

1961 Annual Report

LIDCOMBE CONGS SOCCER CLUB FOUNDED 1939 REFORMED 1960

We have just concluded the 1961 soccer season and we can look back with pride at the success which has come our way

The decision which we took to organise and run four teams this season was a big one and the satisfactory result accomplished by the support and help of the many parents and friends who came forward. There is still room in our ranks for more active parents and we hope they will come forward next season to lend a helping hand so that the boys can continue to enjoy the benefits of competitive sports which teaches them to play as a team and be unselfish in their outlook which in turn helps them on their way through life.

On behalf of the LIDCOMBE CONGS SOCCER CLUB I offer many thanks to the people who gave us the means of commencing this season since our credit balance forward from 1930 was under £1.

The club is most grateful to Mr & Mrs James Snr who donated most of our shirts and the material to make our under 16 strip. When you visualise shirts for 44 boys their contribution was truly appreciated many thanks Mr & Mrs James SNR from our old club.

Mr Aub Clark came to the fore and donated balls and corner flags a truly fine gesture from a fine sportsman. Thanks Aub from your old club.

Thanks also to Mrs Eagleson who held an afternoon at her residence and made funds for the club.

Thanks are extended now to all who have contributed to our club.

At the commencement of the season the Church made the Allen Hall available to the Soccer Club for caching and training purposes on Wednesday evenings and we utilised this to the best of our ability. Although it may not have seemed important to some of the boys or their parents the ground work for the improvement in their game was established and I'm positive the results will begin to show in 1962 when the mistakes that have been made this season are rectified. Mistakes have been made this season we know but we are all big enough to learn from them.

During the season we had a first grade referee, Mr Wilson out for a lecture evening, and a good night was had by all who attended. Also a soccer film evening was run with success and an overdue thanks to Mr Rosevear for the big part he played in the presentation of the films, (Also the collecting and returning of same). On the lighter side we had a film evening by the courtesy of P.M.G's Department and this was remedied success (we'll have more).

Two successful Church Parades were held during the season and it was pleasing to see the boys and their parents turn out for these parades. Representatives of the

P.C.S.F.A. were in attendance at both Parades. and expressed their joy at the number of boys and their good behaviour Mr Moran also expressed his thanks for all who attended. It was pleasing to see Mr Moran in attendance at quite a number of our games and only for examination worries he would have attended more regularly. We hope to see him in full support next year.

Our side line barrackers would rank with the best in the competition (loud and clear) with Jack King leading a keen band.

Our picnic for the under 10 and 12 teams is to be held on the 2nd September 1961 and our trip for the under 14 and 16 teams is on the 16th September 1961.

Most seasons do not go by without injuries and our under 14 team was the most affected when they lost the services of Ross Hillyard for the last six games with a bad ankle injury but we are happy to report that he is well on the mend and looking forward to next season. Ross took his injury well and we all know how hard it was for him to miss playing

Before outlining the teams performances I would like to pass this message on the boys of all teams.” Remember boys that its only a game and ply it as such. If your mate make a mistake do not abuse him for you could make the same mistake. Play hard and clean remember there are 10 other players in the team besides yourself. It’s much more satisfying to be good losers then bad winners and finally I will repeat as you have often heard “the man in white is always right” keep your eye on the ball and do not worry what’s going on outside the field of play.”

Our captains G. Hillyard (under 10) T. Hore (under 12) R. Flint (under 14) and R Telford (under 16) lead their respective teams well and the club is warm in praise for the way the teams are turned out each Saturday and the efforts all boys put into their games a credit to their club and the Church they represented. Good work boys!

Our mascots Garry Rosevear, Colin Brown and Kevin James performed grandly and added a little colour to our teams. The boys who utilised to fill higher grades when they were short acquitted themselves well and gained valuable experience.

Our under 12 capably managed by Stan Teale, George Franklin and Arthur Rosevear were our only winning team and they went through the competition undefeated. A truly magnificent effort and the club’s congratulations to Terry Hore and his boys also congratulations to the managers and supporters of this fine team

Team Record for 1961 Season

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST
Under 10	16	2	11	3	4	5
Under 12	18	14	1	0	37	1
Under 14	18	7	8	3	9	6
Under 16	18	9	2	7	33	31
TOTALS	70	32	25	13	83	43

A circular has been sent out regarding the formation of a Gym class in the off season but equipment seems to be our biggest hurdle. We are open to any helpful suggestion or help in this direction so please come forward

In conclusion I would like to express my own personal appreciation to all who have been connected with our club this season and for the parents who have placed at our disposal transport for the boys. Last but not least to all managers of teams who have given their time for the good of the club.

Hoping to renew acquaintances on the side lines again next year

Ray James
SECRETARY