



# The Buzz

Harborough  
Town  
FC

## Football Matters

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Congratulations to the HTFC Veterans Team who won an exciting County Cup Final 4-2 on penalties after drawing 3-3 in normal time with Markfield FC.

The final was played at Holmes Park and there was a good following from the club to see John Heron and his team lift the trophy.



The **First Team** are ending the season in style in the United Counties League, having won eight of their last ten games.

With six games left the club are striving for that top eight finish. It is really pleasing to see the number of spectators watching the games show a steady increase and there is an opportunity for everyone in the club to get behind the team on **Good Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April 2019)**, when HTFC host Cogenhoe United FC, with a **7.45pm kick off**, so please come and use your club and support the team, let's try and get the best attendance of the season!

Adults: £6.00  
Children U16s: £1.00  
Concessions: £3.00

The **Girls under 13s** and **Boys under 17s** have both reached their respective County Cup Finals with the games being played at Holmes Park in May, and many of the other junior sides are performing well in their leagues and are still progressing in cup competitions.



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## Other News:

### Club Shop

The club shop has received fantastic feedback and massive thanks to the Social Committee in particular Phil and Jayne for bringing the shop to life. The club has worked hard to become a Nike Partner Club and the relationship we have with Nike and MDH is very important to the club.



### Members Bar

The Trustees have been successful in being awarded a grant from the Mick George Community Fund which will be used to refurbish the members bar, install new lighting and CCTV at the club and to build a dedicated physio room. These works will be undertaken during the summer and the new members bar will be open for the start of the new season.

### Bar and Catering

The bar and catering continues to grow under the leadership of Maz, and the trustees and social committee are looking at ways to see how we can provide an additional outlet to ensure that we can continue to provide a high quality service as demand

continues to grow. One of the options we are exploring is a mobile catering van which will allow greater flexibility across our facility.



### New Stand

The club has purchased a new stand which will provide covered accommodation for 100 persons. The stand will be installed very soon. The cost of the stand was funded by the Football Foundation funding, the Social Committee and funds raised from the Craig Robinson Memorial Competition.

### Car Parking



The Council having remarked the council car park and are now taking a very proactive approach to ensuring that cars are parked legally. Over the last few weeks a number of traffic wardens have visited the car park on Sundays and have issued tickets. We all know that parking is a very real challenge on busy

Sundays, but please do not park on double yellow lines or verges and please park in marked bays.

### Kez

Kez is currently away from the club recovering from a minor operation and everyone at the club wishes Kez a speedy recovery.

The Trustees would appeal to all members to play their part in keeping the club clean and tidy, please use the litter bins, please ensure boots are not cleaned in the car park. A very small group of people are working very hard to maintain the facility while Kez is off, so if could play your part and help, it would be appreciated.

### New Pitch—Clean Boots

The Trustees would like to thank everybody who is ensuring the clean boot policy is adhered to on the new pitch, your efforts are appreciated.

Unfortunately, we still have too many instances when visiting players, managers and coaches and even some of our members have boots that do not conform or are dirty and have mud on them.

It is imperative that all visiting teams are sent the information that confirms what footwear can

## Other News:

and cannot be worn on the new pitch and it is the responsibility of the HTFC team manager to ensure that all players and coaches of both sides conform with the club regulations.



The reason for the requirement is that mud can contaminate the pitch which will shorten the life cycle of the pitch. Having spent £1million in providing the new pitch and ground we all must take responsibility for looking after it, and the Trustees will continue to adopt a very rigorous approach to this and we need your help to ensure all users wear the correct footwear.

### Old Artificial Pitch

The club is faced with renewing the pitch on the old 3G in the next eighteen months, the anticipated cost to undertake this work will be £350,000, this money we will have to raise in a very short time frame. The club will be launching an appeal across its membership and local community and will also be working hard to raise the funds needed, with statutory agencies.

There will be a number of club events which you are asked to support as the proceeds will go towards raising the sum needed to provide the new pitch.

### Junior Presentations

Junior presentation will take places over the week-end of 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June please keep these dates clear in your diaries. Further details will be sent out to coaches and managers before the end of this season.

Saturday 22nd June -  
(All U16-18 teams)

Sunday 23rd June -  
(All Minis to U15 teams)

## Upcoming Fixtures

**Saturday 6th April**  
**Harborough Town V's**  
**Wellingborough Town**  
15:00hrs Kick off



**Friday 19th April**  
**Harborough Town V's**  
**Cogenhoe United**  
19:45hrs Kick Off



### Saturday 27th April

Last game of the season for the 1st team

**Harborough Town Vs**  
**Rugby Town FC**  
15:00hrs Kick off



## Upcoming Events

### Saturday 4th May

The senior teams will be holding their presentation evening at the football club which will be followed by a Casino night! The casino night is a great event which proved a huge success last year! Please do come along for a fun filled evening.

Tickets are priced at £15 and include your chips to be played at the casino, for the evening. The person who ends up with the most chips at the end of the evening will win a prize!



## Other News:

### Friday, 10th May

Harborough Town are running a joint initiative with Leicester City

Community Trust designed at rolling back the years and bringing back the memories. The session is aimed primarily at those over 50.

On Friday 10th May, why not join us at HTFC and revive those memories, watch films of old games, see old memorabilia, but most of all have a chat with like-minded fans.

Don't be shy, you will be most welcome and we will do our utmost to ensure you enjoy the occasion.

The event will run in the morning from 10.30 until 12.00 and will be hosted by Colin Murrant from HTFC and Dave Eassom from LCFC Community Trust. You do not have to be a Leicester City Supporter to attend, just come along with your memories and any memorabilia you might have, have a coffee and make new acquaintances.

This first session will be limited to approximately 12 people. So, if you want to attend, or have a relative or friend who would love to participate, then please email

[htfc.colmurrant@gmail.com](mailto:htfc.colmurrant@gmail.com) or telephone 07810 054226 to book your place.



### Sunday 12th May

The Football club are running a festival for the schools PTA on Sunday 12th May 2019. Starts at 10.30am and entrance cost is £3 for a family, adults £1.

HTFC supports the South Leicestershire Schools competition so come and support your local school.

Current entries include:

Little Bowden  
Market Harborough C of E Church Langton  
Kibworth  
St Joseph's

We are hoping that the following schools will also be represented;  
Ridgway, Clipston,  
Fleckney, Robert Smyth Academy and Welland Park Academy.

This event is also promoting the PTA schools Flexi league which starts at HTFC in September 2019.

For further details please contact Marion Hayton, HTFC Development and Commercial Manager by email:

[htfc.marionhayton@gmail.com](mailto:htfc.marionhayton@gmail.com)

### Sunday 26th May

The annual Richard Smith 6-a-side football tournament will once again be held over the Whitsun bank holiday weekend. Teams are limited to a maximum of 32, so if you want to register a team

(maximum of 10 players per team) then please contact

**Tony Sansome** on **07733 658314**. Cost to enter a team is £50.

### Monday 27th May

The inaugural Walking Football tournament to be held at the Football club. Harborough Town FC will be hosting this tournament for the first time with teams expected to enter from all over the UK.

Please do come down and lend your support to our walking football team.

**Thank you for  
reading this  
newsletter!**

**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? Perhaps one of your players is the league top goal scorer? Your team have a new sponsor? Have a think and do let us know !!!**  
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