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Welcome, News, Updates & So much more!

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## Breakthrough! Work Starts on New Ground!



## Welcome, From The Chair of the Youth Council!

Hello and Welcome to Issue 11 of the Tankerton FC Youth Council Newsletter, our first of the new season!



I hope everyone has had an enjoyable start to the season. It is so far turning into another exciting season for the club and at this early stage it promises to be even better than the last! Off the pitch, I am delighted to welcome 6 new members to the clubs Youth Council. The new members have so far been very positive in the meetings and I am very pleased to be working with another driven group who want to make contributions to the club through the Youth Council. Many of the new members have already created articles that are in this newsletter, so it is great that they are already getting involved! We have already come up with some exciting ideas as a group to help contribute to our current projects so we hope to be able to share those with you very soon! On another note, it is great to see that the club has finally been granted planning permission for the new ground. It has been a long time coming and ensures that the future continues to look bright for a club that I have been a part of for 12 seasons now and I look forward to watching the site develop over the next 18 months.

In the mean time, on behalf of the Youth Council and the rest of the club, I hope you enjoy this edition of the Newsletter!

*Toby*

## In the News

Sadly, we have to report that Dan Croft has decided to step down from the role of Chairman at the club due to the increased demand on his fostering business and his growing workloads over the past 6 months. Dave McGovarin and Terry Whyte, in their respective roles as Club Secretaries, will now take over the running of the club on a day to day basis. We would like to thank Dan for his time as Chairman, and of course Dan will remain as a coach and manager for his teams and will still be an integral part of the club.

Also, in the last few weeks, the club has presented a check of £500 to the Kent Air Ambulance. The money was raised through a charity football match played by the club's men's team against Celeb FC, a side made up of celebrities who play in charity games. A huge thank you to all those involved in making the game happen and the Kent Air Ambulance was a fantastic cause for the proceeds to go to. We are very lucky to have such a fabulous resource in our County.



## Planning Permission Granted!

After a 6 year long struggle, with plans for possible new homes come and gone along the way, in late August, the club was finally granted planning permission for its new ground on the site adjacent to the St Augustine's Business Park on the bends between Whitstable and Herne Bay.

At times this never looked like happening, but we never give up at Tankerton FC so after going round in circles for many months and in some instances years, our perseverance paid off and I am delighted to announce that work has now already started on the site!

If you have passed the site recently you will have noticed that Matt Rigden Landscape Services have been using a hand powered strimmer to cut back lots of the long grass. This work will continue over the coming weeks and will also include the chopping down of most of the bushes and other bits of large vegetation around the site. By chopping all of this back now, it enables the club to push on with the project in the spring as we won't interfere with birds nesting in the bushes when nesting season arrives. Matt Rigden Landscape Services are using hand held machinery in order to fulfill our promise of protecting any rare or endangered species on site, such as the Great Crested Newts, as using heavy vehicles on site means that we may be putting these at risk of being harmed. Until we are able to move the Great Crested Newts from the site to their new home on Duncan Down in the spring, we will be using lighter machinery to clear the site.

It is great to finally be on site and progress is now definitely being made with each passing day, however, there are still plenty of hurdles to overcome but exciting times really do lie ahead and we look forward to informing everyone of the progress going forward.

# → The Top 10 Christmas Gifts for Football Fans !!

Whether you are looking for a small gift as a stocking filler or a larger present for that football crazy friend or relative, have a look at the list below for some **great ideas** and **inspiration....**



- 1. 2 for 1 Chelsea Adult Tour of Stamford Bridge (other clubs available)**  
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- 5. Barcelona - Football (Signature) by Barcelona F.C.**

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## 7. Liverpool FC Official Football Gift Faux Suede Wallet - A Great Christmas Gift Idea For Men And Boys—by Official Liverpool FC Gifts

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## 8. Tottenham 'White Hart Lane' Stadium 3D Puzzle—by Paul Lamond

Info—Price £18.99 - £28.99

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## 9. West Ham United FC Official Football Gift Exam Set—by Official West Ham United FC Gifts

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# → Mourinho v Guardiola: Part 1!

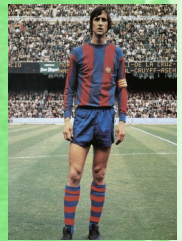
Arguably two of the greatest managers of the modern game headed to Manchester over the summer to take two of the hottest jobs in football and here one of our Youth Council members profiles the new man in the blue half of Manchester Pep Guardiola, In our next newsletter, we will profile the man in the red corner, Jose Mourinho!

## Pep Guardiola

**Personal Life** – Guardiola was born to Dolors Sala and Valenti Guardiola. He has two older sisters, and a younger brother Pere, who is a football agent. He married Cristina when they were 18. The couple have now spent 24 years together, and have three children, Maria, Marius and Valentina.



**Footballing Career** - Josep “Pep” Guardiola Sala was born in Santpedor, Barcelona. He joined La Masia at the age of 13 and rose through the ranks at the youth academy of Barcelona for six years, making his debut in 1990 against Cadiz CF. Guardiola played as a defensive midfielder and spent the majority of his career with FC Barcelona. He was part of Johan Cruyff’s “Dream Team” that won Barcelona’s first European Cup. After 17 successful years, the Barcelona captain left his boyhood club, and joined AS Roma in 2001. He continued his footballing career with Brescia, Al Ahli in Qatar, and Dorados de Sinaloa in Mexico.



**Idol: Johan Cruyff** - As a child, as a player and as a manager, Guardiola idolised former Barcelona great Johan Cruyff. There is no doubting that his Dutch hero was significant in the success he achieved both as manager and player. Pep has successfully followed in the footsteps of Johan Cruyff, achieving excellent success as manager, so much so, that his impressive playing career is dwarfed in comparison. Also Johan Cruyff was a strong part of the play style called Tiki-Taka which Pep used throughout his career. Tiki-Taka is a style of play represented by short passing and keeping possession.

**Managing career** - Pep has managed Barcelona, Bayern Munich and now Manchester City. He is a great manager with excellent successes, trophies and achievements. The story is yet to conclude for this great man.

**Interesting fact** - Pep's favourite group is Coldplay!

# → Congratulations Phil!

Tankerton FC's Club Welfare Office Phil Barton has been crowned a Safeguarding Star by the NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU). Phil is and has been a pivotal part of our club having devoted so much of his time to the club for over 10 years. Phil was also instrumental in giving his backing to the formation of the Youth Council.

Phil was nominated by Tim Elgar, Chair of Trustees for Tankerton FC, who said: "When Phil started at the club there were only six or so teams, today there are 33 and over 400 children on our books. Without his help in ensuring every one of our coaches and volunteers were put through the safeguarding courses and CRB checks we would not have been able to grow safely and cater for the number of children we do today."

Phil works full-time as a Quantity



Surveyor and upon hearing that he had won the award had this to say: "Providing an environment in which children and young adults feel safe and their families have confidence that the welfare of their children is foremost, is a priority for Tankerton FC. We are also very keen to promote young people's involvement beyond just playing, which is why we are particularly proud of our Youth Council.

"Finding out that I had won this award came as a total surprise as I was unaware I had been nominated. I became Tankerton FC's Club Welfare Officer after a period of time coaching with the club. I have found it at times to be a very challenging but ultimately rewarding position. My role would however have been far more difficult if it was not for the excellent support I receive from the club's executive committee and our managers."

Former British wheelchair racer Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson presented Phil, and five other winners, with a framed certificate and a star shaped award at Wembley stadium on the 5th of October at the CPSU's safeguarding event 'Safeguarding in sport: Taking our lead from young people'.



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