

We need a NEW Website.....can you help?

Our current website is outdated and needs an urgent over-haul, but we don't have the skillset to do this? We have a group of talented volunteer coaches, managers and assistants but we are seeking the help of a Website developer!!!!

Can you volunteer help to build us a new website or know someone that could do this for us?

We are a community-based club that have over 250 children registered from the local area. We would love to get bigger and help more children develop their skills at this magnificent game. A key to support this is our website and being able to share with the world what we have to offer.

If you can help or know someone that can help us please do contact us on dragonstalk@btinternet.com

dragonstalk Second Edition - Sep 2018

2018/2019 annual subs £180 per child

It's that time of year again when we review and share the forthcoming Seasons annual subs.

Over the past 4 years we have managed to hold the price however with growing annual costs as our club expands we have no option but to increase subs by £20 per child.

Therefore, for the 2018/2019 season the subs will be: £180 per player and half price - £90 for sibling
One of our principles here at Brooklands Dragons is that we believe in providing the very best playing surface possible for all our teams to play on. As you will know the council cut all grassed areas however this happens as and when their schedule permits which may or may not coincide with our matches!! Back in March this year we employed a grass cutting company to cut our playing areas as and when Managers feel it necessary to ensure that they are kept at the correct lengths. This additional cost along with the increased Referees and League fees is reflected in the increase.

Please can you arrange an immediate one-off Bank transfer for the full payment or 9 x standing order or direct debit payments of £20.00. The first payment must be in September running through to May 2019. Payments Must be made to:

Brooklands Dragons JFC
Royal Bank of Scotland
Sort Code 16-32-28
Account number 10147773

When making payment PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE add the **child's** surname and team for example "STAGGLAZIO" as the payment reference Our Treasurer spends many hours tracking payments so please can you ensure that you do your but to help!

Chairman's update

Congratulations to all our teams for a successful season in 2017/18.

Since finishing for the summer, the glorious weather has had its toll on our grass. Budworth Road turned into a fawn playing field with the lack of rain!! It gave us the perfect opportunity to carry out some essential maintenance to hopefully improve the drainage problem that we have. Alongside this, work has also been carried out to our pitch at Jacksons Boat. We hope that the works will benefit all the teams playing at both grounds for this new season. As you can see below with "normal rainfall resumed" our pitches are beginning to look great again!

May I wish all our players, coaches and parents a great 2018/2019 season.

David Jacklin- Chairman







Annual Dinner Dance

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended and also to those who donated raffle prizes for our annual social dinner dance. Over 130 parents, friends and family attended to make the night a great success. Along with this we also raised a huge £550 which was a bonus!!

A huge welcome to our new team at Under 15's - The Rockets!!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as the newest team to join Brooklands Dragons JFC, we are the U15 rockets. We have been together for approx. 4 years and we have joined as a team transferring from Sale United.

Last season we had great success and won division 4! We lost only 1game in the league all season and scoring well over 100 goals in the process.

This season we have 2 new managers -Steve and Lawrence and our team has one of the best young goal keepers around in Jeevan. Sonny, Joshan, Jamie, Max, Dan, and Josh T make up our defence, while Rishi, Ben, Tom, Jack, Josh.W make up the midfield and wingers leaving Harry upfront alongside Alfie who is one of the fastest and most prolific goal scorers in the league. We have a lot of players that can play in a number of positions so hopefully we can recreate some of the magic and success of last season.

We are still looking for a couple of players that can help to strengthen our squad so if you know of any lads looking for a new team please point them in our direction.

Good luck to each and every team at Brooklands Dragons and thanks to you all for letting us join your club and making us all feel welcome.

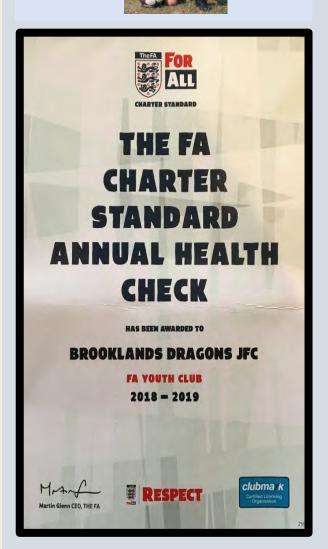
Hope you all have a great season

Everyone involved with U15 Rockets

Steve

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Ruby, aged 9 years, who was signed up to play for the Manchester United Regional Talent Club in June. Ruby trains twice a week and plays matches on Saturdays. Good Luck Ruby



Congratulations!!!

HUGE congratulations to the 5 boys from our Under 9's STORM team who have been selected to be involved in the development centers at Manchester United and Rochdale AFC this season.

Good Luck Boys



Fire win at the Failsworth Villa JFC Tournament!!!

An amazing performance by FIRE at the Failsworth Villa JFC Tournament. Incorporating our new signing Josh, as well as Charlie from our U10 94s team, it was the perfect pre-Father's Day experience.

This tournament is renowned for the strength of the entrants and this year it was no different, with teams from Bolton, Wigan and Crewe in the competition.

It's sometimes difficult to get going and find any fluidity in tournaments like this, with games only lasting 10 minutes, but the boys showed how far they have come on our incredible journey this season and were a match for all the teams they came up against.

The boys performed brilliantly, qualifying from the group in second behind Hindley Green who finished top of the group having won all their games:

AFC Stanley 1-0 (Max) Woodhouses JFC 0-0 PFA Allstars 1-1 (Shaan) Hindley Green 0-1

Crewe Vipers 2-0 (Olivier, Jude) Semi-Final: Woodhouses JFC 0-0

Final: Brooklands Dragons Fire 1 (Shaan) Hindley Green 0

Hindley Green had won all their group games and came into the final confident that they could beat us to secure the trophy. The pain of our previous final was not going to be repeated however the boys performed superbly from back to front, closing down with speed, and trying not to give their opponents any space or time on the ball. Our winner came following a corner, where the ball broke to Shaan on the edge of the box, who calmly found the top corner with a superb left footed finish.

The boys weren't going to let it slip from then, closing out the game, and when the final whistle went, the outpouring of joy and relief was a superb sight.

Fire Player of the Tournament: Shaan





Players Needed!!!!

Galaxy Under 15's team are looking to add more players for the new season ahead in Division 2. Boys aged 14/15 going into year 10. If you know someone interested in playing for our fantastic team please contact Lee:

brooklandsdragonsgalaxy@ gmail.com

BDFC 2017/19 achievements

A magnificent season across all ages in the T&DJFL with the following teams achieving honours:-

U9 - PSG Cup Finalists

U9 - Ajax Cup Winners

U10 - 94s Cup Winners

U11 - Fire Cup Finalists

U12 - Lazio Division 1 Winners (3rd year in a row!)

U12 - Roma Division 4 Winners

U14 - Galaxy Division 3 Runners Up

U15 - Bayern Cup Finalists

U15 - Dynamo Division 4 Runners Up

Let's hope we can improve on this wonderful trophy haul this coming season.

Best wishes to everyone and have an enjoyable season.....

Do you fancy coaching/supporting a team

At Brooklands Dragons we are always looking out for volunteers. No training necessary, we pay for your CRB, First Aid and Level 1 coaching course. All we ask is that you stay with us for 2 years.

If you can commit time and would like to further understand the differing opportunities, please speak to your team Coach/Manager or Graham Hill on TEL: 07803 138250

Club Welfare Officer Matt Hulme

My name is Matt Hulme and alongside coaching I am also the Brooklands Dragons Welfare Officer.

Club Welfare Officer (CWO)

If you have a concern or issue that needs to be addressed then please do contact me.

Matt Hulme - Club Welfare Officer

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07739397254 (between 7am-11pm)



NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 or email: help@nspcc.org.uk

If a child or young person is in immediate danger, the advice is ALWAYS to call 999

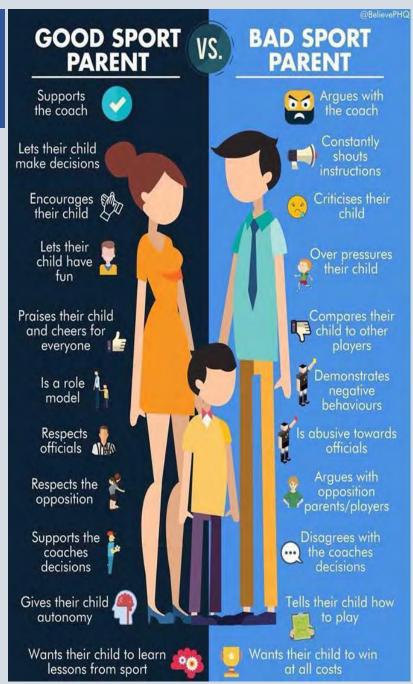




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All donations are welcome and rest assured that all moneys generated within Brooklands Dragons is spent back into the facilities and ground.

To donate: www.localgiving.org and search "Brooklands Dragons".......Thank you for your continued support.



Dragons Talk Inspirational Quote



Brooklands Dragons Girls Football

In September 2014 most age groups at Brooklands Dragons had one or two girls in them and the under 6 age group had 3 girls. Within a few weeks the number of girls in the group had risen to 5, completely by chance, and by the end of the season there were 6 girls training regularly alongside the boys.

Due to the number of girls we arranged some girl's fixtures so we could see how we fared against other all girls teams and on the 14th November 2015 Brooklands Dragons fielded their first ever all girls team against Sale United. Dragons ran Sale United very close on the day which was an amazing achievement considering some of the Sale United players were 3 years older than the majority of the Dragons.

We continued to play the occasional girls fixture and entered one or two tournaments, but the girls continued to challenge themselves against the boys and surprised many teams with their performances. The boys in our team didn't see them as girls, they were just their teammates. Word continued to spread about girls playing football at Brooklands Dragons and at the start of the 2016/17 we began to run girls only training sessions for our group of girls and a few others who were either new to the game or had shown interest in joining us from other mixed teams and within a few weeks we had to cap the numbers training with us so we could keep the quality of coaching high as well as not overcrowding the indoor hall we used!

Football Foundation a girls' team ahead of the plunge, with the parents, to split the boys and Lightning were formed. playing football where they girls team at the under 9 age League and the only grassroots league, Manchester United academy teams in the older Lightning had a fantastic and really surprised many of During one match one of the head to say 'Wow, these girls



awarded the club a grant to form 2017/18 season and the club took agreement of the girls and their girls up so Brooklands Dragons However, the girls were happy were so became the first ever all group in the Timperley & District all girls teams in the whole also had some of their girls age groups.

season in the Timperley League the teams they came up against. boys in the opposition was even are good!' A couple of other

teams saw they were playing a girl's team and expected a really easy ride but were sent packing with their tails between their legs after the Lightning girls showed them how to play football!

Girls football didn't stop there for Brooklands Dragons though. Part of the grant from The Football Foundation was to start a second girls team so for 2018/19 we will see Brooklands Dragons Comets forming and joining Lightning in the South Manchester Girls League. Lightning have had to move leagues due to having a couple of overage players last season in the Timperley League but unfortunately the FA won't sanction that again this season. So for the 2018/19 season Brooklands Dragons will have 23 girls representing the club in the SMGFL every weekend.

Over the last couple of years Lightning have had some amazing opportunities including playing at the City Football Academy, on the pitch at Ewood Park and even in front of over 3,000 people at Rochdale during half time of the Rochdale v Coventry City match in 2017. We hope these opportunities will continue to come along to reward all the girls for their hard work and dedication.

Women's and girls football is a massive growth area at the moment with England doing particularly well in finishing 3rd at the 2015 World Cup in Canada and getting to the semi-finals of the European Championships in the Netherlands in 2017. Locally we have Manchester City investing heavily in their women's team to win the league in 2016 and the FA Cup in 2017 and Manchester United have of course just formed their women's team to play in the women's Championship this season with their first matches coming up in the next few weeks. Dragons have had their share of girls who have gone on to play for United and City too and have even had one girl who has gone on to represent England at her age group.

On the 2nd September we held our own celebration of girl's football as we hold our 2nd girls tournament, this is now an annual event. There were 6 teams coming along to play alongside Lightning and Comets to compete for the title of Brooklands Dragons Tournament Winners 2018.

We must take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, Sale Private Day Nursery, Philadelphia Scientific, Connell Bros Demolition, Dial a Flight and Naimuri. Without the support of these generous sponsors we couldn't do what we do.

Here's to a happy and enjoyable 2018/19 season for Lightning, Comets and all the other teams at Brooklands Dragons!

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Feedback please....

If you have a story that you would like to share in our next edition of Dragonstalk, please email it to: dragonstalk@btinternet.com

Would you like to coach your own team?

There aren't many things that will give you such a sense of achievement than looking back over the past season success seeing your boys and girls develop as football players. If you want to be part of this or you know anyone who would please contact Graham Hill.

We're all Volunteers!

We are proud at Brooklands Dragons to have a team of passionate Coaches, Managers and helpers that are ALL Volunteers!

Every one of our team is unpaid and gives up their own time, often over 6 hours per week. The time is spent planning and preparing training sessions and matches, cutting the grass and or liaising with the league. Our aim is to develop the skills of your child enabling them to perform at the best of their ability. The payoff is fantastic to be a part of!

Please don't forget that we are parents too!!

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