

Welcome to the June newsletter for Eastbourne walking footballers.

July 2021 Issue

Editorial

We are into a great summer of sport. Tennis at Wimbledon, with the brits doing better than usual; football across Europe, with the English doing better than usual; cricket and England winning at T20 and at 50 over matches (a shame at the test side's performance against the Kiwis); Mark Cavendish rolling back the years to win two stages at the Tour De France and we still have the Olympics to come.

And, of course, top quality walking football, every Tuesday and Thursday, at Priory Lane.

Enjoy the summer and enjoy your football.

Terry Stubbings

Birthdays:

*Congratulations and happy returns
to:*

Ken Barnard on 16th

David Bates on 23rd

Steve Over on 27th

Tom O'Connell on 30th

Stephen Pulman and Mike Bridger
on 31st

Get well soon

We hope to welcome back these players back soon:

Bob Bagley; Chris Wheeler; Graham Booth

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

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 3rd July: 12.15 kick-off. Eastbourne Borough Over 60s WFC v Worthing, WFA National Competition. Supporters welcome.

Thursday 15th July: visit from the Brummie Boys. This will include a Borough select team playing the visitors for the Mark Hardcastle Challenge Cup.

Congratulations

Well done to Chris Mottershead and David Blackledge, selected for SE regional over-70s squad. And well done, too, to Tony Edwards, selected for SE regional over-50s squad. Best wishes to Steve Over invited back to the second stage of SE regional over-50s trials, on July 24th.

Over 70s versus Bexhill

On Thursday 17th June, we welcomed a squad of over 70s from Bexhill. On a slick, damp pitch, but with the rain holding out, 5 games were played. With six on the field at one time, a ten man squad was constantly rotated.

Games 1 and 2 were 0-0, the third game Borough won 3-0, with the team as follows,

Maurice Lawlor, in goal, Les Ward as centre back, a 3 man midfield of David Blackburn, Roy Fouracres and Ray Rowlands, with Antonio Forte, as a lone striker. It was a fantastic team performance, with all goals coming in the second half, scored by Dave, Ray, and Antonio.

Game 4 was a Bexhill 1-0 win. Final game was 7v 7 to finish off the morning session. Lesley, Brian's wife supplied after match refreshment, brownies and icing-topped cakes.

Those of you on the ball, will have noticed that some of the Borough team have not quite reached 70 but played to make up numbers, as several 70 years olds had not confirmed they would attend, as they had been asked.

Profile: Terry Whippy



Terry was born in the war ravaged year of 1944 at 3 Richmond Terrace , Pevensey Bay, where he spent his formative years. He attended Pevensey Primary School and then Bexhill Downs Tech.

Terry's first job after this was a junior in the maintenance department at Green Brothers of Hailsham, to which he cycled to each day from Westham, even during the big freeze winter of 1961/62. After this, Terry went on to become a service engineer for various companies, repairing vending machines, photo booths, fruit machines and juke boxes. Terry finished his working life as dispatch manager for a large firm in Uckfield.



Mr Whippy banging on again

In the early sixties, Terry played drums for various local rock groups. In 1971, Terry married Pat and they had one daughter, Phillipa.

Terry's abiding interest during his life has been the study of World War One. Terry has visited the battlefields at least half a dozen times a year (until *Covid*) and he is credited in many books on the subject. Terry has given talks to local societies about the battles of the *Great War*. Terry is the author of two books: one about his Uncle Lawrence, who was killed in WW1 and another about his Uncle Fleetwood, who died in WW2. Terry's love of football started early and he played for his school side and then for Pevensy Minors (under 18's). Terry then joined Eastbourne United for a couple of seasons when former professional player Gordon Jago was the manager although he does admit he never played for the first team.

At that time United played in the Metropolitan League alongside teams such as West Ham United and Spurs 3rd elevens. Terry then played for Pevensy for many years. In the mid sixties, the Sunday league started and saw him play for BirdsEye Foods and Eastbourne Taxis and winning the Sussex Sunday Cup with the former. Terry's walking football started a few weeks after Shinewater Gym started the sport, in 2015 and apart from a few spells out with poor health, he has been playing ever since and hopes to continue for a few more years, as he has made so many good friends along the way.