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Chairman's February'12 Newsletter

Firstly I would like to apologise for not sending out my Newsletter recently, there has been a lot of things happening, and I hope that I can now bring you up to speed on these items.

Firstly I am pleased to announce that the club, have agreed to a partnership with "Treetops Hospice", this will help both the club to raise its profile, while also helping a very worthy cause. It's part of a new partnership between the charity, which supports families in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire who are living with a terminal illness, and Riverside Football Club. The club is showing its support for Treetops Hospice, by wearing the charity's logo on its shirts. The new kit was unveiled at a training session attended by former Nott's County and Derby County footballer Michael Johnson, who is a supporter of Riverside.

Michael said: "Riverside's partnership with Treetops Hospice is a great idea and I'm more than happy to support both organisations in their quest to raise their profiles across the East Midlands. It's great to see that with 27 teams, Riverside is making a considerable contribution to grass-roots football."

Gay Evans, community fundraiser at Treetops, said: "This is the first time our logo has featured on a sports team kit and we are really pleased with the result. We would like to thank the club for their support in raising our profile and awareness in the local community of all the services we offer."

Dale Bywater, Business Development manager, for Riverside said: "The partnership with Treetops is something that we as a Club are very proud of and we are looking forward to being able to help them to raise awareness about the incredible work they do further afield, given that our teams play throughout Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire on Saturdays and Sundays."

The club also held its first ever Dinner Dance at the end of September at Trent lock Golf Club. This was very well attended, everyone had a great night and it is planned to hold the event again this year. I will keep you posted on the date, once I have this from the Events Committee.

I am also very pleased to announce, that in December I was approached by Chris Brookes the chairman of Long Eaton Rugby Club, to hold exploratory talks to look at ways that we can work together and share facilities. This has culminated in a joint announcement by both sets of members on the 23rd January that the two clubs would be embarking on a major development on West Park. Working together under the title "Long Eaton Sports Club" and in co-ordination with Erewash Borough Council, the FA and RFU, the two clubs will embark on a major extension and refurbishment of the former Clubhouse and build a series of much needed changing rooms, meeting rooms and dedicated floodlit training for Riverside.

Project leader, Dale Bywater informs me that the next step is to present the plans to the club membership in a series of meetings and pitch- side briefings if required. Following hot on the heels of the highly successful "Dug-Out", the plan is to create a facility that the local community will be proud of and help both clubs enhance their longstanding reputations as "Community Clubs" providing safe, enjoyable and rewarding sports for their ever growing membership.

Riverside FC has doubled in size over the last three years, and the demand for better social and changing facilities has been increasing day by day. The new development will give the Club a robust foundation to improve the quality of football and cement their position as "the Club of choice" in the local community. At last the club will have somewhere that we can call "Home". You can keep upto date as the events unfold by subscribing to the dedicated Twitter or Facebook page. [Twitter@RJFCclubhouse](https://twitter.com/RJFCclubhouse)

Resignations

I am sad to report that both Adam and Claire Collishaw have resigned from the Exec Committee as of the 10th February. I would like to personally thank both of them for all their hard work and dedication that they have given the club; many thank you Claire and Adam.

Adam and Claire are still continuing their roles with their team.

Appointment

I am pleased to announce that Dale Bywater has agreed to take up the role of Vice Chairman until the next AGM. Dave Haywood has agreed to take up the Business Development role until the AGM, and Gary Pilgrim and Rebecca Orgill are to share the role of YEL Secretary.

Turn Up and Play

Please pass on the details of our turn up and play facility to any friends and family who may be interested. Sessions are for all boys and girls at infant school age (reception, year 1 and year 2). Players should bring suitable footwear, shin pads and a still drink. It is currently £2 per session. For more details please visit our website.

Disability Football Coaching Sessions

The group have moved inside Wilsthorpe School for the winter season, and meet every Thursday 6.00 until 7.00 p.m.

Please pass on the details of our Disability Football Coaching Sessions to any friends and family who may be interested. The coaching sessions are held on a weekly basis and are suitable for ages 6 and upwards (male and female). Please visit our website for more details.

Meetings

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Once everything is finalised with the new Clubhouse, it is my intention to re-commence these meetings. I will let the managers know when this will be.

Events Committee

The events committee are now holding regular meetings.

I am pleased to report that the "Riverside Lottery" is under way, but we still have numbers available. For more information please contact, either, Rachel Sharp, Cheryl Glew, Sally Scard or Rebecca Orgill.

The Club will be holding a "Valentines Dance" at the Moorlands Club Long Eaton, NG10 4FL, 17th February 7.30 pm start. Tickets are priced at £10 per couple, and again please contact one of the above committee members to purchase these. **Please support this I'm sure it will be a great night.**

Riverside Festival 2012

I will update you next month

Long Eaton Carnival

I will update you next month

Sponsors

I would like to thank all sponsors that are supporting our teams.

Girls Football News

Other Club News

Former Riverside starlet Honor Cantrell, who used to play for Adrian Lee's team, has been selected to represent England Girls at U15 level.

Everyone at Riverside wishes Honor every success in the England camp and hopes she breaks through into the adult ladies section soon.

Club Welfare Officer

Nothing to report.

Litter Pick - West Park

Next Date: TBA

If you have any questions, concerns about anything club related, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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