



# The Carlsberg West Cheshire Association Football League



FRED SINGLED OUT FOR HONOUR!

A couple of months ago I promised an article about Heswall's Fred Singleton who received the "ultimate accolade" when he was named as National Volunteer of the Year - at Wembley Stadium!

However, the Cheshire FA beat me to the mark and produced an outstanding piece about Fred in a recent issue of their excellent magazine, 'Xtra-Time'.

Fred, pictured to the left with our own Dave Edmunds, received the award from Sir Trevor Brooking, during the half-time break of the Community Shield game in August.

Fred is at the clubhouse every day and is involved with pitch maintenance, kit washing and hanging out the kit on match days. That is just part of his contribution to the club.

Congratulations, Fred, albeit belatedly!

**DON'T PANIC!** *You haven't missed November's newsletter. We have just adjusted to the following month to prolong the 'shelf life' of the newsletter.*

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## OCTOBER'S MAN OF THE MOMENT

It was only going to be a matter of time before West Kirby's, John Brett secured a Manager of the Month award.

Following a less than impressive start to the season, the Deesiders have slowly but very surely claimed to the top of the Division table, albeit having played two more league fixtures than second placed Cammell Laird.



### West Kirby's last league defeat, a 0 - 1

reverse at home to Christleton seems to be the shock to the system that the Marine Park outfit needed. Since that game, West Kirby have won every game!

### For the record, West Kirby's October record is:

- 3 October, West Kirby 2 - 1 Helsby;
- 10 October, Vauxhall Motors 1 - 4 West Kirby;
- 17 October, Willaston 2 - 3 West Kirby;
- 24 October, Halton 2 - 3 West Kirby (Cheshire Cup);
- 31 October, West Kirby 4 - 0 Marine.

So, John joins Steve Platt of Cammell Laird (August) and Phil Burton of Prescot Cables (September) on this seasons 'roll of honour. Congratulations John!

### NEW MAN IN CHARGE AT RIDGEWOOD PARK

October saw a change in leadership at second division outfit, FC Pensby with the appointment of Tony Davies as first team manager.

Keen to secure a second successive promotion, the club is currently nicely placed just six points behind leaders Mossley Hill Athletic, and they have two games in hand.

All the best Tony!



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## UP FOR THE CUP!

The draw for the second round of the West Cheshire Shield **took place at October's Management Committee meeting.**

The competition is for sides in Division Three of the West Cheshire League.

Following the first round ties that have been completed, the draw looks like this:

Runcorn Town Reserves v Ashville Reserves;  
Christleton Reserves v Richmond Raith Rovers or  
Mossley Hill Athletic;  
**Mersey Royal or St Werburgh's v Manor Athletic;**  
Ashville Reserves v Ellesmere Port Reserves.

Ties are scheduled to take place on Saturday 12 December 2009. Teams are reminded that if the home team ground is unavailable, the tie will be played on the opponents ground.

The revised draw for the second round of the Haworth & Gallagher West Cheshire Bowl has also taken shape.

The competition is for sides in Division Two of the West Cheshire League.

With only one first round tie still to be played (at the time of writing, Mossley Hill Athletic will take on New Brighton on Saturday 21 November 2009) the draw now looks like this:

West Kirby Reserves v Chester Nomads;  
Ashville v Maghull Reserves;  
Mossley Hill Athletic or v Heswall Reserves;  
New Brighton  
Marshalls v Capenhurst.

Ties are scheduled to take place on Saturday 28 November 2009, with the same rule with regards to home ground availability applying.



## INTRODUCING WIDNES TOWN

*I am very grateful to David Flanagan for supplying the following words and pictures to introduce Widnes Town FC Youth.*

*As indicated in earlier issues of the newsletter, the committee is keen to give ALL clubs the opportunity to give an account of their activities in this way.*

*Please send your words and pictures to me, Allen Price. My contact details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.*



At the start of 2009, Bill Morley (secretary of Widnes Dragons), flirted with the idea of forming a town team. This had two aims (a) to provide current Dragons players with an outlet after they reached u16 level prior to open age football and (b) being a rugby town, he felt that the area needed and deserved a football team that played at a higher level, hopefully being able to grow and compete at higher levels as the side developed.

In May 2009, we got together what we thought was the best group of players from the Widnes area and put them through a rigorous 3 week trials period. This was done with the assistance of Peter Carroll and Steve O'Hara who had experience of coaching and working with players at a higher level than myself and Bill.

A squad was selected and pre-season began. The players were put through their paces and responded fantastically. Kits were purchased, the players were given a selection of training wear and the side started to take shape. Being a new side, we have had to start at the basic level and currently use St Peter & St Paul High School pitches.



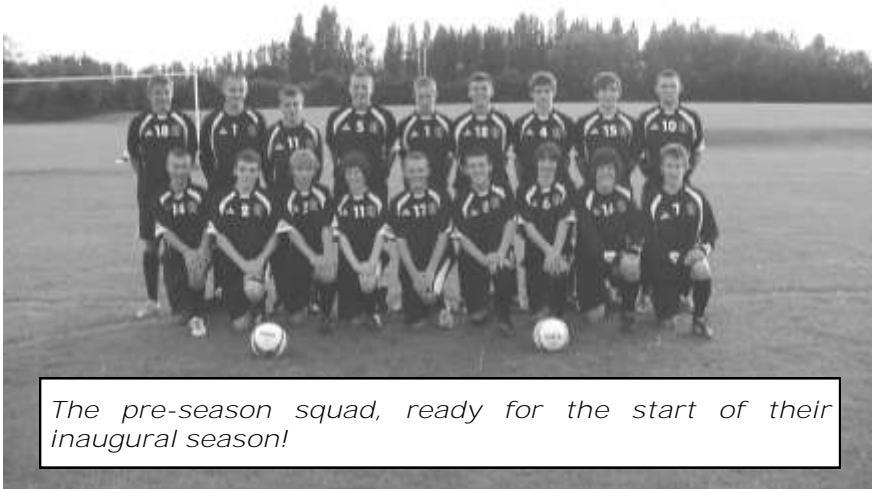
Needless to say, as we develop, we hope to find better facilities, through links with other clubs in Widnes and are hoping that, as we become better known, then funding and sponsorship become a bit easier to obtain.

The side is now looking balanced and whilst Steve O'Hara and several players have moved on or thought it not quite right for them, we are still delighted with the progress that we have made. Despite the toughest of starts with fixtures against Cammell Laird and South Liverpool, we are now on a fantastic unbeaten run and are looking good for a high league position as the season takes shape.

In September 2009, we were delighted to add the name of The Marina Dalglish Charity to the players shirts as the trustees voted to allow us to use their name and are now active in raising funds for the charity.

Hopefully visiting teams feel welcome when they visit Widnes, we are delighted to be representing the town in this league and are grateful that the league have assisted us in getting started.

*David Flanagan*



*The pre-season squad, ready for the start of their inaugural season!*



HUMBER IN LUMBER!

I can't claim the headline as my original work. It is 'nicked' from the Daily Post!

However the good news is that the West Cheshire representative side is back in the National League Systems Cup. They will take their place in the second round of the competition following the expulsion of the Humberside Premier League for fielding an ineligible player in their first round defeat of West Cheshire at North Ferriby.

Whilst we would always prefer to go through on merit, it has to be pointed out the ineligible player played a **major role in Humberside's victory.**

A quick referral back to my report of the game will reveal a glowing **account of Church Lane FC's 'keeper,** Phil Dobson. Subsequent enquiries revealed that Dobson was, in fact, a contracted player with Unibond League side, Goole AFC.

So West Cheshire will travel to meet the Lancashire Amateur League in the second round.

The game takes place at the Arbories Memorial Sports Ground, (the home of Premier Division North West Counties League side, Padiham,) on Wednesday 2 December 2009, with a 7:45pm kick-off.

Manager, Steve Platt, and his team are working hard to make **the most of this second chance.** A squad of 'possible's' and 'probable's' has already played a friendly with Colwyn Bay, with a second friendly lined up at Runcorn Town.



A measure of justice for West Cheshire manager, Steve Platt.



## A NEW HOME FOR MERSEY ROYAL YOUTH

Mersey Royal Youth are now to play their remaining home fixtures at Rock Ferry High School, Ravenswood Avenue, CH42 4AN.

From the A41 New Ferry by-pass roundabout, take the B5136. At the Abbotsford pub (on your left) turn right into Rock Lane West. Ravenswood Avenue is the last road on the right before the T-junction, with the school at the bottom of the avenue.

## WHERE IN THE WEST CHESHIRE WORLD?

September's picture competition proved to be a lot more testing for those who 'had a go' at guessing where the photograph was taken.

Guesses included the King's School playing fields, home of Third Division St Werburgh's. The more popular wrong answer was Heswall's Gayton Park. No doubt Fred Singleton would have put you right on that!.

The correct answer was the Castrol Sports and Social Club, home of First Division Castrol Social. So, congratulations to Maghull fan, Steve T, who was the only respondent to get the right answer.

**So to this issue's teaser. Many clubs have splendid badges, usually taken from the local town crest. Some of these badges are adorned with Latin mottoes. The West Cheshire League is no exception with a number of club's sporting such badges.**

Which club has the Latin motto on their badge which, when translated into English means:

*There is no reward without effort*

Answers to Allen Price please, contact details on page 8.



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## Amateur football League

For up-to the minute news and fixture changes, visit the League's newly revamped website at:

[www.west-cheshire.org.uk](http://www.west-cheshire.org.uk)

In addition you can visit the FA's 'Full-Time' website for all the fixtures, results, tables and goal scorers. From your PC's internet browser go to:

<http://full-time.thefa.com/Index.do?league=9014877>

or from your mobile phone go to:

<http://full-time.thefa.com/pda/Table.do?league=9014877>

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