



## September 2008

Welcome to the first newsletter of the season. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome any new families to the club and to wish all our teams a very successful and enjoyable season.

We held our first Management Committee meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please find below items discussed that we feel maybe of interest to parents and players.

### Kit Deposit Payments

All TJFC players are issued a kit when they start representing the club in matches and whilst there is no additional charge for the kit, we do ask that a deposit cheque of £25 is collected from each player. These kit deposit cheques should be payable to TJFC and should **not** be dated. They will be held by our treasurer and will only be cashed if the kit is not returned to the club when requested. Your manager may be contacting you soon if we do not hold a deposit cheque for each kit you have.

### TJFC Kit

You are kindly reminded that TJFC issued kit is for matches only and should not be worn for training sessions.

### Rain Jackets

Martin Michelmore will once again be ordering in TJFC rain jackets this season, more details will follow on this later, but please note that only 1 order will be completed so please make sure your order is in on time.

### Yellow Line Spectator Boxes

As part of our response to FA Respect Campaign, Reg Spicer is investigating the possibility of installing 'spectator boxes' designated by yellow painted lines, to all of our pitches at the Racecourse.

These boxes will be 1 metre from the pitch sideline, running from the penalty area on both sides of each pitch. No spectators or managers/coaches should then cross the boundary lines during play, unless instructed to do so by the referee. It is felt that this will have a positive impact for referees and assistant referees and keep all our spectators in a safer environment.

### Sportsmanship

TJFC prides itself on its sportsmanship and to promote this further it was agreed that managers will be instructing players to shake hands with the opposing team and the officials at the start of each home match. It was felt that this change should be effective immediately. This gesture should also be offered at away matches as a form of courtesy/respect for all those involved in the match.

### Kitchen Helpers

Our new system of each age group manning the kitchen on a rota basis is working well. A schedule is displayed in the pavilion. If you would like to help out please see your manager or Reg for more details.

### Car Parking

Following the increase in car parking charges in the whole of Tonbridge there is some confusion over the concession we were receiving on Saturday mornings. Reg is in negotiation with TMBC but until further notice please ensure that you purchase a ticket valid for the duration of your stay.

### Kit to Africa

Chris Williams and Martin Michelmore reported that over a dozen old TJFC team kits had been donated to children in Africa. The kits have been very gratefully received. TJFC is happy and proud to support this worthwhile cause.

### Suggestions Box

As mentioned in the last newsletter a suggestions box will shortly be installed at the pavilion for your comments/suggestions that will be heard at future committee meetings.