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Quarterly Newsletter – April 2020

Welcome to our April quarterly newsletter. We hope you have had a great Easter, and saved a few Easter Eggs for us. Please read our latest news, upcoming events and plans for the Howden Clough JFC. Anything to add to the next newsletter? Please get in touch.

Want to get involved? Fundraising committee, coaching, events etc. We are always looking for support, if you feel you can help, if you have any great fundraising ideas, you can either speak with your age group manager, or visit Howden Cloughs website or Facebook page to contact us.

Dates for Diary

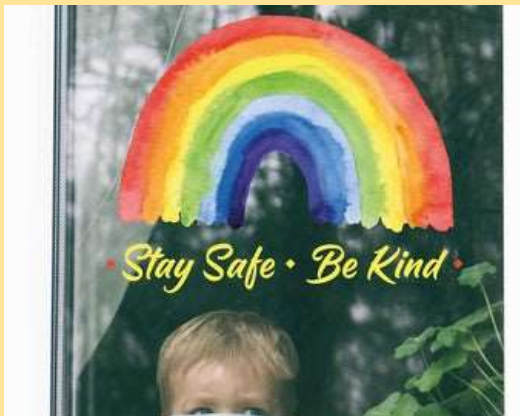
****CANCELLED**** - Howden Clough JFC 2020 Football Gala
planned for 20th & 21st June 2020 – ****CANCELLED****

Next Managers Meeting
– date & location TBC subject to COVID-19

COVID-19 & Football

As everyone is aware COVID-19 has changed all aspects of our day to day lives beyond recognition.

All Grassroots Junior Football League seasons have been cancelled nationwide, for the safety of everyone. The cancellations include all training and football games, which cannot take place. This is in line with government and FA guidelines with regards to social distancing and social gatherings.



Whilst we do not know how long the Government lockdowns will be in place, we trust that all of our players, parents, volunteers and members of our community will respect the Government lockdown restrictions and will stay at home. Please remember, the current situation will improve and we will play football again.

We hope that the 2020-21 season will commence as usual in September and hope to see everyone fit, healthy and ready for the start of the football season. Until then;

Please Stay Safe Everybody!

Clubhouse Fundraising

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to donate towards the clubhouse fund, please speak with your age group manager, contact us via the club website or Facebook page, or come along to one of our meetings. Everyone is welcome.



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We recently held a clubhouse meeting with local trades & interested Howden Clough coaches / managers / parents on 16th February 2020. Further ideas were covered with ambitious plans discussed. We are currently liaising with the Local Authority and various contractors and materials suppliers, to enable us to provide an indicative cost for the project.

Our 2020 fundraising plans were unfortunately put on hold due to the ongoing Corona virus crisis. A large part of this was due to the cancellation of our Annual Summer Football Gala. Any other fundraising idea are welcome, so please get in touch with the club with any suggestions you have.

Howden Clough Football Gala 2020

Our Annual Howden Clough Football Gala was due to take place on **20th and 21st June 2020** but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis. This is always our biggest footballing event of the year which all of our players look forward. It is also the biggest annual fundraising event for the club, which is a set back to our club house dreams. However, the show must go on, and we will arrange a spectacular gala for the 2020-21 season.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the teams and sponsors who were due to participate in, and sponsor our event. We hope to see everyone at next year's gala.

Howden Clough JFC Easter Bonus Ball



Howden Clough JFC held a successful Christmas Bonus Ball competition, raising lots of money for the club and the winner Lee Bolland. We held a further Easter Bonus Ball competition, which unfortunately had to be cancelled following the COVID-19 outbreak, so not all of the numbers were sold. A lot of bonus ball numbers were purchased which were refunded.

We plan to hold another bonus ball competition later in the year once the COVID-19 situation improves. So please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further updates on this – remember, it could be you!!

Lockdown Football Training

With the premature end to the Junior Football season, it is really important to remain active, taking regular exercise and hone your footy skills. Take a look at a few websites for football training at home. Some cover individual training drills, and many cover multiple persons as long as there are siblings or parents to hand to train with;

- www.erttheo.com
- YouTube – look at Unisport and SimplySoccer for various footy drills for a range of ages.
- Bleep tests – www.bleeptests.com, or download a Bleep Test app such as Bleep Test Lite (available from iOS and Android formats). For general fitness, great for stamina and constant stop/start situations. Make sure you have plenty of fluids, not for warm sunny weather. Our teenage age groups love doing them.



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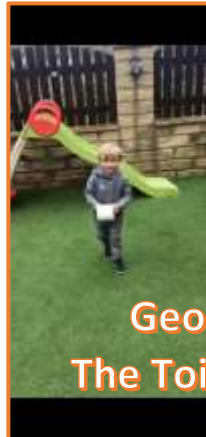
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Have a look at what our under 6, under 8 and under 9 age groups have been up to during lock down.

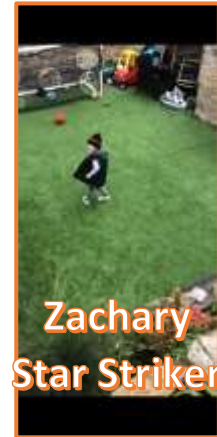
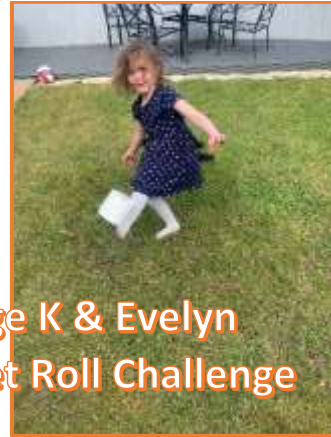
Under 5/6's - Lockdown Training



Alfie
Midfield Maestro



George K & Evelyn
The Toilet Roll Challenge



Zachary
Star Striker

Under 8's Football Challenges – Balancing the ball



Alexander



Harry W



Harvey



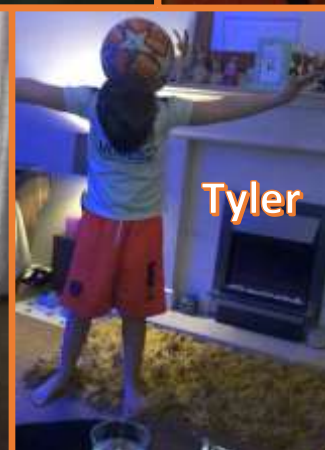
Lestyn



Tommy



Oscar



Tyler



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Under 9's – Lockdown Training



You can visit Howden Clough JFC Facebook page where you can see videos of more lockdown football skill challenges completed by some of Cloughs finest (including the coaches!). We had a week of skills & turns including the Cruyff turn, step over, drag back, step overs and more.

Please post any photos and videos onto our Facebook page showing us what football skills you've learnt, or training drills you have done. We want you all to keep active and hone and develop your football skills throughout this lockdown period.



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Howden Clough JFC Volunteers

Meet the Under 10's Tuck shop team, always found at our home games come sun, rain or snow... Emma Armitage, Kelly Whitmarsh, Sammie Wild, Maggie Whitaker, Zabyah Ali and of course big Phil. Thank you all for supporting our team. If any volunteers want to be featured in the next newsletter, please get in touch.



Clough Magic Moments

Our football club does a lot of great things for our community, whether that be fundraising, team or individual achievements, a kind gesture, going the extra mile or giving back to the community. We'd like to highlight a Clough Best Moment in every newsletter. If every player, parent, coach, volunteer or spectator forwards their Clough Magic Moments through our website or Facebook contact us pages, we will choose one to feature in the next newsletter.

For the Clough Magic Moment to feature in our April 2020 newsletter, we'd like give a high five to Oliver Brook.

Oliver plays for Howden Clough's Under 10's team, and has been doing his bit for the environment. Oliver wants to help save the environment and improve our local wildlife.

Oliver has spent many evenings straight from school picking up litter. Here's to hoping he starts a wildlife regeneration revolution.

A massive well done to Oliver, a brilliant show of community spirit from such a thoughtful and conscientious young man.



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Howden Clough JFC Vacancies 2020-21 Season

Next season's Under 6's 2020-2021 (current Under 6 juniors, age group contact Peter McKenna & Richard Kitchen)

- New Players required (Reception & school year 1 – no experience required)
- Coaches required

Next season's Under 7's 2020-2021 (current Under 6's, age group contact Peter McKenna)

- New Players required (school year 2 – no experience required)
- Coaches, Tuck Shop & Fundraising/Event Organisers volunteers required.

Next season's Under 14's 2020-2021 (current under 14's, age group contact Lee Howieson)

- New Players required (school year 9).

Howden Clough Junior Football Club

- Club Fundraisers
- Event Planners/Organisers
- Clubhouse Planning

For more information, you can contact us through our website or Facebook page.



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