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Acrefair Youth Football Club

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Press Release

Title: Acrefair Youth Football Club's Youngsters Support Prostate Cancer UK
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For the first time, more men are dying from prostate cancer each year than women are from breast cancer, making the male disease the third biggest cancer killer in the UK. New figures released by Prostate Cancer UK reveal that 11,819 men now die from prostate cancer every year in the UK, compared to 11,442 women dying from breast cancer. This means that the male-only disease is now the third most common cancer to die from, after lung and bowel cancer.

Since 1999, the number of women dying from breast cancer has been steadily decreasing, while prostate cancer deaths are still on the rise. During that time, breast cancer has benefitted from a screening programme, significant investments in research and more than double the number of published studies compared to ones for prostate cancer.

To help with the fight against prostate cancer, Acrefair Youth Football Club's youth section, who play at The Bont Playing Fields, under the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Wrexham, have created a number of initiatives to help generate awareness of prostate cancer and to raise charitable funds for the charity Prostate Cancer UK.

All youth players will be wearing emblazoned armbands with the Prostate Cancer UK logo at all home and away fixtures and coaches will be wearing the Prostate Cancer UK 'Man of Men' lapel badge. The club has created an information page on their website so visitors can find out more about the cancer, how men can get themselves checked and details on how other youth clubs can get involved to help with the fight.

At all home games, the club will be selling Prostate Cancer's 'Man of Men' lapel badges to all spectators with 100% of funds collected going to Prostate Cancer UK. Additionally the club, who is also reliant on charity donations to operate, has chosen Prostate Cancer UK as its named charity and any fundraising work the club undertakes will see 20% of all donations taken going to Prostate Cancer UK.

Mel Griffiths, Head of Youth Safeguarding said: "Acrefair Youth Football Club is proud and committed to be helping raise awareness of prostate cancer so every man, woman and child are aware of it and what they can do to help with the fight. The cancer has been a silent killer for many years now and if we can make men aware of the cancer and its signs, then we will be helping save lives. The statistics gathered by Prostate Cancer UK are just shocking; for instance, did you know that currently 1 man every 45 minutes dies from prostate cancer in the UK, that's 2 men during the time it takes to play a game of football. 1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime and more than 2,500 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year in Wales alone".

Simon Antrobus who's who's son plays for Acrefair Youth Football Club said: "in my mid twenties I had a cancer scare and was tested for prostate cancer, at the time I didn't know what the prostate was never mind where it was and how they tested for prostate cancer. Fortunately at that time, I was not the 1 in 8 men diagnosed and was given the all clear. It's only when you start looking into the cancer more is when

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you realise just how big of a concern it is; more than 47,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year in the UK and by 2030 it is set to be the biggest killer of all the cancers. My son plays for Acrefair Youth Football Club and I will be very proud to see him walk onto the pitch wearing his armband in respect of the men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and for men like me".

Mel Griffiths, Head of Youth Safeguarding added: "we hope to gain the support of other youth football clubs in the Wrexham and District League to get behind Prostate Cancer UK and do what we're doing. All players have fathers, brothers, uncles, granddads and cousins who all could be at risk and if we stand up together we can make a real difference. I would also like to thank Golden Finishes of Cardiff who supplied the player armbands. We decided to work with a reputable supplier from South Wales so we could unite North and South Wales as one to help with the fight".

To see Acrefair Youth Football Club's prostate cancer information page visit:
www.acrefairyouthfc.co.uk/menunited.html

To find out more about Prostate Cancer UK visit:
www.prostatecanceruk.org

To find out more about Golden Finishes visit:
www.goldenfinishes.com

All figures and stats were correct at time of publication.

About Acrefair Youth Football Club

Acrefair Youth Football Club who play at The Bont Playing Fields, Pontcysyllte, Wrexham offer an opportunity to all children, girls and boys, in their age groups to come along and play football no matter what level or standard they are currently playing at. Their aim as a youth football club is to coach every player to the same standard enabling them to go out onto the field and to enjoy the great game as a team.

More Information

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