



## Chairman's Column:

### *Respect and Remembrance*

*It has been a very sombre and emotional time for humanity over the last few weeks, and the current climate requires our compassion and tolerance more than ever.*



November is always a time for reflection and remembrance. On the weekend of the 7th November we marked our respect with a minute's silence before kick off in memory of those who have fallen in combat. At HBVP the silence before each of the three kick offs was truly impeccable and the respect the youngsters showed to this tradition is very inspiring.

On Friday 13th November, the world was shocked and horrified with the news of the atrocities in Paris. Once again news of hate and fear was spread around the world and many families were left in a state of pure devastation. I ask that as a community of tolerance, dignity and compassion, we show our respect and solidarity once again before kick offs this weekend with a minute's silence.

Respect is something we offer and show to others every single day; at work; at home and on the street. On the football field as players and spectators, this should be no different. Respect doesn't simply refer to impeccable behaviour on the touchline as a coach or to applauding the players off at the end of matches. Respect, for the R DYFL, is all encompassing. It is showing sportsmanship and encouraging the opposition youngsters as well as your own. It is allowing teams to bring an extra player on, or rotating your team if your game is one sided. It is supporting the referee and match officials offering guidance and support to younger referees.



We expect as humans to have respect shown to us every single day. Whether playing, coaching or watching a football match, this should be exactly the same. Please show respect to our youngsters by respecting the game.

Thank you for all your support.

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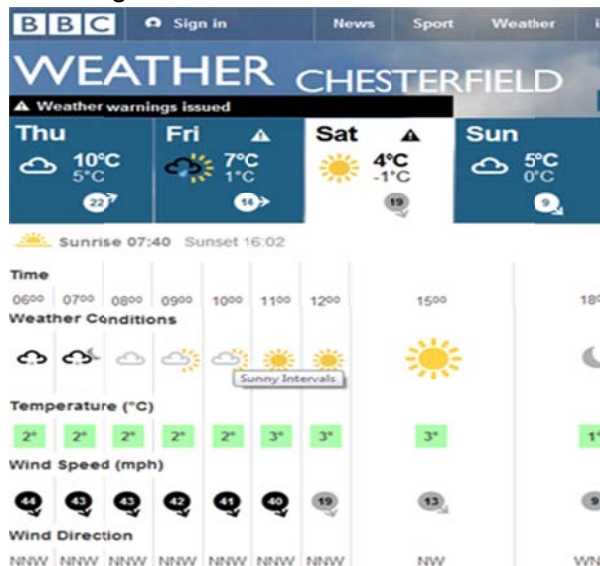




## The Weather

*I think I may have jinxed us in the previous edition by mentioning the weather...*

But I don't think I quite expected a hurricane to hit! The winter weather has truly began to arrive and with the forecast for the weekend set to be cold with the potential for snow, I ask everyone to take extra care when travelling to and from fixtures.



Please take into consideration your opponents when arranging fixtures and rearranging any postponed games. As always let Sean Newton know should you need to change a fixture for whatever reason at the following email address: [fixtures@rdyfl.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@rdyfl.co.uk)

We are looking into all-weather pitches for mini-soccer should the weather deteriorate. However feasibly, this cannot be arranged for the entire league! So far, the drainage at HBVP has held up and not a single week of football has been missed, even if we had to brush standing water and fork the pitches constantly!

I thank you once again for your support and consideration of others as we move through the tricky winter months.

## Player's Column

My thanks go to Isaac Reynolds who plays for Somersall Rangers Spitfires Under 9s.

### Why I love football:

I like playing football because it is fun, challenging and in every game it is fair and the refs are lovely.

I like Somersall because it's fair, caring, friendly and there's a place for everyone. We got the best Manager and coaches I have ever had. At Somersall I've met lots of friends also including players from other clubs.

Even more why I like football is because if you try hard you can earn a goal. Also if you try try and try again you can achieve marvellous achievements.

Isaac Reynolds  
Aged 8

Interested in writing a piece? Please contact

### We need referees!

- Interested in a referees course?
- Want to referee on Saturdays or Sundays?
- Looking to develop yourself and young people?

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