



## Events calendar

### Golf Day Friday 1st May

The Club is holding its 2nd annual Golf Day on Friday 1st May. The day is based on the Stapelford format, with the best 2 scores counting on each hole. Tee off time is 1.00pm, cost of entry is £180.00 per team of 4; this includes your round of golf, spot prizes & a 2 course meal.

We are also offering business's the opportunity to sponsor holes. For further info and entry forms please email [Pete Dougan](mailto:Pete.Dougan@htfc.co.uk) or call on 07834 70653, OR email [Paul Fairbrother](mailto:Paul.Fairbrother@htfc.co.uk) or call 07834 734149.

### 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](mailto:Gary.Wainwright@htfc.co.uk).

# The Buzz

Harborough Town Football Club newsletter  
March 2015

## Chairman's Chatter

Dear member,

### HARBOROUGH TOWN – THE FUTURE

As this season draws to an end, the Club has begun to look forward to next season and, with this in mind, we'll be holding an open meeting for all members and parent supporters. The trustees will share the vision for the football club and how we would like the Club to operate from next season.

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of your Club, Harborough Town. We would ask that you please make as many people aware of this important meeting; all are welcome as we look to build a vibrant and successful football club for Market Harborough. The date for the meeting is **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.

**Laurence Jones**  
**Chairman**

### Important HTFC contact details

Chairman and Trustee: Laurence Jones 07739 592517  
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## Congratulations U16's reach County & League Cup Finals

Ben Wards U16's have reached both the County Cup & League Cup Finals; a fantastic achievement I'm sure you'll all agree. The opponents in both finals are Allextown New Parks. The County Cup Final will be held at Holmes Park on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. K.O. is at 19.00PM; all support would be appreciated. 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 Ben Ward coach of the U16's.

### Ben writes...

The current Harborough Town U16's, started life as HTFC Minis, training in Robert Smyth Sports Hall as U6's with Andy Bott in 2004. The team became HTFC Regals U7's in its first season of competitive football and 10 boys started on the journey, with Ben Ward and Dean Barnett as the coaches. The boys played 7 a-side football in division 1 from U7's to U10's, until they became u11's and then moved straight into 11 a-side football as U11's, dropping their "Regals" name.

The U11's and U12's seasons were great, as the boys won back-to-back County Cup Finals, and got through to 2 League Cup Semi-Finals and also won "Harborough Mail Junior Sports Team of the Year". As U14's the boys reached the League Cup Final played at HTFC, but unfortunately lost the final. 5 of the boys have been with the team since we started out, and a further 5 have been with us since U11's.

This season, as U16's, has so far been a great success, having only lost 1 match to date from 15 played, and reaching our 3<sup>rd</sup> County Cup Final in 6 years. We have also reached the League Cup Semi-Final, and hopefully we will be fortunate enough to progress to the Final of this competition as well. The boys are a pleasure to coach and manage, and their success over the years has been built on a great team spirit and brilliant hard work ethic.



### What is your involvement at HTFC?

I have been involved with HTFC since my twin boys started training at Robert Smyth School as 5 year olds, with HTFC Minis in the sports hall with Andy Bott coaching them. That makes it 11 years as a coach and manager of the team who are now HTFC U16's.

### Who are your favourite team?

HTFC U16's.

### Who's your favourite player?

My twin boys.

### What's your most memorable footballing moment?

Winning back-to-back County Cups as U11's and U12's with the boys at Holmes Park.

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

Passing and movement, with the ball on the ground playing through the thirds.

### What's the best thing about HTFC?

Working with the players in the squad, using the best facilities in Leicestershire.

### Who are the best and worst players in your team, and why?

All of my players are equals, and are treated as such. There is no doubt that some are better at some things than others and vice versa, but on the whole, I am lucky to be able to coach a very talented group of players who all have a great attitude, and all contribute in every training session and match we play.

### Describe yourself in 10 words or less

Competitive, organised, structured, mainly calm, professional (with a small p), mild OCD.

### Would you like to be featured in this section?

Contact Gary to find out how:

[gary.wainwright@pentair.com](mailto:gary.wainwright@pentair.com).

## Say Hello and Wave Goodbye

February, as you may have been aware, saw the departure of Cheryl Gibson. The Club would like to thank Cheryl for all of her efforts during her time with us, which hasn't always been easy.

We welcome into the Club Joseph and Selena, who are now running the refreshment facilities and, as I can vouch, make a mean curry and chips! We also welcome Kez Dunkley, who will be looking after the Club's facilities. Please give them a warm welcome as they settle into their new positions at the Club.

## 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**.

## HTFC website: team admins wanted!

Hi, my name's Sean and I'm a parent supporter of the U15 Girls. I'm new to the Club, in that my daughter started playing at Harborough Town at the start of this season, and she thoroughly enjoys it, as do I and my wife Jo.

The U15 Girls are a great bunch and Marie-Claude is their coach, who is doing a fantastic job. As with most coaches and managers, they dedicate a lot of time to the practical side of coaching the teams on training nights and match days, and don't always have time to do housekeeping on the team admin side of things for things like match reports, making sure the team page is up-to-date and circulating team news etc. I volunteered to do this for the U15 Girls and actually quite enjoy it. One thing led to another and I also volunteered to help out with the website as well, after realising it wasn't particularly up-to-date or well used.

I have no web expertise so have just picked things up as I've gone along, and my efforts are still 'a work in progress'. Myself, Scott and Sue Fraser are all 'webmasters' for the site, however I try and do as much as I can so that the Fraser's can concentrate and spend more time on their other club commitments.

There have been recent changes at the club, and in light of a recent review Laurence, our Chairman, has set a vision for the future. A key factor in this is improving the communication within the Club and its membership base. We can all help achieve this by using the website more and sharing news about your team, promoting events, celebrating achievements or commiserating the big matches that nearly were! If you feel anything is relevant and want to share it, please email or contact me on any of the below numbers.

It would be great for as many people to volunteer for active Team Admin roles so that we can really get the site turning over on a regular basis and get it bang up-to-date. The role can be as involved as you want it to be. Together we can help build the site to a standard the Club deserves. It'd be great to hear from you!

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## Now for something a bit different

What other sports do you enjoy playing? Have you tried Medbourne Tennis Club? The Club is situated just outside Medbourne, within easy reach of a vast number of villages and towns in and around the Welland Valley. There are excellent facilities and a team of highly qualified coaches.

It's a friendly tennis club that offers both individuals and families the opportunity to play tennis, whilst at the same time enjoying a large number of social activities. It matters not what standard or age you are, everyone is welcome.

An open day is planned for April; for more information, contact Peter Oppenheimer (Chairman) on 07770 607674 or [via email here](#).



## Presentation Day

Harborough Town will be hosting its annual Club Presentation Day for the minis, juniors and youth teams on Sunday 10th May at the clubhouse. The club intend for this to be a fun day for all of our young players and there will be fun events for the teams to take part in plus a BBQ & bouncy castle.

It promises to be a great day so please put this date in your diary further details will be circulated asap

## 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!**

## HTFC Girls enjoy England trip

HTFC Girls went to watch England Women v USA Women on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The girls' section filled a 50 seat coach with players from the U15s down to the U9s and had a great night out as England were put through their paces by the World Cup favourites.

Pictured is injured U13 midfielder Honour Slater and her midfield partner Lauren Upfold. The club would like to thank Middleton's Tours for providing a beautiful, modern coach at cost price which made the trip possible. Debbie McLaren, local mum and company director at Middleton's Tours, said, "It's great that we were able to help the club put on this very exciting night for the girls of Harborough."



## 'Quilter Cheviot' Invests in Harborough Youth Football

Quilter Cheviot, one of the UK's leading discretionary Investment Management companies, has invested its money wisely in Harborough youth football. Harborough Town was pleased to welcome Tim Horrocks, an Executive Director based in Leicester for Quilter Cheviot, to their 3G pitch on Saturday the 7th of March for the presentation. Tim presented the Under 6 Harborough Town players with a Harborough Town Football Club hoodie sporting the Quilter Cheviot logo.



All the Under 6 players were very excited to receive their hoodies, shake Tim Horrocks' hand and get their photo taken! Rachel Lindsay, Under 6 Administrator, said, "This is fantastic for all the players. We are all really grateful to Quilter Cheviot for the support, it is only through the good will of companies like them that youth football can thrive."