



The Buzz

Harborough Town Football Club newsletter
February 2016

Events calendar

Pop Quiz Saturday 19th March 8.00pm

Attention Pop pickers why not pit your music knowledge against the Pop master in this fun social night open to all. Teams of 6 max, tickets £5.00 available from the Club cafe

Queens Birthday April 21st

The Club will be part of the beacon lighting that will take place countrywide on the 21st April to celebrate the Queen's birthday look out for further details around the Club.

Presentation Day 22nd May

The Clubs presentation day this year will be held on Sunday 22nd May further details will follow soon

Air Ambulance

Please keep your eyes open in the next few Sundays for the Air Ambulance staff who will be doing a bucket collection at the Club. Please give whatever spare change you can to this worthwhile cause you never know when we'll need them.

Harborough Town FC Seniors

I must start my roundup of Senior Football by congratulating Ben Ward and the U18 Midweek team. On Wednesday 10th February 2016 they played in the County Cup Final at Holmes Park (home of the Leics FA) against an older and more physical Oadby team. They kept themselves in the game right up until the final kick of the match. These 16 and 17 year olds that have come through Ben's team over the past years are a credit to both Ben himself and Harborough Town Football Club as a whole. So on behalf of the Senior section of the club, well done boys, keep your heads up, still plenty to play for both in league and league cup, so push forward and take the positives from your performances so far this season and you will get your rewards.

Moving on, another huge congratulations to our Veterans team who have themselves reached a County Cup Final which will be played on Friday 1st April 2016, at Holmes Park. They overcame FC Khalsa Veterans 2-0 in the Semi Final during February with 2 goals from Baz Panter. They will play Leicester Road of Hinckley in the Final and we wish them all the best and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and cheer them on as they look to lift the cup for the first time.

The past few weeks has seen our first team play a couple of matches in some pretty atrocious conditions, which I am sure has not pleased our groundsmen at the club!! It is that time of year where the rain and weather in general has seen more cancellations than games, but the first team remain on course for a mid-table finish in the UCL Premier League. The highlight of the past 5 league games played since Christmas has to be our fantastic 2-1 win away at 3rd placed Newport Pagnell. The success of the U18's team has seen more of our youngster's coming into the senior set up, most notably George Lawton, Joel Konteh, Sam Edwards and Sam Ashton. All 4 have made first team appearances since Christmas, another example that our structure is working well and the pathway to senior football is all good.

Monthly Club Draw

Want the chance to win money every month from Jan to Dec, and raise money for the Club? Enter our monthly draw for £24.00 a year; we will enter your name into 12 monthly draws and give £12.00 to the Club. For more details and an entry form see our website or contact [Gary Wainwright](#).

. We want you!

The Club is looking for parents who would like to be part of an informal group of Club fundraisers

Are you a parent who has some spare time, creativity and enjoys fundraising.

If you are or you've an idea you're just the person we'd love to meet please email Jo Perry
mrsjopezza@hotmail.co.uk

Want to share your successes?

Has your team had a run of good luck? Want to share it with the rest of HTFC?

Give us your feedback

Please tell us what you liked or more importantly what you don't to help us improve on this marvellous rag

Email
gary.wainwright@pentair.com

Send us your story and photos and we'll include them in a future issue of **The Buzz**.

The Reserves have only played 6 games since the end of October 2015, due to the bad weather and will have a hard task to climb back up the league to claim a top 4 finish, which looked on the cards in the first part of the season. Hopefully the weather will be good for us from now until the end of the season and they can stack up a run of games to help them regain their early season form. With their games in hand they can climb back into the top 4 and they still have the top teams to play so a realistic highest league finish remains possible for Tony Sansome and his team.

So all in all a good season, so far, with hopefully a great finish ahead of all our senior teams to see where they can finish in their respective leagues and remaining Cup competitions.

Peter Dougan – Chairman Senior Football.

County Cup – Under 18 Lose out to Oadby Town

The Under 18's under Ben Wards stewardship played their County Cup against Oadby Town youth and in a close game unfortunately were defeated 2-0 the 2nd goal coming with virtually the last kick of the game. Ben reports back that although disappointed to lose he wasn't downhearted as the Oadby team was comprised completely of 18 year olds our side only had three 18 year olds playing the rest of the squad are 17 year olds playing one year above themselves so it fills us full of confidence for another successful season next season. This season still see the squad in pole position to win the league and cap another successful season for this group of lads who have now reached 7 finals in 6 years.

County Cup – Vets through to 1st ever Final

More good news though for the Club in the County Cup as our Veterans side won their semi-final v FC Khalsa 2 -0 with both goals being scored by Baz Panter, John Herons ageless side will play the final on Friday April 1st (You couldn't find a more apt date) at Holmes Park KO 7pm v Leicester Road a team that they have beaten 1-0 in a close league affair. Your support will be welcome and afterwards why not join the players and staff for a drink I've heard a rumor they may stop and have one after the game!!!! The Vets also have a prestigious fixture planned for Good Friday March 25th v England Vets look out for details on website, facebook etc.

Pictured below is self-proclaimed midfield genius Simon Fletcher looking all athletic at 40 during the semi final



Below The Vets squad celebrate their semifinal victory humbly from L to R
 Simon Fletcher, John Knowles, Neil Denny, Paul Twentyman, Rod Ashton, John Heron (Gaffer),
 Andy Cooper (Tape), Scott Munton, Gary Wainwright, Lee Pears, Max Harris, Jon Henley Front
 Adam Law, Kris Francis, Si Wellard (Mascot), Chee Taylor, Baz Panter & Matt Gamble (missing
 is keeper Dan Church)



On the Spot!

Each month we'll put someone on the spot with deep, meaningful questions. This month it's the turn volunteer Phil Robinson pictured below on the right when football was played on ploughed fields and the ball had stitching and a tackle was a tackle etc etc



What is your involvement at HTFC?

HTFC - Senior team committee member, helper and general dogs body

Who's your favourite team?

Manchester United

Favourite Player?

George Best

What's your most memorable footballing moment?

Watching George Best score six at Northampton and taking my two sons to see Man U win the double double at Wembley 1995/1996

Describe the way you like football to be played

Allow players to use their individual skills to gain maximum enjoyment.

Describe the actual way you or your team play in 10 words or less

Committed and hated to loose

What's the best thing about HTFC?

Due to the exceptional facilities and members it allows a large number of players the best chance of playing/enjoying football and being involved in a progressive local club

What's the worst thing about HTFC?

Players and parents not appreciating or utilising the facilities and opportunities the club offers. A lot of people say they do a lot to help when actually a small number don't say a lot but done a great amount.

Best and worst players in my team?

Best - those who appreciate what the club offers and get involved with club events. Worst those who do not and don't put anything back. Always have an excuse

Describe yourself in 10 words or less:

someone who just wants the best for the club

Committed

Supportive

Prepared to lead

Out spoken

Likes an occasional drink.

Walking Football

Hornets v Stamford

So we thought we were playing Stamford but ended up playing Peterborough on another Friday night Walking Football extravaganza at HTFC.

The Hornets looked to extend their season long unbeaten run; in truth we had only played twice previously achieving one win and one draw.

Martin Hillier refereed expertly but was continually questioned (albeit in a light hearted way) as the ball sailed perilously close to head height: difficult to judge when you have 6 footers and 5' 6" players. Excuse the imperial measurements but most of the team pre-date metric. Similarly no running rule: there are suspicions of running but, until FIFA insist on using technology or SKY introduce slow-motion, the debates will continue.

The match itself resulted in a 3-0 win for Stamborough (or was it Peterford). It was a close encounter until the 3rd 20 minute period when the relative youth and superior fitness of the away side told. There were some good all round performance with Matt W in goal, Matt C upfront, the inspirational Kim in midfield. Chris and Col played well in defence although it felt like the Alamo at times.

Most of all it was an enjoyable evening, game played in good spirit, and everyone rolling back the years

There will be another recruitment drive in Spring and depending on the response we may start a second session during the day, if you or you know someone who is keen on keeping fit whilst having fun, please get in touch with Col Murrant at colin.murrant@talktalk.net or call on 07810 054 226.



Social Media

WEBSITE NEWS

A recent update by a few of our Mini team coaches and managers highlighted out of date sponsor details. Therefore can managers and coaches check the sponsor details on their relevant team pages to ensure the correct logos and sponsor details are associated with their teams and email Sean with any amendments necessary please.

Bees in the news' articles - if you happen to notice any news talking about HTFC, the teams, players or individuals on social media or other websites then please give Sean a shout....email him the webpage address, link or tell him where to look and he'll put it on the website for everyone to share.

Team news or requests - do you want to shout about your team's achievements or let people know of the the next big game to drum up some support...then give Sean a shout...he can put it on the website for you or advise on how to get those photos or videos downloaded for the whole club to see.

General use of the website - what do you the members think? Do you use the site / have you used it / what would you like to see more of or done different - no questionnaires or corny competitions intended to fill your mails spam folder but any ideas or suggestions that will encourage more use of the site are welcome so please let me know.

Contact me Sean Marshall on either seanos@ntlworld.com or mobile 07851 110430 - I look forward to hearing from you :o)

Thanks
Sean

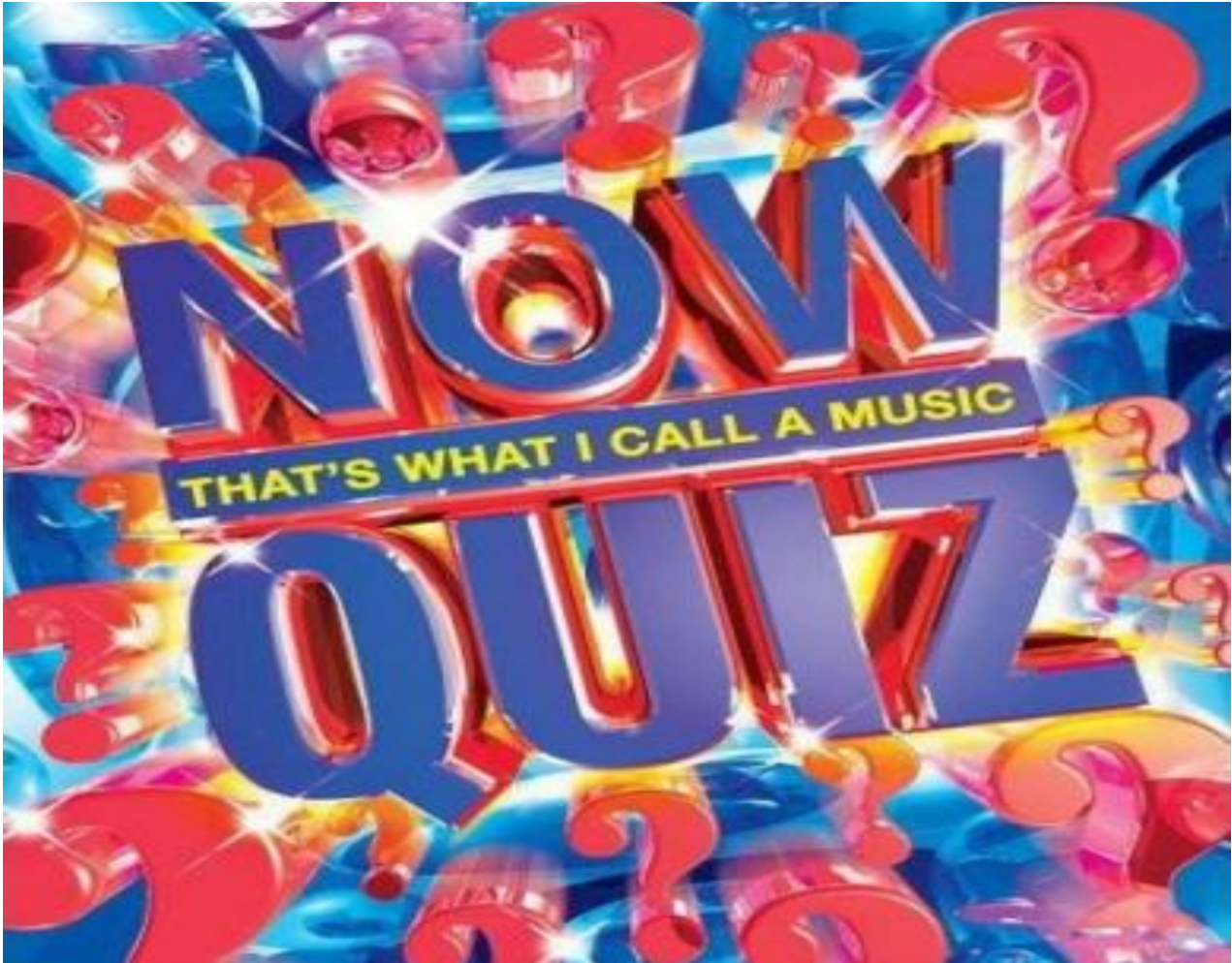
Important HTFC contact details

Chairman and Trustee: Laurence Jones 07739 592517

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Youth Section Chair: Marion Hayton 07785 614414

Club Welfare Officer: Elaine Pepler 07710 128220



Music Quiz Saturday 19th March

@ HTFC Clubhouse 8.00pm Start

Teams of up to 6 people £5.00 per person

Tickets available from the Club Cafe or contact

Gary Wainwright 07952328041