

Looking Back on 2010

As 2010 draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your commitment, your efforts and contribution to our performance this year

We look back on the past year with great satisfaction and a sense of achievement of so many club players and teams who give us so much enjoyment each week on the field of play. Our senior team reached the final of the Munster Senior Cup, First Div champions and have started well in the Premier League this season. In the FAI Intermediate cup we are drawn away to Ballyfermot in the 3rd round. Our junior team have also started well, at present are mid table in the league. Again this year we have young squads, and with some new signings we can continue to progress again this season. The under 11, 12, 13 and 16 teams achieved promotion and league honours. The Youths Team are top of the league at present and continue to improve. We have also seen many great performances from so many of our schoolboys/girls teams during the past year who continue to do very well. Emmet Cotter became the 10th Midleton player to be capped for playing for Ireland against Belgium in Belgium at under 16 level



Midleton Senior Team

Early in the year we completed our 3rd phase development costing €110,000 at Knockgriffin Park. We celebrated the official switch on of new floodlights at Knockgriffin with Midleton Stars of the past playing Cork City Legends and we also marked the 25th Anniversary of winning the Under16 National cup with a number of the team present.

The club's All Weather playing facility continues to be a great benefit to the community and the club financially. It's booked out nightly with club teams social clubs firms students all availing of the 5 aside playing pitches.

The club academy, making football fun for all where our stars of the future are born has continued to grow, now catering for over 220 playing members from 5 to 10 years every weekend. The club Players Awards dinner and open day was again a great success with huge support at both events. Our club Lotto is a very important revenue for the club and we appreciate very much the work and support we have from everyone. The lotto will be 20 years in operation next year.

Our summer camp now the biggest supported camp in Ireland for the second year, organised by the FAI and fully booked out well in advance each year, so book early next year if you want to be part of a great week of fun & activity.



Midleton 11 Team

Midleton FC places a major emphasis on coach education. In 2003, the club produced a Football Development Strategy following extensive consultation with its members. Its objectives to improve the standard of football within the club. The primary aims were to put in place a coaching structure. As a result, three overall technical development coaches have been in place now for a number of seasons. Martin Hurley is in charge of the Academy (ages 5 to 10), Leonard O'Driscoll over-seeing coaching development in the 11 to 16 age groups and Liam McMahon catering for the youths junior and senior section. All coaches are actively encouraged to do the FAI Kick-start courses, as well as complete the first coaching qualification – Youth Cert. At present, five coaches have passed their youth cert. The overall target is that within the next few years, that at there will be at least one fully qualified Youth Cert coach assigned to each age group.

Friday night competitive football has arrived and its worth coming along to support the magpies. It is very encouraging in these difficult financial times to see that the sound club structures that are in place have carefully planned another major project on time for Knockgriffin Park. To further develop the club we have set up a forward planning team to look at all options to provide more playing facilities to cater for the expansion of members and teams.

We now have a total of 515 playing members the highest number ever recorded. Our club has 15 eleven aside teams now playing football each week from under 11 years up to senior level. The continuous growth of playing members and teams is another challenge for club management as the need for more adult involvement is so crucial in the management of teams and administration of the club. We have set ourselves a target for the increase numbers at all levels and this will demand a significant extra focus which I am confident will be delivered right across the whole club.

The club Christmas get together will take place on Friday 10th Dec at Wallis bar so come along. We will end the year with our Annual Local Charity event on St Stephen's Day. All are welcome to come along and play in a 5 aside sponsored kick about on the All weather pitches.

Thanks to all the team managers, coaches, committee member's lotto sellers fas workers, volunteers. Thanks also to all our sponsors for their financial support over the years

I would like to thank all of you who have responded to the challenges which we face. I look forward to 2010 with great optimism for what we can achieve together.

I wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and Successful New Year

Michael Kirby
Club Chairman

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