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➤ Welcome, from the Chairman!

Hello. I am delighted that our enterprising Youth Council have once again published another amazing Newsletter. And would you believe it includes an exclusive interview with Inbetweeners actor Simon Bird. Another exclusive in recent weeks was our Soccer School which we held jointly with Arsenal Soccer Schools, involving a lead coach that spent time coaching at the Arsenal Youth

actor Simon Bird. Another exclusive in recent weeks was our Soccer School which we held jointly with Arsenal Soccer Schools, involving a lead coach that spent time coaching at the Arsenal Youth Academy. There will be more of these in the holidays involving our excellent qualified young coaches alongside the Arsenal guys. Hopefully soon we will get to train and play back at Seaview and you will be able to see and use our new changing and toilet facilities which have been connected up to the mains by the caravan park staff. Roll on spring. Saying that and despite the rain many teams have been able to get some games in and generally have all been playing extremely well right from the U7s through all the 7 and 9 aside teams, with some notable results including an amazing (and one of the best) 0-0 draws I have seen at U12 age group, a great first win for our girls side, and some table topping performance from a number of our older llaside teams.

On the land front you may have seen we made the front page of the Whitstable Times but unbelievably there has still been no positive movement from the Council to help resolve things. Indeed I am still awaiting an official response from Colin Carmichael the Chief Executive to a letter I sent in mid December. Julian Brazier was going to follow things up for us as well. We have now had to defer the application until May and try and get another survey done. One might hope with the elections coming up we see a bit of positive help soon on this? I will keep you all informed.

Wishing you all a great end to the season

Tim

→ Welcome, From The Youth Council! By Charlie

Hello and welcome to the latest Tankerton F.C Youth Council Newsletter. As you probably know by now our youth council is run by some of the players who are aged between 11-18, who have the aim of improving the club and keeping you updated with everything that is going on within the club. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter as it as been written by all the boys and girls within the youth council.

Since the last edition of the Newsletter the Youth Council has been up to various things including working on the Youth Council's very own section of the clubs website. The Youth Council have also visited Chestfield Rotary Club where we pitched our case (successfully I might add) to be given £500 for new equipment!

► Can Burnley beat the drop, will Villa stop the rot? - by Alex

At this point in the season it is important to see the league standings as it is fast approaching the end of the season.

One of the key aspects that has made this a memorable season is the ongoing relegation battle. All three teams who were welcomed to the Barclays Premier League at the start of this season have all had it hard-going.

Leicester City has been struggling for points since the season kicked off, mainly relying on the talented striker Leonardo Ulloa. Burnley and QPR much the same on relying on Danny Ings and Charlie Austin to scramble them out of the danger zone.

After giving Paul Lambert the sack, and appointing Tim Sherwood as their new manager, Aston Villa are hoping to stay in the division although hopes are not high. Hull City and Sunderland arguably had been expected to be in this position at the start of the season but after a hectic January transfer window new signings could be the key to allow the two out of the relegation battle, with Sunderland new signing Jermain Defoe scoring twice in his first 3 games for the club, while Hull City new boy, Dame N'Doye got off to a flyer by scoring an all important second goal on his full debut in a 2-0 home win against Aston Villa.

West Bromwich Albion are escaping the mix, being led by the young prospect Saido Berahino who has had such a good season so far that he is a strong candidate for the next senior England team. Added to that is the experience of West Bromwich Albion's new manager Tony Pulis, who has never been relegated as a Premier League Manager. Surely Pulis will work his magic once again and come May 24th, The Baggies will be safely in mid table.

Crystal Palace are well on the up after sacking poor performing Neil Warnock and bring in the promising Pardew. Alan Pardew was well introduced to a small crowd at Dover Athletic where he kicked off his career with a good 4-0 win and they have won 5 of their last 6 Premier League games. Everton is the main shock in this battle after a well-deserved 7th place finish in the 2013/14 season.



The Interview — With Simon Bird!! By Annie

Youth Council Member Annie managed to secure an interview with Actor Simon Bird, who you will know as Will McKenzie from the Channel 4 series the Inbetweeners!

1. Hello Simon.

Hi Annie.



2. So you're a Crystal Palace fan. What does that feel like?

Have you ever seen the Running of the Bulls in Spain? It's a bit like that. Obviously it's exciting to be in the Premier League, running with some of the game's most powerful animals, but you're always looking over your shoulder, worried that you're about to be trampled, gouged and gored.

3. Who's your favourite player ever?

I like unsung heroes — workhorses like Nicky Butt & Sergio Busquets. I also have an affinity with dependable, unflashy, overlapping left-backs like Leighton Baines or Bacary Sagna, because that was very much my own vibe. But in terms of favourite ever, I'll have to go with Matt Le Tissier. If you haven't heard of him, go and look him up on YouTube right now. He didn't have the physique of a professional athlete, he never even really seemed to run. But he was a bonafide wizard and he scored some of the greatest goals you will ever see.

4. Which one of you Inbetweeners is the best footballer?

Come on. I'm offended that you even need to ask. Blake is a functional lump in the middle of defence (think Gary Cahill). Joe is a fancy dan, all tricks and flicks but no end product. James is prodigiously unfit after years of eating nothing but McDonalds. And then there's me. The real deal. A genuinely world-class left-sided wing-back. A marauding, swashbuckling, four-eyed cyclone, tearing down the side-line, chewing up defenders and spitting out goals, assists, and humorous choreographed celebrations.

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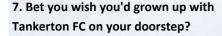
5. Have you played any pro-celebrity matches? Were they terrifying??

We took part in a celebrity six-a-side competition at Craven Cottage one year. Against all the odds, we actually did pretty well. We came top of our group, seeing off such footballing behemoths as Blue, the cast of Merlin, and some CBBC presenters. We then summarily dispatched McFly in the quarter-finals, barely breaking a sweat in the process. But the dream came crashing down in the semis when we came up against a very well-drilled Babyshambles team. It was cagey, niggly affair which was ultimately settled by a penalty shootout. I don't want

to dig up old graves but they did have the ex-Everton and Wales keeper Neville Southall in goal, while we had my friend Tim. And he'd forgotten to bring his gloves. So it wasn't exactly a level playing field. (Yes, I missed my penalty.)

6. What's the worst thing you've ever done on a football pitch?

So I used to referee as well – I did the FA course when I was 16 and started refereeing U13 matches (£14 a pop thank you very much). Anyway, once I forgot to start my stop-watch at the beginning of the half, and realized after a while that I had absolutely no idea how long we'd been playing for or how long we had left. That was a pretty horrible moment. I had to guess when the game was over based on my own internal body-clock, and then brazen out the heckles/jeers/catcalls of assorted confused parents.



Too right.

8. Thanks, Simon. Come and visit our Club sometime.

Sure thing. Thanks very much, and good luck for the rest of the season!





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<u>Tankerton F.C Match Report, Under 13 Colts!</u> by Joe

Tankerton Colts U13 v Tyler Hill U13

Full Time Score: 6 - 3

It was a very different climate to when the teams met 3 months previously, when the Colts came away with a 7 - 0 win in the away fixture, which was just the second game of the season.

On this occasion Tankerton got off to a flying start in the first 90 seconds. Elliot played a superb through ball into Jack, who finished well. The lead was premature, as just 7 minutes later Tyler Hill managed an equaliser. The Colts then regained the lead through Jack scoring his second of the match.

Just 5 minutes later a strike from Tyler Hill found the back of the net. 2-2 at the end of the first half.

In the second half the next goal came for Tankerton Colts. The ball was beautifully floated in from a corner by Joe and was met with a powerful header from Matthew. As a result of Fin's constant battling and tireless efforts to win the ball and keep it, the ball broke to Callum who calmly scored.

This goal was closely followed by another, with a cross from Luis that was helped in by the Tyler Hill keeper. This made the score 6-2, but, there was still time for one more goal and unfortunately Tankerton couldn't stop Tyler Hill from scoring a late consolation goal to make the final score 6-3.







The Quiz!

- 1. Which team pulled off another miracle and beat Sunderland to advance to the quarter finals of the FA Cup?
- 2. How many points were Everton on after 25 games?
- 3. Which former Real Madrid and Portugal winger is launching a campaign to become president of Fifa?
- 4. Which Chelsea player scored in Chelsea's 1-1 draw with PSG?
- 5. Who scored the winning goal which saw Liverpool beat Tottenham 3-2 on the 10th February 2015?
- 6. Who Replaced Harry Redknapp as Queens Park Rangers Manager?
- 7. Who do England play at Wembley in a Euro 2016 Qualifier in late March?



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