

The new football season is now in full swing with lots of matches being played. This year the Football Club has teams at u9, u10, u12 and adult (Saturday, Sunday and Veteran) levels. There was hope an u8 team could also be run but this wasn't to be as a coach could not be found to manage the team. If anyone is interested in becoming involved and looking to run a team we'd be happy to hear from you, full support would be given – the main objective is to have fun in a safe environment.

Progress updates on each of the teams:

### **U9s**

The U9s have stepped up a bracket from playing 5 a side last season to now playing 7 a side on a larger pitch. The impact of this change can never be underestimated but the team has been adapting well and have started to find their feet. As youngsters, the team does not play in a league format instead has non-competitive matches in addition to a series of cup competitions throughout the season. In the first cup competition, the team has won both of their matches with one more to play – early silverware is very possible!

### **U10s**

The U10s have had a tough start to their season having played against several good teams. A lack of player availability has also meant the team has sometimes had to play with minimum numbers and no substitute – tough work against teams that have 3 or 4 subs! Despite this the team has played some great football and are taking on board the skills and tactics they are learning in training.

### **U12s**

A mixed start for the U12s has seen two close defeats either side of a big 7-0 victory. The latest match was a very entertaining encounter against the top of the league team and involved a lot of good football from both sides. Unfortunately, a few knocks to Chiseldon players combined with no substitutes to replace them resulted in the walking wounded doing their best on the pitch but couldn't prevent a few goals going in. Although the match ended in defeat the team did themselves proud.

### **Senior Saturday**

Under new management, the Saturday team have had a tremendous start to the season and, after five matches, are sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league. The team has been on a roll by drawing one match and winning three and only conceding one goal in the process. The fifth match was against the early league leaders and resulted in a last minute 5-4 defeat. There is real hope the team can push to win the league this season. A nice side story is that a couple of players from the village whom joined the club as u10s are now playing for the adult team!

### **Senior Sunday**

Another team with a mixed start to the season has seen three wins and two defeats from their five matches. Results have been varied ranging from a thumping 14-3 victory to a 6-1 defeat. The team is looking really promising with some good players so there is hope for a really good season.

Fixtures and results of each team can be found via [www.chiseldonfc.co.uk](http://www.chiseldonfc.co.uk) so please have a look and keep up to date with progress. If you have any questions or would like information on the club please get in touch – all team contact details are on the website.

On a final note, the club would like to say a special thankyou to local company Nanogreen Cleaning (<http://www.nanogreen.co.uk/>) who have kindly sponsored new kit and equipment for the U9s. This type of generous support from the community helps keep the club running and is much appreciated.

Regards,  
Matthew.