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Football Fun Day Special

Thanks to all teams from the Veterans & Reserves, Ladies and Girls teams and all junior teams for taking part in such a fantastic day. Despite the weather it didn't stop parents and children contributing to what was an excellent turn out to our first of what we hope to be an annual event.

TOTAL MONEY RAISED ON THE DAY WAS APPROXIMATELY £600!

Football Fun Day at the Grange – 31st December

Food and drink were available from the offset and due to high demand was exhausted by the end of the day.

The younger children were presented with medals and also a trophy to each team was presented to mark the day.

Also many thanks to all the managers, parents and relatives for all their help and support given on the EBUFC Family Football Fun Day.

Special thanks to all the people and businesses for their generous donations on the day. These include:

Earls Barton Working Mens' Club – Bottle of Whisky

Whites Nurseries – Jacket Potatoes

Barkers – Trophies

Rutherfords – Medals

Ram Sports – T-Shirts & Trophies

Dave Shurville – Printing of T-Shirts for Under 12's mums

Carlsberg Brewery – Loan of shirts for Under 8's & 9's & bottle of Whisky for raffle

Thank you to everyone else who donated raffle prizes.

A special mention goes to **Lindsey Clewer** who was awarded her trophy by Angie Foster as the **"Mum player of the day."**

What a day it was! A fantastic day for the whole of EBUFC and very well supported by all. Wouldn't it be great to make this an annual fundraising event – so put **Sunday 9th September 2007** in your diaries for another great day!

Below is a list of unclaimed prizes from the Fun Day Sunday. Please contact Tony Sanders (811512) who has the prizes.

Ellie Andrews, Asha, Atwell, D Lee



Other Footie News

County Cup Congratulations to the Under 12's and 14's who both reached the quarter finals. The Under 12's beat Thrapston 2-0 and the Under 14's beat Peterborough Panthers 2-1. Both matches were played away from home.

Christmas Prize Draw

The December Sports Association Christmas Prize Draw list is on the website for checking. Altogether **£1400 was raised** so thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets!



So where did the idea of a Family Fun Day come from?

Just after the uniting of the two Clubs in the village I was involved with a make-shift veterans team against a reluctant team comprising players from the Saturday 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams, over the Christmas break from league games. Somehow I have been involved every year with the "fixture" which brings a certain level of competition and, more importantly, a wonderful social side to Earls Barton UNITED F. C. The regret after the games I remember was that only a few people were involved. Now the thought started. Get more people involved? But how?

During the next few seasons I did my best to watch as many teams and games at the Pioneer ground as I could. Mums were now growing in support numbers, getting more involved too in a variety of ways, especially 'running' the tea shop. They were also getting to be younger!!!! I did try dropping a quiet challenge to some mums who laughed away the idea of playing football. I recalled the old saying, if at first.....

So I persisted, admittedly not loudly or too often, until this season. I can still picture those familiar faces sitting at one of the tables outside the tea shop when I let slip the suggestion of a Christmas time Mums versus Sons game. Initially some ladies whose sons were at the time playing for an Under 12 team and some dads from the Under 14 team said, "yes". A week or so later things changed. Mums were keen but the dads were not too sure. The seeds were sown. Gradually there was more talk and rumours could be heard. Committee agreement was acquired.

Two teams were deciding whether to take on their boys. The U12 mums were now serious and their excitement was infectious. U14 boys were offered a game against E. B. Ladies, yes they play their league games at the Grange on Sundays at 2.00pm, as the required number of dads diminished. Suddenly mum power was clear as the whole thing 'exploded'.

Knowing this was now too big for one person I sought help. Luckily the Christmas angels or an early Santa brought forth Tommy, Kim, Lindsey and Andrea (Kim gave me the low down just in case Andrea was unavailable at the last minute). Thank you all. Other super helpers joined as time went on. Again, thank you. After a meeting in White Way the show was on the road. Tommy informed all Managers at their meeting.

Angie Foster and Mark Stamer offered training sessions to the mums.

A programme was made giving approximate time of games. Look East and Anglia TV were informed. What did they miss? My thanks to Alison (photographer), Eddy (reporter) and Ruth (reporter) for the coverage in the Evening Telegraph, Chronicle and Mercury news papers. Thanks to everyone who was there at the Grange on 31st December 2006.

I was asked for my reaction to the day. Well, I was shattered but I was so pleased with the support and to see so many people enjoying the football.



**Best wishes to the club for 2007
Tony Sanders**



Please help us to keep our information up to date. Any team/club information, news or photos you wish to put forward, simply email Gen (aldrich@zoom.co.uk) or Caroline (caroline@bubblecreativesolutions.co.uk).

