

ALDRIDGE CHURCHES J.F.C.



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End of season report for Aldridge Churches JFC.

The Aldridge Churches Junior Football Club (BCFA affiliated) has for the fourth successive season, 2009/2010 operated two football teams at age groups Under 10 & 12 in the West Bromwich Junior Church Football League.

This season has not operated as smoothly as previous seasons due to the league having problems with other member clubs which resulted in teams dropping out mid season. The other contributing factor was the particularly poor weather during the winter resulting in the loss of several fixture dates.

On a positive note, our Under 10 team has progressed well having recently being crowned Under 10 league winners and having a cup final to look forward to on Friday 07th May being played at Bilston Town FC. Under the guidance of Paul Hill, assisted by Paul Aggett our young squad has worked hard and has developed into a useful team.

The Under 12 team battled hard in the first half of the season during which they struggled with squad numbers however new members were found and they enjoyed a better second half season finishing in a creditable 3rd place position in the league.

Thanks must go to the Cooper & Jordan trust for continuing to provide financial support, the Cooper & Jordan school for allowing us to use the school field for training and to the parent volunteers who have taken active roles within the club, without which we could not function.

The main problem now facing the club is the immediate future of the West Bromwich Junior Church League which despite being in existence since 1972, looks set to fold at the league AGM on 20th May. From my initial investigation, this will result in there being no organised Saturday junior football league in the West Midlands which will severely impact on what the club is trying to achieve.

Although we are not stating that Sunday football is wrong, the club operates to provide children with a well organised alternative, allowing families to make Church on a Sunday morning.

After all, there are a lot more children playing organised football in Aldridge on a Sunday morning than there are attending our Churches.

I would be grateful of your prayer support as we are approaching a time where future decisions will have to be made.

Kind Regards
David Carter
Club secretary.