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#UPPATALY

TALYCOPA AFC CLUB MAGAZINE



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2025/26 AWARDS HELD AT
MANOR PARK COUNTRY HOUSE,

FAREWELL MATTHEW CUDE

27 YEARS WITH THE CLUB. A TRUE
TALY LEGEND

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WELCOME TO ISSUE 2 OF #UPPATALY

What a season it's been for Tallycopa. Our senior side lifted the 2025/26 Gwalia Cup, our Reserves were crowned Division 3 champions in their first senior season, and our U12 Girls completed a league and cup double. Several of our players also earned call-ups to Wales and regional squads — a brilliant reflection of the coaching and support here at the club.

We celebrated it all at our Annual Presentation Evenings at the Manor Park Country House, a fantastic occasion recognising players across every age group.

It was also a bittersweet season, as we said farewell to Matthew Cude after 27 years of service to the club. We wish him well as he moves on to Pontardawe Academy.

Off the pitch, work is underway on our pitch investment programme and changing room upgrades at Trallwn, thanks to support from the FAW and the local council.

While Talyfest won't return in 2026 due to the building work, we look forward to welcoming clubs back in 2027. Advertising boards for the 2026/27 season are also now on sale — we'd love more local businesses to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Tallycopa. See you all at the pitch soon.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'S. GROVE'.

Steve Grove

Chairman

Tallycopa Football Club



FAREWELL MATTHEW CUDE



A Legend Leaves, But His Legacy Remains

After an extraordinary 27 years with Talcopa AFC, Matthew Cude has announced he is stepping down from his role at the club. Matthew recently shared the news with the executive group, confirming that he will now take on a new coaching challenge at Pontardawe Academy.

Over nearly three decades, Matthew has given everything to this football club. From coaching young players taking their very first kicks of a ball, to leading teams through cup runs, charity challenges and unforgettable seasons, his fingerprints are all over this club's history.

Among the highlights of his time at Talcopa, Matthew led club members on a charity walk to the top of Pen y Fan in memory of Jordan Miers (1994–2016), a testament to the community spirit he always championed. He's been there through the highs and the lows, always putting the players and the club first.

Matthew, the club owes you an enormous debt of gratitude. You have given 27 years of your life to Talcopa AFC, and the impact you've had on the hundreds of players who have come through these doors will never be forgotten.

From everyone at Talcopa AFC — thank you, Matthew.

**ALL THE BEST AT PONTARDAWE ACADEMY.
ONCE TALY, ALWAYS TALY.**

2025/2026 GWALIA CUP CHAMPIONS



GWALIA CUP GLORY FOR TALYCOPA AFC

Talycopa AFC rounded off an outstanding second season back in senior football by gaining promotion for the second season in a row and lifting the 2025/26 Gwalia Cup after a determined victory over Bonymaen.

The final was fiercely contested from start to finish, with chances at both ends before Ryan Daniels broke the deadlock with a superb header midway through the second half. Bonymaen fought until the final whistle, but a brilliant goal line clearance from Nathan Phillips ensured Talycopa held on.

The victory was overshadowed by an injury to Anthony Price, who suffered broken ribs and a collapsed lung following a heavy challenge. Everyone at the club wishes Anthony a full and speedy recovery.

When the final whistle sounded, Talycopa AFC were deservedly crowned 2025/26 Gwalia Cup Champions. A fitting reward for a squad whose teamwork, determination and spirit have been outstanding all season.



#UPPATALY – SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR

RESERVES DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS



RESERVES CROWNED DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS

Talycopa AFC Reserves finished their first season in senior reserve football in style by securing the Reserve Division 3 title with an impressive victory over Birchgrove.

Facing the side that had beaten them in the Reserve Cup Semi-final, Talycopa produced a determined performance to end the campaign on a high. Several players returned from injury or enjoyed valuable minutes after limited game time in recent weeks.

Logan Hughes delivered a superb Player of the Match performance, setting the tone with relentless pressing and committed tackling throughout the opening stages. Coby Denton struck twice inside the first half, with Liam Walsh adding the third goal to give Taly complete control.

Birchgrove pulled one back late on, but the result was never in doubt as Talycopa celebrated a deserved 3-1 victory and the Division 3 championship. An outstanding first season for the Reserves. Bring on the 2026/27 season, with work continuing to secure new sponsors for the reserves and newly created third team!



AWESOME EFFORT LADS. BRING ON NEXT YEAR

DOUBLE WINNERS – U12 GIRLS



U12 GIRLS COMPLETE THE DOUBLE

The Talcopa AFC U12 Girls (Yellow) completed a remarkable first season in competitive football by winning both the U12 A League and the Cup Final.

After losing just one of their 12 league matches and scoring an incredible 60 goals, the girls were crowned league champions before sealing the double with a hard fought 1-0 victory over a strong Ammanford side. Grace scored the winning goal following a superb assist from Maisie.

A huge congratulations to every player, coach and volunteer, and a heartfelt thank you to the parents, families and sponsors whose fantastic support helped make this unforgettable season possible.



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PITCH INVESTMENT UNDERWAY



THE ROAD TO THE BEST PITCH IN SWANSEA

Talycopa AFC has taken another exciting step forward with the introduction of a dedicated pitch maintenance programme at Trallwn. We're delighted to welcome Taylor, an experienced groundsman who works with Swansea City AFC and other local venues.

He will oversee the ongoing care of our playing surface throughout the season.

Work is already underway, with the first cut completed and further cutting, fertilising and overseeding planned over the coming weeks.

Our goal is simple: to create one of the best grassroots football pitches in Swansea, providing a high quality playing surface for our players, visiting teams and the wider football community. The future of Trallwn is looking brighter than ever.



Professional pitch maintenance



Regular cutting schedule



Seasonal fertilising



Overseeding programme

**EVERY GREAT FOOTBALL CLUB STARTS
WITH A GREAT PLAYING SURFACE.**

MEET THE COACHES

DAVID BURTON – MENS 1ST TEAM MANAGER/COACH



Quick Questions

Favourite football club:

Swansea City

Favourite Football Player:

Lee Trundle

My Dream Car:

Audi RS6 Avant

Position Played:

Started off a winger then central midfield. Have played everywhere over the years however. Jack of all trades...

Getting to know David

How long Have you been coaching for?

How long coaching? 2-3 years, not long.

How did you get into coaching ?

Was helping out other coaches initially and became more and more involved

What's the best bit about coaching?

Seeing the lads confidence develop and believe in themselves more and more and be successful (2nd team champions of their division in their first season)

Your best coaching moment to date

Winning the League last season. Great achievement by all the lads

Why I volunteer

I Love the game, can't play as much anymore so migrating to the touchline and passing on pearls of wisdom is the next best thing. Besides, isn't that what Saturdays for? Who wants to go shopping anyway

A DAY TO REMEMBER



Celebrating another fantastic season at Tallycopa AFC

The Tallycopa AFC Annual Presentation Day brought players, coaches, volunteers and supporters together to celebrate another successful season.

Held at the Manor Park Country House, the event recognised the hard work, commitment and achievements of teams across the club, while thanking everyone who continues to make Tallycopa such a special place.

From individual awards to team celebrations, it was a day filled with pride, friendship and unforgettable moments.

JORDAN MIERS AWARD



GREG WILLIAMS



DAVID HEATH

ETHAN PERKINS AWARD



CERRI ELIMELECH



LAUREN ELIMELECH

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR

TALYCOPA SENIORS PRESENTATION EVENING



After a successful season for both our senior teams we held our annual awards evening at our club sponsor Manor Park and what a night it was celebrating all of our achievements this season.

1ST TEAM AWARDS

- 1ST TEAM PLAYERS PLAYER – TOM BARBER
- 1ST TEAM COACHES PLAYER – ANTHONY PRICE (POISON)
- 1ST TEAM MOST IMPROVED – LIAM THOMAS (BRUCE)
- 1ST TEAM MOST PROMISING – LEWIS EVANS

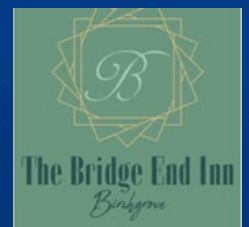
2ND TEAM AWARDS

- 2ND TEAM PLAYERS PLAYER – AARON DAVID
- 2ND TEAM COACHES PLAYER – ASHLEIGH WILLIAMS
- 2ND TEAM MOST IMPROVED – KEELAN BRAIDWOOD
- 2ND TEAM MOST PROMISING – JOSH HOOK

OTHER TEAM AWARDS

- CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR – CALLUM SIMPSON
- COACHES AWARD – LIAM KEOGH
- CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD – LEE JONES
- DIVISION 1 GOLDEN BOOT – TOM BARBER
- DIVISION 3 GOLDEN BOOT – AARON DAVID

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Massive thanks to all the sponsors, players and coaches who have been apart of our journey this season and made it a memorable one!

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR

TALYCOPA LADIES PRESENTATION EVENING



Talcopa Ladies celebrated their end of season presentation. Well done to everyone a great season especially towards the latter end where numbers were low but the team pulled together playing some good football and scoring awesome goals. Keep it up ladies and keep driving forward.

1ST TEAM AWARDS & WINNERS AWARDS



- PLAYERS PLAYER - TAZ BANKS
- PLAYER OF THE YEAR - ABI LAMMAS & CARYS HEATH
- CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR - SOPHIE STEPHENS AND BLANKA IGNACZ
- MOST IMPROVED PLAYER - ELLE TIMPSON
- TOP GOALSCORER - RHI WILLIAMS
- TOP ASSIST - TAZ BANKS
- ALWAYS LATE AWARD - CERY'S GROVE
- COMIC RELIEF AWARD - ALIX GOLDUP
- CAPTAINS AWARD - GRACE DIAMOND

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INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

Developing players. Inspiring futures.

One of the greatest measures of a football club is seeing its players progress and achieve success beyond the club.

This season has been another proud one for Tallycopa AFC, with a number of our current and former players earning selection to represent Wales and regional representative squads.

These call ups are a testament to the players' dedication, the support of their families and the commitment of our coaches, who continue to provide an environment where young footballers can develop both on and off the pitch. Everyone at Tallycopa AFC is incredibly proud of these players and their achievements.

We look forward to following their journeys and watching them continue to represent both the club and Wales with pride.



MAIZIE STEINS – WALES U16S

Congratulations to...



LILLIE JAMES
SOPHIA WHAPHAM
SOPHIE WALKER
GRACE MORGAN
POPPY HARRIS-EVANS

ARABEL MORCOM
AMELIA LOWE
JENNI MURPHY
HONOR-MAE DWYER
AMELIA LOWE

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERY ONE OF YOU. YOU CONTINUE TO INSPIRE
THE NEXT GENERATION OF TALLY PLAYERS

ADVERTISING BOARDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2026/2027 SEASON



ADVERTISING BOARDS FOR **SALE**

AT TRALLWN FOOTBALL PITCH

2026/2027 SEASON



£250



SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS!

SELLING OUT FAST

Advertising boards are now available around Trallwn Football Pitch for the 2026 to 2027 season.

This is a great opportunity for local businesses to promote their brand while supporting grassroots football in the local community. The boards will be visible during matches, training sessions and tournaments throughout the season.

By supporting the club through advertising, businesses help contribute towards the continued development of facilities, equipment and opportunities for young players.

SUPPORT LOCAL FOOTBALL. SUPPORT LOCAL PLAYERS.

OUR SPONSORS

SUPPORTING THE CLUB ON AND OFF THE PITCH

Talycopa AFC would like to say a huge thank you to all of our sponsors who continue to support the club.

Your backing plays a vital role in helping us provide opportunities for players of all ages, improve facilities and ensure the club continues to grow within the local community

THANK
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SUPPORT LOCAL FOOTBALL. SUPPORT LOCAL PLAYERS.

BECOME A SPONSOR

PARTNER WITH TALYCOPA AFC

We are always looking to work with local businesses who want to support grassroots football while promoting their brand within the community. There are a range of sponsorship opportunities available throughout the club.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT



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TRACKSUIT SPONSORSHIP

Visible across training and matchdays



MATCH BALL SPONSORSHIP

Support a game and gain visibility



NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP

Promote your business in our club magazine



WEBSITE SPONSORSHIP

Feature on our website and club platforms



ADVERTISING BOARDS

Pitchside visibility throughout the season



GET IN TOUCH TO REQUEST OUR FULL MEDIA PACK AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

STAY CONNECTED

FOLLOW THE CLUB

The club continues to grow thanks to the support of our players, parents, coaches, volunteers and the wider community. We look forward to sharing more updates, achievements and events with you throughout the season..



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