



HARROLD & CARLTON F.C.

2011/2012 Season
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Harrold & Carlton FC is a grassroots football club that provides football-for-all in North Beds

Welcome

By Graham Russell - Club Chairman

The 2011/12 season is now well under way and it's been an eventful few months since the last Club Newsletter. We had the end-of-season awards, hastily convened in the sports hall at Harrold Priory Middle School but a great success in the end. We've had the annual palaver of registering players and sorting out pitches. A couple of months ago we had our first September barbeque and fun day which was incredibly well attended and supported. And we've had a few changes on the Club committee with me, James Wingerath and Andy Welch each now filling the roles of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Mike Bowman and Mark Walshe continue in their dedicated roles as Club Welfare Officer & Club Development Officer respectively, whilst Nick Stewart has taken on the special project of helping the Club achieve FA Chartered Standard status which brings all sorts of benefits.

The club continues to go from strength-to-strength. At the latest count, we have over 160 junior players and over 40 in the senior's squad. In keeping with the 'football for all' philosophy of the club, new players are welcome and, in particular, for the U9, U10, U12 and U15 teams (that's school years 4, 5, 7 and 10).

Who's Who?

Club Committee:

Chairman - Graham Russell
Secretary - Andy Welch (Jnrs) + Dave Charles (Snrs)
Treasurer - James Wingerath
Club Welfare Officer - Mike Bowman
Club Development Officer - Mark Walshe
Chartered Standard Officer - Nick Stewart

Contact details can be found on the club website:

www.harroldandcarltonfc.com

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If you know of anybody interested in getting involved in football, please get in touch.

Finally, it is important to recognise the tremendous support the Club receives from its various sponsors. It's the contributions of these organisations that help us keep the annual player subs at a level about half of that charged by most other Clubs in the area. So a huge thanks to the following:

Marcus Jordan Property Management - Bedfordshire & Luton Fire & Rescue Service - Saab - CPL Training - Colworth Science Park - Excel Structures Ltd. - Intrinsic Technology - CK Services (RCE Ltd) - The Muntjac Harrold (Snrs).

Of course, there's always room for more sponsors. If you know of anybody that might be willing to contribute a couple of hundred pounds, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support of Harrold & Carlton FC.

Coach Contacts:

U6 Colts: Mark Haylett & Alex Long
U7 Eagles: James Wingerath ~ U8 Tigers: Jon West
U9 Lions: David Burrows ~ U9 Tigers: Andy Welch
U10 Apaches: Martin Vine ~ U10 Chiefs: Graham Russell
U11 Tigers: Stuart Lucas
U12 Panthers: Mike Bowman ~ U12 Wolves: Alistair White
U13 Pumas: Ian Scott/JEP ~ U15's: John Dawson
Seniors: Laurie Allen, Lewis Clamping, Chris Winton, Robin Ellis

Dates For The Diary

Sat 17th December 2011 – Last 2011 session followed by Christmas Social – Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & festive cheer at the Harrold Sports Pavilion following training (9.30am – 1.00pm)

Sat 7th January 2012 – Return to training/matches following Christmas Break

Sat 21st April 2012 – Annual Club Day Out: *Milton Keynes Dons Vs Sheffield Utd* @ 3.00 pm

Sat 28th April 2012 – Harrold Pit Run – This is a vital event in the club calendar for fundraising. Save The Date!

Sat 21st May 2011 – Last session at the Playing Fields

Coaching / Respect/ Support

Coaches Required: The club always requires keen and committed coaches. So please get in touch if you fancy getting into coaching & joining our successful team of coaches. You will be supported by current coaches and also put through FA Level 1 Training.

Thank you for continuing to support us with the FA RespectZone barriers initiative. We would also ask that you show respect in your support of opposition players as well as our own as this is very much part and parcel of enhancing the playing environment.

In our efforts to provide a safe and friendly playing environment; all parents, carers and supporters are reminded that dogs are not allowed and smoking is not permitted on any of our pitches at any time – Please respect these rules.

The club takes the welfare of all its members very seriously, so if anyone has any concerns or issues relating to child welfare or other health & safety matters please contact your team coach in the first instance or Mike Bowman (Welfare Officer) directly.

“There is irrefutable evidence that a safe & friendly playing environment increases enjoyment of the game”



~ 'THE DUGOUT' ~

'The Dugout'

Soccer Mom, Nicola Vine, continues to successfully run 'The Dugout' out of the Harrold Playing Fields Pavilion. 'The Dugout' provides a wide range of snacks & drinks including; bacon rolls, sausage baps, teas, coffees, soft drinks, crisps & chocolates.

In addition to this, Club Merchandise can be purchased along with hand-warmers & other essential supporter apparel! Fun football scratch-cards & 'Spot-The-Ball' comps will also be available to buy/play – All helping raise much-needed funds for pavilion/playing field improvements.

The Boot Club box is also in the pavilion, enabling you to swap or buy barely used boots via this boot-swapping-scheme.

Not only does 'The Dugout' provide much-welcomed sustenance to the troops, but it also serves as a central hub for the club, enabling coaches, parents & players of teams to meet & mingle. So please support 'The Dugout' as funds raised through it will be put towards making improvements in and around the sports pavilion for the benefit of all.



Look out for our growing trophy collection at the pavilion

The Boot Club

If you have any boots that your child has outgrown we urge you not to throw them away but instead donate them to The Boot Club - In exchange you can swap them for a bigger pair of boots if there are some in stock - Either way, the boots you donate will become part of Boot Club stock which can also be purchased by other parents for a small donation of just £3 for a pair.

Funds raised through the Boot Club will be entirely reinvested and spent on new equipment and the general running costs of the football club.

A trunk/container for the boots will be stowed away at the Harrold Playing Fields Pavilion, so please bring your boots there on Saturday mornings.

Acknowledgement & Thanks

The club is reliant on the prompt payment of annual subs from players/parents/carers, so we thank you all for paying promptly - These subs ensure that we can hire pitches, buy training equipment, insure players, provide line-marker paint, purchase goals, put our coaches through formal training (FA Badges), run CRB security checks and pay referees.

We are also extremely grateful to the local organisations/associations in the area that provide us with pitches at affordable rates. Harrold PFA, Turvey PFA, Emmaus and Harrold Middle School have been extremely accommodating to us in recent years. As a sign of our gratification; the U12 Panthers recently made a £200 donation to Harrold Middle School to purchase sports equipment.

Annual Subs alone do not keep the club afloat, so we are always on the look-out for fundraising opportunities. Our main fundraisers are the Harrold Pit Run, the Summer BBQ/Awards Day & Merchandise Sales. We thank you so much for additionally supporting the club through these events.

The single biggest expense for the club is providing a match kit for each team. So for this we seek out sponsors. This year we are incredibly lucky to have most of our teams kits sponsored. Given the current financial climate we are extremely grateful to all of our magnificent sponsors for their generosity in sponsoring our kits, but we always welcome additional sponsors if anyone else is able to help out.

U12 Panthers – Belgium Tour

A nice early start at Harrold Co-op on the Friday of the inaugural Harrold & Carlton FC Tour de Belgique - 2 vehicles were in convoy to take the Lads and Dads into Europe, one, a 17 seater driven by yours truly and the other, driven by Mr Kelf .

Adele boomed out from the Stereo and the Lads found top voice, it was not perhaps the 3 Lions on a Shirt expected but it brought tears to myself and Big Al. Sam's voice was rather special..... Alistair was most proud - Saro knows his pop music and was spotted bopping in the back.

We made Folkestone in record time and coffee and bacon rolls were consumed. Some of the Lads were dismissed from the Coffee shop and another area, there were ominous signs!!

We waited for the E train to be called and we all made our way onto the Channel Tunnel. A swift 35 minutes later and we were en Francais. The 2nd stage of the journey was over and now we had a 100 mile trek to Belgium.

We made it to the Hotel. Very nice it was too! We all settled in and then took a 10 minute drive to the Bonanza Stadium for a loosen up.

We met our Erik and Tom. It was an emotional moment. Erik brokered a friendly within minutes of our arrival. That Henau does not mess around!! The pitch was not ideal but the same for both teams. The opposition looked small but were U11's and we beat them around 9-0. It was a fine start to the tour but we were not getting carried away. Alistair was not convinced this would be the same side as tomorrow - how right he was!!

We went to the local pub and the boys stayed and played football. We ordered meatballs for all, Gavin ordered extra. We had another drink or three and got the lads off to bed, big day tomorrow!

A splendid breakfast was had. We left around Midday for football, chips and the odd beer. There was a bar open and chips and sausages. The other 7 teams showed up and Bonanza looked different. How right was our Alistair! There were 4 pitches and we were on the main pitch in front of the Clubhouse.

Our first game was on paper, the toughest. It turns out they were the Academy team of Zottegem, a Belgian League side with a 9,000 capacity stadium.

I set a 2-3-2 formation for the game but after 5 minutes had to revert to the more familiar 3-2-2 as Zottegem over-ran us. They were fast, physical and passed it around perfectly. We probably deserved to be one down in the rain but the boys dug in and kept it at 0-0. We took the lead against the run of play, Max smacking in after the keeper saved his first effort, nice link up play with Sam to carve open the defence. We held out till half time but we were lucky but we had fight in us!

We took charge in the 2nd half, the defence were super, Alex, Luca and Fraser did so well and Owen was very lively. Tom came into the game well and Jack was assured at the back. Although we dominated that half, Zottegem should have scored but they shot wide with the goal gaping. We won 1-0. A fine result against the pre-tournament Belgian favourites!

We went straight back on against Deftinge. We dominated from start to finish. Joseph released superbly and this was his best game of Le Tournoi. We took the game 8-0 with Sam, Max and Sean scoring 2 each and Owen and Tom scoring the others. It was a convincing display against the Deftinge side.

So, the 3rd and final League game and what a scene was set. Bonanza had surprisingly beaten Zottegem 1-0 so who-ever won would make the final. It was a perfect script. Tom was Captain and handed the Pennant over. A proud moment for Young Henau as his Uncle Kris I mean Michel looked on as did his Grandfather.

The game was tight on a bumpy pitch. Few chances early doors but the Panthers were on top. Owen was tricky and Tom delighting the home fans who took the son of Henau to their hearts. Again, the defence was firm and the whole back-line should be so proud of themselves throughout the event.

Half time was 0-0. The main Bonanza threat was No.11 who rivaled Sam and Joseph with slick wing-play. However, from a classy Frensham corner, Max headed in at the far post. It was a fine goal and the lads were delighted. Fraser went close with a header a few moments before, again, good delivery from the left.

The 1-0 win was secured and it was Final time versus Herne who had won all of their games. The Final was a bit of an ante-climax as HCFC dominated. It seems our Group was most definitely the toughest. The result was 6-0 and goals from Sean, Luca, Max, Sam, Fraser and Owen sealed the victory. The lads were cock-a-hoop and the tournament secured with lots of goals scored and NONE conceded. Superb!!! Happiness and then some.

The Trophy was awarded to Max Le Glove and the team savoured their win for Club and Country on Foreign soil.

After a lazy breakfast, we headed off, on the Sunday morning, to a Water-Park place. Once we worked out how to get to the lockers the boys headed off and swam and had a great time.

The boys had lunch and we headed off to Calais. We expected the boys to sleep. They did not. We took an early Ferry and some bought cheap plonk.

We thought the boys would sleep between Dover and Beds. The boys did not sleep. They had a disco. We ordered food from Wongs. We met Kelfy in Harrold. We went home. Victorious!!!

Thanks to all the boys for behaving so well. To Kelfy for driving. To all the Dads for making it such a memorable time and to our link man, Erik, he made it all possible. Until the next one!!! Viva the Panthers!!!

Club Website

The club website is your invaluable resource for all the latest news at the club – You will find fixtures, results, league tables, squad profiles, coach contact information and much more.

If you have a coach that writes up match reports you will also find the reports here too. If your coach doesn't write reports then give him a nudge and urge him to do so – Players love to see their names in the lights: www.harroldandcarltonfc.com

Club Merchandise

Beanie hats, scarves, boot-bags, kit-bags & club mascots are now available to purchase in the pavilion on Saturday mornings – Please support the club and grab yourself some high-quality club merchandise!



2012 Club Merchandise - Now Available At 'The Dugout' Every Saturday Morning