the Easter Holidays and the club are agreeing an extended lease to take on the building and utilise to further support our players and community. More to come on this.....

Lastly, our Winter training schedule on the 3G ends in April and training will therefore move to grass pitches from this point, as arranged by your manager.

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## Secretary's Club Member of the Month

This month goes to **Ben Page**

Ben recently started supporting the committee and has made a great start with the Online Store. The personalised Water Bottles and Club Hats. Ensuring availability for Christmas. Ben has also joined the 2023 Tournament planning group and has come forward with great ideas to support the club.

Well done Ben, more to come we're sure!

You can still buy our products using this link - <https://mile-oak-tea-bar.sumupstore.com/products>

## Mile Oak FC Quiz Night

Late quiz spaces availability!

We now have space for 1 or 2 more teams to join our quiz night.

Saturday 4th February 2023.

City Coast Centre in Portslade, North Road.

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

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

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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

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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** - Ben Page  
**Kit Manager** - Simon Thompson & Chris Georgiou  
**Committee Member** - John Paine