



Earls Barton United Football Club

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The Presentation BIG Weekend

What a fantastic Presentation weekend we had over the weekend of the 20th May! It just seems to get better and better every year – and we were again blessed with incredibly good weather for the youth awards day, our showpiece for the end of season.

Whilst the adult Men's and Ladies teams take to the town and head out for an evening, Sunday the 20th was The Grange takeover day, the coaches were up early (Sam Smart started on the Friday before!) erecting the Awards marquee, laying out seating and tables, setting up the car parking, fencing off the activities areas etc – by midday we were ready

with Paintball, Lazertag, Gladiators style Rotating Arm, Inflatable Slide and two mini football pitches with goals. The bar was open – thanks as ever to the Sports Association and especially to Jane and her team – and E Lee and Sons were already cooking up a storm on their BBQ to their ever high standards, the Ice Cream van was ready for a rip roaring day of trade and the Candy Floss stall was ready to fill everyone with sugar! And all of this is paid for by the club (your bar bill is your business though!) as a thank you for the season. The ever vigilant Fundraising Committee also had their World Cup sweepstake, spot the ball and competitions ready also – which were tremendously

supported on the day. The nature of the presentation day – every team is allotted a specific time for all of the activities – means the Grange is perfect for all of our teams, although the hundreds of players and families that attend over the course of the day would be simply too many in one go. Part of the idea of the day is to remind all teams that they are part of something much bigger and we are here to support the players develop and grow over many years – as a player you are actually part of a huge club not just the team you see at training or match day.

And so, to the awards themselves. Each team has the option to change the title of the awards so that they can best reflect their season, as such the awards can look a little different from team to team –

Team	Players Player	Managers Player	Most Improved	Supporters Player
U7 White	Harry Wright		Liam Spencer	Fintan Goodfellow
U7 Green	Ollie Kinloch-Smith		Joe Powis	Riley Thompson
U8	Oliver Bates	Matthew Lewis	George Green	Joseph Coyle
U9 White	Connor McVeigh	David Gogolewski	Logan Harris	Connor McVeigh
U10	Charlie Manifold	Lauren Anslow	Archie Rees	Kayden Emery
U11	Keane Duplock		Rueben Singh	Baydon Lowe
U12	Max Farrington	Joe Hester	Lewis Chaplin	Jamie Pickford
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Team U13	Return To Form Alec Lovering	Managers Player Joe Kearsley	Most Improved Maynard Botwe	Outstanding Achievement Cameron Duff
Team U14 Boys U14 Girls U16	Players Player Daniel Bryan Serena Blundell Morgan Harrison	Managers Player Elliot Wilson Ella Valeur Morgan Harrison Adam Quincey Lucy Graham	Most Improved Jacob Layland Emmie Layland Jacob Sullivan	Supporters Player Daniel Bryan Serena Blundell Jack Ellaby
Ladies	Lucy Graham		Emily Davis	Ashleigh Harris
Team Mens	Young Player Paul Berry	Supporters Player Tom Randall		
Team Mens First Mens Reserves	Players Player Stuart Reid Charlie Lawrence	Managers Player Gavin Nullatamby Dan Talbot	Sponsors Player Matthew Zok Kris Hall Simon Gorton's Under 14's Under 6 Coach Sam Murray	

The Malcolm Constable Award Team of the Year :
Club Person of the Year:

Young Volunteer of the Year:
Owen Anslow

Well done to all, lots of very deserving winners there. A big thankyou to Matt Smith also who used various cameras and gadgets to come up with a video of the day – including some fantastic drone shots of the whole thing. Head over to our website at www.ebufc.co.uk to watch the whole thing – why not sign up as a member too while your there, it's free and will keep you up to date with everything Green Army!



Presentation Day Photo Competition Winner Announced!

On the day we also ran a photo competition – we were looking for a single image that best sums up the club and the day. Thanks to everyone that entered, some really good photo's from the day.

There has to be a winner though and that's was Helen Wright with this cracking shot of the players waiting their turn at the Lazer Tag, arms around each other without prompting – genuine friendship and teamwork at play there! Congratulations Helen – there's a nice bottle of Wine and a football for your Harry winging it's way to you!



The Up's and Downs of the Cup

The season wasn't quite over for a number of our teams – last month we told you about the team involved in various Cup Finals, which have now been played. On a scorching hot 26th of May, Cliff Elliotts ladies Team took to the field at Raunds Town Football Club for their Cup Final. Sadly, the ladies were missing key members of the team due it being the Bank Holiday weekend so there were no subs to call on. Things took a turn for the worse when an injury saw the team have to play the whole of the second half with just 10 players! Over the balance of play the team still had the majority of chances and could have won it in normal time, but the game finished in a 0-0 draw which meant it would be settled via the lottery of penalties. The team just game up short and sadly lost out but they won all the plaudits and respect of both the opposition and the crowd – many folks left saying they thoroughly enjoyed a very competitive game and will be back to watch more of the ladies team next season.

Antony Owen's under 16's went into their final on against Ise Lodge full of confidence, Antony's lads have been playing really well this season so they had every right to be up for this one. They took the lead in the first half and had the upper hand only to concede an injury time winner right on the stroke of half time and against the run of play. With a hastily adjusted team talk, the lads went back out determined to get control of the game once more but couldn't find the back of the net. Into injury time and with virtually the last kick of the game, Ise Lodge got the winner. But for two goals right at the death of each half the cup would have been theirs – as you can imagine there was a lot of dejection and disappointment from the lads but in the cold light of day hopefully they can look back on a successful and enjoyable season.



The club's third final came care of Simon Gorton's Under 14's, who played their Plate Final on 19th May against AFC Rushden & Diamonds. This was a tense affair, both teams putting everything into a real contest. Neither side could find the net and so the game - much like the Under 16's – would go to penalties. The lads held their nerve brilliantly, running out 3-1 winners in the shootout to become 2017/18 Plate Winners!

Well done Simon and team – brilliant stuff!!!!

8 Ball Wonders

As you may know, the club branched out this year with the addition of the EBUFC Pool Team. The team made up of a number of players and coaches from the club alongside a few more pool related lads started up in January 2018 with the first league game in the Wellingborough Pool League played in February.

The team have taken both the league and cup competitions by storm – charging to top of Division C and reaching the Cup Semi Finals against Division A sides along the way. For a new team to be so dominant is unheard of in a league that's been established for over 20 seasons. Even more satisfying is the feedback from the opposition teams and all involved – Thursday nights have been thoroughly entertaining and VERY social.

A massive thanks has to go to The Grange and Jane Bond in particular who has been wonderfully accommodating – the league has recognised this with the award of the other cup semi-final night being held there.

It doesn't end there though – it's been so successful and enjoyable that there is already talk of next season the club supporting two teams, in fact our current squad of 11 can almost support two teams of 6 – however get in touch if you fancy a couple of social pints and a bit of competitive pool on a Thursday night, we'd love to hear from you and get you involved. contact Team Captain Ian Adcock on 07983 986146 or email via ian_adcock_8@hotmail.com to find out more.

Gutted - but Proud!

Its with a heavy heart that we accepted Lisa's resignation as Club Secretary. Last year's FA Club Secretary of the Year has been an invaluable and intricate member of the team – pioneering many of the FA's improvements in the local, amateur game including testing and development of the FA's now fully adopted Whole Game System. However from December, Lisa will step away from the club and the game. We will miss her contribution of course but also her as a person, whom we all have tremendous respect for.

If you or someone you know has a couple of hours a week that you could volunteer to work alongside Lisa until the end of the year with a view to taking her position from then on please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're a lovely, friendly bunch (even if we do say so ourselves!) and your assistance would be hugely appreciated – plus over 250 kids and adults, mostly from the village, would benefit!

Earls Barton FC Pool Team 2018

	P	W	L
Ian Adcock (C)	15	13	2
Dave Howe	14	10	4
Dave Ashton	14	9	5
Clive Howe	6	6	0
Eugene Murray	6	6	0
Thadd Wronek	7	5	2
Nigel Mantle	10	5	5
Steve Coles	7	4	3
Kieran Starmer	3	1	2
Mark Flack	6	1	5
Joe McDonald	2	0	2

Focus on.....The Under 8's

The Under 8s have developed so much and have improved no end from last season. Our core group of players who've been with us since they were in the Under 6 team have been added to as we welcomed some new faces during the year and more recently had a further 4 players join us.

Although the league has finished for this season the football doesn't stop with the Under 8s having entered tournaments throughout the Summer - a great way to play different teams at different locations.

The main thing this year is how the team have really come together, not just as footballers but also as a group of friends.

We're all now looking forward to next season as we move up to 7-a-side – there will be new formations to learn, different positions to experience and more fun to be had. We've also got our place booked at the Boost Cup half time Penalties Competition at the Cobblers next season which will be a fantastic experience being on the pitch in front of all those fans.



End of Season Doesn't mean it's the End of the Fun!

With summer tournaments in full swing now, the World Cup keeping a focus on the game for all and an actual summer of sunshine, the teams are still getting together to train and participate ahead of the new seasons – teams like Simon Gorton's Shield Winning Under 14's for instance had a cracking end of season day out at Box End Aqua Park's Total Wipeout course!



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