



**G**OOD afternoon. Our department has once again been extremely busy over the past couple of weeks.

Mark Lovell and I ventured over to the USA, and a town called West Chester in Pennsylvania, were we teamed up with coaches from Reading FC and Sheffield United to help deliver team camps for a company called EPL and West Chester United.

West Chester are the biggest club in Eastern Pennsylvania, with more 2,500 members. The camp was designed to help improve girls and boys in the various different age-groups for West Chester.

I was very surprised at the standard of both the boys and the girls over the two weeks that we were there, in particular the girls.

It was interesting to compare the difference between grassroots football over here and grassroots soccer over there.

## today's ball assistant

**"My name is Liam Dee.**

**"I go to Mounts Bay School in Penzance, and my favourite hobbies are football, explorers, swimming and athletics.**

**"My favourite Argyle player is Krisztián Timár, and the other team that I support is Manchester United.**

**"This is my first season as a ball assistant.**

**"I hope Argyle have a great season and would love to see them playing Man United next season in the Premiership"**

**Thanks to Barry Hendy, for his generous support of the ball assistants**



The main difference for me was the attention to detail spent on forma-

tions and team shape from an early age. Most players that I worked with had a set position that they wanted to play and did not seem very adaptable or open to change. I always try and encourage any team I am working with to try a variety of positions and to understand the roles and responsibilities of several positions, as well as different formations.

However, the technical ability was excellent within the teams that I worked with and the players were very coachable. It was an excellent experience and a partnership that we hope to continue.

Also this month was the launch of our new Education and Development programme in conjunction with John Kitto College. The programme is aimed at 16-18 year olds and is a mixture between football and education. The 17 players enrolled on the course will have the chance to gain a Btec qualification while improving and developing themselves as footballers.

Enjoy the game.

**Mark Rivers**  
**Football in the Community**



**O**UR Match-day Magic visitors today are the children, staff and parents from West Buckland Prep School, Barnstaple, and Bidwell Brook School, Dartington. A warm welcome to everyone to Home Park.

Any schools or youth football clubs wishing to experience this exciting match-day promotion can do so by contacting Alec Brenton on 01752 562581, extension 162. The day consists of a talk on the history of the club, a stadium tour, a one-hour coaching session for the children, a meal for everyone, and a ticket for the game.

Matches are being booked very quickly, so do not miss out on this exciting opportunity!

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