



CWMBRAN CELTIC FC
www.cwmbranceltic.com

CWMBRAN CELTIC VETERANS

WALES VETERANS

Home Squad

Away Squad

- Lee Bayley
- Tony Jones
- Malcolm Jones
- Adrian Erasmus
- Mickey Copeman
- Matt Williams
- Rob Yapp
- Peter Edwards
- Chris Parry
- Ian Jones
- Mark Carpanini
- Mike Pinch
- Mark Walker
- Mike Morrison
- Jamie Bayley
- Alex Pritchard

- John Jones
- Dave Murray
- Paul Averages
- Rob Iles
- Phil Davidson
- Laurence Owen
- Kevin Butt
- Andy Jones
- Mark Dyke
- Adam Clarke
- Paul Jones
- Mark Walker
- Tyron Fredrikson
- Nic Lukaris

Manager: Chris Herrin
Colours: Yellow Blue Yellow

Manager: Shane Davies
Colours: All Red



VETERANS FRIENDLY MATCH
CWMBRAN CELTIC OVER 45's

v

WALES VETERANS OVER 50's

Friday 18th August 2017 K.O. 7:00pm

At CELTIC PARK, CWMBRAN

Avondale Vehicle Hire - Sponsor Of Celtic's Kit



WELCOME TO CELTIC PARK

Tonight Cwmbrian Celtic has great pleasure in welcoming the Wales Veterans over 50's international side to Celtic Park to play Celtic's newly installed Veterans over 45 team.

Cwmbrian Celtic will be playing in the Wales Veterans Football League this season. The League was established in 2007 following the first England versus Wales Veterans international match, played at Bisham Abbey. Prime movers in the establishment of the Welsh Veterans football were John Herniman, Dennis Murphy of Merthyr and the late, indomitable Frank Terrell of Taff's Well.

Merthyr and Taffs Well had been competing in the Umbro Vets competition for several seasons, with Bryntirion, Dinas Powys (Barry) and Creigau (Taffs Well) winning the national trophy against the best that England and Wales had to offer.

The newly established FAW/SWFA approved Wales Veterans Football Association was established in July 2016, and now boasts 40 teams and over 600 players participating in competitive leagues at over 40, 45, 50 and 55 age groups.

This strength bodes well for Wales Veterans international football which has come a long way since those first international matches at Bisham Abbey in June 2009 when a strong over 50s England team triumphed 1-0. The Wales over 55s restored some pride, winning

2-1 with both goals coming from Peter Morgan. Man of the match was Dickie Batt, despite him receiving what is purported to be the world's first yellow card in over 60s Veterans International football!

Cwmbrian veterans football has come a long way since its inception in 2015. Starting life under the banner of Cwmbrian Town the "vets" first season proved to be a steep learning curve. A combination of a new group of players trying to gel coupled with facing longer established stronger outfits saw the team finish the wrong end of the table. As word got around the club attracted more players affording the luxury of a full bench. The rolling subs rule which applies in Vets football only works if you have subs to start with! Cwmbrian's second campaign (last season - 2016-17) was a different story, the team finishing mid-table thanks to some high scoring victories courtesy of the league's top scorer Mark Walker.

The veterans short history has been nothing but eventful. In the summer of 2017 the club moved lock stock and barrel to our new home at Cwmbrian Celtic.

The staff and players continue to work hard on and off the field and in this their third season the team can confidently field a side capable of competing with the best the league has to offer. The club is proud to have in its ranks several players who have gone on to represent Wales and England international Vets.

A MESSAGE FROM CELTIC'S SECRETARY CHRIS PARRY

Good evening everyone and a very warm welcome to tonight's visitors, the Wales Veterans. This is the newly formed Celtic side's second pre-season friendly We recently defeated Newport Vets over 50's 7-1 at their place (see the report below). However I have a feeling we will need to be at our best tonight against the national side. We hope our visitors enjoy their night at Celtic Park and we invite them and their supporters to come back to the Celtic Sports and Social Club for refreshments after the game and leave with good memories of the tie.

MATCH REPORT: NEWPORT VETS 1 CWMBRAN CELTIC VETS 7

Cwmbrian Celtic Vets pre-season campaign got off to the perfect start with an emphatic 7-1 away victory over Newport Vets. A dominant first half of slick passing by Celtic ensured the game as a contest was over by half time. Fresh from his summer appearances with the Welsh national squad, Mark Walker continued where he left off last season, scoring yet another hat trick! Mike Pinch netted twice. Alan Seddon added another but goal of the day came from defender Dale Price with a sublime twenty yard strike. Keeper Rob Treadgold was unlucky not to keep a clean sheet when he was wrong-footed by a wicked deflected own goal two minutes from time. On this performance Celtic won't be fazed by their next challenge from the Wales national squad.

THE CWMBRAN CELTIC SQUAD

Nine of the squad have Celtic connections. Welsh Vets international Mickey Copeman was Celtic's captain and manager who guided the team to 3 promotions during their incredible rise from the Gwent County League to the Welsh League 1st Division between 2004 and 2010. Goalkeeper Lee Bayley was the goalkeeper in the promoted Gwent County side. Central defender Matthew Williams also played in the Gwent County side before stepping up to manage the 3rd team and Reserves and he was assistant manager of Celtic's side which returned to the Welsh League 1st Division in 2016. Ian Jones has been a stalwart in the Celtic club since the 1980's when he was a left back although he was in midfield in the side which won the Gwent County Challenge cup in 2000/1. Alex Pritchard was also in that squad. Alex started with Celtic at Under 10's way back in the 1980's.

Jamie Bayley, brother of Lee, played for Celtic Reserves and 3rd team throughout the 2000's. Adrian Erasmus was a long time player with Race FC and was manager of a very successful Celtic junior side which won several Torfaen league and cup titles. Malcolm Jones played for Celtic before going to Coed Eva as player and then manager. Alan Seddon played for Celtic in the Gwent County League. Mark Walker did the circuit with Race, New Inn, Little Mill, and Tranch. Mike Morrison played for Pilcs and like Mark Walker has played for Wales international Vets. Mark Carpanini was with Tranch. Rob Yapp and Mike Pinch are long time Coed Eva Athletic players. Chris Herrin has a long history with Pontnewydd United as player and manager. Also in the squad are goalkeeper Rob Treadgold and defender Dale Price.

CWMBRAN CELTIC VETERANS LEAGUE FIXTURES 2017-18

Date	Team	Venue
03-Sep Sun	Swansea University	Home
10-Sep Sun	The Continental	Away
01-Oct Sun	Caerau (Ely)	Home
15-Oct Sun	St Albans	Away
29-Oct Sun	Nelson	Home
05-Nov Sun	Merthyr Town	Away
04-Feb Sun	Mathern	Away
11-Feb Sun	Cardiff Aces	Home
18-Mar Sun	Albion Rovers	Home
08-Apr Sun	Penybont	Away