



The Buzz

Harborough
Town FC

November 2019

What is happening down at The Hive this month...

BUILDBASE FA VASE

2ND ROUND

HARBOROUGH TOWN FC

VS

ATHERSTONE TOWN

HARBOROUGH TOWN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL GROUND
NORTHAMPTON ROAD, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LE16 9HF

SATURDAY
2ND
NOVEMBER

KICK OFF
3pm

THE BUILDBASE FA VASE

A message from the Senior Chairman: Pete Dougan

After a great start to the season things are starting to settle down in the various leagues, and we are seeing which teams will likely be competing at which end of the table.

A strong start for both the first team and the reserves has been followed by some excellent advances in cup competitions whilst a couple of league losses for the first team, has seen them settle in and around the top 6. The reserves are going great guns, with Tony and his team currently sitting second in the league, through in both cup competitions and playing entertaining football. If you find yourself at a loose end, why not go down and watch the young reserve team as we hope you will be pleasantly surprised by their style of football and I know they would appreciate your support.

The big news for the clubs first team of course is the excellent result in the 1st round of the Buildbase FA Vase cup competition. A resounding 4-1 win against Essex opposition Enfield FC, saw the Bees progress and get handed a home tie on Saturday, 2nd November against Atherstone Town. The staff and players are under no illusions this will be another tough game and they will have to be at their best to progress further, so please do get down to the *"Beehive"* and support the lads! Remember this is the furthest any team from Harborough Town FC has ever reached, so we look forward to seeing you there!

The vets have also started their season confidently but were pegged back by last seasons league winners Aylestone Park in their last outing and currently sit 3rd in Division 1 of the Leicestershire Veterans league. Next up for the boys is the County Cup, where they face Burbage Old Boys in an away fixture on Saturday 2nd November, Good luck boys!

Don't forget we introduced a Sunday adult team to the club last season and under the leadership of Adam Green the boys have settled well at the club and have some good overall results – so anyone who wants to play but can't commit to Saturday football, there is always an opportunity with our Sunday team and I am sure *"Greenie"* and the boys would love to welcome you down. Both the Sunday team and the vets train at the club on a Tuesday night starting at 7:30pm.

I hope that whatever team you are playing for, you are enjoying your football and listening and learning from your coaches.

Respect them and the officials and support the club, whichever team you play for!

First team captain
Ben Williams
&
The Buildbase FA Vase

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Senior Section – Forthcoming Fixtures

First Team

Saturday, 2nd November (HOME)
vs. Atherstone Town FC KO 3pm

Saturday, 9th November (HOME)
vs. Rugby Town FC KO 3pm

Tuesday, 12th November (AWAY)
vs. Desborough Town 7:45pm

Saturday, 16th November (AWAY)
vs. Deeping Rangers FC KO 3pm

Saturday, 23rd November (HOME)
vs. Holbeach United FC KO 3pm

Saturday, 30th November (AWAY)
vs. Sleaford Town FC KO 3pm

Reserves

Saturday, 2nd November (HOME)
vs. Kibworth Town KO 1:45pm

Tuesday, 5th November (HOME)
vs. Potton United KO 7:45pm

Saturday, 9th November (AWAY)
vs. Desborough Town KO 3pm

Saturday, 16th November (HOME)
vs. Yaxley KO 3pm

Tuesday, 19th November (AWAY)
vs. Irchester United KO 7:45pm

Saturday, 23rd November (AWAY)
vs. Bugbrooke St Michaels KO 3pm

Tuesday, 26th November (AWAY)
vs. Daventry Town KO 7:45pm

Harborough Town Vets

Saturday, 2nd November (AWAY)
vs. Burbage Old Boys KO 1:45pm

Saturday, 9th November (AWAY)
vs. Huncote Sports & Social KO 3pm

Saturday, 23rd November (AWAY)
vs. Markfield Veterans KO 3pm

Harborough Town Hornets

Sunday, 24th November (*tournament at home*)
vs. Moulton FC KO 11am
vs. Wisbech Town FC KO 12:00pm
vs. Netherton Town KO 12:30pm

Club Admission 2019/2020 Season

Adults £6.00
 Concessions (*over 65*) £3.00
 U16s £1.00
 Tickets for all matches will be pay on the gate (*cash only*)

**SEASON TICKETS
 NOW AVAILABLE!**

Your Support is always very much appreciated
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Harborough Town Sports Academy

After a successful evening attending the Welland Park Academy careers fair last month we are pleased to announce our new Academy is starting in September 2020 for 16-18 year olds.

Players will study a variety of nationally recognised qualifications within sport, coaching and fitness which is managed by SCL. The awarding pass credits are equivalent to three A levels which will provide students the opportunity to continue studying at a university of their choice.

With the new course players can combine a the passion for football with a full-time education and development programme, and they will also benefit from an outstanding learning and teaching experience. This will enable them to achieve their best and will set them on the path to establishing themselves within the industry.

Information regarding the courses and trial dates can be found on <https://www.wearescl.co.uk/harborough-town> or by contacting Maz Hayton



Good Luck Kez and team!

For those members who may have missed the news in Octobers newsletter, the Institute of Groundsmanship "IOG" awards ceremony will be taking place on Wednesday 30th October, and Kez and his team have been nominated for the **"IOG NGB Community/Grassroots Sports Club Grounds Team/Individual "** award. The ceremony will be presented by BBC sports and news presenter Dan Walker at The Vox in Birmingham.

The awards acknowledge the passion, dedication and challenges faced by ground staff, volunteers and professionals across all levels of sports, and we wish Kez and his team all the very best, and we'll announce details of the results in the coming days.



BT Sport – All Channels

Harborough Town are pleased to announce that the members bar is available to screen **all** BT sports channels, therefore giving the club more football matches to show such as UEFA Champions and Europa Leagues, FA Cup Football, as well as Rugby Challenge Cup and MotoGP and much, much more.

Why not head down to catch the following.....



Rugby World Cup Final

Saturday, 2 nd November	England vs. South Africa	KO 9am
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Premier League

Saturday, 2 nd November	AFC Bournemouth vs. Manchester United	KO 12 noon
Saturday, 9 th November	Chelsea vs. Crystal Palace	KO 12 noon
Saturday, 23 rd November	West Ham United vs. Tottenham Hotspur	KO 12 noon

Moto GP

Sunday, 17 th November	Grand Prix of Valencia	1pm
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Events Hire

Are you looking for a venue for a party? Well, the Harborough Town Community Football Ground could be your ideal location. We have two great rooms available which will accommodate up to 120 people seated or 150 standing with a fully stocked bar, free and ample parking, and on-site catering available. We can also offer everything to suit your event no matter how big or small.

Our members bar is also available to hire for smaller parties, meetings, workshops and courses or even as a second room to a wedding, anniversary, or any other event.

For enquiries and costs please contact htfc.marionhayton@gmail.com



Social News

Comedy Night (14th December)

Harborough Town proudly present a night of stand-up comedy from the following acts: Robert "Skeems" Skeemer, Luke "Evian" Sterland and Lawrence Laidlow.

Get the baby sitters booked and enjoy a fantastic evening full of laughs!

When: Saturday, 14th December
Where: Main Function Room
Time: From 7pm until Late



Tickets will be available to purchase very shortly from the Social Team or the Club Shop. The tickets are priced £10 p/person if booked in advance, or £15 p/person on the night.

Junior Christmas Party (15th December)

After the success of last years' Juniors Christmas Party, plans are currently being made for this years event. However, unlike previous years **tickets will NOT be available on the day** and can **only** be purchased in advance from the club shop or at the cafe.

The last date to purchase tickets is Saturday, 30th November, to ensure the social team can advise the elves how many gifts Santa will need to bring!

We also need more volunteers to help during the afternoon so that the party can be a success; please let Phil Robinson know if you are able to support pgrobinson@aol.com

When: Sunday, 15th December
Where: Main Function Room
Time: From 4pm until 6pm



ABBA Tribute Night – Coming in 2020

Take a trip down memory lane as our incredible ABBA tribute act perform all of your favourite hits from Sweden's finest pop group including Waterloo, Voulez-Vous, Knowing Me Knowing You, and many, many more!

Let you hair down, dust off your spangly trousers and dance the evening away as this is sure to be a floor filling night of all the classic ABBA tunes – so do not leave it to the last minute to get your tickets...



More details to be released shortly.....

Christmas is coming

If it's Christmas gifts ideas you are looking for, then look no further than your very own Harborough Town FC club shop!

We have lots of items in stock; boot bags, BootBuddy, key rings, hats including bobble hats and baseball caps, gloves, waterbottles and clothing.

Please order early to ensure the Elves are able to get stock in time for Christmas .

The social team aim to open the club shop on Saturdays from 9:30am until 11:30am ***(subject to volunteers being available)*** . The shop will also open when the first team are playing at home from 1pm until 5pm.

If the shop is closed please do ask a member of the "Cafe" staff for assistance.



Special offers for November & December Only:

• Half price initials on clothing	£1.50	Save £1.50
• Beanie hat & scarf	£13.00	Save £1.95
• Bobble hat & scarf	£14.00	Save £1.95
• Bootbag & waterbottle	£12.50	Save £1.50
• Drawstring bag & waterbottle	£7.00	Save £1.50

Christmas Raffle

How many of you would like to WIN £750 in cash just before Christmas? This year we have increased the prize money for the annual Harborough Town Christmas Raffle as detailed below:

1 st Prize	£750
2 nd Prize	£350
3 rd Prize	£200
+ many more fantastic prizes	



Each Harborough Town player has been given two books of tickets to sell (*value of £10*) to help raise funds for the club. Last years ticket sales enabled the social team to contribute funds to help pay for the third covered stand within the ground as well as fund the end-of-season presentation day.

There is still time to purchase your tickets, and if you as yet haven't received **any** tickets please speak to your team manager who will be able to assist.

As they say, "you have to be in it, to win it!"

Reminder – All weather footwear policy

Now that winter and the wet weather is fast approaching please make sure you are aware of the footwear policy for our All Weather Pitches.

- **Up to and including the U10s**, Clean e.g. mud-free astroturf boots/trainers can be worn by players in both dry and wet conditions. However, please note that should a player decide to wear astroturf boots/trainers in wet conditions, *which remains in the view of the trustees as unsuitable*, this is at their own risk.
- **ALL teams at under 11 and over** the current boot policy will apply at all times.

Please note the only exception is if the pitch has been subject to heavy rain or extreme wet conditions there may be occasions when astroturf boots/trainers will not be permitted at all, irrespective of age group.

The footwear policy is not just player related, it applies to all managers, coaches, assistant coaches, match officials and parents that enter the All Weather Pitch this is irrespective of age group and therefore the policy including use of Astroturf boots/trainers only in dry conditions must be observed.

There is no reason for non-compliance of the footwear policy. The club have loan boots which are available in a range of all sizes for members and non-members to wear.

The Trustees will be undertaking random checks throughout the season and any team found not to be enforcing the policy will be asked to leave the pitch – *The Trustees also reserve the right to suspend teams from using the All Weather Pitches in the event of not upholding the footwear policy* – This is something we do not want to happen!



HARBOROUGH TOWN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL GROUND

Things you **can** and **can't** do

WEAR THE CORRECT BOOTS	WEAR CLEAN BOOTS	WARM UP ANYWHERE	WATER BOTTLES
Refer to the boot poster	Mud will contaminate the pitch	Use the goalmouths, do SAG routines etc.	Only WATER bottles are allowed on the pitch
			
✓	✓	✓	✓
NO SMOKING	NO CHEWING GUM	NO FOOD OR DRINK	REMOVE ALL SOCK TAPE
On or near the pitch	Will damage and contaminate the pitch	Of ANY description on the pitch	Please remove all tape from the pitch/dugouts
			
✗	✗	✗	✗

PLEASE help us to protect this facility – it will benefit everybody and prolong the pitch quality and the life of the surface.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



HARBOROUGH TOWN COMMUNITY FOOTBALL GROUND

Boots you **CAN** and **CAN'T** wear

ARTIFICIAL GROUND (AG)	FIRM GROUND (FG)	HARD GROUND (HG)	ASTROS (AG)
Specifically for 3G RECOMMENDED	Round/Hollow studs RECOMMENDED	Ideal on 3G and grass RECOMMENDED	Dimpled soles ONLY WHEN DRY
			
✓	✓	✓	✓
METAL STUDS (SG)	MIXED STUDS (SG)	BLADES (Metal or Plastic)	TRAINERS, FUTSAL & INDOOR
Causes damage to pitch BANNED	Can cut the surface BANNED	Limited movement CAN CAUSE INJURY	Flattens the pitch NO GRIP
			
✗	✗	✗	✗

Best football boots for artificial turf/3G

Rounded FG studs or a for-purpose AG soleplate

Reduce your risk of injury AND prolong the quality of the pitch

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

This newsletter is produced to keep Harborough Town members up to date with what is going on at the club so thank you for taking the time to read it.

If you have any interesting news about your team, any upcoming events to advertise, or even events you would like to see going on at the club please do let us know so that we can tell everyone about it!

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