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CHAIRMAN'S CENTRE CIRCLE

Here we go then! Fasten your seat belts for the rollercoaster ride that is the 2007 season. Hopefully it will be a smooth ride, with lots of silverware, but no doubt there will be some ups and downs! It's been sometime since the last Green 'Un but a few things have been going on. I'm quite keen on reducing the amount of paper we create with the Green 'Un and by putting it onto the very fine website run so ably by Chris Dewey, (www.bartonstaceyfootballclub.co.uk), we can probably reduce our print run of 400 (3200 sheets of paper!) down to something considerably less. The Green 'Un would then really be green! I'll let you know if we decide on this in the next issue.

We're running four teams this season, Senior, Under 13s, Under 11s and Under 9s, and we've already got some games under our belt, albeit with mixed success. Barrie will tell you all about how it's started for the Senior team but the match reports probably say it all. Our Youth sides have had varying degrees of success, and again Andy will tell you more about the Under 11s. While on the subject of football, our progress towards Charter status is going very well, with Barrie having just passed his level 1 coaching certificate. Andy tells you more about this important step for the Club inside.

You may recall that I mentioned in the last issue that we had secured a new sponsor for the Youth teams. This is Toast Chimney Sweep run by Mark Abbey and his very generous contribution has enabled us to purchase new jerkin tops proudly sporting his logo. Our regular sponsor of the Senior side, Cross Country Engineering, has again been generous and helped us with the purchase of the new goals and nets. For those of you that have seen them on the Rec, I'm sure you'll agree that the new green and white nets look very smart. Also on the Rec over the summer we've had major treatment done to the grass (thanks to Chris deCani) and the floodlights are due to be replaced this weekend – weather permitting. This should help the evening training sessions now that the nights are drawing in. My thanks also go to Les Goddard and Bill James for all their help with this.

Our Presentation Day was on Saturday 9th June at the White Hart at Stoke. The Youth Team afternoon event was very well supported and the children had a great time with the bouncy castle. I'm afraid that the evening event for the Senior team was not quite so well supported but my thanks go to Alison Burgess for presenting the trophies. You'll find some pictures inside. The Committee decided that we needed a complete re-think about how we do this event next year, maybe bringing it closer to home. The Fun Day on Sunday 5th August was very well attended and being blessed with good weather certainly helped everything run smoothly. My thanks go to all those who helped on the day but particular thanks to Nick Goodall and his team on the barbeque who kept everyone well fed and to Richard Woods for supplying the very tasty organic beef burgers!

The next event that the Club are involved in will be the annual fireworks on the Rec – on November 5th – of course!

Paul Gibson



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EDITOR'S PENALTY AREA

Hi all you Bartonites.

Well the soccer season is up and running. I went on a UK scouting mission this summer to Hastings. I went looking for a central defender, some French geezer William Conqueror, instead I found an English bloke called Harold Oneeye. He just couldn't see the attackers coming.

Well what about Emile Heskey, didn't he lead the line well for England in those two games? But the dreaded metatarsal injury strikes again! After buying a pair of boots for my son, there's more protection in my wife's slippers than these modern boots. Come on manufactures lets have more leather and less fancy colours and logos.

I didn't realise David (Calamity) James the ex-England goalie had so many brothers - 15 of them playing with that funny shaped ball. What a disgrace that England rugby team were in the 2 games so far.

I've read that in the near future there's a Saturday with only 1 Premiership game on, the rest have been moved to suit TV. What a sorry state, soon we will have games stopped for commercial breaks like American football.

Well lots of football Sat & Sun on the Rec at Barton, so to quote Delia "LETS BE HAVIN YOU"

Bye for now

Bald Eagle

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Barton Stacey Under 11's Manager's Ramblings

A new season is here and what a season it is likely to be. At the under 11 age group we move from mini soccer (7 a side with small pitches small goals and no off side) to full 11 a side football together with offsides. In fact we now play all the 'normal' adult rules with the exception of the fact that we are allowed 'roll on roll of subs'. We have 16 players signed on for the season, which is good news as it gives us some good coverage for different positions all through the team. (Please note new players always welcome) We trained from the middle of the summer ('what summer'? I hear you say) and this seems to have proved very successful.

Just prior to the start of the season I arranged 2 'friendlies', 1 against a team in our league 'Tadley Calleva' and another against 'Andover FC' who, on paper, are a bit stronger than we are. Against Tadley we had a great game using the space of the big pitch very well, our defence looked rock solid with our strikers really beginning to understand the offside rule. On a nice sunny afternoon we ran out winners 10-3. 4 days later we took on Andover FC. We gave a very good account of ourselves and took the lead after the 1st 15 minutes. A lead we held on to until just before half time when a defensive error led to Andover levelling the game. In an effort to give all our players a run out we used 5 substitutes in the 2nd half and I really think this 'mixing and matching' was the only reason we ended up losing 3-1. We certainly had Andover on the back foot for the major portion of the game and I was indeed very proud of our players.

We moved onto our 1st league game on Sunday 9th September where we took on Woolton Hill Argyle at home. We had the majority of the play in the 1st half but ended up 0-0 at HT. I took the decision that no changes would take place at Half Time as I really thought we were playing well. We asked the defence to push further up the pitch in order to release the midfield, a tactic that worked well as we ended the game winning 5-0 after a great 2nd half performance right throughout the team.

On Sunday 23rd we took on Thatcham Town Harriers, a team in the past who we have struggled against. After the first 15 minutes we settled well and played some great football. We ended up winning 11-1 with goals from both our strikers and our midfield players and I think the parents watching could suddenly realise what all the training and hard work had been about for the last 5 years. I am sure we will have harder matches to come but the players should be proud of the way they have started the season, so long may they play with confidence and if that is the way they continue we can all remain optimistic.

Andrew Burgess

Barton Stacey Football Club Charter Standard

For the last year Barton Stacey Football Club (Adults and Youth section) have been working towards becoming an FA Charter Club. We are not there yet but getting closer all the time. We thought it would be a good idea to tell you the readers of the 'Green Un' of the Criteria and benefits of becoming a Standard Charter Club.

The FA Charter Standard Clubs programme was launched in February 2001 and is a core component of The FA Football Development programme

The project is aimed at all clubs outside the Football League and Premier League, players, children and parents find a club in their local area that meets FA standards.

The FA, in conjunction with various bodies, has drawn up the following set of criteria for clubs wishing to reach Charter Standard:

- A written constitution
- FA CRB checked volunteers
- All managers to have minimum of FA Level 1 Coaching Course
- Commitment to attend in-service training
- Acceptance and promotion of Codes of Conduct
- Commitment to provide Mini-Soccer opportunities for Under 10s
- Commitment to promote schools liaison and equal opportunities for all

We now meet the majority of the criteria with the written constitution in place, the codes of conduct in place, plenty of mini soccer taking place. We are a local club and as such in touch with many of the local schools and we are pleased to say that Barry Purdue, Nick Tuson, Graham White and myself (Andrew Burgess) having just passed the FA level 1 coaching badge. (there are 4 levels in total with most Premiership managers holding level 3 and international managers level 4). We are in the hands of the CRB as to when they can approve us and we will then move forward to the next stage of putting forward our Application. We will keep you posted of further developments.

Andrew Burgess

Under 13s Match Reports

8th September 2007 Hatch Warren U13 1 Barton Stacey U13 2

And off we go again! A new season, a few new teams in division 1 and the perennial problem of finding enough boys to fill the shirts. After a successful season last year it was disappointing to lose four boys to other teams or other sports. Two weeks before the start of the new season Graham White had only ten players signed on. James Brooke and Connor joined a week before the season opened to give Barton Stacey enough players to enter the league; any year 7/8 boys looking to play a part would be welcome, training is on Tuesday nights at 6.00pm with games played on Saturday mornings. Transport to and from games can be arranged for boys whose parents are unable to come along.

Hatch Warren here we come. On assembling outside the shop an earnest discussion developed over who last had the kit bag. A quick trip to your correspondent's garage found the green and black shirts buried under a pile of fishing tackle. With the day back on track the convoy set off for Basingstoke with the whiff of Tench and Bream in the air.

Hatch Warren are a big club fielding two sides at this age group, having some success last year in the North Hants league and Peter Houseman league, this would prove to be a stern test for Barton's 12 man squid.

After a lengthy warm up the ref called the two teams up, Danny Tuson threw a ball to your correspondent who caught the ball on the nose sending his glasses flying. Sans spectacles the kick off was missed, normal vision was resumed after a minute, just in time to see Michael Taplin score what must be one of the fastest goals of the season from the penalty spot after a Hatch Warren hand ball. Barton Stacey continued to press the game, fifteen minutes later a superb through ball from right back Nick Bearpark left the Hatch Warren back line floundering Charles Sherwood racing in to score the second. Two nil up at half time Barton Stacey had by far the better of the first half, Hatch Warren were shell shocked. Reorganising at half time Hatch Warren had a much better second half, New signing James Brooke partnering Sam Hadlington in midfield impressed with his energetic play, Harry Lawton and Danny Tuson linked well on the left, William de Cani with his sore eel struggled on the right. Central defenders Alex Coetzee and Dan Pomroy carried on where they left off last year, mixing spells of Hansen and Lawrenson with glimpses of Ant and Dec, and Mavis and Rita; carping incessantly they fall out but come together to get the job done/papers out on time.

Luke Bacon filled in between the sticks, Oliver Curry having left to concentrate on his Rugby. Pulling off one superb save in the second half leaping like Billy the Fish to tip a close range shot onto the bar Luke kept his side in the game. Hatch Warren pulled a goal back in the last minute as Barton Stacey faded, but could not stop Graham Whiting's side taking the points and second place in the league.

With a faint hint of fish still on the wind, Barton Stacey returned home. Hatch Warren convinced that Barton Stacey was a fishing community on the coast, unsurprised at the line of seagulls that followed the fleet/convoy home.

15th September 2007 Barton Stacey U13 3 Upper Clatford U13 5

The two teams who contested last year's cup final met for the first time this season. No need for any introductions, all the boys are long standing friends/acquaintances so on with the game.

Barton Stacey kicked off and after five minutes fell a goal behind; the corporate set – Messrs Coetzee and Bearpark distracted by sandwiches, arrived late to their seats and missed the goal. With the problem of playing in front of a half empty ground eliminated, Barton Stacey raised their game; Michael Taplin driving into the box on the right hand side, to set up Charles Sherwood to score from close range.

Parity restored, both teams continued to create chances. Nick Bearpark, Michael Taplin and James Brooke shooting wide for Barton, while Alex Coetzee and Dan Pomroy had their hands full with last year's top scorer in division one James McArthur. Michael Taplin picked up an injury late in the first half, Danny Tuson moving from the left of midfield to attack, new signing Sam Burrows taking Tuson's position.

As the second half drew to a close, Clatford's midfielder Sam Woodward grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck creating two quick goals, one a penalty; his level of performance proved to be the difference between the two sides in the last period of the half.

With the sun out and the temperature creeping up towards twenty degrees, Barton's boys took on a lot of water at half time. Graham White stated the need for a little more self belief, and to nullify the wandering Woodward.

In the second half Barton Stacey raised their game, playing some lengthy passages of the high tempo passing football. Harry Lawton, James Brooke and Charles Sherwood combined well on the left to force a Clatford own goal. William de Cani found a bit of last season's form as he began to get the better of the Clatford left back.

A watching William Jackman falling out of his vantage point in a nearby tree lent inspiration to a new plan of attack (well it worked for Isaac Newton!) Connor Jones was sent on to play left midfield, Sam Burrows moving to centre back; Dan Pomroy departing for a shower, pomade and an afternoon as Dapper Dan at a family wedding.

Conner Jones' impact was almost immediate, his shot from the left hand side of the box flying wide.

As Barton Stacey gambled, space was created at the back, Clatford taking full advantage to score two well taken goals despite the heroic efforts of stand in keeper Luke Bacon. Barton Stacey's heads did not drop, their fortitude rewarded when Sam Hadlington scored from 25 yards, a surefire winner of goal of the month if only we could ring in and vote – Its just a bit of fun!

Chris deCani

Under 13s LEAGUE TABLE

	Ply	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Points
<u>Andover New Street</u>	1	1	0	0	6	1	5	3
<u>Hatch Warren Phoenix Rangers</u>	2	1	0	1	7	5	2	3
<u>Upper Clatford A</u>	1	1	0	0	5	3	2	3
<u>Alderbury</u>	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
<u>Tidworth Royals</u>	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
<u>Littleton</u>	2	1	0	1	6	6	0	3
<u>Barton Stacey</u>	2	1	0	1	5	6	-1	3
<u>Ludwig Leisure Cavaliers</u>	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
<u>Fordingbridge</u>	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
<u>CK Andover</u>	2	0	0	2	3	11	-8	0

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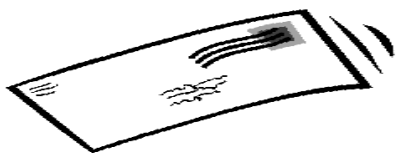
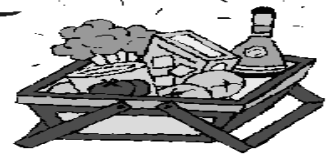
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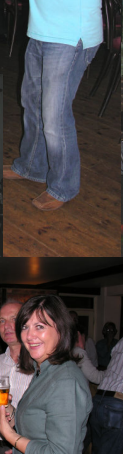
Presentation Evening 2



Pants Award
Alex Iddles



Barrie thanks Alison for
presenting the trophies



SENIOR TEAM MATCH REPORTS

2nd September 2007

Aldridge Vehicles 6 Barton Stacey 1 - report by Chris Dewey

With a scratch team for the first league game of the season Barton new they were in for a tough game, away at last years Cup and League winners Aldridge Vehicles.

Barton started well and kept Aldridge at bay for the first 15 minutes until the home side went ahead straight from a corner kick. Things did not improve and Aldridge soon increased their lead. Aldridge scored four more times through the game to wrap up all three points, however, the best goal of the game was left to Barton. Mid way through the second half Nick Oliver picked the ball up on the right wing, came inside the Aldridge player and struck an unstoppable shot with his left foot from 25- 30 yards, if that had only been the winner!! Still a good all round effort by all those who were available for the game.

9th September 2007

Barton Stacey 2 Southampton Arms 6 - report by Chris De Cani

After last weeks defeat to Aldridge vehicles, GWA and Cross Country Engineering sponsored Barton Stacey were looking for their first win of the season against a strong Southampton Arms side. With new goal posts and natty green and white nets supplied by the people who supply world cup finals, Barton Stacey looked like a club who were going places.

For the first twenty five minutes the game was even, Martyn Doolin and Mickey Dewey impressed in midfield, Alex Iddles looked full of tricks, while Rhys Betteridge and Scott Tarrant looked solid at the back. Mick Thornton, circumnavigating the pitch with a paint-flecked spaniel, spoke of the virtues of the veteran footballer, a view born out by the performances of the evergreen Chris Dewey and Nigel Freemantle. For Twenty Five minutes Freemantle organised the back line superbly, Barton Stacey threatened to score but lacked the killer touch to put the ball in the back of the pristine net. Martyn Doolin hit the bar from a free kick before Southampton Arms took the lead directly from a corner as Barton Stacey elected to leave the back post unattended.

Barton Stacey briefly rallied, Doolin hitting the post before The Arms grabbed two goals in 5 minutes. A stunning bicycle kick on the brink of half time gave Southampton Arms their fourth, and lent a distorted look to the half time score line.

Emboldened by their good fortune, The Arms pressed the game scoring another two goals early in the second half.

Six goals behind Barton Stacey rediscovered their form of the first twenty five minutes. Alex Iddles and Simon Schulze combining well on the left to give Dan de Heaume the chance to pull a goal back, the second Barton goal came after a stunning free kick from Martyn Doolin hit the cross bar rebounded onto a Southampton Arms defender and flew into the net, an own goal but the plaudits must go to Doolin.

A second successive defeat for Barton Stacey, who can take great heart from their performance in the first twenty five and last fifteen minutes. Hitting the woodwork three times and drawing the second half 2-2.

16th September 2007

Barton Stacey 2 Thruxton 6- report by Chris De Cani

Barton Stacey's third game of the year, and like many of us following a Saturday night – wind affected! Thruxton took the lead early in the game, Barton Stacey equalising in the 15th minute –Jon-Marc Spatcher lobbing the goalkeeper then chasing in to head in the rebound off the cross bar. Thruxton exploiting the breeze with long balls to their pacey striker regained the lead after a contentious penalty; Lee Maspero adjudged to have felled the Thruxton flyer. Barton were unfortunate to go further behind 3 minutes before the break, a Thruxton shot from the edge of the box taking two deflections to deceive keeper James Oliver.

For the second week in succession Barton Stacey had conceded goals just before the break. Barton Stacey began the second half with central defenders Lee Maspero and Scott Tarrant nursing injuries. Out of a squad of 26 only 13 were available for today's game so it was "heads up its time to dig deep". 6 minutes into the second half Barton's feisty midfielder Mickey Dewey pulled a goal back with a well struck shot from the edge of the box. Barton Stacey's short period of dominance was curtailed through a spate of injuries, Lee Maspero, Scott Tarrant, and Jon Marc Spatcher forced to leave the field. Facing a re-organised back line Thruxton scored a further three goals.

A third defeat for Barton Stacey. With a bit of luck and a full strength side, winning ways will soon return.

CALLING ALL VETERANS

The Club would like to get in contact with anybody who has at some stage, played for the club. This is with a view to having a get together, maybe once or twice every year or two, to talk over past glories, old times and new, with past team mates. The provisional theme is to have a meal and drinks, with possibly an after dinner speaker. If you like the sound of this idea and have played for Barton recently or in the past, no matter how far back you go, and would like to meet up, please contact me or anyone else involved with the club today, and we will be in touch with further information.

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BAZ'S BURBLINGS

With the season under way it's rapidly feeling like a case of déjà vu, it only seems like five minutes ago I was talking about lack of commitment and struggling to field a team of 11 players on a Sunday.

Well here we are again another season but the same old story, a few of the faces change but its still the age-old problem. Unfortunately from talking to other teams it appears to be something that is a problem all over, apart from the odd team who have an abundance of players that turn up each week and stand around without much hope of a regular game (this I must say is somewhat puzzling to me as I would sooner be playing for a more unfashionable team and getting regular games rather than sitting on the sideline without ever even getting a run out).

I think it must be an age thing either that or people these days have far to many other things to distract them. I know this is probably going to sound like I should be starring on 'Grumpy Old Men' but when I was playing I would give anything to turn out each week and I would arrange the other side of my social life around playing (after all its only a few weeks out of the year and usually to wet to do anything else anyway), it didn't matter in what condition I was from the previous night either or on the odd occasion that morning if it had been a long party, but I would turn up and play none the less, any way it's a good hangover cure.

We are lucky in that we have some players who turn up week in and week out and aren't always guaranteed a regular start due to many varying reasons (although lately I have been able to give them more chances of a game which is all good experience). These types of players are the backbone of the team and are invaluable I never take any of them for granted and I would like to think that none of the rest of the squad ever do either. After all its ok having so called superstars in the team but if they only ever turn up on rare occasions then what use are they over a season.

The hardest part of running any team (apart from trying to get commitment), is trying to keep all of the players in the squad happy this is a very difficult balancing act as you want to be loyal to the players that turn up each week but you also have to couple that with trying to be successful which is hard if you have to many players that are not quite as ready for the level that you are playing at as you'd hope. With more training, experience and building up of muscle and confidence depending on the circumstances this will hopefully become less of a problem over time.

We are now training once a week at least on a Wednesday evening down at the Rec. usually a 6.30pm start. So far there has been a reasonable turn out to these sessions but if anyone who is interested in playing senior football and wants to come along and join in please feel free to do so we are always on the look out for new and regular players.

Obviously I have to mention the start to the season although part of me would rather not dwell on it as its not been good by any means of the imagination. So far its played 3 lost 3. We can certainly say we are consistent though we have managed to ship 6 goals in every game so far responding with 5 in total. As the saying goes things can only get better.

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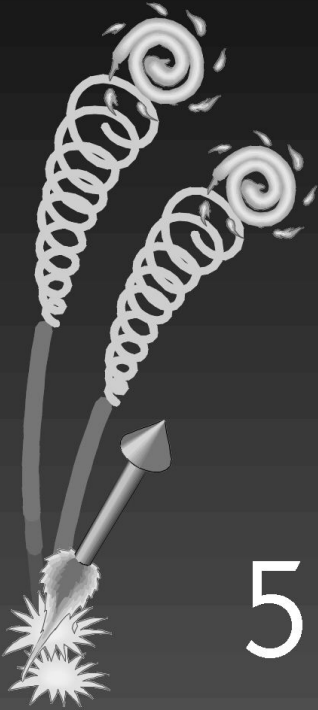
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