

CROESYCEILIOG FC PEN PICTURES 2014-2015

Mark Morris - Mark is a defender who can play anywhere across the back line, has been club captain and is a natural leader

James Peckham – James has been at the club for a few seasons and made the step up from the reserves to be the number one keeper last season.

Luke Fernquest - Luke can play anywhere on the left side and played in the majority of games last season as he put previously hit seasons behind him.

Nick McGrath - Nick started to fulfil his potential last season and nailed down a regular starting position in the first team.

Zac Osborne - Zac rejoined the club in October 2012 from local side Lucas Cwmbrian and last season scored some vital goals from the club.

Jac Homan - Jac has become a first team regular since re joining us in November 2012 from Lucas Cwmbrian. A whole hearted player that gives his all for the club.

Jamie Arnold - Jamie transferred to us from Gwent County League Side Lucas Cwmbrian in December 2011, Jamie become a regular last year and has become a important part of the club.

Lewis Clare – Lewis joined us in the summer 2012 from Barry Town. Lewis was at the club at a few seasons back and was a regular in the first team squad last season.

Chris Watkins – Chris was appointed player/coach in July 2013 and Chris' experience will be a massive help throughout the season.

Aaron Harris – Aaron has stepped up from the reserves to become a member of the 1st team squad. Aaron can play either full back or midfield.

Nathan Williams – Nathan is a strong midfielder who joined us from Lucas Cwmbrian and quickly become a first team squad player

Ben Evans – Ben in a defender who joined from Cwmbrian Town in February 2013, quickly showing why the club tried to sign him before he joined.

Josh Hall – Josh is a talented youngster who can play anywhere across the back line

Lee Waddon – Lee rejoins the club after a number of years away and will be looking to push James Peckham for the number one spot

Nick McGrath – Nick is a important member of the squad after starting off in our youth team

Joel Griffin – Joel also joins us from Cwmbrian Town for the coming season. A defender who gives his all and will be looking to cement a place in the first team squad

Daniel Clouth - Dan rejoins us after spending the last year travelling, Dan can play in either Midfield or Defence

Jack Wellington - Jack seems to have got over the injuries that have stopped his progression and is now a regular in first team squad

Jake Hayward - Jack is another player who spent last season travelling. Jake can play in defence or midfield and will quickly become a vital part of the first team squad

Hishi Lama - Hishi rejoins us after a brief spell at Chepstow Town. Hishi started the season with us and hopefully will add to his goal tally with us.

Mario Natale – Mario has stepped up to first team and is well thought of within club, although work means he can not play as regular as he would like

Mark Waddon – Mark is about to enter his second full season as manager after being first team coach, Mark is a Croesy person through and through.

Pat O'Hagan – Pat is a former goalkeeper at Croesy, who joins the management team from Cwmbrian Town for the coming season

John Bailey – John is another former keeper who after a spell out of the game joins our management team for season 2014/2015

Gareth Pattimore – Gareth was appointed assistant manager in July 2013. Gareth was Reserve Team manager last season and will be a vital part of the management team.

CROESYCEILIOG FOOTBALL CLUB BRIEF HISTORY 1964-2014

Croesyceiliog AFC formed in the year of 1964 by the 5th form pupils at Croesyceiliog School when they came to an agreement with the youth warden that the club could use the school facilities. The club immediately joined the Newport and District Under 18 league and our first ever fixture was a friendly against Cwmbrian Wanderers. Our first season commenced in September 1964 and our first league fixture was against Beechwood AFC. From the 1965/66 season Cwmbrian Wanderers players joined us at Croesyceiliog which resulted in us entering two teams into the Newport and District Youth League Under the Croesyceiliog name, later the team entered the Newport and District league making its bow in Division 2B, the same year the side won the Monmouthshire Youth Cup and players from that side are still with the club in various roles. 1967/68 saw the senior side finish runners-up in Division 2B and when the Gwent Premier League was formed the following year, Croesyceiliog were founder members and years later can be proud of the fact that they have never been out of the league's First Division! And winning the league four times. In 1968 David Harris won the Welsh Youth cap and two years later a young man by the name of Mike Lewis joined the club playing at centre half in the Second team. He was later to become Commercial Manager at Newport County and graduated to similar roles at Reading and Tottenham Hotspur. Three Croesyceiliog players have progressed to play in the Football League. In 1965 whilst former Newport County manager Les Graham was coach, Terry Cooper joined us and went on to play for Newport County, Notts County, Lincoln City, Scunthorpe United, Bradford City, and Rochdale. Thirteen years later Andrew Dibble joined and went on to play for Cardiff, Luton, Man City, Glasgow Rangers, Wrexham and various other clubs. Most recently goalkeeper Glyn Garner has gone on to play for Bury, Leyton Orient, Shrewsbury and Newport County. Season 2004/2005 saw Croesyceiliog eventually join the Welsh League set up having remained unbeaten when winning the Gwent League First Division the previous season. Under the guidance managers Neil Gilmore and Chris Evans, Croesyceiliog gained promotion in that season to Division Two, and followed that success the following season by gaining promotion to the First Division. After relegation we won the League Cup beating Goytre United 3-1 at Bridgend's ground

in May 2010 with goals from Jody Jenkins, Richard Perry and Rhys Carr. Season 2010/11 saw us miss out on promotion on the final day of the season while narrowly losing the Gwent Senior Cup final to Newport County. Meanwhile the Second team entered the Reserve Division under the guidance of Marc Thomas and Ian Williams and in Season 07/08 won the Reserve League Shield. They also won the Reserve East title in 08/09. The reserves have brought on a number of players to First team level over the past few seasons and Gareth Wilmott will lead the team for season 2014/2015. The first team will be lead by a management team of Mark Waddon, John Bailey and Pat O'Hagan for 2014/15 with Gareth Pattimore assistant manager and Chris Watkins first team coach. Last season we finished 8th after a good run towards the end of the season. As in previous seasons we used a few youth players who had a first good season in youth football after coming across from Henllys Rangers under the guidance of Mike Allen. Season 2014/2015 will see us have three Under 18 sides, the senior ones being managed by Mike Allen, while we have our own Under 16 side managed by Rob Jones stepping up from junior level while our link with Henllys Rangers sees us gain another Under 18 which will be managed by Huw Kear, Huw's side finished third last season while also winning the League Cup. At the start of season 2013/2014 we agreed a link with Henllys Rangers Youth Football Club, as Henllys facilities do not meet the required standard to progress. Once the Henllys sides reach Under 18 level they will transfer over to our club and continue their development hopefully to progress to the first team.