

CHAIRMANS REPORT
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We come to the end of another season at Central Football Club and once again we have been honoured to boast a membership of 200 boys and young men run by a dedicated team of volunteers.

To all those members and managers, may I firstly thank you for choosing Central and for representing our club with such pride.

May I also add to the list of people to thank, those parents who give their support and assistance, and to my fellow committee officers.

At the time of writing this report may I offer my special congratulations to 2 particular teams; the first being our under 16 team managed by our longest serving manager Steve Bampton, for leading his team to the semi final of the under 16 Juventus League Cup only to lose in extra time, having been reduced to only the bare bones of an 11 man team, with further injuries during the game reducing that to 9 and 2 walking wounded. But despite this, the team fought to the end and gave everything for their very hardworking manager.

The 2nd team is our under 9's managed by Chris Roome who has managed to lead his team through to the under 9 Exeter Friendly League Cup Final and I am confident that Chris and his team will do their very best.

During the last season we held our first organised trip to a Premiership match where we saw Aston Villa beat Newcastle 4-1 giving the 100 people who travelled with us a very enjoyable and trouble free day. I hope to arrange another trip next season so look out for details on the web site!

Respect is something that, as Chairman of Central, I insist on and for that reason I have to report my disappointment when either our members or our managers fail to show respect. Over the last the season there have been incidents where no respect has been given, including abuse to Central managers which resulted in the member leaving the club. Also when members simply decide not to play any more and fail to contact the team manager to notify him of their decision but allow the manager to find out 3rd hand. Also I have to state my bitter disappointment at how a manager resigned his position with immediate effect leaving the entire future of his team in the balance. This was unacceptable and I can only apologise to those team members affected by that departure.

Respect is something that has been brought into question through actions of other teams and their so called supporters in both the EFL and JL I can only reiterate that we at Central Football Club will not tolerate such incidents aimed at our members and managers. As important supporters, please be careful not to cross the line of disrespect!

Next season sees a number of changes for our club with the possibility of the introduction of an under 7's side and an under 17's side. This would likely increase our already healthy membership.

As a Club we are working to achieve FA Charter status which would allow our club to access funds direct from the FA as well numerous other advantages.

Next season, any child from Under 13 upwards will not be able to play a competitive game without the new FA identify card, a busy time for all those concerned with Central Football Club.

Please to those parents and supporters who want to get more involved with the club. We are always ready to receive willing new committee members to share the load.

Once again I know I speak for all concerned in wishing Paul Tisdale and his Exeter City team every success in the play off final against Cambridge Utd.

May I finish by simply reinforcing my thanks to everyone for choosing to play and give support to our great club.

Thank you

Nigel Parker
Chairman.