



## New Years Wishes from All @ Corinthians

Firstly can I pass on our very best wishes for 2025 to all Corinthians from the Managers and Committee, hope that you all had a good festive break, and are (slowly) getting back into the flow of things as we all return to work / school. I wanted to ensure that we continued to communicate from the club, and hope that you find this note interesting and of value, any suggestions for topics we can cover next time, please let me know either direct or via managers.

### Teams Update on 1<sup>st</sup> half of the season

The first half of the season was busy for all teams with over 100 games being played across the 11 teams. Unusually the weather and ground conditions have started to impact fixtures already, with the U18's having a game being abandoned before half time for waterlogged pitch during a downpour in mid October! This is not only affecting home games, but all clubs across the region are being impacted. Whilst I know that this is frustrating for players, managers and supporters there is little we can do to influence. Player safety will always be paramount and so dangerously soft pitches, or frosts and hard ground, will always be assessed with this in mind, and we will always try to take decisions early for home games, and try to liaise with opposition for away games, but hopefully we will get some dryer weather and more football in the spring, but please understand that this is not in the club / managers hands!

### Christmas Event Updates

I want to express my thanks for all those that attended & supported the Corinthians Christmas Party in Mid-December. The event went very well with just under 150 people in attendance and so many players and siblings that Santa nearly ran out of Selection packs for all those there. The evening saw the traditional Corinthians game of trying to win a Tub of Chocolates / Bottle of Baily's by rolling £1 coins, a disco and a really well supported raffle where we received donations from MK Dons, Tesco, Morrisons, Whippsnade, HeadTurners Detailing (Car Valet), LBGC, The Boot @ Soulbury and The Inn @ H&R and more. It was great to see so many club members / families socialising and is an event that we will repeat again next Christmas (with hopefully more socials in between).

As well as the Party, we also supported the Local Rotary Club with the Annual Santa walk. As we have grown as a club, we were asked to support them on two evenings, and my personal thanks to the managers, coaches and committee members as we walked the streets of Leeston Park / Hadley Grange (New Houses around Co-Op / Rumbles) on the 19<sup>th</sup> December and then the Planets Estate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The Rotary Club are reporting that their efforts throughout December were successful and we will update more in the next communication.

### Club Survey

We also issued our 1<sup>st</sup> Club Survey in November. It was great to get 100+ responses from across the club. The overwhelming sentiment was one of positivity and appreciation of everything that goes on to deliver football for the community. There were also many detailed comments and suggestions provided. Thanks for all those that responded, and this is currently under detailed review and will then be reviewed with the Committee and more updates will follow. Caroline and Fiona from our Child Welfare Team are also assessing how we complement this survey with some feedback specifically from our players, so we hear their voice too, again we will update in due course.

### Second half of the Season

Was good to see everyone back and training @ Van Dyke on Tuesday, both sessions were really well attended, and good to see the players back out and active and away from TV's / Laptops / X-Boxes etc!! Some leagues are yet to issue their spring fixtures, but these will be confirmed soon, and everyone will get plenty of games in May. As mentioned, weather and ground conditions will continue to be a factor, and so training becomes evermore important to keep everyone ticking over.

**Finally, the Club Annual Presentation has been confirmed for 24<sup>th</sup> May @ Tilsworth. The format is being reviewed and finalised and will be communicated ASAP. But please get this Date in the Diary**

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May @ Tilsworth

Hope this update has been useful, Thanks to EVERYONE for the continued support for the club, and Hope that everyone enjoys the football in the weeks to come.

*Steve*

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family football within  
the local community"**