

Welcome to the monthly newsletter for Eastbourne walking footballers.

May 2022 Issue

Editorial

Do you want to improve your skills? From 9 am to 9.45 each Tuesday Tony Edwards is leading skills training. Currently, the emphasis is on passing and moving. Each session is always fun, so it has been disappointing that despite 30 players expressing an interest in playing for the club in competitive games, usually less than a dozen participate in the sessions. Interested in trying it- sign up via Instateam.

Have a good month.

Terry Stubbings

Happy Birthday to

Tony Edwards on 2nd

Richard Dodman on 15th

Anita Pickles on 16th

Maurice Lawlor on 20th

Dave Waller on 25th

Bill Hodges on 27th

Andrew Dixon on 31st

Get well soon

We hope to welcome back these members back soon:

David Blackburn; Jane Draper; Graham Booth; Mike Winton; Chris Wheeler; Cole Memzy; David O'Toole; Mike Gonnella; Carl Hodgkinson

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

Things to look forward to

Hastings Tournament on the evening of May 5th.

Another outing to Plumpton, for Ladies Day on 8th May. Partners/family welcome. Under 18s get free admission. There is a prize for the best dressed gent and lady. See Michael Richardson, if interested.

Brummie Boys will be down on 12th May and will play an Eastbourne Borough team, picked by Terry Bellamy and Maurice Lawlor for the Mark Hardcastle Challenge Trophy.

North Lanark lads will be coming down 12th to 15th September.

Club's Christmas do will now be in January 2023, as England will be playing a World Cup game on the original date of 25th November.

Drink?

After Thursday football, some members go to the pub. If you want to join them, talk to Stuart or Michael Richardson, on the day, as the venue varies. All welcome.

Age UK East Sussex League

There have been 2 Championship matches.

On 21st April there was a home match against *Old Stars*. Eastbourne started the match very well and had scored within a minute of the start, as Steve Over beat one man and slotted the ball into the corner of the goal. No more goals in the first half but Borough looked good, though out, having the majority of the play and creating several chances, with Steve Over twice hitting a post.

Michael Richardson looked self-assured at the back, with the midfield giving good support, especially Mike Bridger and Terry Bellamy. Old Stars had only a couple of chances but David Blackledge dealt competently with them. John Bartlett, Ahmad Lalmohamed and Terry Stubbings all played their part in the first half but for the second half a settled team throughout looked in control, keeping the ball well, getting lots of shots in but finding Old Stars keeper, Bez, in excellent form.

Terry Bellamy was playing quite deep, making the defence very secure but he got forward and found his shot bounce back from the post. Mike Bridger also came very close.

Thanks to Phil Cousens for refereeing to his usual high standard.



Borough squad: David Blackledge, John Bartlett, Terry Stubbings, Terry Bellamy, Ahmad Lalmohamed, Mike Bridger, Steve Over, Michael Richardson, Antonio Forte

On 23rd April Eastbourne Borough B played away at Bexhill. With a similar (but not identical) squad to the previous match, there were hopes of a good result but from very early on, Borough were under pressure, partly through giving the ball away too easily and too often.



Michael Richardson was finding Darren Shoemith a handful and it was no great surprise that it was Darren who put Bexhill 1-0 up. Soon after, the score was 2-0 and it was time for some changes, with Ian Nisbet dropping back from midfield and Terry Stubbings coming on in right mid-field. Terry Bellamy and Mike Bridger were creating some chances for Steve Over but we're also giving the ball away at times. Steve Over was getting his shots in but they were repeatedly blocked.

As the second half progressed, Ahmad Lalmahomed was brought on in an attempt to get a goal back but Borough couldn't make any progress, so that the team was defeated 2-0. The match was well refereed by Jesse Birdsall.

Borough squad: David Blackledge, Ian Nisbet, Terry Stubbings, Terry Bellamy, Ahmad Lalmahomed, Mike Bridger, Steve Over, Michael Richardson

Welcome Guests

It was good to entertain a group from Lawn Court on Tuesday 26th. They really enjoyed their visit.

Poetry Corner

Into the Darkness A Poem by John S. Langton

As Mummy walks into our house
no idea what's on her shoe
It does smell like dog poo
And our carpet is brand new
Daddy's coming in from work
I run down the hall I feel like a jerk
As I trip and fall
Can't see mum or dad
I've got tablets to take
Some are pink some are white
I've got Toxocariasis, losing my sight
The doctors can do no more

My eyes are still sore
I'll never get back what I've lost
It's come with such a cost
Dad looks into my vacant eyes
I know that he cries
haven't seen his face in years
I feel his face and his tears
So if your dog leaves a mess
Please don't turn your back
Pick it up- put it in a plastic sack