

# Sholing Youth Newsletter Issue 2

The summer is often a time of rest for a young footballer, most of whom appear to be sat indoors playing Fortnite, but the committee and coaches are hard at work preparing for the new season.

We've got plenty of information and news in the second newsletter, we hope you find it interesting and informative!

There's team focus, a give-away and lots more.

If you have any comments please contact us on [sholingyouthnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:sholingyouthnewsletter@gmail.com)





# From The Dugout

By Gerry Roberts

Sholing FC Chairman  
& Youth Committee  
Member



As the kick off to the new season rapidly approaches, with the World Cup this year, it doesn't seem that there has been much of break from football.

While some may say that this is a good thing, some may think otherwise.

With Sholing having so many youth teams, I know first hand with my involvement with the U8 Whites, that there are tournaments being held every weekend right through the close season.

This, of course, would not be possible without the numerous volunteers who give up their time for free to enable the players just to go out and play.

We are indebted to all our volunteers for both the youth and adult section, who work tirelessly to make sure our games are played. These are the unsung heroes, who never kick a ball, but are every bit as important to the club as the players, managers, coaches etc.

On behalf of all at Sholing football club, we thank you.

Sharon and Carly have been really busy organising the free entry fun day for September the 29<sup>th</sup>.

We have mascots and ball boys attending from the youth section and we hope that this will be a more regular occurrence.

On the first team playing side, we have a great crop of youngsters coming through.

These young players, mixed with the more experienced players bodes well for the coming season and many seasons to come.

The pre season friendlies have been well contested and Diapes has used a blend of youth with experience and we have had some outstanding results against higher opposition.

I for one am really looking forward to the new season.  
Up The Boatmen.

# Youth Section News

We are delighted to announce that **BSA Regal** have agreed to sponsor Sholing Youth for the 2018/19 season.

This is a really exciting partnership for the Youth Section and we have to give a massive thanks to Dave Diaper for securing the Youth Section sponsorship for this season.

It means we can improve the matchday experience for the ball boys and mascots by rewarding their efforts with a token of our appreciation. We can also give all Youth players a festive treat at Christmas.

The logo for BSA REGAL, featuring the letters 'BSA' in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a stylized red wing or arrow pointing to the right, followed by the word 'REGAL' in a blue, serif font.

## ID CARDS

A huge thanks to the Sholing FC Adult Section who have funded these.

They will be distributed to team managers at the pre season managers meeting for them to hand out to the individual players.

The cards will permit all Youth Team players and a parent/carer **FREE ENTRY** to all First Team League games and will be issued before the start of the new season.

# CLUB OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Organisation is now well underway and we are really excited about the event which is being organised to benefit every team in the Youth set-up.

The day will run from **1200 – 1700** and there is loads of fun stuff planned. Don't forget that **free entry** will also be given to all players and their families to the First Team Wessex League fixture between Sholing and AFC Porchester that day so come and cheer the Boatmen along!

All teams are invited to have their 2018/19 team photos taken on the First Team pitch by the club photographer between 1200 – 1400. All Youth teams will be represented and your Team Manager will pass details in the next couple of weeks.

We need some help on the day to make it as successful as possible, so if you can spare any time at all we'd be most grateful. An online rota has been set up for volunteers, please take a look at the link below and add your name to a timeslot.

<http://signup.com/go/pPEtHTt>



## Raffle Prizes

We'd be really grateful for any raffle prizes that you could donate. If you wish to help please pass them to your Team Manager.

## RESPECT MEETING

The date of this meeting has now been announced and all details are below. We encourage as many of you as possible to attend what is a very important event and one that Sholing fully support. Children are welcome.

The purpose of this is to pass on information about the FA RESPECT programme which incorporates the Codes of Conduct all Youth Section players, families and supporters have agreed to in their club registration.

**Date: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Location: Oasis Academy Auditorium**

**Ashley road, Mayfield, SO19 9NA**

**Times: Mini Soccer 1915 – 2000**

**Youth 2015 – 2100**

For more information on the FA Respect code of conduct for youth players, families and supporters please click the link below:

[FA Respect Document \(pdf\)](#)



# Comments from the Youth Secretary

by Sharon Betts



It's been a really busy time over the last few months bringing in significant change to the youth section to bring us up to date with modern ways of running a youth football club.

I've only been in this role since the end of February but I'm really impressed with how dedicated the coaches and managers are with giving their players quality coaching and the best opportunities in grassroots football. The support I've received from the parents and volunteers has been great and I've been amazed and the amount of Sponsors who have given their support so generously.

Over the course of the season, you will see what all this work is achieving. We've introduced ID cards for all players and youth section staff. We're bringing back ball boy and team mascot opportunities for as many of the first team home fixtures as we can and the new U7 team are really excited about attending the first home game as mascots on 8<sup>th</sup> September. An events sub-committee has been set up to run the Open Day and various other events throughout the season.

Our managers and coaches are becoming even more qualified. We have secured a 'hub' with Hamble Parish Council to provide pitches for this and subsequent seasons. We have team photos by the club photographer booked in, and lots more. The adult section have been pivotal in helping with this and it is our priority to have all sections working together for the benefit of all club members. A big focus this season will be promoting the club's support of the FA Respect programme and you will receive more information on this as the season starts.

Finally, we are only a couple of weeks away from the start of the season. I wish all players, parents, managers, coaches and referees all the best for the season ahead - enjoy it.

As always, any questions, please get in touch.

## Ball Boys & Mascots

We have now arranged a rota for these and are delighted to announce that the mascots for the first Sholing home game on 8<sup>th</sup> September against Hamworthy will be the new U7 team.

The ball boys will be the U13 Yellows who have previously been involved in doing this for the U18 trials during pre-season.

In conjunction with new Youth Sponsor BSA Regal we have managed to secure some gifts for all the boys taking part. Mascots will receive string bags and Ball Boys will be given a boot bag.

## Competition Time!

We are excited to announce the details of our new competition which is open to all players in Sholing Youth.

Monthly, from September, a random ID Card number will be drawn from the pot. One lucky person each month will win a Sholing FC water bottle and mini football. Good luck!



# TEAM PROFILE - Under 7 RED

My name is Mike Bulman and I was privileged to be given the opportunity to manage Sholing under 7s. I have been joined by Ricky Wilkinson as coach. Although I've managed at Wessex development level for quite a few years now it is both mine and Ricky's first time managing and coaching young children and its a challenge we are both really enjoying at the moment.

We have a superb group of eight players who are all keen to learn and their progress over the last three months since they started is something we have both been amazed by.

We now have a team who know their positions and know their roles instead of all players chasing the ball.

We've kept the boys really busy over the summer entering them into 5 tournaments and playing lots of friendlies.

We have had really good success during the summer winning 4 tournaments and we can't wait for the season to start to see these young boys continue to develop and most importantly continue to enjoy their football.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will require volunteers to help run club events throughout the season. Whether you help for just one hour at one event or are happy to commit to more hours at many events your help will be greatly appreciated.

It is really important for us to make our next event a real success but we do need people to assist.

Likewise if you are interested in helping out within any other capacity we would love to hear from you.

The link to sign up as a volunteer for the Open Day on 29<sup>th</sup> September is below. You can help for as little as an hour and there's plenty of stalls to choose from.

<http://signup.com/go/pPEtHTt>

# SAVE THE DATE

**2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER** – Tyro Youth season starts

**3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER** - RESPECT Evening

**8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** – Sholing first home league game against Hamworthy. U7 Mascots, U13 Yellows Ball Boys (Everyone else - why not use your new ID cards and come along to support the first team!)

**9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** – EDMSL/CSYL season starts

**29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** – Sholing Open Day/Team Photos/Sholing vs AFC Porchester

# Newsletter Sponsorship and Advertising

Many thanks to our first newsletter sponsor **Jonjo's Barbers** who are based in Woolston.

Should you wish to follow suit and are interested in sponsoring the newsletter or advertising their business within its pages please contact as at [sholingyouthnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:sholingyouthnewsletter@gmail.com)

All money received from sponsorship and advertising will be put back into the club to benefit the players.



## ADULT NEWS SECTION

**At the time of writing the first team have made a stunning start to the Season. Winning 6 out of 6 and 2 FA Cup matches to reach the first qualifying round.**

Please use your ID cards to gain free entry to come and support the first team at home League games. <http://www.sholingfc.co.uk/index.php/first-team/fixtures>.

**Come on the Sholing!**



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Universal Stadium is not only home to Sholing FC and Sholing Youth.

It is also home to the Vosper Thornycroft Pigeon Club who meet up regularly with their feathered friends

There is no truth to the rumour that first team players get fined if they hit a pigeon with a wayward shot!



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**Good luck to all our teams  
this season from Sholing  
Youth and Sholing FC**