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Wittlich - Wellingborough Twinning Town

For the last 15 years an exchange trip has been organised between Earls Barton United F.C. and Wittlich town in Western Germany, not far from the border with Luxembourg.

Every other year a group of our young footballers along with adults from the club visit Wittlich and stay with exchange families for a few days during the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, this year the school Easter holidays fell outside the Easter weekend which meant that this year we were unable to take our group of children to Germany. So that

the strong link between our communities was not broken, a group of adults involved with the football club travelled to Wittlich over the Easter weekend. Mainly committee members and their partners were met at the airport by Roland and friends. Roland has been our main point of contact over the years and he organised various trips for all of us over the weekend. We were met by the mayor of Luxem on Good Friday who escorted the group for a tour of the town of Luxem and given some interesting historical facts. During the weekend a day trip to Koln was also organised which included a visit to the famous cathedral. The weather was similar to here in the UK with snow falling and settling on the ground. The warm hospitality and close friendship of our colleagues made up for the low temperatures we experienced outside as we were made to feel welcome by all we met.

Next year we will reconvene with our normal routine and hope to take Earls Barton's girls football team for the first time on the exchange. A very strong link continues to strive between the two towns and will continue to do so for many years to come. **Antony Owen - Chairman**



EBUFC golf day

The club is once again hosting our annual golf tournament for 2008 at Kilworth Springs Golf Club, in Leicestershire on Friday 18th July. The cost of the day is £75.00 if you wish to travel on the coach and £65.00 if you make your own way there.

The day will commence as follows:

- Bacon roll on arrival
- Morning nine hole team competition
- Lunch
- Afternoon 18-hole individual Stapleford
- Finishing with a 3 course evening meal

We are looking for companies who would be prepared to sponsor the AM challenge, or the two nearest the pins and the longest drives at a cost of £25 or to sponsor the main event at a cost of £100. With this, will be an opportunity for your company to have their name and logo advertised for the day.

If you would like to play or can help with sponsorship, please contact **Andy McGuckin on 07876 778872.**

Barton Carnival

The club is having a stall at the Earls Barton carnival this year taking place on Saturday 21st June. **We need LOTS & LOTS of sweets for the Tombola stall!** So if you can donate some please give them to your manager or committee member or contact **Vanessa Connolly** on **01933 674282** to arrange collection.

Dates for your diary

Volunteers presentation night	Friday 6th June
AGM	Tuesday 10th June

Sponsors

Tom & Kim Little (Bizzy Sizzors) have very kindly sponsored the U14 team with casual summer polo shirts.

Ladies take on GB Team

On Sunday 13th April the Ladies team were invited to play in a tournament in Wellingborough put on especially for the Great Britain Deaf team in preparation for their trip to the Olympics next year.

The event was organised by one of the Whitworths players who is deaf herself and has just been selected to play for the GB team. Despite their disability the GB team played some good football and ran out winners on the day. The team had travelled far and wide to play in the tournament, one even travelling down from Scotland.

The Earls Barton Ladies were the only team to hold the GB team in the group stages drawing 1-1 and were unlucky to draw the GB team again in the semi final. Again we held them 0-0 at the end of normal time but the GB team proved too strong in extra time and won 2-0.

Earls Barton can be proud of their efforts on the day, especially the younger players who were drafted in on the morning of the tournament, to make the numbers up when a few of the first team rang in 'sick'.

Womens And Girls Football Festival

On Thursday 10th April the NFA held a Womens and Girls Football Festival at the Hindu Centre in Wellingborough.

Earls Barton were invited to take part in the Festival, as a Charter Standard Club, to help promote girls football in the area. Several of the U14 team and a couple of the Ladies team helped out at the Festival which was attended by Leeds United and England forward Sue Smith. Sue spent the whole day coaching and talking to the girls and spent some time signing photos.

The girls and ladies saw Sue again, when they went to Nottingham Forest to see the Ladies cup final between Arsenal and Leeds, of which Arsenal came out 4-1 winners.



Above: EB girls and ladies players with Sue Smith

Right: Lucy and Amy Green of the U14 team with Sue Smith



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