

MIDLETON FOOTBALL CLUB

Secretary's Report 2010-2011

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present for your approval my report on the activities of our club for the past season. During the year the administration of the club was run by a small but very effective Management Team who are often here in Knockgriffin Park 3-4 nights per week. We are growing in numbers and facilities and more people are urgently needed.

Again this year the main club sponsor was Wallis' Bar who also sponsor the senior and junior Players of the Month. On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to thank Seamus Cunningham, Prop of Wallis for all his support and encouragement during the year. I would also like to thank all those who sponsor teams, gear, signs and other events during the year.

Off the field we had a very busy year: our Academy Boys/Girls took part in the St Patrick's Day Parade; the Academy continues to grow with over 200 boys/girls registered this year. We had teams in the U-7 and U-9 small sided leagues. The academy open day was once again a great success with all receiving a certificate and a 'goody bag'.

Congratulations to all who did coaching courses. Thanks to Martin Hurley and his team of coaches who give of their time on Sundays.

Our Club Awards this year was divided into schoolboy/ girl awards which was held outdoors in Knockgriffin Park and the adult awards which was held in Wallis' Bar.

Our U-12 team had a very successful trip to Manchester and thanks to all those who organised the trip and helped in any way.

At present the pitches are getting a rest having been re-sodded. I would ask all managers to consider the amount of use the pitches are getting and to understand when matches have to be called off. Our thanks to our FAS workers — Pat, Terry and Evelyn who do an excellent job in maintaining the grounds, dressing rooms and clubhouse.

Again this year I would like to congratulate Emmet Cotter and Kelvin Krushel who were on the Cork U-16 team who won the SFAI U-16 National Cup. Congratulations also to Leonard O'Driscoll who managed the Cork team. Our

congratulations also to all who were on the Cork team panel and development squads.

On the playing side our senior team under manager, John Ryan, assisted by Barry McMahon had a mixed league campaign. They had a very good run of wins but seemed to falter in the last 6 games to end up 3rd from bottom with 21 points — they had a very good cup campaign reaching the quarter final of the Intermediate Cup being beaten by Crumlin United at Knockgriffin. They reached the 3rd round of the FAI Cup losing out to Cork City 2-0 in a memorable night in Knockgriffin Park. This was the biggest game in Knockgriffin for 20 years and thanks to all who helped to make it so successful.

Our Junior team had a very mixed season under manager Noel Connelly. They went out of the cups early and following a very unsatisfactory development which saw Blarney being awarded points for a previous game the juniors were relegated to the 1st Division.

Some great results from our schoolboys with league wins at U-12 and U-13 and runners-up at U-11, also cup runners-up in U-12/U-16. Girls under 14 runners-up in the cup. Congratulations to all players and managers (see league tables).

The Youth Team and manager, Phil Day had a very good season finishing runners-up in the premier division in the 3rd round of the FAI Cup.

Our Festival of Football was held as usual in August with teams in the Barry Wall tournament and 4 senior teams in the East Cork Cup. The Barry/Wall Cup was won by Midleton who beat Carrigtwohill 1-0.

Casement Celtic won the senior tournament who beat Leeds 2-0. Midleton finished 3rd with a 5-2 win over Cobh Wanderers. Our thanks to McDaid's for their sponsorship. A very successful 5-A-Side competition was organised by John Mallon in July 2010 and again in July 2011.

Fundraising is always a big headache for a lot of clubs and takes up a lot of time. Our main source of income is the weekly Lotto draw. Once again I would appeal to all involved in the club — players, parents, supporters to support the Lotto. Just a few tickets each week makes a difference. Our thanks to a small but active group who organise the collection and the draw on Thursday nights. They are John and Teresa Horgan, Fergus Groarke, Pa Coakley, Michael Kirby, Mossie Horgan and Ger Lehane.

The charity event was held on 27th December and proceeds went to breast

awareness and St Vincent de Paul. We also had a very successful Thanks to all who collected on the day and to those who supported the collection.

My usual appeal to people to get involved. With so many young people playing we must get more parents involved in the various activities of the club. The club is run by a very small group of people and we require more people urgently so I would call on players, ex players, parents and anybody interested in the future of Midleton F.C. to give an hour of their time to help us. We need people in administration, coaching and helping in any way. You do not need any football background or experience. Just come along and we will find a position for you.

In the past couple of weeks we have got the use of the mart field (opposite Knockgriffin Park) as a schoolboy pitch and for training. We hope to have this in use in the coming months. Our thanks to Cork Co-Op Marts for their cooperation in letting us use the field.

Thanks to Eric Desmond, merchandise manager and the ladies who look after the shop on Sundays. Thanks to Seamus of Wallis' Bar our main sponsor; Market Green who sponsor the sports star of the month; Barry wall Tournament sponsor, McDaid's Bar and all other sponsors too numerous to mention who sponsor teams and pitch signs etc. A special mention to Hurley's Super Valu, proprietor John Hurley and Manager, Tommy Grimes who sponsor the football academy, schoolboy teams and many other events during the year. Our thanks to Cash Converters who sponsor our girls section.

On behalf of the Management I would like to thank our managers, coaches and committee members for their contribution to the success of Midleton Football Club. I would like to record my gratitude to the members of the press and local radio for the welcome coverage received.

Finally I wish to thank my fellow officers and committee and all members for their encouragement and co-operation.

Eddie Allen,
Hon Secretary.