

Welcome to the monthly newsletter for Eastbourne walking footballers.

Christmas 2021 and January 2022 Issue

Merry Christmas, season's greetings and Happy New Year

Happy Birthday to

Terry Bellamy on 21st December

Cole Memzy on 23rd December

Steve Benterman on 24th December

Ken Eason on 27th December

Terry Whippy on 26th January

Ian Nisbet on 27th January

Get well soon

We hope to welcome back these members back soon:

Mike Winton; Chris Wheeler; Carl Hodgkinson, Terry Bellamy, Phil Blay, Tom Chapman, Cole Memzy

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

Four Walls

Fourteen days

Just me & four walls

I've given them names

I talk to them, it keeps me sane

Einstein is the brightest

It's got a window

I don't want Covid
I can only look out
Papillon is my way out
It's got a door
I don't want Covid
I won't open it any more
TeeVee keeps me up to date
It talks until it's late
I don't want Covid
I'm safe watching the news
Narcissus shows how I am
It shows I'm looking well
I don't want Covid
My mental health is going to Hell
If someone visits
I'm in trouble
I don't belong to a bubble
I've made two cups of tea
Only one will be drunk
I have no one to give me a hug
I'm alone with my walls
I can't see the end
I would like a friend

John S. Langton

East Sussex League Premiership Battle 4 Eastbourne Borough A 1 December 4th

Eastbourne lost their unbeaten Premiership record to a strong Battle team. Borough started the match without regulars Steve Over, Gary Farthing and David Blackledge and had to play on a very narrow pitch (less than 18 metres wide). Initially, Borough looked good, having the majority of the play and creating a couple of chances. However, after about 10 minutes, Battle capitalised on a quick break, finding an unmarked man on the edge of the 4 metre penalty area, who gave Chris Mottershead no chance to save. Terry Stubbings, playing one-at-back, was finding Battle striker, Gary, a handful and an unlucky bounce created the space for him to shoot powerfully past Chris Mottershead, for 2-0. Richard Brook had started in right midfield but gave way to David O'Toole, as half-time approached.

At the interval, Borough felt they were still in the game but straight after the interval, Chris Mottershead made an uncharacteristic error, allowing a fairly tame shot to squeeze under his body and soon after, Battle's Gary beat Terry Stubbings on the right and volleyed into the top corner.

Chris Turner was trying his characteristic spin and shoot, throughout the game but was crowded out a lot of the time, or narrowly missing. Kim Monroe, too, was getting quite a lot of the ball but he was wayward with his shooting. The pair of them did combine well, to give Chris his most clear-cut chance, which he coolly placed past the keeper's left hand.

Borough squad: Chris Mottershead, Terry Stubbings, Richard Brook, David O'Toole, Kim Monroe, Chris Turner, Roy Fouracres, Steve Benterman.

Worthing Over 60 tournament

On a cold, drizzly morning, Borough fielded 2 teams at this tournament, each playing in one of two leagues. In the second division, Borough finished 4th of six teams, winning one game and drawing two. Goals were hard to come by but Antonio Forte managed to find the net on two occasions. Alan Walmsley, in goal, played an important part, as did the defence, led by Michael Richardson.



In the top division, Borough finished sixth of six, without managing to score, all morning, despite Terry Bellamy, Ahmad Lalmohamed and Mike Bridger all having chances. Borough's best results were two 0-0 draws and a 1-0 defeat to eventual winners Worthing Red.

Borough squads:

A David Blackledge , Terry Stubbings, Ian Nisbet, Terry Bellamy, Ahmad Lalmohamed, Mike Bridger, Steve Benterman.

B Alan Walmsley, Roy Fouracres, Stephen Longbottom, Michael Richardson, Bob Bagley, Antonio Forte, Andrew Dixon

Down Memory Lane



Profile: Chris Mastree

Chris first put down roots in a forest in Sweden, close to Gothenburg. He grew (and grew) up there, before being spotted by Sven Goran Ericsson and signed for IFK Goteborg, as a utility player. First team opportunities were few and far between, getting his chance for only a couple of weeks each December. Dissatisfied with the amount of time that he was in the spotlight, Chris moved to Nailsworth in England and signed for Forest Green Rovers, then a non-league outfit, playing in the Hellenic League. Manager Peter Goring saw Chris' potential but again it was only in December that he was given an opportunity to shine. Chris never thought of himself as a star but was happy to wear one on his head.

In 1990 Chris left The Lawn and moved to The City Ground, Nottingham Forest. Brian Clough was nearing the end of his reign there and some questioned his signing but Clough justified it by praising Chris' defensive qualities, when 'parking the bus' and said that he was almost as mobile as Stan Collymore, anyway.



Chris, as part of a mass Forest defence

Professional footballers often have problems with substance abuse and in Chris' case it was dependence on 'pot', which he struggled to escape.

After retirement in 1991, Chris ran an animal sanctuary for distressed squirrels. He also made an investment in an ice cream business but found that he couldn't use his stock of cones, as he had hoped. Destitute, Chris spent much of the year on the rubbish heap, just being rescued for a few days, near the end of each year.

For the 2002 World Cup in Japan, Sven Goran Ericsson thought about bringing Chris out of retirement but decided Rio Ferdinand was a better defensive and attacking option.

Chris discovered Walking Football just last year and despite not being able to walk or to kick a ball, has taken to it very well. His main strength is that he can't hear Gary Farthing shouting.

Away from football, Chris likes bird-watching, dressing up in tinsel and Photosynthesis.