



The Buzz

Harborough Town Football Club newsletter
September 2015

Events calendar

Live @ The Hive Saturday 10th October

Live music see HTFC Facebook page & website for details In conjunction with The Squires Effect Charity - All profits raised will be split 50/50 to help the club and people in need within the Harborough Area. Tickets at £10pp - Includes a Welcome Drink On Arrival - (Children admission free).

Quiz Night Saturday 24th October

Here's a chance for you to test the old grey matter while enjoying a night out. Why not get a team of 6 (max) £5.00pp from your footy team and see if you can win the bragging rights and grab the cash prize. No ticket required just turn up on the night

Race Night 21st November

Please put this in your diary a night at the races this is always a great night out with a chance to back a winner. Details to follow shortly

Xmas Party Sunday 20th Dec

Father Christmas is coming to town details to follow.

Welcome back

I know it only seems like 5 minutes since you threw the kit bag into the back of the garage but yes here we are again this season will hopefully see us take more giant strides on our journey as the Club goes from strength to strength in this issue we'll be telling you about some of the exciting things the Club has planned for the season ahead so let's crack on....

Chairman's Chatter

It has been a busy summer off the pitch for the club as we continue to make progress in many areas of club.

In terms of the facilities the club is working closely with Harborough District Council to see how we can improve our facility and ensure that Bowdens Park maximise its potential as a sporting hub for the town.

As Chairman I have shared our vision with senior officers and we are now working closely together to see how we progress this project, and the project has widened to include the Leicestershire & Rutland County FA, and The Football Foundation. I will keep members informed as to how the project is progressing throughout the season.

The club are forming a conferencing and entertainment business to support the football activities, this being led by one of the Trustees John Lynch, and will be looking to maximise the facility for conferences and meetings during the week, and to commence staging live music on a regular basis. This is a hugely exciting development for the club, which will generate additional income for the football activities.

The club is already benefitting from being a Nike partner club, and the new kits look fantastic.

Sean Marshall has worked tirelessly on the club website and the club has invested in a new database system which will allow the club to communicate directly with all of our members.

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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 Jo Perry
mrsjopezza@hotmail.co.uk

It is also pleasing to note that seven of our coaches attended the FA Level One Award in coaching football and were successful. Congratulations to all of them.

The social committee are putting together a varied and exciting programme of social events for the club, please support these events, they are not team focused it is about making the club a social hub, not just a football club, but we need people to support the events.

Since the end of last season the club has welcomed three new Trustees, John Lynch, Joesph Owen and Giles Williams, and as Chairman I am delighted that we have been able to secure their services. I will continue to look for new Trustees so that we can benefit from a wide range of business expertise to run the Charity and the Club.

During the summer we have been working with our legal advisors to ensure that the Charity, and the senior football club are incorporated bodies and legally compliant. This work is now nearing completion, with the Charity changing its name to the Harborough Town Community Trust, and the senior section a separate company limited by guarantee with its own Board of

Directors, who come under the Chairman Peter Dougan.

A lot of work that is undertaken at the club goes unseen. The club is incredibly fortunate has such a dedicated and hard working group of volunteers across all areas of our activities. This is a volunteer run club, and none of the volunteers receive any reimbursement for their time. There are some members who are working thirty or forty hours a week, and I would appeal to all members to be understanding, tolerant and be respectful to the efforts put in by such a dedicated band of people across the club. Things do go wrong, and mistakes will happen, but rather than be critical let's all work together, support each other so that we build a vibrant successful football club.

If anyone has any concerns, wants to complain, or just wants to talk about the club drop me an email and I will do my best to address your concerns and of course there is an open invitation to come on board and help us run the club, we are always on the lookout for willing volunteers.

This is such an exciting time for Harborough Town and as we go into the new season as Chairman I am pleased to report that the across all aspects of the Charity and Club we are making some very real progress. Many people both inside and outside of the club have taken the time to speak with me and to compliment the changes that have taken place. Let's all build on these foundations and work together to make Harborough Town the place to be and give this town a football club to proud off.

Enjoy your football

Laurence C Jones
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Harborough Town FC makes history again!!

The 2015/16 UCL Premier Division kicked off early this year with the 'Groundhop weekend' starting a busy weekend of football across the UCL and local Peterborough Leagues. Harborough Town FC entertained Yaxley FC in the very FIRST 2015/16 season league Football fixture anywhere in the UK! The game took place on the evening of Friday 31st July 2015 and made further UCL Football history by becoming the very first UCL Football League match to ever take place in the month of July.

The game itself was exciting, with both Harborough and Yaxley dishing up some free flowing football in front of the largest crowd ever at Bowden's Park for a League match. 313 people came through the turnstiles to watch a game that took only 2 minutes to see the first league goal of the campaign for Harborough, scored by the returning Danny Wright. Unfortunately Yaxley got an equaliser on 11 minutes and the teams went in all square at Half Time, although Harborough had controlled the game and been the better of the 2 sides (not that I am biased of course!) The crowd were treated to some great Football by both teams and eventually and even if I do say so, unjustly and flattering for Yaxley, we ended up on the wrong side of a 3-1 score line against last season's 4th placed team.

I spoke with Joint manager's Nick Pollard and Chris Church after the game and they were gutted with the result but delighted by the performance, which in their words continued all the hard work the players put in at the end of last season and also in pre-season, where the highlight was a 4-1 win against Vanarama Conference North side Corby Town!

Nick and Chris have made some very good and experienced signings for this season and couple these signings with the development of some of our younger talent that have come through our Junior teams over the past couple of seasons and I believe there is great optimism for the forthcoming campaign.

The development of our youngsters is so important for a club like Harborough Town and I am really pleased to see that last year's U16's squad, led by Ben Ward, will make up the vast majority of this season's U18 MIDWEEK squad. This is a big step for these youngsters but having watched them a few times last season (including 2 Cup Finals), I have no doubt that these young men will become the future of the club and I hope to see many of them progress into our first team over the next couple of seasons. The midweek league matches take place throughout the season on Wednesday nights so please come down and support the future of Harborough Town Football Club, I know Ben and the boys will appreciate your support!

By the time this issue of the Harborough Town newsletter goes to press the Senior team will have also played in the first extra preliminary round of the FA Cup against Shirebrook Town as well as 4 other league fixtures, so a busy start to the new season!! We hope to see many of you down watching this season to help support and cheer the boys on through this campaign and make Bowden's Park a difficult place for visiting teams to come. All our upcoming fixtures will be posted on the club website and also on the club notice board. We look forward to seeing you down at Bowden's Park very soon!!

Thank you for your continued support, believe me it is greatly appreciated!!

Yours Sincerely,
Peter Dougan - Senior Football Chairman.

Editor's Note – We won our FA Cup tie v Shirebrook 3-2 but unfortunately our dream was ended in the next round as Oadby came away 2-0 victors.

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!

Club in the Community

While most of you were relaxing during the off season some members have been out doing their bit for the local community. 3 club members Scott Munton, Max Harris & Gary Wainwright all raised cash by donning their running daps and taking part in the Harboro' Carnival run. Max being the bravest took on the 13 mile half marathon while Scott & Gary took the easy option of the 10K "Fun" run. We also organised the School football tournament at the showground where Maz Hayton oversaw the operation with help from our Coaches. You as a Club also raised a cake tin full of cash through the cake sale on presentation day - thanks to all those who made cakes or brought cakes.

Tell us what you did in the summer, did you take part in tournaments or go on tour please forward your stories and photos we'd love to hear what you got up to.



LIVE @ THE HIVE

Fellow Bees - there's an exciting new development at the club.

We're making some significant changes to the rear function room, which has now been renamed "The Hive"

We intend to make this a vibrant facility that's fully utilised by the club as well as opening it up to the wider Harborough community

Some of you may have noticed a stage has now been erected & very soon new sound & lighting facilities will be arriving, enabling the club & HTFC Catering to jointly present live entertainment which we envisage will include live bands, comedy nights, dinner theatre, guest speakers & of course the clubs own functions.

In addition to this we will be commencing renting the clubs facilities for Conferencing & private hire for weddings & personal events.

It's our intention to maximize the use of our facilities to create new income streams that will enable further development & help financially underpin the clubs future.

We hope the club members will help support & come along and be part of what we intend to be fun social evenings & will soon be advertising our inaugural launch night & other forthcoming events.

Busy Bees required for a lively Hive!

We'd be interested in hearing from anybody who might be interested in volunteering & helping us launch this, we'll need assistance with marketing, box office, front of house & sound and lighting, if you'd like to be part of the team looking after this can you please contact myself -

john.lynch@harboroughtownfc.org or

Joseph & Selena at catering@harboroughtownfc.org

Looking forward to seeing you at event in the not too distant future.

John

Social Media

Currently the Club Is working on the new Nike Partner Club Website but due to holidays and teething problems getting it set up there has been a delay, but hopefully it should be good to go live by the beginning of September. Obviously the two sites will run alongside each other for a short period before the Pitchero one is phased out but we'll do our best to try and keep both up to date etc.. I will need to register people for team admin roles so for relevant age groups if any interested admins want to email me their details to Sean Marshall at seanos@ntlworld.com in advance it would be appreciated (Name / team / contact telephone / email). The NPC site looks like it'll be simpler to use from an admin point and looks 'less busy' than the current site so hopefully it will get more use (and of course it's free for the club!). If people want to have a look at another club already using the NPC platform then take a look at this one to get a flavor of what ours will look like www.mypartnerclub.co.uk/vinters-fc

Thanks
Sean

Walking Football

The number of players participating in walking football on a Wednesday night 6 – 7pm is steadily increasing and the aim is to try and get 20 plus players so we can not only play amongst ourselves but begin to pit our skills against other teams. If you're interested please come along and enjoy a game and the social crack afterwards. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors Intelligent Financial Advisory Ltd (IFA) for providing us with a new kit see photo below



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We recently decided to sponsor and partner with Harborough Town FC (HTFC) as we wanted to get involved with and contribute to the local community. When we met with the team we were very encouraged with their vision for HTFC and wanted to be a part of their ambition. We also wanted to be involved with bringing the Market Harborough community closer together. We have always, on personal level, been involved in sports, so to get involved in HTFC seemed like the ideal opportunity to contribute in something we believe in. Like us, they are starting a new chapter in their lives.

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