



Bury Rangers FC – April Newsletter



Welcome everyone to the Bury Rangers FC April newsletter. As another football season starts to wind down, there are still a number of title, promotion and relegation issues to be resolved, however we wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some our successes, challenges and future dates for your diary.

PRESDALES GROUND PROJECT

A number of meetings have been held between East Herts District Council, The Football Foundation, Bury Rangers FC and Wilby & Burnett to finalise the Ground Project details. The current development timescales are:

- Building Regulation Approval – April 2008
- Tender Appraisal / Approval – June 2008
- Order and Mobilisation – July 2008
- Start on Site – August 2008
- Completion – February 2009

The funding has been secured and the developers will draw down the funds as the building works progress. Bury Rangers has also secured monies for Football Development as part of the application.

A public announcement should be imminent, rather than a 3rd hand paragraph in the Mercury. We are just waiting on EHDC and the Football Foundation to confirm a date and the methodology.

I am sure there will be a number of outstanding questions relating to the Ground Project, however I am currently compiling a FAQ sheet for distribution in April. If you still have any questions, please contact me on phil.spears@buryrangers.co.uk and I'll try to answer them.

BURY RANGERS – CLUB STATUS

One of the remits of the Presdales Ground project is that it is a “community” based project. Consequently Bury Rangers FC have applied to the FA, to become a FA Community Standard Club.

This may not sound much, but a great deal of effort went into completing the application, (a big thank you to Steve Smith), and when you consider that only 5 FA affiliated clubs throughout the whole of Hertfordshire, have obtained FA Community Chartered status, this puts it into perspective.

The following has been taken from the FA's website :

•The FA Community Club scheme builds upon the foundations of the Charter Standard scheme in placing clubs at the heart of their community.

•Community Clubs, THE PINNACLE OF THE CLUB DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY, will be those that have a high quality, multi-team (minimum of 10 teams) set up with excellent social, training and playing opportunities for all. As such, the number of community clubs is one of the truest measures of success for the FA Football Strategy

•All new FA Community clubs are required to meet FA criteria, ensuring they provide opportunities for players irrespective of Age, Gender, Religion and Ability. Clubs must also provide qualified coaches, 1st aiders and child protection officers.

The Herts FA have confirmed that the application has been processed, approved by the Discipline Committee and is currently with the Media Group for confirmation.





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BURY RANGERS PRESENTATION DAY – SAT 28th JUNE.

This year, the club are planning to hold our presentation event at Hertford Rugby Club on Sat 28th June.

Having only just managed to secure the venue, the finer details still have to be worked out, however we intend to hold presentations for all Age Groups, with some soccer “celebrities / legends” handing out the trophies. (Managers / coaches, please can you provide Graham with your trophy requirements asap).

During the day we will be running a number of Bury Rangers events / stalls :

- Footballing events / Beat the Keeper / Coconut Shy / Raffle / Kid’s Sweet Stall etc.

Additionally there will be a number of non-Bury stalls :

- Ice Cream Van / Bouncy Castle / Replica shirts etc

The intention is to make it a fun day for everyone and celebrate being part of the club.

These things do not just happen and any volunteers who could help out on the day, if only for an hour, would be greatly appreciated. Please let your Age Group managers your availability and “Thank You” in advance.

To reduce the workload, we have arranged with the Rugby Club to be in charge of Food & Drink, which will be available to purchase on the day, so volunteers will be helping out on the stalls. Looking ahead, if everything goes to plan, we can repeat the event next year in the newly built Presdales clubhouse!!!

BURY RANGERS – OTHER NEWS

MHRML REGISTRATIONS 08/09 SEASON:

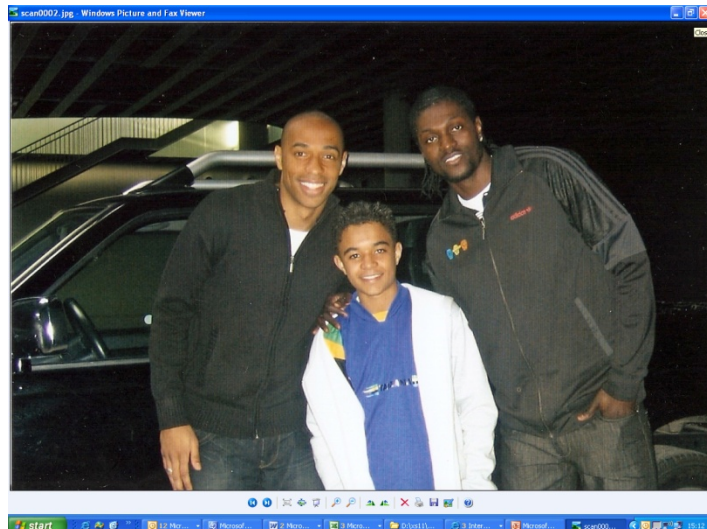
Eric McNeill has just been informed that Bury Rangers need to submit the registration forms for next season no later than Thursday 5th June. Therefore can all managers / coaches please start considering players for next year. The club, will be imposing an ABSOLUTE deadline of Friday 30th May, which will only give Eric a few days to finally collate everything.

A STAR IS BORN:

Ben Hart in our U15's got through a soccer skills & acting audition and was picked to take part in a video for the Elton John AIDS foundation. In Feb, Ben (and his Mum) flew to Barcelona for 3 days to take part in a video with Thierry Henry and Emmanuel Adebayor. It will be shown in Europe, Africa and eventually the UK.

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?:

Congratulations to Paul Ross-Gardner for completing the London Marathon. After cruising the 1st half of the race, he hit the “wall” in spectacular fashion and literally crawled over the finish line in 5hrs 25mins. He has been living on a diet of Ibuprofen since, but his brave / foolhardy actions benefitted the club, with half of his monies raised being given to the club. Well done Paul and anyone that pledged please pay your money.



BURY TOUR - CLACTON:

Less than two weeks to the next Bury Rangers tour, returning to Clacton. The club representation is higher than any other previous years with some age groups taking 3 teams. Lets hope the weather brightens up and looking forward to meeting up with everyone