



# (Mid Season) News Letter - Jan 2011

## Vice Chairmans Report

Happy New Year to you all. We all hope that 2011 will be as successful as last year, and above all that our players enjoy their football, win or lose. Off the pitch we are still negotiating with both South Glos Council and Thornbury Town Council to bring our dream of more pitches in Thornbury a step closer. As I have said previously we have two pieces of land that are available, one at the rear of the Leisure Centre car park, and one to the side of Munday playing fields. Of course agreeing their use is only the first step on a long journey. Our plans to create football pitches will cost a minimum of £300,000 even before we provide changing facilities or other extra's. To fund this project we have approached the Football Foundation who have indicated that they will support an application for £150,000, and our friends at Thornbury Town Council have indicated that they will fund £50,000. The mathematicians amongst you will have worked out that we have a shortfall.

Over the years the Club has accumulated a sum of just over £50,000 for this type of project. This surplus has been generated mainly from the surplus made at the annual six a side tournament. We have also tried other fundraising ideas in the past, but we **MUST** now step up a gear. As I said at the presentation night we are looking for your support in our fund raising efforts, **PLEASE SUPPORT US**. I know we are all feeling the pinch these days, but with over 340 registered players, families and friends we should be able to meet our aims. I know that we will not raise all the money overnight, and your children may have outgrown the Club by the time we reach our goal but please support us, so that we can leave a legacy for the Town. I look forward to seeing you at our fundraisers.

## Team News

As a club we have twenty two teams from adults to juniors playing each week. Last season saw the Senior 1st team winning the Gloucester County League for the first time, but so far this season the defense of their title looks a tall order.

Currently in the Junior section we have two teams that are leading their respective leagues U10 Boys HML & U15 Boys AYL. The majority of our teams are in the top half of their respective leagues so it's been a positive first half to the season. Leading scorer this season for all teams is Immy Pearce from the U14 Girls with 19 goals.

## Web Site

If you are a regular visitor to the clubs web site [www.thornburytownfc.co.uk](http://www.thornburytownfc.co.uk) you will have seen some major changes in the last year. Everything you need to know about the club is here from team notices to results, fixtures and league positions. Please view this regularly for all the latest information.

## Fund Raising

The club are raising the effort for fundraising this year and need the support of the parents and players to make this happen. We have set up a Social Committee and a Social Rep network amongst the teams to communicate and promote the events better. The aim is to have two or three major events per year including Race Nights and a dinner and dance plus the annual six a side tournament. It is only with your help that will we achieve our goal. Please see the web site or your Social Rep.

Diary Date - Race Night - 22nd Jan

## Tours Fund/100 Club

Did you know that each season we send a team usually from the under 16's on tour to a foreign land? This tour is subsidised by the 100 club. It costs £12 per year to join and each month there is a draw with three winners. Forms are available for download from the web site.