



earls barton united fc

Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

After a long period of bad weather the club is back in full swing and the results are looking good for many of the sides on the pitch, with 1st and Sunday sides both reaching finals and a number of the youth in the later stages of the cup competition and vying for top of the table finishes.

With recent adverts we are now interviewing additional coaches to fill the gaps at present left within our teams' structure and to support existing managers who are short of assistance. The club wishes to thank Steve Healey who has now joined Northampton Town ladies development for all the work he has put in with the newly formed girls under 12.

There has been a couple of recent reports to the NFA about various off field incidents, none of which have been substantiated, however it proves that clubs are showing zero tolerance regarding parental behaviour, therefore please report to Anne any incidents you witness at games no matter how trivial it seems. If you think it is wrong then it probably is. Our Club FA Charter Standard Community status is due for renewal which the club will be working hard towards, so please help us to keep our standards high.

There has also been a lot of volunteer work carried out on the 2 grounds please respect the facilities and enjoy the rest of the season. **Antony Owen - Chairman**



Football swapped for snow balls

February saw very little football played at Earls Barton with the pitches covered in several inches of snow for well over 2 weeks.

We have been very lucky to get back playing pretty quickly and now it is catch up for most of the teams trying to get all of the fixtures in before the end of the season.



Germany

The final preparations are now being made for the Easter exchange trip to Wittlich. This year we are taking 13 boys and 14 girls, the first time the girls teams have been involved in the exchange trip. Watch out for the trip report in the next issue of the newsletter.

Dates for your diary

Old Boys Reunion	March 27th
Quiz Night	April 3rd
Exchange Trip to Germany	April 13th
1st Team Cup Final, Raunds Town FC	April 14th
Ladies Cup Final	May 4th
Cricket Match, The Grange	June 21st

Ladies Cup Final

This year's Ladies Cup Final will be played at Pride Park, Derby County on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May.

Hopefully we will be running a coach to the game. Anybody interested in going please contact Angie for tickets on 01604 466265.

Team of the Month



Mens 1st Team

Managed by Rich Ellson,
Darren Bryan, Keith
Lawrence

The Mens 1st team is in with a decent shot of League promotion this year. Lying 5th with games in hand gives the side a chance of going up behind league leaders Queen Eleanor Great Houghton.

They are also in the League cup final to be played at Raunds Town on 14th April where they face Corby Kingfisher Athletic. They were knocked out of the County Cup Quarter Final by Burton Park wanderers who are 3 leagues higher than Earls Barton. Barton were edged out 1-0 however the away team commented on how close the game was, and we should have won the game.

The 1st Team has a real youthful feel about it with local players ranging from 17 years of age, to the not so sprightly age of 40! Both men's teams have a real sense of togetherness, and are proud to demonstrate a real social scene that goes along with the serious business of on the field commitment. We are continually looking for new players.

At training they regularly get numbers of 25 to every session where they are put through fitness tests, ball work and set pieces.

If you'd like to know more about the Mens 1st Team or are interested in joining the squad, contact Rich Ellson on 07527 922512.

Jake Gillingwater Offered 2 Year Scholarship

Jake the son of under 12 manager Martin, played for a number of years under Martin Mayhew before joining Antony Owen at under 16 a year above his age to see if he could finely tune his existing talent into making it with a professional club. Antony said when he came the main two elements he had to concentrate on were playing in a position that developed himself rather than benefited the team and to play far less football as his performances became more jaded as the season progressed which saw him take the gamble in leaving Luton's Center of Excellence.

This year he has concentrated solely on Rushden and Diamonds and played in a position best suited coming from behind the ball. This has seen him improve his performance consistently to match his excellent attitude and deserves the chance he has been given.



Old Boys Reunion

The players from the team of the 90's that won the North Bucks League are holding a reunion at the Grange on Friday 27th March.

If you were in this team why not come along!

Quiz Night

The next quiz night will be held on Friday 3rd April at The Grange. 8pm start. Enter teams of 4-6 (max). £2.50 per person.

Other player and team news...

Michael Cirelli has been selected for the Northampton County under 18 squad.

Earls Barton **under 18's** meet Obelisk away on the 22nd March in the semi final of the Countywide under 18 cup.

The **men's Sunday Side** are through to the league cup final – details tba.

U14's also through to league cup semi final.



Football V Cricket

Do you fancy a game of cricket?

The football club have been challenged to a cricket match V the cricket team at the end of the Village Festival week on Sunday 21st June at the Grange.

Keep the date free - further details will be available nearer the time.

Under 14's

The team are doing well, since the last Newsletter they have played another 4 games, won 3 and drawn 1, and are sitting at the top of the league with only 5 more games to play.

The boys are now through to the semi final of the league cup after a 1-0 win over Division One side Corby Hellenic in round 3 on 8th March.

Training will be back down the Pioneer on a Wednesday evening from 25th March 6.30-8pm.

Any lads interested in coming training, are more than welcome. If you need further information please contact Scott or email us on ebufcyouth@aol.com

Pictured in the squad photo are:

Scott, Jake, Luke, Joe, Jacob, Ollie, Ben, Jordan, Ryan, Roger, Oscar, Jack, Robbie, Jonny, Tom, Adam, Kurtis (Issac not present)



Contact Numbers

EBUFC Managers

Youth

U8s	Matt Parsons	07720 700295
U9s	James Cameron	07774 711171
U10s	Darren Booker	01604 811650
	Dave Dodwell	01933 229794
U11s	Steve Biggs	01604 810266
U12s	Martin Gillingwater	07841 726902
U13s	Russell Humberstone	01604 811413
U14s	Scott Bromwich	01604 510979
U15s	Richard Ellson	07527 922512
	assisted by Keith Lawrence	
U18s	Antony Owen	01604 811645
U15s Girls	Angie Foster	01604 466265
U16s Girls	Wayne Mills	01604 811852

Adult

Saturday Team	Richard Ellson	07527 922512
Sunday Team	Anthony Johnson	01604 466043
Veterans	Bob Darling	
Ladies	Ben Foster	07970 918520

EBUFC Committee

Antony Owen	Chairman	01604 811645
Anne Cleaver	Secretary	01604 466366
Kev & Angie Graham	Treasurers	01933 315056
Geoff Cleaver	Junior Team rep	01604 466366
Angie Foster	Child Protection Off.	01604 466265
Genevieve Aldrich		01933 225622
Lindsay Humberstone	Fundraising	01604 811413

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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 Angie (angie.foster@ntlworld.com) or Caroline (caroline.kendhammer@hotmail.co.uk).

