



The Buzz

Harborough Town Football Club newsletter
May 2015

Events calendar

Craft Event Friday 15th May

In preparation for the Carnival in June, we are holding a Craft Event for the children, which will be hosted by Mel from Lilly Grace of Market Harborough. The date is Friday 15 May from 3.00pm - 7.00pm. It costs £5.00 per child, which includes a drink and a bite to eat. We would like the children to design posters, flags, etc. for our carnival float. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available from either the clubhouse, Elaine Pepler (c.pepler@btinternet.com), Susie Munton (scottandsues@tiscali.co.uk) or Jo Perry (mrsjopezza@hotmail.co.uk).

Music Quiz Fri. 5th June

Calling all Pop Pickers! Why not come along and test your pop knowledge in our Music quiz to be held at the Clubhouse.

We're looking for teams of up to 6 people, and entry is £5.00 per person. There will be a cash prize for the winners, so come along and enjoy an evening with friends and family.

For more details see our website or contact [Gary Wainwright](#).

Chairman's Chatter

Dear member,

As Chairman of Trustees I would like to thank everyone who attended the Club Meeting on Thursday 30th April. Well over sixty members attended the meeting which was a fantastic turnout and the members gave their full support to the vision for the future of Harborough Town presented by the Trustees.

Boasting one of the finest grassroots football facilities in the Midlands the Trustees have a very clear aim to provide Market Harborough with a sustainable semi-professional community football club that provides a high quality football experience for all of its members.

There is no doubting the size of the challenge, and success will only be achieved if everyone works together, in effect Harborough Town becomes one club. This will require investment and a change of culture, which with the support of the club members; we will now commence working towards.

It was so pleasing to hear the enthusiastic comments both at the meeting, and from many members who I have spoken to since the meeting.

I have detailed below the vision statements for the club:

- To create a semi-professional community football club playing in the Evo Stick League North by 2020
- To establish a Harborough Town Football Academy by September 2016
- To attract investment to support the growth of football activities across the club
- To establish a player pathway throughout the club from Under 5 to adult
- To enable the club's coaches and managers every opportunity to access continued professional development
- To recognise and reward club coaches and volunteers
- To attract investment into the Harborough Town facility to provide an academy quality facility which supports the growth and development across all areas of the football club
- To create a seven day a week football facility that meets the needs of all users

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 wish to join a group to create a Club fundraising sub-group.

We are looking for parents who have some spare time, creativity and enjoy fundraising.

Those who are interested please email [Marion Hayton](#), Chairperson of the Youth Section, or call 07843 664751.

Want to share your successes?

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

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

- To create a financially sustainable club that provides good value for money for its players, coaches and members
- To establish meaningful partnerships with private sector, public sector and education
- To create apprenticeship opportunities for young people in Market Harborough
- To create a fun environment with the right culture, behaviours and standards which encourage and reward success
- To provide Market Harborough with a football club that meets the needs of the community as the town continues to grow
- To establish a "One Club" approach across all aspects of the football club

There is no doubt that the football community of Market Harborough want a vibrant successful and friendly club, and the Trustees will continue to do their very best to deliver the clubs vision. We cannot do it alone everyone connected with the club had a role to play, so please get involved, support club events, help promote your club around the town, and together anything is possible.

Finally as we reach the end of the season as Chairman I would like to thank everyone who has given their time freely throughout the season. The strength of this club is the wonderful volunteers who make the club work, in whatever role you have undertaken a huge thank you for all that you have done, it is greatly appreciated by everyone connected with the club, and as we begin to look to the future and our vision, the successful delivery will be because we have the most amazing group of volunteers who are passionate about this club

Have a lovely summer.

Laurence C Jones
Chairman

Junior Presentation Day: Sunday 10th May

As hopefully you are all aware the Junior Presentation Day is to be held on Sunday 10th May from 9.30am – 5.00pm. This year the good people of the newly formed Social Committee are hoping to make this a fun day and have many activities for the children to take part in, giving you, the parents, time to socialize with other members of the Club.

Events planned include face painting, a bouncy castle, an "It's a knockout" competition and a cake baking competition (one for the Mary Berry's amongst you!) to be judged hopefully by the winner of the *Great British Bake Off*, Francis Quinn.

If you can, or know of anyone, that would like to help with face painting or you want more information about the events planned for this year, please contact Elaine Pepler on either c.pepler@btinternet.com or 07710 128220. We look forward to seeing you there!



Pictured: David Scott (back row, far right) and coaches, celebrating the end of a great year with players from the U10 and U13 Harborough Town Girls Teams.

On the Spot!

Each month we'll put someone on the spot with deep, meaningful questions. This month it's the turn of David Scott, of the U10 & U13 Girls Teams.

What is your involvement at HTFC?

Coach/Manager for U13 Girls and U10 Girls

Who are your favourite team?

I don't really support a football team but, as I come from Leeds, I guess I have to admit to keeping an eye on their results (sadly)

Who's your favourite player?

Alan Shearer

What's your most memorable footballing moment?

Watching Manchester United come back to win the 1999 Champions League final in a bar in Menorca (don't tell my friends from Leeds!)

Describe the way you like football to be played in 10 words or less:

Fun, ball on the ground, high energy and speed, 'one team'

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

As previous question (on our good days!)

What's the best thing about HTFC?

Great facilities and ethos and loads of brilliant volunteers

What's the worst thing about HTFC?

There aren't really any bad bits but I wish the town engaged a bit more with the club, and vice versa

Describe yourself in 10 words or less

Pathological optimist, enthusiastic, tall, northern (and therefore friendly and funny)

Would you like to be featured in this section?

Contact Gary to find out how:

gary.wainwright@pentair.com.

Youth Team Registration Day (U11s – U18s)

Please put a note in your diary that the Youth Teams Registrations Day will be on 4th July, details and timings to follow.

Feedback welcome!

What was your favourite feature in this newsletter? What would you like to see in future editions? Do you have a preference on frequency? Please send us your feedback; the only way we can make things better is if you tell us what you think!

That's all for this month, we'll be back soon. Have a great month!

Big Game: Saturday 9th May

Preceding the Presentation day, a team of the Clubs Coaches, including stalwarts from years gone by Pete Dougan, Paul Bolger & Matt Shaw, will be playing against the newly promoted to the Premier League Harboro' Vets side.

The game will be fittingly played on the main pitch, as such quality deserves, and will K.O. at 3.00pm. Please come along and support your coaches, as they practice what they preach. Refreshments will be available and for some mandatory.

Carnival Day: Saturday 13th June

This year the Club will be having a float in the Market Harborough Carnival and are looking for volunteers to help design and dress it on the day.

If anyone can help, please contact either Elaine Pepler on either c.pepler@btinternet.com or 07710 128220 or Maz Hayton.

Carnival 10K "Fun" Run: Saturday 13th June

A hardy (foolish) bunch of players from the Vets will be running the Harboro'10K run which precedes the Carnival procession.

These gentlemen, of advancing years, are seeking sponsorship which will be split 50/50 between the Club and Keep The Beat, which is raising money for Glenfield's Childrens Ward. Further information can be found at <http://www.keepthebeat.co.uk/site/index.php>

If you'd like to join the merry band for a gentle jog through the streets of Harboro', or wish to sponsor someone, please contact Gary Wainwright by e mail gary.wainwright@pentair.com.

Important HTFC contact details

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