

Welcome to the monthly newsletter for Eastbourne walking footballers.

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Editorial

Do you believe in fairies? It seems some members believe that clearing up after football is done by the 'little people'. This is not true. So don't always rush away at 12 O'clock but hang back occasionally and ask what you can do to help. Roy always arrives early to set things up, so it shouldn't be down to him to clear up at the end.

Of course, lots of you do help, in different ways, whether it is by refereeing, setting up, washing bibs or doing committee work (thanks to all of you) but if this doesn't cover *you*, just think about occasionally helping after football.

Have a good month.

Terry Stubbings

Happy Birthday to

James Bacon on 2nd

Chris Smith on 13th

David O'Toole on 20th

Get well soon

We hope to welcome back these members back soon:

Mike Winton; Chris Wheeler; Cole Memzy; David O'Toole

Plus, others, if there are any, that we don't know about.

League matches coming up

Put these dates in your diary if you think you may play or if you want to come along and support the sides.

12 th March Eastbourne Borough A v Crisp Walkers, 12.15 Priory Lane

15 th March Eastbourne Borough A v Battle, 10.15 Priory Lane

19 th March Eastbourne Borough B v Ringmer, 12.15 Priory Lane

31 st March Burwash v Eastbourne Borough B, 19.15 Robertsbridge

Members' Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed their survey. There were 49 returned.

Communication by the committee: scores varied from 5/10 to 10/10, with an average of around 8.7. The committee are implementing two members' suggestions- a suggestion box and giving responsibility for communicating about league fixtures to named members. The Committee is also trying to take more account of colour-blind members, in respect of the colour of bibs used.

Nearly all members said that they knew who committee members were: they are Terry Bellamy Chair; David Blackledge Secretary; Ian Nisbet Treasurer; Michael Richardson Social Secretary; Terry Stubbings Press and Publicity.

Most members said that they were interested in social events. Around 30% said they ever looked at EBWF website.

Asked whether they would be happy with the price of a session increasing to £5, 37 said 'yes' and 12 said 'no'. One member felt this should be up to an AGM and another advocated a rise in annual membership, rather than in session fees. Subsequently, the Committee has voted, by a majority, to implement a rise in session cost to £5, from start of April.

A large majority of members felt 50% to the main Club was appropriate but 7 members supported a rise in the percentage.

Eastbourne Borough B 1 Burwash 0

On a very blustery day, Borough struggled to make early headway playing against the wind and survived an early scare when the visitors had a goal ruled out for encroachment into the penalty area.

Borough began to grow into the game and the midfield trio of Tom Chapman, Terry Bellamy and Mike Bridger started to get to grips with the conditions, creating some chances one of which, a shot from Mike Bridger struck a post.

In goal Dave Blackledge was kept reasonably untroubled but dealt comfortably with a couple of long range efforts, surprisingly Burwash didn't use the wind to their advantage by shooting more often.

After the half time interval Andy Dixon replaced Tom Chapman and with the wind now behind them Borough started to press forward. Steve Over's hold-up play was beginning to draw free kicks, close to the Burwash goal but none resulted in a breakthrough.

As the second half progressed it felt, after Steve Over hit the post, that a goal was imminent and it duly arrived when Richard Brook, on for Mike Bridger, drove home hard and low from the edge of the area.

Burwash had a couple of chances near the end but with Ian Nisbet defending admirably throughout, never really threatened.

The victory leaves Borough on 12 points after 4 games.