

# Welcome to the monthly newsletter for Eastbourne Walking footballers.

October 2021 Issue

## Editorial

It is now autumn.... Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless,  
With fruit, the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;  
Tuesday / Thursday football, we're having fun  
Here's Phil shouting 'walk don't run'.  
A wayward pass, not the only one,  
Then a shot, as high as the tallest trees,  
Then one that takes the goalie to his knees.  
Enjoy the sun but do not think warm days will never cease,  
For summer can be blown away by a force 9 *breeze*.

with thanks to John Keats

## Birthdays:

Congratulations and happy returns to our October birthday-boys:

John Rothnie on 3<sup>rd</sup>

Graham Booth on 10th

Gordon Harrison on 12th

Stuart Callf and Roy Fouracres on 14th

Roger Powell on 22nd

Chris Wheeler on 29th

## Get well soon

We hope to welcome back these players back soon:

Carl Memzy; Chris Wheeler; Tom O'Connell; Carl Hodgkinson; Roy Fouracres  
Plus, others, if there are any, that we don't know about.

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## InstaTeam

Access to Insta Team is only given to those who have completed paperwork and given a subscription and so have become members- let new people know this.

## Date for Your diary

Annual General Meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> November

## Uckfield 1 Eastbourne Borough A 3

Eastbourne Borough A started their East Sussex Premier League campaign with a win. On an overcast Sunday morning, Borough started the six-a-side match well, dominating possession but finding it difficult to penetrate Uckfield's three man defence. Dave O'Toole, Steve Over and Richard Brook were combining well, in midfield and, after six or seven minutes, Borough's dominance paid off when Dave O'Toole shot from the centre of the goal, past the Uckfield keeper's outstretched right hand. Uckfield created little, in the first half, managing just long range shots that David Blackledge dealt with competently. Terry Stubbings and Steve Benteman looked self-assured in defence, giving Uckfield few opportunities.

So, it was 1-0 at half time and Uckfield had to make changes. Immediately, they looked a different proposition, attacking down the right and drawing a good save from Dave Blackledge. Then more of the same and this time, Uckfield's striker perfectly placed his shot, just inside the far post. Borough's substitutions had brought on Ian Nisbet, in defence and his covering play was vital, in keeping Uckfield from scoring again, while David Blackburn and Mike Bridger held the midfield, until the return of Dave O'Toole and Richard Brook made more opportunities for Steve Over, who scored two good goals, with powerful shots, the first of which while being fouled.



Dave O'Toole on the ball



Ian Nisbet laying the ball off

#### Player Profile: Gary Farthing



Gary was born in the East-end of London, in 1952 but lived most of his early life in South London. He went to school in the Wandsworth area and represented the school at football, boxing, cricket and swimming. When at secondary school he was spotted by Chelsea FC and Fulham FC and trained under both clubs. He also played for London schools and had success at that level. On leaving school Gary joined Wimbledon FC but after breaking his leg he decided that a career in football may not be very secure and he then joined the Metropolitan Police. Gary played for the Met's 1st team and all their intermediate sides up until his retirement 30 years later, his coaching courses took him to Bisham Abbey, Lilleshall and the Bank of England sports facilities. Gary's police career saw him initially posted to central London where he became a firearms officer and he later joined a specialist unit, which gave him the opportunity to work nationally. Gary's career involved him working with government and military agencies, where he qualified in several disciplines. Also during this time, Gary was involved in many of major emergency operations that occurred. On retiring from the police in 2002, Gary became involved in security work, in and around London and the Home Counties.

Gary has been associated with East Sussex for over 40 years, having owned a holiday home in Pevensey. Gary has been fully retired for 18 months, but still gets the odd phone call to assist agencies, when required. Gary's walking football *career* took him to Chipstead FC and eventually to Eastbourne Borough.



Gary on the beat in Soho



Combined London FA. Winning Youth club side 1967:  
can you spot young Gary?