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Newsletter



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The 2007/2008 season...

We enter a new season and hope that it offers a great experience both on and off the field for players and parents.

On the playing side we are sad to announce the loss of 2 sides, both the under 13 and under 15 teams have had insufficient numbers to continue and we wish the players who have left best wishes with their new adventures. The under 14's and 16's have taken on board any of the lads who wished to step up an age group.

I would also like to welcome on board Adam Newington as coach and manager of the under 14's, the new Sunday adult side who will be testing themselves in Division 4 of the Northants Central Combination and the new girls u15 side. We would also like to welcome all the new families of all age groups to our club.

May I remind all parents and players to adhere to our code of conduct for the season and also to advise Anne, Geoff or myself of any incidents that reduce your enjoyment and your son and daughters' development so that we can deal swiftly with the issues if your manager could not.

Finally on the social side, don't forget Sunday the 9th September at the Pioneer for the fun day. Not only a club show of strength and unity but a great day and a chance for your squad photo to be taken. And for those not already aware the club's Autumn Ball is on the 13th October and is a great evening for friends, family and work colleagues, so please make a special attempt to either attend personally or get companies you know to take up the option of a table of 10. Best wishes for the season. **Antony Owen - Club Chairman.**

New Adult 1st Team Managers

The club would like to welcome on board Neil Baldwin and Richard Ellson as the new management team for the mens' saturday side.

Both Neil Baldwin and Richard Ellson bring vast experience to the village side although their ages perhaps don't suggest that. Baldwin is 31 and has professional club experience with Coventry city and Northampton town. He played Southern League football with Corby Town, Raunds Town, Buckingham Town, Leighton Town and Rugby Town, plus played UCL for Cogenhoe United, Olney Town and Bugbrooke.

Ellson is a mere 25 years old but has professional club experience at Northampton Town plus Southern League experience with Worthing United and Bicester Town and UCL experience with Raunds Town. He has also coached at the Northampton Town Centre of Excellence and has partaken in coaching around schools on the Football in the Community programme. The pair have put the men through a tough pre season and aim to improve the club's league position in their first year against previous years.

Injuries have led to the decision to take on management early. Baldwin's leg and ankle break last season has pretty much ended his playing days and Richard is still struggling with cruciate knee ligament problems.

The pair feel very strongly about bringing youngsters through from the youth sides to the reserves and eventual first team, so all you players keep up the hard work at training!

Fun Day '07

This Sunday 9th September the Pioneer is host to the club's 2nd Family Fun Day.

We all remember the fun and frolics from New Year's Eve - especially the 'Barton Braziers'! Here's some of the activities to look forward to this time:

- Mums/Dads V Sons/Daughters
- Penalty Shoot Out
- Crossbar Challenge
- Soak The Manager!
- Bouncy Castle
- BBQ



Autumn Ball

Tickets for this year's Ball are still available and the form can be downloaded from the website.

We are also looking for raffle prizes for the Ball, so any donations will be gratefully received. If anyone would like to donate, prizes can be given to managers, committee members or anyone on the fundraising committee.

Don't miss out on a great evening of entertainment!

Golf Day Success!

Again this year a high class field gathered in the Leicestershire countryside at Kilworth Springs Golf Club, on the 13th July to play for the honour of being the Football Club Golf champ of 2007.

The field was a truly international one with entries flying in from Spain (well, it was Roey) and one lad even travelled from Irthingborough!!! We had forty golfers on the day and the morning was a team event won by the team of Steve Grant, Chris Simmons and two ringers!

In all the years we have been organising the event this year was very special for many reasons. None more than the quite amazing fact that Glen Addy scored a hole in one in the morning event (well done Glen) - both for the hole in one and the fact he put loads of money behind the bar so we could all enjoy it!

The afternoon competition is where the serious money goes and this year the main prize and the Mineral Star Construction Trophy was won by our Veteran Midfielder Steve Grant.

One of the highlights for me was doing the auction with two lads bidding against each other for a week in Florida and then deciding after bidding it up to over £300 that they would in fact both go together (Monty, you are a legend!!)

The event is an annual one and if you would like to play next year please feel free to call me on 07876 778872 and I will add you to the list. Lastly I would like to thank all the boys, but most of all Andy McGuckin for his help in organising such a fantastic event which raised over £800 for the football club.

Hope we can be joined next year by a few new faces, anyway enough from me I am off to the driving range. **Macca**

Players Needed for U9s

The Under 9s team are looking for some extra players to make up their squad. Boys or girls interested please contact Darren Booker on 01604 811650.

Sports Association Rep

The Football Club need a Representative to attend Sports Association Meetings. They take place once a month on the 1st Thursday in month at 7.30pm. All that's involved is note taking and then to report back to Football Club Committee meetings.

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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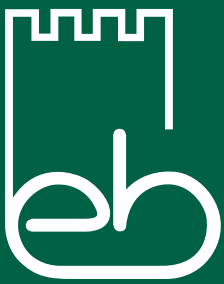
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U16's Tour to Norway Cup 2007

We chose the Norway cup for various reasons. Firstly it fitted in with the school holidays, it is a country few boys would ever visit, having experienced Denmark's Dana cup previously the tournament organisation is superb and finally after the boys being scared of the Scandinavian girls at 11 and 12 it would be nice to revisit at 14 and 15!



The opening parade of the tournament in the streets of Oslo

Some very tired people returned from their 8 days at the world's largest tournament. Over 1500 teams and 30,000 players competed in the various age groups on 75 pitches and officiated by 375 referees from all over the world. Whilst it is heavily influenced by Norwegian sides, 45 countries are still represented and England had ourselves, 1 from Birmingham and 3 from London including West Ham United.

We were entered in the class B group of 212 sides which were split into 53 groups of 4. Our 22 players had made a decision to go as 2 sides of 11 knowing that they will not go very far in the tournament due to tiredness but all will play every minute and once knocked out enjoy what Norway has to offer. We hoped to qualify for the knockout stages with 2 mixed strength sides and both

finished a commendable second to go into the A cup. Third place went into the B cup and fourth was knocked out.

In the knockout stages both were defeated. One to Molder's youth side whose adults lead the Norway 1st division and the other by the eventual runners up Kvik Halden. The winners were from Brazil. Everybody noticed the difference in strength, stamina and pace of the opposition irrespective of nationality with most training 3-5 times a week.

The lads wanted one more game so a friendly was fixed up with a Russian side and this saw us suffer a convincing defeat as tiredness set in not only physically but mentally. With all the top sides having approx 22 players in their squad and to win it you have to play a minimum of 550 minutes football in 6 days. Then you must be focused only on football. The African nations sent a message across boys youth football in commitment and discipline, whilst the Norwegian girls showed how talented and strongly they fought for the ball.

All transport was free by the use of a wrist band which also let you into the local pools, school classrooms accommodated us and their showers kept us clean. Food was served in a large sports hall for approx 20,000 participants twice a day (a maximum 15 minute wait) and breakfast was served at the school.

We had our own representative who met us at the airport and looked after us during the week, and with his help those interested visited the ski jump, ski museum, Fjord boat trip, trip to museums and swimming and sculpture park.

Everybody had a fantastic time and we must extend our gratitude to the families who made the trip possible, Roger Page, Peter Verden, the customers of Morrisons, Ram Sports and Mineral Star Construction for all their financial support.

Finally the people of Norway, our Rep Christian, Baeffelagets Football Club whose tournament it is and their 1200 volunteers and the girls handball team of 89/90 from Haugerud.

