

# Welcome to the monthly newsletter for Eastbourne walking footballers.

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## Editorial

Seventy years on the throne: something even republicans can respect. So it made me wonder how many members have lived throughout her reign. Only 22, according to my investigation. Good news because this is a reflection of the fact that more younger players are joining the club, so we can have every hope that the club can go from strength to strength.

Have a good month

Terry Stubbings

## Happy Birthday to

Heidi Emery on 2<sup>nd</sup>

Paul Sutton on 7<sup>th</sup>

Michael Brady on 16<sup>th</sup>

Tony Cleaton on 18<sup>th</sup>

Adam Wood on 25<sup>th</sup>

## Get well soon

We hope to welcome back these members back soon:

David Blackburn; Jane Draper; Graham Booth; Mike Winton; Chris Wheeler; Cole Memzy; Carl Hodgkinson

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

## Things to look forward to

Worthing away in the 3rd round of the Over 65s National Cup, played between 11th and 19th June.

North Lanark lads will be coming down 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Club's Christmas in January 2023.

### What do you think?

Eastbourne Borough F C is in partnership with The Acorns Trust, a charity that provides and maintains recreational facilities for the benefit of children, young people, disabled and elderly in the local community. We have been approached by the Acorns trust with a request to make a small regular donation to them. Let committee members know what you think.

### Over 65s SE Regional squad:

Congratulations to Gary Farthing on being selected to join the squad.

### Fixture Secretary

Thanks to Andy Dixon for taking on this role

### Mark Hardcastle Memorial Challenge Cup

Mark Hardcastle was one of the first members of our club and played a really important part in promoting and growing the club. Mark was the first club secretary and did a lot of work to expand opportunities to play in local, national and international competitions: he took a leading role in arranging our trips to Spain in 2017; 2018 and 2019. Mark was an enthusiastic player and was often picked as a forward in Borough representative teams. In 2019, Mark became ill, deteriorated rapidly and died on 21st October 2019 .

Some of Mark's (and Alan Walmsley's) friends from Birmingham were occasional visitors to walking football sessions at Priory Lane, playing as The Brummie Boys.

After Mark's death, the group from Birmingham gave a trophy, for an annual competition between a Borough team and The Brummie Boys. The second match was held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Borough Squad: Dave Blackledge (GK substituting for Maurice Lawlor, who was sick ), Terry Bellamy Capt, Mike Richardson, Steve Benterman, Stuart Callf, John Bartlett, Carl Hodgkinson

A lovely summer morning saw the Brummie Boys line up against our squad to play in Mark's memorial game.

The first half started with good possession by the Borough with patient team moves finished decisively by Mike Richardson and Steve Benterman to give a two goal lead at the interval. Borough played well and maintained their shape to deny the

Brummies any clear cut chances, moving the ball in a disciplined manner. However, a goal early in the second half gave the Brummies a way into the game. The Borough team kept to their game plan and secured the win.

The match was played in an excellent spirit. Phil Cousens had a perfect morning with the whistle. Brummie number 26 was nominated man of the match but John Bartlett must have also been a prime candidate, with an excellent performance in a central defensive role.

Barbara, Mark's wife, was guest of honour and presented the trophy to Captain Terry.

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### Hastings tournament 5th May

A Borough team had a good night in Hastings although unfortunately no cup or trophy!

The first game was against Tonbridge where, with better finishing there should have been a comfortable win. However, the result was actually a 0-2 defeat.

The second game was against Burwash, which Borough won 2-1 with goals from Adam Wood and Richard Brook. The third match resulted in a 1-0 victory against Hastings Hornets, with a good goal from Adam Wood.

Unfortunately, both Tonbridge & Hastings also won 2 games so Borough went out on goal difference.

Borough's final game of the evening was in the plate competition and Borough lost 1-0 to Hastings Eagles.

The squad was fully used and everyone played well & enjoyed the evening.

### Age UK East Sussex League .

On 28<sup>th</sup> May there was a home match against *Hastings Hornets*, played at Eastbourne Sports Park. It was good to have Tom Chapman back in the squad after a long injury lay-off and to have Ray Richards and Mark Read making debuts. As often this season, Eastbourne gave away the ball too easily, putting themselves under pressure. Hastings scored twice and Terry Bellamy was the only Borough scorer, although unfortunately a Borough penalty was not converted.