



## **Gullane Athletic Amateur Football Club**

### **Welcome Letter – 2015 Season**

#### **Introduction**

With the new season approaching fast, just a quick note to give you some information regarding the coming 2015 football season at Gullane Athletic Amateur Football Club.

We are very pleased to confirm that the club continues to grow and expand, with around 85kids now playing regularly across the age groups.

Following the resurrection of the club 7 years ago, 2015 will mark the progression of our oldest 2003 age group into 11-a-side. At the other end of the scale our 2008 age group will start playing 4-a-side festivals in March. Good luck to all of the teams right through the age groups!

#### **Club Structure**

The growth of the club over recent years is testament to the support of many individuals in and around the village who take time to contribute in many different ways, whether through coaching, contributing to the committee proceedings, fundraising or simply being there on cold weekend mornings to cheer along the kids from the sidelines.

Whilst we don't necessarily want to change something that is not broken, we believe it is appropriate that the support structure within the club is extended to ensure efficient management of the growing demands, which is something that was discussed at the recent AGM. If you have any spare time and/or would like to contribute to the growth of the club, please contact one of the committee noted below, your help and support would be much appreciated.

In the meantime we thought the following would be useful with respect to key age group contacts across the club:

#### Key Age Group Contacts:

2003 – Tom Heaphy	<a href="mailto:tom.heaphy@tsb.co.uk">tom.heaphy@tsb.co.uk</a>
2004 – Mike Mackie	<a href="mailto:mikemackie1965@aol.com">mikemackie1965@aol.com</a>
2005 – Euan McNeil	<a href="mailto:euanmcnei@aol.com">euanmcnei@aol.com</a>
2006 – Duncan Thomas	<a href="mailto:dthomas@slrconsulting.com">dthomas@slrconsulting.com</a>
2007 – Angus Fyfe	<a href="mailto:Angus.Fyfe@macdonald-hotels.co.uk">Angus.Fyfe@macdonald-hotels.co.uk</a>
2008+ - Malcolm Sievwright	<a href="mailto:malcolm.siewwright@btopenworld.com">malcolm.siewwright@btopenworld.com</a>

#### **Committee**

Please refer to the [club website](#) for details of the current committee.

## Communication

We now have 6 separate age groups within the club, and as a result effective communication is paramount to ensuring that all aspects of the club's administration run as smoothly as possible.

We would encourage everyone involved in the club to use as many of our communication routes as possible, including:



[@GullaneAthletic](https://twitter.com/GullaneAthletic)



[Gullane Athletic Amateur Football Club](https://www.facebook.com/GullaneAthleticAmateurFootballClub)



[www.gullaneathletic.org/](http://www.gullaneathletic.org/)

Key age group contacts will be in touch over the coming weeks to refresh parental consent forms etc, as always we would appreciate everyone's prompt action and response with these important documents,

## Subs

At the recent AGM the committee voted unanimously for the subs to remain unchanged at £40 per player for the season, reflecting the importance that the committee feels towards providing all players with the opportunity to play football. The age group contacts will be in touch shortly requesting payment of subs, and we would appreciate your prompt response.

## Fundraising

As with any club of this nature, GAAFC relies upon annual fundraising to help contribute towards SFA registration fees, training venue costs, new kit etc. As a growing club we need to keep the momentum going and with various successful events held over recent years allowing us to maintain the annual subscriptions as low as possible we will look to continue to hold fundraising events throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to make special thanks to Debbie Chisholm, Hannah Fyfe, Anna Gordon, Nicola Stuart and the many others whose hard work and efforts contributed to the highly successful Fundraising Race Night in November which raised a staggering £2,114 for the club.

It would be great if we had a social/fundraising committee, a small group of parents who would like to take this on for the year. We usually have only one or two fundraising events which could, but don't have to, be combined with the "mid-summer-break-up" (in the past we have had home baking and bacon rolls at the park) on the last playing day before the summer holidays and the "End-of- season-break-up" in November.

Let's let the coaches focus on the coaching, there are definitely parents out there who are really good at organising social events – please consider coming on board for a season! Contact your age group coordinator or any committee member if you are able to take this on.