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Welcome: This is the second of our clubs quarterly newsletters, aimed at keeping you all informed of happenings at the club. On this page you'll find an update on the seniors, youths, and club development, all of which are progressing well. The relocation project continues to move forward albeit not as quickly as we might like.

We've devoted the second page of this edition introduce you to the FA's Respect campaign, and what it means to all of us. Many of you will have seen Respect in action with the implementation this season of the spectator barriers for some junior fixtures.

Thanks for your continued support and on behalf of all managers, coaches and committee we extend festive greetings.

Paul, 'H', Harrison – Chairman

Senior teams: The senior section has been working hard to develop an integration programme with the junior section. This started in pre-season with the youngest age groups playing small sided games at half time of three of the 1st team home games. We are also looking for match day mascots for both 1st team home games and under 18s Floodlit games please put any names forward.

We have had some magnificent support this season with some spectacular results. At time of writing this the 1st team have still not played a home league game on a Saturday but this has not hindered their performances, and long may that continue.

Also, many thanks to those who travelled to Wimborne on the 15th November for our FA Vase fixture, I hope that you all had a great day out. The result didn't go our way on the day, however the team has done extremely well to reach the position they did.

Chris Jones – Director of Senior Football

Club development: Good progress has been made on last quarter's objectives with only the rework of the detailed development plan carried forward.

Next quarter's objectives have been agreed as the following: 1) Follow up on the appointment of a Football Development officer; 2) Re-work the detailed football development plan "nice job"; 3) Schedule and communicate the Master class training programs; 4) Complete application for Community Club Status.

The FA have many online "free" education courses, and I would like to bring one to your attention. Soccer Parent course offers practical advice, hints and tips on what it takes to be a supportive soccer parent and how to positively influence young players. The course helps you learn.

- The role of the soccer parent and coach
- How to play a supportive role
- How to have a positive influence
- How to, and how not to behave on the sidelines

You may be thinking "I know all this already", but it walks you through the latest FA guidelines – and you get a certificate! Please take some time to run through the program (it took around 45 mins), which can be found at the FA Web site: www.falearning.thefa.com

Andy Walduck – Club Development officer

Youth teams: With the season rapidly approaching the half way stage it is pleasing to report on steady progress within the youth section. From the outset it must be stressed whilst results are obviously recorded and league tables kept, this is not the overriding priority and objective from our section of the club. More importantly greater emphasis is placed on both team and individual player development. Young players, through a safe and controlled environment, must be allowed to fully express their footballing talents on the pitch without any fear of failure. Parents, managers and coaches must allow individual talent to develop without restrictions. This club encourages football to be played on the ground and in all areas of the pitch (after all the ball is round and therefore designed to roll!!!). The aim is to produce better all round players, comfortable on the ball and with the technique and desire to advance within the game. To date I have watched most of the youth teams in action and the aim is to see all of them before the season ends. It is pleasing to see the clubs objectives being put into practise, and the unison and support from our parents and supporters is very evident. Remember a manager's role does not only demand immense responsibility but at times can be very tiresome and lonely. Your help and support on match days would I know be greatly appreciated even if it's only a word of appreciation or commiseration. The other club initiative was to create a greater unison and bond between the senior and youth sections. Evidence of this can not only be seen by junior players being used as club mascots on match days but also in the senior management taking Youth team training sessions. To date, the first team manager (Dave Turner), Senior Ops director (Chris Jones) and myself have undertaken sessions. This is an area I am encouraging the individual team managers to explore. A different face and approach to a training session not only invigorates the team as a whole but challenges individuals to emerge from their respective comfort zones!

Pete Yeardley – Director of Youth Football

Sponsor Focus: Alan Hawkins Estate Agent has been sponsoring the club for over 3 years. They are an independent family owned and run agency offering over 40 years of combined property experience. If you are considering a move please pay them a visit. Many thanks to them for their support.



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Relocation: Good news. NWDC planning committee has now resolved to grant planning for the new facility, and full permission will follow when legals have been agreed. Unfortunately we still await the same for the application for Ryland's Way, pending completion of some minor re-designs following a visit from the Councillors to the site. I remain hopeful that by the start of the New Year we will be in a position to move forward. I hope to report more good news in the next newsletter.

Andy Walduck – Relocation Officer

Bookings Secretary required: The secretarial roles within the club cover club correspondence, player registration, fixtures, and also facility bookings (Ballards Ash, Rylands Way, and Astro Turf). All of this for some 19 teams is currently undertaken by Rod Carter (club and seniors) and Gill Gascoigne (youths). To help make the tasks more manageable for volunteers the club urgently needs to appoint a "Bookings Secretary", who can manage all the clubs bookings of pitches for playing and training. Full training and handover will be provided, and support available as required from experienced club officials. Please do consider whether you can help our club continue to operate and grow by undertaking this urgently needed role, and contact Paul Harrison or Pete Yeardeley to discuss.

WBTFC – Committee

What's On?

- Charity football game December 26th Marlborough Town football Club.
- Planning for the U12, U13 and U14 tour to Holland. (April / May 2009)
- 9th May – End of Season Presentation and Summer Ball
- Exchange visit to WB by 's- Gravenzande SV from Holland
- 1st team games – your support will be most welcome, please check website

December's Joke: The local football team were having a dreadful season. They hadn't won a game for 12 weeks and the manager was at the end of his tether. "Look," suggested a friend one evening, "why don't you take the whole squad out for a ten mile run every day?" "What good will that do?" moaned the manager. "Well," replied his friend, "today's Sunday. By next Saturday they'll be 60 miles away and you won't have to worry about them."

The FA's program "RESPECT", is a campaign setup to "improve standards of behaviour – on and off the field". Respect is a continuous FA programme, not a one-off initiative. Its goal is to create an enjoyable playing environment that allows people to play, officiate and watch football without being abused, mocked, insulted, jeered, physically assaulted, unnecessarily criticised or pushed too hard. What's needed is everyone to take responsibility for their individual actions – verbal or physical – and abide by common-sense behaviour standards.

To aid the implementation of Respect, codes of conduct have been developed from the perspectives of all those who play a part in the game – players, coaches, managers, officials, spectators. The Respect programme includes four practical steps to improve behaviour throughout the country, both on the pitch and on the sidelines:

1. **Respect Codes of Conduct** – there is a Code of Conduct for each of the five main types of football participant – young players; adult players; spectators and parents/carers; coaches, team managers and club officials; Referees – with each code explaining the behaviours expected and potential penalties if broken
2. **Designated Spectators' Area** - there will be a demarcated area along the touchlines, within which spectators must stay. The idea is to encourage parents and spectators to take a step back from the pitch and support the teams in a more responsible manner.
3. **Captain taking responsibility** – there will be a drive to enhance captaincy skills, encouraging captains to take full responsibility for their players' actions and behaviour.
4. **Referee managing the game** – there will be a similar drive to enhance referees' match management skills to create an environment where potential problems are addressed before they escalate.

So what happens next? Our club plans to fully roll out the Respect codes of conduct via team managers, briefing players, coaches, officials, spectators and parents. Copies of the codes of conduct will be made available to all, and we ask you to uphold these codes as we go about playing and competing. Please help us to do this by taking a moment to read them, or by going onto [TheFA.com/Respect](http://www.thefa.com/Respect) and finding out more. If you have any questions regards the clubs adoption of Respect then please do contact your team manager in the first instance, who can then raise the matter as necessary within the club. Please take some time to find out more by visiting <http://www.thefa.com/TheFA/Respect/>

Related to **Respect**, many of you may not be aware, but our club can be held accountable and charged, including for inappropriate spectator behaviour, for the actions of all those identified as linked to the club. A few matters have recently been reported to us, which we have investigated and the reaction and support of all in upholding our behaviours and values has been superb. I'd like to thank you all for the manner in which you represent the club and ask you to maintain it.

Paul, 'H', Harrison – Chairman

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