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## 'Step up' in age group just too much for young Scots

### What a day, what an experience....and what a night !!!!

**T**wenty students, twenty sets of families, and twenty thousand sandwiches hit the M6 at 4.30 am last Saturday morning as the Academy embarked on yet **ANOTHER** tiring and exhausting 'away' day. And what a day it turned out to be. We gatecrashed the Deans Tournament in sunny Manchester – and sunny it was ...28 degrees to be exact. The temperature was breathtaking to say the least. The tourney was a 1997 tourney and once again we gave at least six months in age away. In fact John's team gave another year on top of that away by including 1999 superstars **Liam Burt, Ryan Love, Anthony Croal and Ross Henderson**. He also included as part of a makeshift team, the very talented Matthew Innes who is in fact a 2000 player....

Both teams struggled in two very tough sections with the games reduced to five minutes each way because of some irrelevant football match which was supposed to be happening at 4.00 pm...in Germany I think. However the 'School of Excellence' got themselves second place out of failing to concede a goal and the youngsters left us all hanging on till the last kick of the ball....but they won through in fourth place on goal difference. Unfortunately the age banding and the heat started to take its toll.



Ross Henderson in action

Both teams played out their quarter final tie to 0-0, both went into extra time, and still 0-0, and **BOTH** went out on the dreaded penalty kicks rules. Well, the tears flowed, the hugs and the cries could be heard all over Manchester and the exhausted Academy headed up the long trawl up to Scotland. However, a sweet consolation. That 'other' game I spoke about....quarter final....funnily enough....0-0, after extra time 0—0, and gues what....someone had to lose ...**ON PENALTIES** !!!! Pity.

**Just wasn't our day – was it ??**

**Still, there is always Blackpool this weekend >>>**

## The 'Staining' Tournament in Staining (near Blackpool)

Quite a few 'changes' to the squad because on holidays and/or cancellations

<p><b>The Staining Tournament</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2006</b></p> <p>The event will take place at :</p> <p><b>Staining Village Hall</b>  <b>Chain Lane</b>  <b>Staining, near Blackpool.</b></p> <p>Please be there for 9.00 am for a 9.30 am start</p> <p><b>SEVEN A SIDE TOURNAMENT</b></p>		
<i>Under 8's</i>	<i>Under 7's</i>	<i>Under 6's</i>
<i>Born after 31/8/97</i>	<i>Born after 31/8/98</i>	<i>Born after 31/8/99</i>
<b>Bobby Mc Donald</b>	<b>John Renwick</b>	<b>Michael Innes / Jim Ruddick</b>
<b>Competitive</b>	<b>Non-Competitive</b>	<p>We will have to swap round these players so that they all get a wee chance playing 'goal' as Kyle is on holiday.</p> <p>This competition is NON-COMPETITIVE</p>
David Thomson	Paul O Hara <i>O/A</i>	Cameron Stewart
Ross Lyon (Capt)	Liam Bowie <i>O/A</i>	Robbie Martin
Leon Jones	Anthony Croal	Craig Butler
Aiden Mc Elhinney	Christopher Sands	Padraig Dolan
Aiden Gray <i>O/A</i>	Ross Henderson	James Ruddick
Samuel Bullough	Liam Burt	Calum Whyte
Jamie Love	Ryan Love (Capt)	Calum Holland
Ryan Coulter	Connor Stewart	Conor Burt
Gary Keenan	Anthony Ralston	Matthew Innes (Capt)
		Paul Croal <i>O/A</i>

Anyone staying in Blackpool the night before **MUST LET ME KNOW**

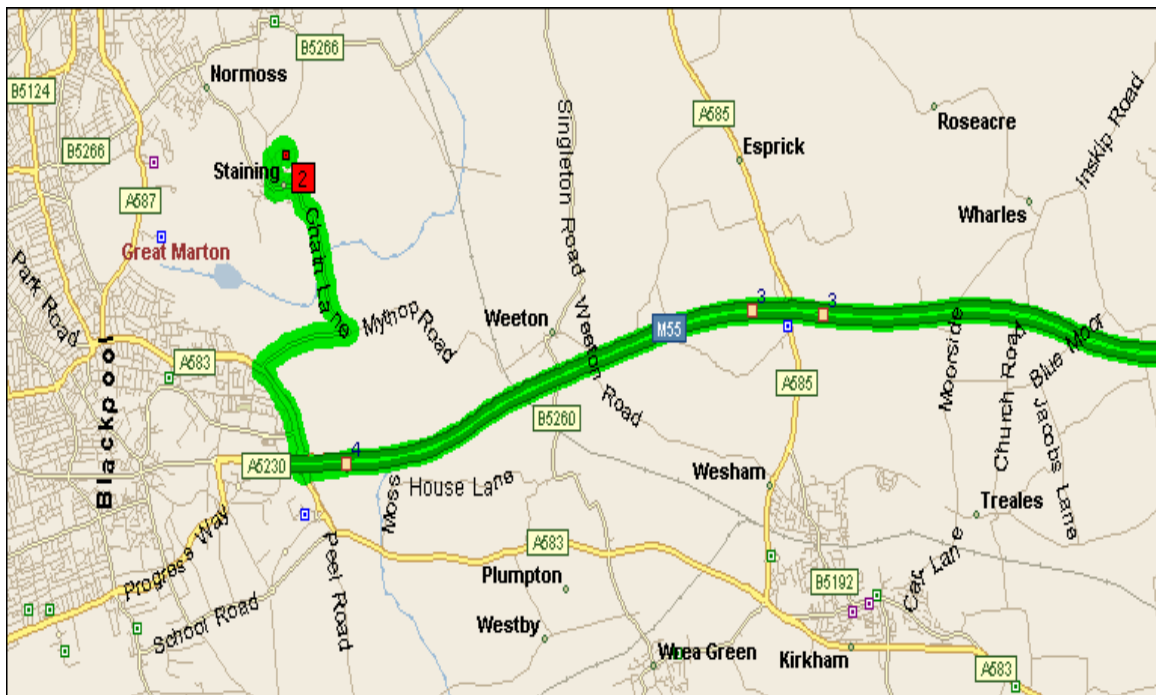
Directions and Map below

## Directions to Staining

Summary: 183.5 miles (2 hours, 54 minutes)

Mile	Instruction	For	Toward
0.0	Depart Hamilton on A724 [Union Street] (West)	0.4 mi	
0.4	Turn RIGHT (South) onto A724 [Douglas Street], then immediately turn LEFT (East) onto A72 [Almada Street]	0.4 mi	
0.7	At roundabout, take the THIRD exit onto A72 [Muir Street]	0.4 mi	
1.2	At roundabout, take the SECOND exit onto A72 [Palace Grounds Road]	0.4 mi	
1.5	At roundabout, take the FIRST exit onto A723 [Motherwell Road]	0.2 mi	
1.7	Keep LEFT onto Ramp	0.3 mi	M74 / Glasgow / Carlisle
2.0	Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto M74	25.0 mi	M74 / A74 / Carlisle
27.0	Road name changes to A74(M)	49.2 mi	
76.2	Road name changes to A74	5.4 mi	
81.6	Road name changes to M6	86.2 mi	
167.8	At Exit 32, keep STRAIGHT onto Ramp	1.0 mi	M55 / A6 / Blackpool / Preston
168.8	Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto M55	11.1 mi	M55 / Blackpool / Fleetwood
179.9	At Exit 4, keep LEFT onto Ramp	0.3 mi	A583 / Blackpool / North Shore
180.2	At roundabout, take the THIRD exit onto A583 [Preston New Road]	0.8 mi	
181.0	Turn RIGHT (North) onto Mythop Road	0.8 mi	
181.8	Turn LEFT (North-West) onto Chain Lane	1.2 mi	
183.0	Road name changes to Staining Road	32 yds	
183.0	Turn RIGHT (North) onto Mill Lane	0.2 mi	
183.2	Turn RIGHT (East) onto Staining Rise	87 yds	
183.2	Turn LEFT to stay on Staining Rise	0.2 mi	
183.5	Arrive FY3 OBU		

See MAP Below



**NB : Bonus Ball winner this week is : Jim Reid (Bradley's Dad)**

## The 'Heygarth' Tournament in Ellesmere Port (near Liverpool)

My apologies if anyone is on 'holiday' on this date ....if you are please advise me.

### The Heygarth Tournament

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Under 7's

#### FIVE A SIDE TOURNAMENT

The event will take place at :  
**Vauxhall's Sports and Social Club**  
**Riveracre Road**  
**Ellesmere Port**  
**(near Liverpool)**

Please be there for 8.45 am for a 9.00 am start

**I need lifts for TWO students – can anyone help me out ...PLEASE  
TALK TO ME AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP.**

<i>Five a Side Team 'Navy'</i>	<i>Five a Side Team 'White'</i>
<b>John Renwick</b>	<b>Michael Innes</b>
<b>Paul O Hara O/A</b>	<b>David Thomson O/A</b>
<b>Gary Keenan</b>	<b>Matthew Innes</b>
<b>Ryan Love</b>	<b>Calum Whyte</b>
<b>Chris Sands</b>	<b>Ross Henderson</b>
<b>Connor Stewart</b>	<b>Calum Glasgow</b>
<b>Andrew Gallagher</b>	<b>Josh Mc Fall</b>
<b>Callum Gibson O/A</b>	<b>Jonathan Downs O/A</b>
<b>Kieran Mc Millan</b>	<b>Carla Boyce</b>
<b>Directions as below</b>	

Summary: 228.7 miles (3 hours, 29 minutes)

Mile	Instruction	For	Toward
0.0	Depart Hamilton on A724 [Union Street] (West)	0.4 mi	
0.4	Turn RIGHT (South) onto A724 [Douglas Street], then immediately turn LEFT (East) onto A72 [Almada Street]	0.4 mi	
0.7	At roundabout, take the THIRD exit onto A72 [Muir Street]	0.4 mi	
1.2	At roundabout, take the SECOND exit onto A72 [Palace Grounds Road]	0.4 mi	
1.5	At roundabout, take the FIRST exit onto A723 [Motherwell Road]	0.2 mi	
1.7	Keep LEFT onto Ramp	0.3 mi	M74 / Glasgow / Carlisle
2.0	Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto M74	25.0 mi	M74 / A74 / Carlisle
27.0	Road name changes to A74(M)	49.2 mi	
76.2	Road name changes to A74	5.4 mi	
81.6	Road name changes to M6	122.9 mi	
204.5	At Exit 20A, keep LEFT onto Ramp	0.5 mi	M56 / North Wales / Runcorn / Chester / Stockport / Airport
205.0	Take Ramp (RIGHT) onto M56	17.6 mi	M56 / North Wales / Runcorn / Chester
222.6	At Exit 15, take Ramp (LEFT) onto M53	4.3 mi	M53 / Ellesmere Port / Birkenhead
226.9	At Exit 7, keep LEFT onto Ramp	0.1 mi	B5132 / Overpool / Whitby / North Road / Ind. Estate
227.0	At roundabout, take the FIRST exit onto B5132	0.5 mi	
227.6	Turn RIGHT (West) onto B5132 [Riveracre Road]	1.1 mi	
228.7	Turn LEFT (South-West) onto Local road(s)	153 yds	
228.7	<b>Arrive CH66 1NJ -- Vauxhall Sports and Social Club</b>		



## The 'Hamilton Accies' Tournament

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Under 8's

### SEVEN A SIDE TOURNAMENT

The event will take place at :  
Hamilton Accies Stadium

Please be there for 8.45 am for a 9.00 am start

1	James Semple
2	Aiden Gray
3	Leon Jones
4	Jamie Love
5	Ross Lyon
6	Aiden Mc Elhinney
7	Callum Gibson
8	Jonathan Downs
9	Gary Keenan
10	Ryan Coulter

**DUE TO HOLIDAYS - ONLY ONE TEAM HAVE BEEN ENTERED – So it is the 'School of Excellence' plus one or two from the Academy PLUS**

## NEW GRADINGS

The NEW GRADINGS will be announced in the **NEWSLETTER of THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006**. John Renwick has spent hours watching EVERY age group and every level and in consultation with myself **AND** appropriate Team Managers has made a series of decisions. These 'GRADINGS' will remain static until **31<sup>st</sup> January 2007**. New 'Gradings' will then be produced for **1<sup>st</sup> FEB 2007 - 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2007**. Remember 'Gradings' are based on ability levels and **every** training session, bounce game, friendly or competitive match you play in – **YOU ARE BEING WATCHED – SO CONCENTRATION** is of the utmost importance. Anyone unhappy with their son's gradings should arrange a one to one meeting with John himself and he will explain why your son has been placed in such a category.

## POTENTIAL DAY TRIPS

### ALL TO BE CONFIRMED

I will name squads just as soon as trips are confirmed – **IT IS UP TO YOU TO ADVISE ME IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT...AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE.** This will be updated every week with cancellations and / or additions. Players will not be set up in their 'groups' but more so in their age levels. So check Newsletter for squads.

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Staining	Staining Tournament	1 x U6, 1 x U7, 1 x U8 (Seven-a-Side)
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Liverpool	Heygarth Tournament	2 x U7 (Five-a-Side)
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Hamilton	Hamilton Accies Festival	1 x U8 = S of Ex + A Plus mix (Seven-a-Side)
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Manchester	Unicorn Festival	CANCELLED
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	Liverpool	Shaftsbury Tournament	1 x U7
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> August	Glasgow	City of Glasgow Cup – at Glasgow Green	School of Excellence plus Academy PLUS
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> August	Morecambe	Barnoldswick Barons	2 x U8 (Six a Side)
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> August	Ayr	Land O Burns Festival	School of Excellence + Academy PLUS (two day – non Competitive)
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Ayr	Land O Burns Festival	School of Excellence + Academy PLUS (two day – non Competitive)
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Richmond Park	SBC Tournament	2 x U8
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> August	Blackpool	Bispham Juniors Tourney	1 x U6, 1 x U7, 1 x U8

**REMEMBER = GREEN MEANS IT IS A 'GOER'**

### Communication Breakdown

There seems to be a massive communication breakdown going around at the moment. The problem seems to be comments like 'I told this one I would be on holiday' or 'I told so and so that wee joe was sick' or whatever. Wrong messages are getting transmitted (OR NOT) and everyone seems to be getting a bit confused. So to solve the mother of all communication problems ...the answer is simple...**PHONE ME** ... If your son is going on holiday, cannot make training, cannot make a game, is sick, or whatever....**PHONE ME.**

So please phone or email me with **ALL COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS.** Some students are coming up to me and saying they will not be at such and such a tournament...yet the parents have never mentioned it. Things like that ...it has got to stop...so **ALL MESSAGES TO ME.** If you are not sure where the game is, what time we are meeting etc etc...PHONE or EMAIL ME ...07976083520 or [robertmcdonald2@btinternet.com](mailto:robertmcdonald2@btinternet.com). I am **NOT** saying by-pass the Team Manager – but sometimes there are problems getting hold of team managers especially during the day....I am available most times. Let's all just communicate better !!!

### Newsletters by EMAIL

This has been one of the biggest success stories....me emailing out Newsletters every Thursday night (after midnight). A local survey said that over 20 parents waited up for the 'News' and some downloaded it for a breakfast read. One parent (who will remain nameless) ...sets their alarm for 2.00 am and gets up for a read. SAD ...or what !!! Anyway...there are still a lot of parents with email addresses and they have **NOT given me** their 'address' to forward them.

Every newsletter that gets sent by email saves the Club **ONE POUND !!! FACT !!!** So c'mon ....get me some more email addresses. Even if it is your **WORK** address....give it to me. Get yourself onto the mailing list...and why not add Granny and Grandpa and Auntie and Uncle to the list ....its free and easy...just give Theresa a note of their email addresses. In fact two schools have asked me to add their school to the mailing list.

## Enrolment Forms, Travel Consent, Birth Certificates and Passport Photos

There are still quite a lot of Enrolment Forms, Travel Consent Forms, Birth Certificates and Passport Photos **NOT BEEN HANDED IN**. After 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006, **NO STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING OR GAMES** if these up to date details are not with me. So please get down to Asda or wherever and get this organised. This includes **NEW STUDENTS**. Brand New Students (within last few weeks) must also provide this documentation although they cannot submit a passport photograph until they have obtained their 'Scotland' strip as the photo has to be taken with this strip on. Please, please get this documentation in now. Anyone who has mislaid the documentation, replacement enrolment forms and consent forms may be obtained from Theresa.

### July Events – please observe this – it has been updated

Day	Date	What's on	Where	For who ?	
Friday	7 July	Game ...v Partick Thistle	Richmond Park	1998 Improvers	
Friday	7 July	Training	Richmond Park 7pm – 9pm	School of Excellence Academy PLUS	1999 Group <b>ALL</b> Goalkeepers
Saturday	8 July	One U6 team, One U7 team, and One U8 team playing in a tournament in Staining (near Blackpool).	Blackpool	One Under 8's team, one Under7's team, and one Under 6's team.	See this Newsletter for squads
Sunday	9 July	Training	Richmond Park	1998 Improvers Any Trialists (ALL ages)	2000 Age Group
Friday	14 July	Training	Richmond Park 7pm – 9pm	School of Excellence Academy PLUS	1999 Group <b>ALL</b> Goalkeepers
Saturday	15 July	Two U7's squads going to Ellesmere Port, Liverpool for the Heygarth Tournament	Liverpool	TWO U7's Teams	See this Newsletter for squads
Sunday	16 July	ONE Under 8's Squad – Hamilton Accies Tournament at Douglas Park.	Richmond Park	ONE x U8's squad – mixture of School of Excellence + one or two from the Academy PLUS Squad	See this Newsletter for squads
Sunday	16 July	<b>Please note : TRAINING CANCELLED</b>	Richmond Park	1998 Improvers Any Trialists (ALL ages)	2000 Age Group
Friday	21 July	Training	<b>Hamilton Palace</b> 7pm – 9pm	School of Excellence Academy PLUS	1999 Group <b>ALL</b> Goalkeepers
Saturday	22 July	Bounce Game for <b>ALL NEW PLAYERS</b> plus certain selected students from various other squads	Richmond Park 9.30 – 11.30	Trialists / Students required to attend will be notified in future Newsletters	Various age groups.
Sunday	23 July	Training	<b>Hamilton Palace</b>	1998 Improvers Any Trialists (ALL ages)	2000 Age Group
Friday	28 July	Training	<b>Hamilton Palace</b> 7pm – 9pm	School of Excellence Academy PLUS	1999 Group <b>ALL</b> Goalkeepers
Saturday	29 July	Shaftsbury Tournament in Liverpool... 1 x U7 Team	Liverpool	One U7's Squad – mix of 1999's and some late 1998's.	
Sunday	30 July	Training	<b>Hamilton Palace</b>	1998 Improvers Any Trialists (ALL ages)	2000 Age Group

## Penalty Kick Competition

The below listed players have still to contribute towards the Penalty Kick competition. If a contribution is not received by **THIS WEEKEND**, the players will be **debt suspended** and will not be asked to participate in games or competitions. It is not important **how small** the donation might be – even if it is only a pound !!! ...as long as some form of contribution is made. So remember, the deadline for a contribution is **SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY**. I do appreciate that some of these players have been / still are on holiday.....but this list has been going around for weeks now so let us get it sorted.

**James Semple, Andrew Mc Lean, (Holiday) Ryan Gormley, and Joe Carlson.**

## Little Shop at Richmond Park

I have repeatedly asked for volunteers to man our little shop on Friday nights and at match games and on Sundays. **NOT ONE PARENT** has as much as enquired – never mind volunteered to take an active role in this activity. (Apart from the usual ones who volunteer every week). Its not fair to expect the same people to take on this extra curriculum duty. Can I make this final request or we will have to close the facility.....its just **NOT** viable.

## Putting up the goals ...AND MORE IMPORTANTLY....TAKING THEM DOWN.

Thanks to all the 'newer' helpers who participated on Sunday morning....it was most appreciated and the equipment was down in 'jigtime' ....fantastic...that's what we need. My thanks also to Larry O Hara who also assisted in facilitating some of the coaching activities....it allowed me the opportunity to look at some of the new players who came along for trials.

## Goalkeeping Crisis

We are having a goalkeeping crisis at the moment. We are operating essentially 8 squads with only **FIVE** goalkeepers. And two of them are on holiday this week. Can everyone make a big effort to scout around for me and see if their kids' have pals who particularly enjoy playing in goal, ask parents, friends, work colleagues etc....it is getting to the desperate stages. Or if any of the youngsters themselves wish to embark on a goalkeeping career ...let me know. Even the new players who have come along ....do you know a pal (goalkeeper or outfield players) who are looking for a Club...bring them along....we still have a few vacancies (about ten) ...as long as they are of a good standard.

## And it rained, and it rained, and it 'thundered' and it 'lightened' .....

Last Sunday morning at Training it started off a nice morning. Then the skies opened up with 'thunder and lightning' and torrential rain. And guess what....I think I spotted **TWO or THREE** Scotland official Red and Black Rainjackets (two from the one family methinks !!!). What is it all about. The whole point of the jackets is to remember that we live in Scotland and the chances of this happening is **EXCELLENT !!!**

## Competition

I am having a competition to design the new 'Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football Badge. This badge will compliment the 'Official Scotland Badge'....and will be on Jackets, Tracksuits, and Training Kits. Have you got some 'design' skills...it is open to parents, friends, students and their grannies. It can be in the form of a computer MS Word document, or a very good coloured drawing....**BUT I NEED THEM FOR 23 OF JULY (SUNDAY)**. There will be a wee prize for the winner....so get designing. The drawing must be approximately A4 size – so our designer can decipher it. Remember it has to incorporate the 'Scotland Colours' and the 'founded 1966' should also be there.

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