



Welcome Pack 2018/19 Season

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This booklet is designed to provide you with information about St Peter's Iver Football Club, it contains:

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These policies are also available on the website for reference:

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## Welcome to the new 2018/19 season

Dear children & parents,

A very warm welcome to St Peter's Iver Football Club. For both those returning from a previous season welcome back and to those who are new to the club we hope that you enjoy training with us.

Last year was yet another great season with record numbers children being involved. We were lucky with the weather and it was great to see so many children of all ages enjoying and enthusiastically taking part in football each Saturday. Congratulations to the Crusaders for winning their Cup competition for a third year in the row.

As we venture in to the new season I would like to remind everyone that the club is run by volunteers. Without the generosity of those that give up their time, the club would simply not exist. We encourage everyone to get involved in one way or another, there are a range of opportunities depending on the time you have available. It is really rewarding to be part of a club like this so please speak to me or your team coach and give it a try.

Areas you can help:

1. **Coaching / assistant coaching** (no experience required, just enthusiasm, see your coach, the more help there is the quicker the kids will develop)
2. **Refereeing matches** (no qualifications are required to referee mini soccer, see your coach)
3. **Running the line** (no qualifications other than an understanding of the offside law)
4. **Welfare officer & First aiders** (some training courses, but then, hopefully, nothing else to do)
5. **Helping to set up before and after training** (goals and coffee bars need to be set up and taken down – please don't just watch your team's coach have all the fun!)
6. **Coffee bar** (we will be setting up a rota this year rolling between each year group)
7. **Events** (we have two set piece events a year, see James Fox)
8. **Administration** (sorting registrations, ordering hoodies, ordering club kit, see Stuart Appelbe)
9. **Maintaining the pitches** (we mark out the lines a few times a year, see James Fox)
10. **Sponsorship** (feel free to sponsor a new kit, speak to your coach or Stuart Appelbe)
11. **Treasurer** (we will need to line up a new Treasurer next year, see Rob Wainwright)

Child welfare is our top priority and we expect it to be yours too. Please read our child welfare page, show it to your child and explain what the helpline numbers are for. Please also read the letter and documents on the page to understand your responsibilities. Above all be vigilant and report any concerns to Stuart Applebe or me without delay.

Should at any point you have any questions, or wish to discuss anything regarding the club, please feel free to come and speak to me on Saturday mornings or alternatively give me a call or send an email.

It is always good to receive your feedback, good or bad, as it helps the club develop. I hope you enjoy the season, we are all looking forward to it.

*James Fox*

James Fox

## What we offer

The club is a charity, run by volunteers. They give up their time freely because they enjoy passing on their knowledge and being part of a community initiative. In return, we expect that everyone behaves in line with the minimum standards set out in our codes of conduct which you will find attached to this pack and on the website.

The club has a strong underlying philosophy of making football coaching possible for children of all ages irrespective of their ability, within the constraints of space and coaches that we have available. We strongly feel that coaching should be accessible and enjoyable to all that take part.

The aim of the club is to provide a service that will benefit the children of Iver and the surrounding areas. Our role as coaches is not only to teach football but also to instill a disciplined and considerate attitude in all those who attend. This is done in the belief that not only is it the way that we feel sport should be played but that it will also aid the children as they develop and mature.

We have been very fortunate to have many children taking part over the last few years. This is a very positive trait; however, we do have a limited number of coaches and limited space for playing at Richings Park.

Consequently, this has meant that we have far more children at most age groups than we can ever hope to play in matches. Sadly, this has caused concern for some parents. This said we value every child who comes to the club and want to see them develop as individuals and in their football ability (whatever that may be).

As a club, we remain committed to all the children and offer all of those in the U10 age group and below the chance to take part in regular weekly coaching and training sessions. Unfortunately, we cannot and do not promise anything further than being all inclusive for training.

We try to play friendly matches as well wherever possible, and for age groups U10 and below the FA have determined that all matches will be considered non-competitive which precludes the publishing of results. However, the coaches still need to decide whether each player is ready for match-play, which could affect confidence and hinder development.

For the older age groups (U11 and above) there is a realistic maximum squad size of 18-20 to ensure that everyone does get some game time, although we try to accommodate as many children as possible.

We hope that you understand we are unable to offer any guarantees in respect of matches and playing in the St Peter's Iver teams.

## Funding

The Club aims to be as inclusive as possible and to maintain this ethos parents & carers are asked to consider making a voluntary annual donation to the club. Donation forms are available on the website and we suggest a minimum donation of £45. The actual cost per year is between £60 - £65 per child and we aim to offset some of this through other income. We do not have formal signing on fees etc. but without your financial support the club would not be able to function for the full benefit of the children. If you are a taxpayer please complete the gift aid form which will allow us to reclaim additional funding from the government. Gift aid brought in over £1300 last year that is invested in kit and pitch fees etc.

The average cost of running the club for a season is well over £6,500 having increased over the last few years. Details of club accounts are available on request. We provide all training equipment and team kits.

A significant amount of funds for equipment/running costs are raised from our highly successful parent / volunteer run coffee bar, which is a great way to get involved with the club and get to know people.

## Club communication

Our website is the one of our main methods of contact between the club and children/parents and I encourage you to visit it regularly. A lot of the coaches use WhatsApp or old school texting to keep in regular touch

The club will communicate via the home page, your coaches will communicate via the team pages. Some coaches also use Teamer to help organize events and fixtures.

If the ground is not fit to play/ train it will be announced on the Home page, if your team coach has made other plans it will be announced on the Team page.

*Further contact details can be found at the end of this Welcome Pack.*

## Where are we?

Most of the junior teams can be found at Richings Sports Park, where we are fortunate to enjoy superb facilities which are the envy of many visiting teams. The Sports Club provide safe and pleasant surroundings for both players and spectators alike and we respect this opportunity by leaving the site as we expect to find it the following week. Please ensure that all rubbish is placed in the bins provided.

Some of the older team's train at our second ground in West Drayton. Please note there are no coffee facilities there.

## A Short History St Peters Iver Football Club.

St Peter's Iver FC was started in 1996 and began with only a handful of children attending the weekly training sessions. This grew slowly until in 2000, we could form a team. The team was entered into the under 10's division of the Chiltern Churches Junior Football league. Gradually, thanks to the support of the parents and the children, the club grew and we could run teams at other age groups.

Because of the continued support we now cater for children from 4 up to 16 and beyond and have around 150 children registered with us. This season we will again be running teams in the Chiltern Churches Junior League and a men's team in the East Berkshire League (Division 4). This enables many children to participate in a friendly but competitive environment. In addition to the teams, weekly training continues for any children in the age groups under 10 and below not wanting to or able to participate in the team squads.

## Useful contacts

### Club Officials

<b>Chairman:</b>	James Fox	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Rob Wainwright
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mick Holden	<b>Welfare Officer:</b>	Stuart Applebe

### Main contacts

Role	Name	Home	Mobile	Email
U6 Coach				
U8 Coach	Kieran Mongey		07957494119	<a href="mailto:kmm3029@yahoo.co.uk">kmm3029@yahoo.co.uk</a>
U9 Coach	Richard Rowntree		07791 173845	<a href="mailto:richard.rowntree@aol.com">richard.rowntree@aol.com</a>
U10 Coach	Marcin O		07958358111	<a href="mailto:marcinoszcz@hotmail.co.uk">marcinoszcz@hotmail.co.uk</a>
U11 Coach and Welfare Officer	Stuart Applebe		07841 494489	<a href="mailto:s.applebe@hotmail.co.uk">s.applebe@hotmail.co.uk</a>
U12 Coach	James Fox	01753 582949	07780 994707	<a href="mailto:Jfoxy1980@googlemail.com">Jfoxy1980@googlemail.com</a>
U13 Coach	Patrick O'Looney		<a href="tel:07958358111">07958358111</a>	<a href="mailto:patrickolooney@yahoo.co.uk">patrickolooney@yahoo.co.uk</a>
U16 Coaches and Treasurer / Secretary	Rob Wainwright	01753 678527	07999 521848	<a href="mailto:Rwainwright8@gmail.com">Rwainwright8@gmail.com</a>
	Mick Holden	01753 601548	07850 214915	<a href="mailto:mholden@onetel.com">mholden@onetel.com</a>
Men's Coach	Mark James		07796 996082	<a href="mailto:mark1_james@btinternet.com">mark1_james@btinternet.com</a>

## Home Grounds:

Richings Sports Park	Church Road Park
Wellesley Avenue, Richings Park, Iver, Bucks. SL0 9BN	Church Close, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 7PY

## Codes of conduct

As a player, you agree to:

- be prepared to start training at the time specified by individual coaches

- be appropriately dressed in the correct footwear and any safety equipment needed, i.e. gloves, shin pads, etc.
- remember to always bring a drink to training/matches
- listen to your coach and be respectful
- set a good example for others and show respect to them whether they are opponents, officials, spectators or team mates
- encourage team mates always, mistakes are a part of football and learning
- accept the referee's or linesman's decisions without protest
- not use inappropriate language or actions, do not seek to cause harm to any player
- act in the spirit of fair play and do not seek to cheat or deceive officials
- accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally
- look after club property and help put equipment away when asked
- smile and have fun!

As a parent/spectator within the Club you agree to:

- ensure your children have the appropriate clothing; equipment; drinks; and medication;
- inform coaches before leaving children and remind them of any medical conditions;
- listen to and comply with any requests from the coaches;
- avoid coaching during the game;
- be positive and encouraging towards all the children, not just your own;
- applaud the opposition as well as your own team;
- not to shout and scream, use inappropriate language or actions;
- give attention to each of the children involved, not just the most talented;
- respect the referee's decision;
- look after club property, including removing litter;
- pick up the children on time; and
- smile, cheer and have fun!

## Additional Information

- The website is our primary method of communication and the news page will always carry up to date information in respect of events and club information.
- In the event of a cancelled training session a notice will be posted on the St Peter's website ( [www.spfc.co.uk](http://www.spfc.co.uk) ) as early as we are informed and by no later than 9am on the Saturday morning. It is your responsibility to check the website or directly with your team Coach.
- Matches (especially away matches) may still be played even when training is cancelled and all players are expected to check whether they are required.
- We ask that you park considerately for the residents and in particular, do not obstruct emergency access along Wellesley Avenue or at the gated entrance to the Sports Ground.
- We ask that you give due consideration to the facilities we enjoy at Richings Park & avoid wearing muddy shoes anywhere in the building. ALL football boots must be removed at the entrance doors.
- We accept no responsibility for lost property. It is kept for a limited time, usually no more than three weeks and items not reclaimed after this time are given to a local charity.
- We operate a 'Boot Box' system, which allows members to take boots from the box should they need to. To keep the system running we ask that you put your old boots, (cleaned of course!) into the box.

## Keep up to date using:

[www.spfc.co.uk](http://www.spfc.co.uk)

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