

## **WEST END PEN PICS 2014/15**

JOSHUA PARK-GK/DEF

A product of the clubs youth system can also play in defence

LUC BLACKMORE-DEF

Luc has come through the youth system of the club, has great feet with ability to control the defence

ALEX TORTORTELLA-DEF

Joined from Swansea Senior League side Ragged School. Strong, fast and with excellent football vision- good in the air too!

GARETH HOWARTH-DEF

Joined from Swansea Senior League side Killay. Gareth has a strong tackle with great ability to see trouble and deal with it.

RICHARD BRAIN-DEF

He has come through the youth system. A very speedy player, who likes to join the attack and score goals, played for Wales U18's last season.

LEIGH MORGAN-DEF

Was with the club from a young age before joining the Swans youth system re-joined the club reliable defender gives 100% in every game.

CHRIS HOLE-MID

Chris has played for the club from a very young age. A dynamic and fit player who gives his best every time.

ELLIOTT GOWEN-MID

Re-joined club from Swansea senior league side St. Joseph's. A very speedy player who likes getting forward.

ARRON RICHARDS-MID

Arron is another product of our youth system, and shows great ambition for the future.

JONATHON EAMES-MID

Played for the club in previous seasons and has re-joined from the Swansea Senior League side Brunswick, a very workman like midfielder with a great engine and the ability to motivate players.

TOM HARRIS-MID

Re-joined the club from rivals Garden Village last season, quick player with an eye for goal.

SCOTT SMITH-MID

Joined club from Mumbles Rangers this season good engine in midfield with pace to set up an attack.

LEWIS THORNTON-MID

Lewis signed from the same team as Scott. Midfield dynamo with great ball skills and control of central area.

ARGIRIS POUTCHADIS-MID

Moved to Swansea last year after playing a good standard of football in Greece played for the club last season. Also a great name too!

DELANO TORTORTELLA-FOR

Played with senior Swansea League side Ragged School before joining the club eye for goals with brother Alex a good signing for the club

JOESPH JONES-FOR

Joined from local rivals Garden Village this season pacey with an eye for goal.

RICKY TOMKINS-FOR

Graduated from the youth system he is a very technical and gifted player with a bright future.

WILL KEHOE-FOR

Joined the club last season from Mumbles Rangers youth. A quick player, also very strong and skilful. Scored many goals for the clubs youth team.

JEFF GRIFFITHS MANAGER

LEE BRAIN ASSISTANT MANAGER/COACH

## **HISTORY OF WEST END AFC**

Formed by a group of local football enthusiasts who met in a local public house and decided to form a new local amateur football club. That chance meeting saw the birth of West End AFC, the clubs name originated from the fact it was born in the West End of Swansea.

West End AFC made a great impression in their first ever season in the Swansea Senior League because they first football kit was a set of Welsh International jerseys. The shirts were donated by Swansea born Welsh International star the late Trevor Ford OBE who lived on Merlin Crescent, Townhill.

Initially, the club started off by just running two senior teams in the local Swansea League. Now the club runs first, reserve and youth teams in various leagues, also U16's down to U8's we also run a toddlers team as well. Today, West End can look back on 50 years in the club's history with great pride on what we have achieved, which has seen them rise from the Swansea Senior league to be the first club promoted via the pyramid system to the Welsh Football League. The clubs honours prior, to joining the Welsh League includes FAW trophy twice, West Wales Intermediate Cup seven times, Swansea Senior Div1 thirteen times, Senior Cup seven Times and the Open Cup seven times.

Promotion was gained in the clubs first season in the Welsh Football League from Div3 to Div2 (also won the youth league in the first season as well). Two seasons later was a very successful season with the first team winning the Div2 championship and promotion to Div1. In our first season we finished a respectable 11<sup>th</sup> place and steadily

rising year after year until season 2012/13 proved to be the most successful in the club's history. Each team in every section of the Welsh Football League winning a trophy which is a magnificent achievement for any club.

Last season was very disappointing one with relegation from Div1, but after winning the Div1 title and losing virtually first team squad to rival clubs, the youth team managed to save some pride by winning the Youth League cup against Haverfordwest.

This being the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the whole club looking to bounce back from the hic-cup in its history and back to winning trophies.