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Great season for the Vets!

Congratulations to the Veterans team who were Champions of Division One of the Vets league, and also came runners up in the Cup competition! They lost the Cup Final 4-1 (after leading 1-0 at half time) to Wellingborough Whitworths. The scorer on the day was Richard Taylor.

Leading scorers for the season were:
Lee Burrows on 17 goals, and Steve Grant on 12.

Special mention goes to Paul Knight (Cuffy) who was the only player to play in all games in the season.

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	EARLS BARTON F.C.	14	11	2	1	25	35
2	Stony Stratford Town	14	10	2	2	24	32
3	Wootton St. George	14	9	1	4	15	28
4	Newport Pagnell F.C.	14	6	2	6	-6	20



Barton Carnival

The club are having a stall at the Earls Barton carnival on **Saturday June 16th**. We need **LOTS and LOTS of sweets for a sweet tombola**. Please could you donate any sweets **before the 14th June** or call me on 01933 674282 to arrange collection.

We hope to have a **walking entry** at the carnival and it has been suggested that we could have a **minimum of 5** from each team to walk in their team strip. Can you please let me know on this as soon as possible. Finally we need some help to man our stalls, your offer of help would be greatly appreciated. *Vanessa Connolly.*



Wittlich 2008

The Club's regular exchange with our German friends in Wittlich will be taking a slightly different approach in 2008. Next Easter we may be travelling as an adult only group to Germany. This is due to school holidays in Germany not matching up with our own. If you are interested in securing a place on this trip please contact Anne or Geoff Cleaver who will have more information. We will be taking children and adults with the usual arrangements in 2009.

U6,7,8 & 9's

Congratulations to under 6,7,8, & 9's who held their presentation evening recently. Well done to you all and keep up the good work.





'Funny ol' game...'

I have been lucky enough to see football at the highest level in recent weeks, having been to the FA Cup Final at Wembley before flying out to the Champions League Final in Athens.



The phrase 'funny ol' game' came to mind. Firstly, at the FA Cup Final, most neutrals would have been disappointed with the spectacle and from an entertainment point of view, quite rightly so. However as I studied the game I was left blown away by the individual technical ability of some of the players, Mickel's short passing game and ability to retain the ball under the greatest pressure, the sheer power of Rooney driving at the heart of Chelsea's defence and the precision of Paul Scholes.

If any football purist walked away disappointed, I was not one. Stale mate, yes, but because two equally technically efficient sides organised to reduce the opposition's chances. One moment of magic from Drogba, who had given a very lack lustre performance turned him from one of the worst players on the pitch to a hero. As I say 'funny ol' game'.

Then there was the opposite in Athens. Liverpool spent 45 minutes attacking a frustrated AC Milan side but failed to capitalise on their chances by losing possession too easily and their technical side of the game was hampered by the pace and power they had set. As a result it left an anxious defence that tried to keep up with the game's pace but inevitably, left them exposed.

Which type of game is better all depends on what you want from it. The spectator who has paid £50 for a ticket wants to be entertained, whilst a supporter watching their team do little for 90 minutes can come way elated with a last minute goal.

In my opinion, Manchester United won the league because, over 38 games, they had the right mix of pace and technical ability.

Turning to football fans, The FA Cup Final took place without incident. 23,000 tickets given to both sides, no ticket checks until the turnstiles, everybody sitting patiently and peacefully until the game started and those not lucky enough to get a ticket on the day finding a pub with a large screen to watch the game instead.



No problems just a great atmosphere, so why, when we go to a foreign country where there are 4 ticket checks before you reached the stadium, do we feel that by sheer numbers we can force our way through to the stadium, not take our seats, stand on steps and railings, rob anything not nailed down. There were in excess of 60 flags on poles around the top of the stadium and fans scaled the walls (30 metre drop) and not one was left before kick off.

What's the difference, was it the police, the organisation, ticketing arrangements or simply a complete lack of respect for the culture and country they are in? How many pubs in England would put the bill on the table whilst the customer is in the beer garden and keep adding to it



expecting the customer to go in and pay at the end of the night?

It was an eye opener for me that left many questions. What do we want from our children as players and spectators? We are their role models, we are soccer parents and it is down to us to encourage the players to enhance the beautiful game physically, mentally and technically and to enjoy and understand football and the different cultures that take part.

No one coach knows everything, no one country is perfect, no one team is the best at every part of football, but if you take the best from each and respect what each has to offer then imagine the potential you can harness and the affect it will have on what you have to offer and what you can do.

Antony Owen - Club Chairman.

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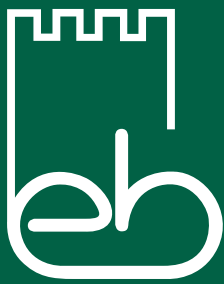
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Please help us to keep our information up to date. Any team/club information, news or photos you wish to put forward, simply email Gen (aldrich@zoom.co.uk) or Caroline (caroline@bubblecreativesolutions.co.uk).





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Girls/Ladies Update

On Saturday 12th May the girls and ladies section took part in the Waendel Walk once again, this being the 10th or 11th time the girls have done the walk. We entered 46 players, family and friends and on Sunday I was invited to the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough to be presented with the Largest Club Group Award by the Mayor of Wellingborough. Everyone enjoyed the walk, the weather was kind to us and hopefully we have raised some money for some new kit at the same time. Special mention to the U13's who had a great turn out with only 2 of the whole squad unable to do the walk.

Later that same evening the Girls and Ladies all gathered at the Working Mens Club in the village for their annual presentation evening. A great time was had by all and many thanks go to the Working Mens Club and their resident disco for making it such a great evening.

The girls and ladies section have had another good year both on and off the field and the female section of the club continues to grow. We now have an U14 team training in preparation for entry into the league in September. The U13's struggled for numbers at the start of the season moving up from 7 to 11 a side but now have a good number of new players training with a view to signing on for the new season and we are looking for more players for the new U12 team. Any girls interested please ring Angie 01604 466265. The Ladies had another good season in the Northants Womens Football League, finishing 3rd in the league

and are now looking to push on from that next season. Again we will need to strengthen the squad slightly so any Ladies interested please contact Angie.

The awards this year were presented by our team sponsors Glazerite Windows for the U13s and Bubble Creative Solutions for the Ladies.

Steve Foster **Golden Boot Award** was presented to **Catherine Sealey** of the Ladies team who once again had an amazing goal scoring season but was disappointed to just miss out on bettering last season's tally of 62 **finishing the season on 61**. She was ably assisted up front for the last 8 games of the season by Lauren Green who managed to score 16 goals in

that 8 match spell and had Donna Norman not missed the last 2 months of the season with a back injury I'm sure she would have improved on her tally of 17.

Many thanks to everyone that has assisted with the girls and ladies teams this season - we are already looking forward to the next.

Angie Foster

Part time vacancy

Part time receptionist required at my place of work in the village - afternoon shifts.

If you are interested/know anybody that may be interested please contact me for further details. Angie (01604 466265).

U13's Award Winners

Most Improved **Gina Loziou**
Manager's Player **Katie Newman**
Players Player **Gina Loziou**

Ladies Award Winners

Most Improved **Caroline Kendhammer**
Manager's Player **Katie York**
Players Player **Lauren Care/Caroline Kendhammer**
Long Service/Loyalty **Lauren Care/Lauren Green**

