

The Buzz

Harborough Town FC

What's On!

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Football Matters !!!

Wow...

What a year for Harborough town, both on and off the pitch. It has been a season of real progress across all areas of the club and more than ever before the club has come together and Market Harborough now has a football club and facility to be proud off – we even had a mention the "Daily telegraph" back in October!!

It has been achieved through the incredible work of our trustees, administrators, social committee and our very dedicated members of staff.

The reputation of the club continues to grow across the region and we can look back on so many positive achievements last season. To everyone who commits so much time, effort, enthusiasm a very big "Thank You" for all that you do. The results of your efforts are there to be seen both on and off the pitch and together we are building something very special at Harborough Town Football Club.

Now our attention turns to the 2019/2020 season, when we will continue the momentum on and off the pitch as we look to grow and develop the club further.

The lifeblood of this club are the people who use and support it, we are proud of what we are building and the positive environment we are creating. We need more volunteers and helpers so if you would like to be part of an exciting journey please step forward and join our team as the future has never been so bright for Harborough town.

The club were winners off the pitch this season. The Senior Teams were awarded by the United Counties League (UCL) Fair play award for the Premier and 1st Division, the Referees Hospitality Award, The Best Match Programme and also The Respect Award. It is nice to have our efforts acknowledged and we would like to thank all the players, staff and volunteers who helped to gain these awards.

Have a great summer, well actually it is only a few weeks as we look forward to welcoming you all back to watch the first team who have some very exciting pre-season fixtures before they kick off their 2019/2020 campaign in August.

Laurence Jones Chairman of Harborough Town Community Trust.



Senior Section

A great night was had by all for our senior section Casino and presentation evening with live music from Danny G.

The winners of the 2018/2019 awards are as follows:

<u>First Team</u> Managers Player of the year – DAN FORBES Players Player of the year – TONY BARLTLETT & AARON PRESTON Supporters Player of the year – AARON PRESTON Top Goal Scorer -AARON PRESTON (25 GOALS)

<u>Reserves</u> Managers Player of the Year – TOM MILLINGTON Players Player of the Year – JACK CLIPSTON Top Goal Scorer JOSH KING (30 GOALS) <u>The Vets</u> Managers Player of the Year -NEIL DENNY Players Player of the Year – MATT GAMBLE Top Goal Scorer -PAUL TWENTYMAN (13 GOALS) Goal of the Season BEN GAMBLE

Little Bowden HTFC Managers Player of the Year-JORDIE BURKE Players Player of the Year – LEON GRANT Top Goal scorer -TONY COLE (53 GOALS) Goal of the Season – DAN PRIDMORE Most Improved Player –

JAMES BRAMLEY-BROWN Wooden Spoon – STEVE CORRIGAN

Clubman of the Year – JOHN KNOWLES

Colin Murrant was the leading coach for the Hornets until he and his wife decided to move house to Peterborough. Colin was presented with a signed and framed shirt last Monday after the 1st Walking Football Tournament held at the club.

After taking over late last summer John Bidwell and the teams from the HTFC Hornets, have had some mixed results of late. Undeterred the HTFC Hornets (Juniors 50+ and Seniors 60+) are embarking on a number of forthcoming tournaments, and continue with their Leicester Goals Walking Football Premier League (9/06) and Northern Premier League (16/06).

Also, Congratulations also to the Royalist FC on their league and cup double and a deserved reward for local football legend Dibby Shellard.





Junior Presentation Day

We invite Harborough Town juniors to our annual presentation day on the 22^{nd} (Under 16-Under 18s) and 23^{rd} June (Under 5- Under 15s)

Each age group will be assigned a time slot and you will be notified of this by your team coach nearer to the event. On the day Under 5 - 10s should wear their home (Yellow) Kits and Under 11s - Under 15s should wear shirt & tie / special polo shirts for our cup final teams and smart trousers/smart shorts. For the older children you might want to bring a towel and change of clothes!

Every management team will have the opportunity to present their players with individual trophies and special awards to their players. This is an occasion where playing members and non-playing members come together to enjoy our great facilities and take part in a range of fun activities organized by the social team and the club including "The Stocks" to get your own back on your coaching team!

Aside from the presentations there will be lots of things do around the club and you may also be lucky enough to with our very popular "Win your 2019/2020 Subs" raffle. The club shop will also be open on the day so please pay a visit and stock up on items for the forthcoming season!

Also our newly refurbished members bar courtesy of Mick George will be open, so we welcome everyone to stay after their age group presentation and enjoy the new bar area. All playing members will receive a token to be exchanged for a hot dog and coaching management can enjoy a drink to celebrate the end of season as a "**Thank You**" from the club.

It says it all! Fearless

Here come the Gals!

Our U10 girls took part in their first tournament organised by Leicester City Women, held at The King Power Stadium. Some of the players played in the U9s mixed football in mini soccer in previous years.

The girls made it right through the final, only to lose to a boys' U10 team. Yes a boys team who entered the competition and were eligible to play.

Well done girls. I'm sure this experience will make you stronger!

Love the photo. It says it all!



Our Junior Finalists

Well done to the following junior teams

U17's took on Aylestone Park in the County Cup Final. The teams finished 1st (Aylestone) & 2nd (HTFC) in Division 1 this season in what has been a great season.

Unfortunately it was not meant to be for the U17's who after taking the lead lose to 2 late goals (75 & 78mins) in the County Cup final.



After a great performance on the night the U13 girls lost 3-2 against Coalville Town Ravenettes



Junior Trials

Are you aged 16-17?

Come & join us, the Club has the ambition to progress to the higher levels of English Football and to support our player development we will be looking to invite 16-17 year old players to attend trials for our U18's midweek Youth Team.

The Trial Dates are Mon 3rd June, Tues 4th June & Weds 5th June The U11s 94s had a great game against AFC Andrews Foxes U11s but lost 3-1 in their County Cup final but they did however collect a trophy as they ended the season as Group Trophy Winners



U8s Rangers winners of the Leicester & District Mutual League U8s Festival Level 2.



However, They all won! As they all had the opportunity to play in Holmes Park, the FA Leicestershire Headquarters . Well Done All !

from 8—9.30PM.

To register your interest & for further details please contact

marionhayton@ gmail.com with the subject header U18 midweek trials.



Its Carnival Time—Roll Up, Roll Up!

Who remembers England winning the Any old Boots? world cup in 1966!?

Well it's time to remember that victory all over again as part of Harborough Carnival's 'Moment in Time' theme this year.

Harborough Town U9s have bagged themselves a float; we've picked (of course!) England lifting the Jules Rimet in that momentous win against West Germany as our 'Moment in Time' and the plans are underway for decorating the float.

Please come and support us on the day – Saturday 8th June 2019. We'll be on the float and then at Symington's Recreation ground with a stall, prizes to win and an old football boots initiative

If you have any ideas or can offer any help or

As part of the stall at Symington's after the Harborough Carnival, as well as great games and prizes to win; we'll also be selling any old football boots- any size, any colour, any brand, muddy (or <u>clean</u> !) to help raise money for the club.

Help us find a new home for your old football boots that are no longer any use.

Please bring any spare pairs you have to the club house between now and up to Friday 7th June



England Lionesses chase glory in France

England Lionesses are playing their group games in the Women's World Cup which starts on the 7th June 2019;

The Members Bar at the club is getting a face lift and should be ready to welcome members and families to cheers the Lionesses on their 2nd group game - England v Argentina.

Further details will follow. In the meantime, have these dates in your diaries and we hope you can join us from the 14th June.

Sunday 9th June – England v Scotland. Kick off - 5pm

Friday 14th June – England Argentina. Kick off - 5pm

Wednesday 19th June – England v Japan. Kick off - 8pm

Rest of the tournament dates:

Round of 16 - 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th June

Quarter Finals - 27th, 28th and 29th June

Semi Finals – 2nd and 3rd July 3^{rd} and $4^{th}\ place-6^{th}\ July$ Final – 7th July



Volunteers Needed!

Without the time, dedication and commitment that volunteers demonstrate each and every week across our county, clubs and leagues would simply not exist

A football club or league is about more than just the players on the pitch. Volunteers are the ones that really make football happen, giving others the opportunity to enjoy playing the game and helping to create the next generation of sporting stars.

It's often the case that a few people at a club do a lot of the work – so new volunteers will usually be more than welcome.

There are lots of different roles that need to be done, so you don't even need to know all about the game to be a real help.

> Please contact <u>luciechtfc@gmail.com</u> if you are able to help in anyway



Stadium Clean Up

In previous summers, we've had a great turn out to these events from both our players and supporters, who do a valuable job at the ground.

Many jobs need doing to ensure that the new stadium is in good order when the new season kicks off and your assistance would again be very much appreciated.

Most tools will be provided, but if you can, please bring cloths, paint brushes, power washers or just a good scrubbing brush. Refreshments will be provided.

Our stadium and surrounding area clean-up will be on a Saturday in Mid July

If you are able to help in anyway, whether for a few hours or a full day please contact

Peter.dougan@traffco.co.uk

for further information.



Wingates Gallery

Fabulous sports shirt framing - just like this one! Whether signed by your favourite team, player or even just your match worn club shirt, our years of experience in framing sporting memorabilia means we are best placed to advise you on layouts, mounts and colours.

Standard Framing

Double mount with colours to tie-in with the relevant team Shirt carefully stretched without Creases Choice of black/gold/silver frame

Art Glass

Anti-reflective UV coating maximising colour and limiting reflections to preserve the shirt and prevent fading of signatures.

Apertures

Additional apertures can be added for your tickets/photographs or we can source relevant imagery for you.

Plaques

Add an engraved brass or silver plaque in a window underneath your shirt with names, dates and relevant wording.

Engraving

We can engrave directly onto the front or back of glass.

Wingates Gallery can also offer laser engraving directly onto mounts and frames.

For more information please feel free to call them on 01858 465 455

Thank you for reading this newsletter!

The Deadline for next

newsletter is Friday 21st June

Perhaps one of your players is the league top goal scorer? Your team have anew sponsor?

Have a think and do let us know !!!

One Club - One Goal

This is the members newsletter so if you have any interesting information about your team or upcoming events please do let us know so that we can tell everyone about it in our next newsletter, for example, are you a coach and your team has won a cup of league competition?





