



St. Mary's Football Club

Newsletter

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Triumph at Loughside Tournament

St Mary's Football Club is revelling in success from the recent Loughside Tournament. The tournament was held from 23rd – 28th August at Grove Playing Fields and saw teams from Under 10 up to Under 16.

St Mary's fielded teams in each category with Under 13, Under 15 and Under 16 winning their respective games to become tournament winners, whilst success for the Under 12's and Under 14's saw each

dying seconds.

The Under 11 team had another success in the form of Ryan Doherty who won Man of the Tournament for his strong performance across the whole tournament – Well Done Ryan !!

Club Chairman Eamon Morgan said:

“Loughside is a fantastic pre-season tournament and one that St Mary's



Under 11 Ryan Doherty who

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whilst success for the Under 12's and Under 14's saw each team lift the plate for their category. The Under 10 team played well against Carnmoney Colts but were beaten at the last, although some great passing was displayed throughout. The Under 11 team were beaten in extra time in the final although a sterling performance saw them hold out to the

pre-season tournament and one that St Mary's has always performed well in. I cannot praise the boys enough for their individual and team performances put in over the last week, a great start for the teams and the club and we look forward to a successful season ahead. I'd also like to thank all

the supporters and parents

Results 4

In the Spotlight 4



Below Under 14. Right Under 15



Top above left to right Under 10, Under 11, Under 12. Above Under 13 in action.

2010/11

Team Managers

Under 9 Dee O'Neill

Under 10 Eamon Quinn

Under 11 Donna McNulty

Under 12 Seamus McLarnon

Under 13 Eamon Morgan

Under 14 Stephen Turner

Under 15 Alistair McDairmid

Under 15 James Tohill

Under 16 Joe Quinn

Under 17 Paul McGrath

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of St Mary's Football Club's monthly newsletter.

This is an opportunity to highlight the progress of the teams throughout the season as well as to keep parents and the local community aware of events and ways in which they can support the club. St Mary's FC is now in its 14th year and we find ourselves going from strength to strength with more players coming forward

each year and the standard of good football being played increasing alongside this.

The club is always keen to hear from new players from all age groups as teams range from Under 9—Under 17. We also have opportunities for parents and volunteers alike to get involved whether its in transportation, coaching or even helping with fundraising

events.

If you have an interest or skill that you feel might be beneficial to the club, or even if you just want to get involved we would love to hear from you.

You can contact us through our website www.st-marysfc.co.uk or visit our Facebook page. Alternatively you can contact Denise Burns on 07715582568.



St. Mary's Football Club

Executive Committee

- Frankie Wilson
- Eamon Morgan
- Brian Byrne
- Alistair McDiarmid
- John Joe Walsh
- Stevie Turner
- Pauline McDiarmid
- John Meighan
- Denise Burns

Under 9 Player of the Month—Deaglan McDiarmid

Deaglan McDiarmid was selected as the manager, Dee O'Neill's choice for

player or team in the world who would it be?

I would like to play against Messi

I would like to play for Celtic at Celtic Park or for Barcelona and I want my mum, dad and brother to

“Deaglan has actively listened and followed the instructions of all the coaches, showing a willingness to learn and concentrating on improving his skills whilst importantly still

selected as the manager, Dee O'Neill's choice for player of the month for the Under 9 team.

Interview with Deaglan

How long have you been with the club and what position do you play?

I started with St Marys in September and I am a striker.

What team do you support?

I support Celtic and Barcelona.

If you could play against any

who would it be?

I would like to play against Messi, he plays for Barcelona.

What has been your best moment with the club/your team so far?

I have met new friends, scored some good goals in training. I also played a friendly match against Carnmoney but it for the Under 10s. My coaches are cool as well.

What is your ambition for when you are older? What do you want to do?

Celtic Park or for Barcelona and I want my mum, dad and brother to be very proud of me and also my grannys, grandpa and all my aunts, uncles and cousins as well.



concentrating on improving his skills whilst importantly still having fun! He has taken on board all the advice and tips given during coaching sessions and has been able to transfer these skills and techniques to match situations..

He has been a pleasure to coach and I have no doubt he has a great future ahead with St Mary's."

Dee O'Neill (U9 Manager)

Under 17 Player of the Month Kristian Healy aka 'Alonso'

Kristian was selected by manager Paul McGrath as the Under 17 player of the month for his consistency in training and his excellent attendance. As you can see from his photo Christian broke his arm at the game on Saturday 11th September, he's out for 6 weeks and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

Interview with Christian

How long have you been with the club and what po-

sition do you play?

I've been with the club for 3 years now and play at centre mid-field.

What team do you support?

Liverpool FC

If you could play against any player or team in the world who would it be?

I would love to play against the current Real Madrid Team, and the player I would most like to play against is Xabi Alonso. I'm

not sure I'd beat him though!

What has been your best moment with the club/your team so far?

My first end of season trip to Scotland

What is your ambition for when you are older? What do you want to do?

I want to make loads of money (Christian didn't say how he was going to do this!!)



Christian Healy—Under 17

News in Brief

The Club wishes Matthew Harvey (U16) a speedy recovery after breaking his collarbone.

Congratulations to the U16 squad on their sterling start to the season—they are currently top of the league.

Toddler and Mini Soccer sessions coming soon—keep watching the Bulletins, Facebook and our website.

October Golf Outing

Calling all budding Paddy Harrington's and Tiger Woods wannabes

St Mary's FC are having a golf team event on Sunday 17th October 2010. It is in Galgorm Castle Golf Club with the first tee off at 12.30pm.

£100 per 4 Ball

(4 male/female team event)

There will be a Prize Giving ceremony at 6pm in the Clubhouse.

This event has been very

kindly supported by **John Joe Walsh of J&F Trucks.**

If you wish to enter a team and help support the club by having a great day out please contact Alistair McDiarmid on alistairmcdiarmid-pga@hotmail.co.uk



Fundraising Committee

U9—Cathy O'Neill

U10—Margaret Kingsmore

U11—TBC

U12—Una Walsh

U13—TBC

U14—TBC

U15—Pauline McDiarmid

U16—Denise Burns

U17—TBC

Anyone wishing to join the Committee to represent those teams yet to be confirmed

Fundraising Activities

The club has a newly es-

group throughout the

and have other events coming

The club has a newly established and dedicated fundraising committee consisting of parents and committee members. Our key focus is to increase awareness of the club at a local level and the activities offered through mini-soccer and football, and by doing so increase the funding coming into the club to sustain the activities for each age

group throughout the season.

Each team will have a dedicated member of the Committee behind them to encourage proactive fundraising from them as teams to support their end of season events and trips.

After the success of the recent car boot sale in St Bernard's we are excited about making this a regular event,

and have other events coming up so keep checking our website and Facebook for updates.

- Halloween Disco
- Tesco Bag Pack
- Christmas Calendar
- Car Wash
- Christmas Fete & Santa
- Christmas Disco



Committee to represent those teams yet to be confirmed should contact Una Walsh on 07917598439

Thank You

The Chairman and Executive Committee Members would like to take this opportunity to thank those local businesses, parents and those in the community that continually support the work and activities of the club. Support whether financial or otherwise is appreciated

by us all and we thank you sincerely. We look forward to your continued support throughout the season.

Special thanks go to the following:

- Father Dan Whyte
- Staff at St Bernard's Parish Office

- J&F Trucks
- Target Recruitment
- Sopranos Restaurant
- O'Neills Sportswear
- Ski and Sports
- Bathroom People
- North Belfast News
- The Newtownabbey Times

There will be ongoing small fundraisers throughout the season at training sessions—please liaise with managers and coaches for further details.

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History

St Mary's Football Club was formed in 1996 by a group of parents in the greater Glengormley area who wished to provide football activity and participation for the younger boys and girls of the Parish of St Mary's on the Hill. We are a recognised charity with HMRC Charity Reference Number XR98532

Mission

To achieve greater participation by youth in sport and healthy recreation in Glengormley and North Belfast by promoting the development of sporting events, competitions and activities and encouraging participation in sports and recreation by youth from all communities.

We will also assist the mental, moral and physical development of its members through age related practice, coaching and participation in playing football. To encourage proper attitudes to the game of football and promoting high standards of discipline and sportsmanship.

In the Spotlight - Alistair McDiarmid

Alistair is the Under 15 National League Team Manager.

You started St Mary's Football Club in 1996 with

Wilson, what made you both start the club and was it difficult?

The club was initially formed through the parish of St Marys and being keen footballers in our younger

September Results 4th—12th

You started St Marys Football Club in 1996 with Frankie

Under 10	St Marys FC	2	Bloomfield	3
Under 11	St Marys FC	2	Castle Juniors	5
Under 12	St Marys FC	2	Ballynahinch	4
	St Marys FC	1	Ballysillan	2
Under 13	St Marys FC	1	Bloomfield	0
	St Marys FC	2	Eddie Irvine FC	0
Under 14	St Marys FC	1	Carniny Youth	2
	St Marys FC	0	Ballymoney Youth	5
Under 15 (NL)	St Marys FC	3	Warrenpoint	0
	St Marys FC	2	Maiden City	5
	St Marys FC	2	Larne Youth	2
Under 15 (BEAL)	St Marys FC	2	Barn Utd	0
	St Marys FC	1	Carrick Rangers	5
Under 16	St Marys FC	6	Crumlin Utd	0
	St Marys FC	2	Rosario	0
Under 17	St Marys FC	1	Ballywalter	1
	St Marys FC	8	Eddie Irvine	0

The club was initially formed through the parish of St Marys and being keen footballers in our younger days we love the game. Also being parents of sons was a very big incentive and we felt the parish should have its own football club.

The club has come along way in the last 14 years what are the main priorities and challenges for the club this season?

The main priorities of the club are to keep progressing and to focus on the development of younger players and to bring them through to senior level. Also to possibly develop a soccer school of excellence.

Did you play football as a young man, and if so who for and what position?

I played a lot of soccer in my youth represented school teams, youth clubs and played for Southport Reserves in the Northern Vauxhall Conference League. My main position was centre midfield but I could also easily play on either wing.

The boys all support a variety of teams, being a 'wee' bit older and wiser what team do you support and have you always supported them?

I have supported Glasgow Celtic since I was a boy and my favourite player was Paul McStay.

Can you tell us a lesser known fact about yourself?

When I worked at the Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland I had the pleasure of meeting many famous footballers and had got the opportunity to play nine holes with Seve Ballesteros who is my all time golfing hero.