



The Buzz

Harborough Town Football Club newsletter
January 2015

Events calendar

Sat 7th Feb: Race Night

Have you got an empty diary now xmas is over? We've got a great night for you and your friends to come along too. Sat 7th Feb, doors open at 7:30pm, 1st race at 8.00pm. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available from Gary Wainwright (07952 328041) or the Club. **Please note: this event only is for 16+.**

Monthly Club Draw

How would you like 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 [email Gary Wainwright](#).

Chairman's Chatter

Dear member,

It is amazing how quickly the season flies by, already we are at the end of January which means there are only a few months left to go. It also means that the planning for next season has to start, and the committee will be beginning this process very soon.

Over the last couple of months at the request of both the Trustees and Football Club Committee I have been undertaking an in depth review of all aspects of the football club, and produce a series of recommendations that can be used to build a sustainable and successful football club for Market Harborough.

The review is nearing completion and the trustees and football committee are keen that the members of the club have an opportunity to shape what the future looks like, and how the club will operate going forward.

I am very aware that there have been many club meetings over the years, but this one is important as in many ways it will decide what the future will look like for this club. The meeting will be open to anyone who has an interest in or would like to get involved with Harborough Town FC and shortly all managers, coaches and administrators will receive an invitation to attend, please share this invitation with your parents and supporters.

The date of the meeting is Thursday 30th April and the meeting will commence at 7.30, so please put the date in your diaries now and make every effort to attend, as the future structure and operations of the football club will be decided at this meeting.

It is always pleasing to recognise success, and its congratulations to Ben Ward's Under 16 team who have reached the semi-finals of both the County and League

Getting social

Keep up-to-date with your club via the website or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Get involved

Harborough Town Football Club is run entirely by volunteers and there's always a need for a new helpers and ideas.

The future success of the club depends on its members, as we strive to become one of the best clubs in the country.

If you'd like to find out more about getting involved, please contact Andy Winston on 078460 44090 or Sue Fraser at the Club.

Walking Football

Are you looking for a way of keeping fit but think that football is no longer the answer, due to age or injury? Well, think again. Plans are under way to start Walking Football on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm starting on 11th February. For further information please email: [John Lynch](#) or [Marion Hayton](#).

Thanks to New Sponsors

A big thank you goes out to the following companies for sponsoring teams: Kempston Controls Ltd - U13's 2012; Room for Music - U7's Royals; Stonegate Eye Clinic - U7's Rovers.

cups. In the county cup the team host Leicester Nirvana on Sunday Feb 1st at 1.45 so if you are free come down and give the lads your support.

One area the club is trying to improve is the social side, and the club us hosting a Race Night on Saturday February 7th these events are great fun so if your diary is free come down to Bowdens Park and have a flutter.

Communication across the club is one of our biggest challenges, the newsletter is one of the ways that we are looking to keep everyone informed, the club is working hard to pull together a central database so that we can communicate directly with everyone but this is taking some time so it is vital in the short term that the newsletter is passed on to parents and supporters by managers and administrators, and as Chairman do ask for your assistance with thus so that everyone is kept informed as to what is happening at the club.

That's all for this edition enjoy your football, and please make every effort to attend the club meeting on 30th April and extend the invitation to everyone connected to your team as how the club will operate going forward will be decided at this meeting and it will be your chance to have your say and help shape the future of Harborough Town FC.

Laurence Jones
Chairman

Important HTFC contact details

Chairman and Trustee: Laurence Jones 07739 592517
Senior Section Chair and Trustee: Andy Winston 07846 044090
Youth Section Chair: Marion Hayton 07785 614414
General Secretary: Sue Fraser 07538 550519
Club Welfare Officer: Elaine Pepler 07710 128220

Congratulations: U16's reach County Cup Semi's!

Ben Ward's U16's have reached the semi-finals of the County Cup, with a 5-0 away win against Anstey Swifts. Their reward is a home semi-final v Nirvana on Sunday 1st February. It'd be great if we could show our support for the lads by going along to become the 12th man. **We hope to see you there!**

On the Spot!

Each month we'll put someone on the spot with deep, meaningful questions. This month it's the turn of Craig Moss

What is your involvement at HTFC?

I have been involved with HTFC at some point during all stages while growing up. Junior player during the 1980's, senior during the 1990's and now a Veteran player. Also now manager of the Under 15 94's and coach for the Under 12 94's for whom both my son's play.



Who are your favourite team?

Favourite team is Liverpool, who I have followed since a ten year old after watching

them beat Real Madrid in the European Cup Final on TV.

Who's your favourite player?

Favourite player is King Kenny.

What's your most memorable footballing moment?

One of my memorable moments is playing in a Cup Final for the Bell FC at Kettering Town's old Rockingham Road ground and losing 2-1 after I gave away a dubious penalty that never was!

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

Played with passion and effort, not always about ability.

What's the best thing about HTFC?

The best thing is the facilities and support from behind the scenes and the parents.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less:

Tough tackling full back who is very quiet and reserved.

Would you like to be featured in this section?

Email Gary Wainwright to find out how.

Santa makes an appearance at the Christmas party!



Santa's pit stop! The youngsters who attended the Young Players' Christmas Party on the 21st December were surprised when they saw Santa walk into the room with a bag of gifts. Over 30 kids and 40 parents attended the party which was organised by parents from the U7's Rovers and Royals teams for all players U5's - U10's.

One parent commended the efforts and said, "It was great to see so many kids from different age groups at the club. The DJ kept the kids entertained and the parents could relax and enjoy the afternoon chatting with other parents".

Joanne Perry, one of the organisers said, "This was our first attempt and we couldn't believe the response. At first we thought no one was coming but then we had a queue running down the corridor waiting to come in. Parents want us to do more. And most important the kids loved it".

Santa was overwhelmed with so many kids waiting to share what they wished for Christmas. Each received a gift from Santa. One child asked for a Ferrari. We are not sure how old that child was!

Reminder from Club Secretary, Sue Fraser

If you haven't already confirmed the details below please can you do so ASAP:

- Manager/Team assistants/admin details for the database;
- Details of team sponsors and logos;
- Skills database information from parents and team supporters;
- Payments outstanding to the club.

Thank you!

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**.

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 at the end of February. Have a great month!

The club and all those who attended wish to thank Santa for taking the time out of his busy schedule to meet the children. He enjoyed it so much that he promised to return next time. The Christmas Party will now be an annual event in the Club's calendar. Santa has been booked!

WE WANT YOU! The club is looking for parents who wish to join a group of other parents to create a 'one Club' fundraising sub group. We are looking for people who can bring ideas and creativity to the table, along with an enjoyment of fundraising. Those who are interested should email [Marion Hayton](#) or call her on: 07843 664751.

On the pitch

Our HTFC spies have been out and about, watching all of our teams play over the past month and here are some of the highlights:



The 1st team bench looking thoughtful v Newport Pagnell



Girls in action v Oadby Owls



Had to include this a goal at home for HTFC