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CHAIRMAN'S CENTRE CIRCLE

Gosh! Nearly halfway through the season and Christmas already! We thought we'd better get an issue out over the Christmas period to give you all something to read, in order to stop you falling asleep on the sofa after Christmas dinner. Mind you, it might well have the opposite effect!

It doesn't seem that long ago when I wrote about the beginning of the season. We've had the usual mixed bag of success and disappointment so far, as the match reports (so eloquently written) inside will tell you. Our Senior team are only left in one cup, but our Youth sides seem to be fairing better. I'm afraid that Baz was unable to produce his usual Burlblings on how the Seniors have been getting on, but the match reports and league table probably capture most of his feelings. His main problem has been injuries, with no less than five lots of broken bones or players in plaster! The good news is that Training Sessions have been re-established on Wednesday evenings and we have been lucky to secure the services of a physiotherapist – very useful for getting our injured players back onto the pitch as soon as possible. My thanks to Kate for volunteering!

Andy Burgess gives an update on how our Youth sides are progressing, which makes for encouraging reading. After all, they are the future of the Club. Our quest for Charter Status continues but has slowed slightly while we wait for the very necessary CRB checks to be carried out. Once these are done, it will be full steam ahead to accreditation.

Last time, I mentioned that we were thinking about reducing the frequency of the Green 'Un. We discussed this at length at one of our committee meetings and decided that although we would continue, we would limit the number to about four issues per year. After all, the website (www.bartonstaceyfootballclub.co.uk) carries all the latest information.

So, what else have we been up to, apart from playing the odd bit of football? It was the Village Fireworks display on the 5th November (of course!) and the Club provided the Bar as well as helping generally with the setting up and running of the event. Our thanks go to Peter Wood (one of our sponsors!) for putting on a jolly good show and a generous donation was made to the School Playground Project. We then helped put on a Pig Racing evening in the Village Hall in conjunction with Frogs, the fundraisers for the Village School, which raised a further £500 for the Playground Project.

Some of you may be disappointed that we have decided not to put on a New Year's Eve Party in the Village Hall this year. Last year's was not very well attended and it seems that people find other forms of entertainment, quite often in warmer climes. We'll reconsider again next year.

I'm afraid that there isn't a Senior Team game on the Rec until 27th January, but our Youth Teams will be playing before then. Please see the website for fixture details.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year
Paul Gibson



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EDITOR'S PENALTY AREA

Hi all you Bartonites.

Here we are again, Xmas time. All 4 English clubs are thro' to the next round of the Champions League. I won't put the evil eye on them this year by making any predictions, but it is a bit of a laugh calling them English clubs, with 3 1/2 owned by Johnny Foreigner, all 4 managed by Johnny Foreigner (Yes, Sir Alex is a foreigner in my book), hardly enough English players to make a team between them and not one has an English goalie. Where's the next Ray Clemence, David Seaman, Peter Bonneti, Alex Stepney (all you kids are saying who are they Dad?).

No wonder the England team is in the state it's in.

DON'T WORRY, FABIO TO THE RESCUE!

Yes, I think it's a great appointment. There were only 2 runners in the race, both Italians in my book - the other being ROSSI the ice cream man, no sorry, Lippi. I'm fed up with hearing all this rubbish about Shearer here couldn't inspire Newcastle to win anything, and who else is there? Southgate, Curbishly, Bruce and dodgy 'Harry the Spiv'. Did you see Pauls Ince and Parker on TV? Well they're top coaches – aren't they? MK DONS - WHO ARE THEY INCE?

I don't care if England win 1-0 all the way to the World Cup, the important thing is to win the Cup! Welcome to England, Fabio Capello. Stuff the press and ex-England players, do it your way and turn those multi-million misfits into World Cup winners.

A very merry Xmas to you all and a prosperous New Year for the Saints. All the best for 2008.

Bye for now

Bald Eagle

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Barton Stacey Under 11's Manager's Ramblings

With Christmas approaching the under 11's can look back at the first half of the season with reasonable satisfaction. We are sitting 3rd in the table, having played 10 lost 3 and drawn 1, with the most pleasing thing of having a goal difference of Plus 26. We started the season very well but had what we can only hope to be a small Blip in December losing two league games on the spin, both to good opposition, but in both games we did not do ourselves justice allowing both Woolton Hill and Loddon to dictate the game to us. Both games were lost through our own mistakes rather than conceding any fantastic goals, so disappointing to say the least.

However we bounced back last Sunday (16th December) with our best display of the season beating the side below us in the table 'Thatcham Tornadoes' 5 - 1. The whole team played extremely well and while the goal sorcerers always take the limelight a good tackle, a blistering run or one save is equally as important, and in games where we have all the play it is important that the goalkeeper concentrates for the whole 60 minutes as he might only have one save to make.

We are lucky to have 2 good goalkeepers both with different styles and attributes. Over the last month we have been training indoors in a school sports hall (mainly due to the fact that there is only so much pressure the floodlit area of the Barton Rec can take) and a number of parents have questioned whether our dip in form is due to the nice warm training environment in an enclosed area rather than the larger outside area that the players are used to. In my opinion any training is better than no training (and certainly we would have had to cancel some at the Rec), but more importantly having played, coached and managed both adults and Children's teams for more years than I would care to talk about If players of any age can play good football in a small tight space then they will easily translate those skills into the larger open space of the outdoor playing surface. Personally I put our dip in form down to over confidence and forgetting all we had learned this year We had stopped being first to the ball, passing, moving and communicating. Once we regained those accomplishments we were back on the winning trail.

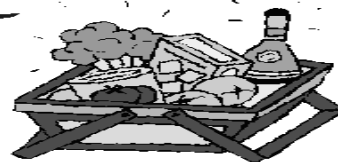
I am looking forward to our development and progress into 2008 and if any of you villagers out there with No Kids or at least not of our age groups want some entertaining football forget the Premiership or the Coca Cola but come along to a home game on a Saturday or Sunday morning and enjoy some grass roots football, you will be pleasantly surprised at the standard.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Andrew Burgess

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Under 13s Match Reports

22nd September 2007 Ludwig Leisure Cavaliers U13 5 Barton Stacey U13 5

“Good grief” exclaimed Mr Sherwood on hearing the name of this weeks opposition, “they sound a bit Germanic, are they allowed to wear leather shorts in division 1, it will give them a hell of an advantage in the slide tackle”

“They are a big club from the North East of Basingstoke” replied Graham White. “ They field over 20 boys teams at various ages, they know what they are about so we will have to be on our guard”

“Like the Roundheads” chipped in Captain Coetzee

“What!” replied Graham White desperate to return to all things football.

“Roundheads - had to be on guard against the Cavaliers, they had a keeper called Oliver Cromwell. Cavaliers won because they used to hide their captain up a tree, couldn't see him could they, can't tackle a bloke if he's up a tree. We should give it a go. They had fancy hats as well, with feathers, we could play in hats with feathers, it could make all the difference”

“I'll ask Mr Chairman Alex, now get on with your star jumps”

Manager Graham White and Luke Bacon were away for this game, Nick Bearpark replacing Luke Bacon in goal, Connor Jones providing cover on the bench. Barton Stacey's first chance came in the first minute, William de Cani's shot pushed round the post. Ludwig opened the scoring from the resulting corner, a long clearance finding the burly striker who gave Nick Bearpark no chance with his powerfully struck shot. And so the pattern was set for the first half, lots of Barton possession and chances, Ludwig hitting back on the break scoring four to Barton Stacey's one courtesy of Michael Taplin.

Half time and time for a little tactical tinkering, Charles Sherwood put the keeper's jersey on to give a little more height between the sticks, Nick Bearpark moved to left midfield to replace Danny Tuson who had run himself into the ground; Connor Jones coming on to partner Michael Taplin in attack. Beyond that it was down to the boys; now was the time to show some of the character forged from countless tight spots over the past few seasons.

Two minutes into the second half, Nick Bearpark scored Barton's second from a de Cani corner. Barton struck the woodwork again before Michael Taplin scored his second of the match. 4-3 down it was all Barton Stacey, Alex Coetzee followed his first half nemesis everywhere, Dan Pomroy and Harry Lawton mopped up any other threats. Sam Hadlington and James Brooke in central midfield drove the game on setting the tone for the whole team. Conner Jones proved to be a real handful up front, coming close to opening his account for Barton Stacey, before a speculative lob from Ludwig restored their two goal lead. Again Barton Stacey dug deep, right back Sam Burrows moving to midfield to press the game leaving three at the back. William de Cani scored Barton's fourth after a blistering run down the right. With one minute remaining first half keeper Nick Bearpark smacked the ball into the net from close range to spark celebrations to rival last years cup win; Mrs de Cani a particular cause for concern when she leapt from her recliner, arms aloft, to acclaim the Barton equaliser.

A superb, battling performance by Barton Stacey, who despite being 4-1 down at half time, refused to accept that it was not their day.

29th September 2007 CK Andover U13 1 Barton Stacey U13 5

Important work north of the border, so its over to Mrs de Cani for this one.

CK Andover in yellow, Barton Stacey in green, ref in black with white trim. (*what about the shoes?- Ed*)

Half time already and I don't think I missed any goals. I know I saw two and Mrs Taplin thinks she saw another two. Mrs Coetzee dropped by to watch and she thought three. Therefore it must be somewhere between two and four.

According to Mr Hadlington we are 4 -0 up, he will know because he has an official flag that he uses to wave flies away from the pitch.

Danny Tuson scored the first for Barton Stacey, William de Cani the second, Sam Hadlington the third with a left foot collie, although I thought it was his foot he used and I am sure Mr Bearpark's dog was not on the pitch; I wouldn't know if our dogs were left footed or right footed. Michael Taplin got the fourth from a long way away, so far away that I couldn't see it.

William said at half time that he needs new shin pads, his cricket pads are in the car. I don't know why he can't use those. I'm sure his helmet would come in useful for heading the ball, and the genetic line wouldn't be in so much danger if he wore that “box thing” when standing in a wall.

Connor Jones is new and he just scored a goal, but it didn't count; the ref obviously thinks we have enough already. CK Andover score one in the second part of the game, which means Barton are allowed to score again, this time its Nick Bearpark's turn.

Poor Charles Sherwood has his arm in a sling, he hurt his hand playing Rugby. I must say, the Rugby World Cup has been absolutely fascinating, the new fabrics that they use to make the shirts and shorts are soooo clingy!, Mrs Coetzee likes the look of the cricketers while Mrs Taplin likes the football/beckham look. Mr Taplin gallantly pushed the case for the Darts player but I don't see it myself.

The game has ended, the score 5-1 to Barton Stacey - I think

Barton Stacey third place in Division 1

6th October 2007 Barton Stacey U13 0 Andover New St U13 5

Third placed Barton Stacey against third from bottom Andover New St, This current crop of Bartonites had never failed to take all three points from their encounters with the boys from New St.

For the third time this season Barton Stacey fell behind to an early goal, new keeper Ollie given no chance when Dalton Compton burst through Barton Stacey's defence to score. With New Street beating Barton Stacey to the loose ball, and comprehensively winning all 50/50 ball it was not long before their high-octane game produced another two goals. 3-0 down at high time Barton were being out Bartonated.

After a quick check of the Jelly baby bag to confirm that they were not the sugar free variety, Barton Stacey set out to get some reward from the game.

In the second half Barton battled on, and did manage to produce chances, the ball inevitably flying high or wide.

Andover New St's Dalton Crompton continued to cause problems to Barton's defence, his movement and ability to shoot from anywhere a superb example of the striker's role; New St scoring a further two goals before the close.

While it is good for the mind and soul to try new experiences, this is one not to be repeated. A bad day at the office, you don't become a bad team overnight, every dog has its day, you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs (or ruining a very good frying pan if you are William de Cani) Pick a cliché, most of them were written for days like this.

Barton Stacey U13s are a small squad who regularly punch above their weight (Not another cliché - Ed) with half of the boys on the pitch playing in a position that would not normally be their first choice, Barton Stacey's strength has always been a good team game with each player accepting and understanding his role within the side. Every successful side has its "Hollywood" players; they don't, however, pick up the "gongs" without the efforts of the unsung heroes. For every Eric Cantona you need a Dennis Irwin, for every Orville you need a Keith Harris. Barton Stacey must rely on their strong team ethic, built up over the past five seasons to bounce back from a shock result such as today's.

Barton Stacey third in division 1 - just!

13th October 2007 Tidworth Royals U13 2 Barton Stacey U13 6

After last week's horror show against Andover New Street it was important that "Toast" sponsored Barton Stacey returned to winning ways against mid-table Tidworth Royals.

Graham White led the way from Barton Stacey. With no left indicator on his car the ride for the following cars was a thrilling one; Mrs Taplin coping the best with the surprise left hand turns; cornering at "Gambon" nothing compared to the slide turn into Shipton Bellinger High St.

Dan Pomroy was out through illness, Sam Burrows replaced him at centre back alongside Alex Coetzee. Victor versatile – Nick Bearpark moved to right back, Harry Lawton at left back.

Five minutes into the game William de Cani opened the scoring for Barton Stacey with a fiercely struck shot. Tidworth responded well slicing through Barton's defence to equalise, and that was the game over. Barton Stacey raised their game scoring another four goals before half time to snuff out any hope Tidworth had of getting anything from the game. At times the football from Barton Stacey in the last third of the pitch was sublime, neat passing movements from Michael Taplin, William de Cani, Sam Hadlington, Luke Bacon and James Brooke had Tidworth on the back foot. Charles Sherwood chased every ball in to the box and was rewarded with a hat trick all from inside the sixyard box. Michael Taplin picked up the other two goals to take his tally for the season to 6 from 6 games. Tidworth had a brief period of pressure in the second half, keeping Coetzee and Co on their toes; Barton keeper Ollie Richards pulled off two good saves before conceding Barton's second of the game.

Connor Jones and Danny Tuson came off the bench, as manager Graham White experimented with different formations. Nick Bearpark fired narrowly over from a yard out, and Luke Bacon nearly caught the keeper out with a long range lob, before the lady referee called time on the game.

A fantastic first half display by Barton Stacey, who, with the game won at half time took their foot off the pedal, unlike Mrs Taplin who now refuses to "lift" on a left hand turn. Some say she was raised by rooks, on a diet of marmite and maize, others say she sleeps standing up in the wardrobe with a crash helmet on, whatever the legend, Mrs Taplin is "The Stig"

Barton Stacey third in division 1

3rd November 2007 Cup 1st round Barton Stacey U13 4 Tidworth Royals U13 1

Toast sponsored Barton Stacey's first game for three weeks; their last game an away league victory against today's opposition, a jolly affair played in great spirit by both sides, how things can change! In the interim Tidworth had played two league games, winning both games convincingly.

Barton Stacey were without Harry Lawton, Nick Bearpark moving to left back to cover. Dan Pomroy shifting to right back, Sam Burrows partnering Captain Coetzee in the centre of defence in front of keeper Ollie Richards. William de Cani, Sam Hadlington, James Brooke and Luke Bacon made up the midfield, Charles Sherwood and Michael Taplin flounced around up front. Danny Tuson and Connor Jones provided back up on the bench.

Within a minute of the start it was apparent that Tidworth were out to unsettle Barton with a physical game, not the wisest ploy against this bunch of Barton boys.

After several balked runs, William de Cani ran very quickly down the right hand side and crossed for Charles Sherwood to score from close range. One goal behind after five minutes, Tidworth's roughhouse tactics were not working, amid a flurry of bib throwing and foot stamping it became apparent that Tidworth had not come with a plan B

Tidworth were fortunate to equalise after 10 minutes, a deflected shot giving Ollie Richards no chance. In reply Barton Stacey went all "Strictly Come Dancing", Snake hips Dan Pomroy wiggling his way along the by line, Ollie Richard's hands in the perfect position for a stunning save, Michael Taplin full of Latin thrust as he scored Barton's second, and James Brooke's tender touch to set up Taplin for his second was magnificent, back to goal, all heel and toe, hips going one way, foot going the other; Anton Dubec at his best, 10 points from Arlene and a "you're my favourites" from Bruce; A stunning piece of football from Brooke and Taplin.

Half time and Tidworth had not seen things in the same light. The Tidworth manager accompanied by his own fourth official, replete with clipboard and monitor, delayed the restart by five minutes. Coming over all "Craig Revel Horwood" and taking issue with most of the ref's decisions, no argument about the goals just a few queries about throw ins, pass backs and the number of lifts allowed in the pasodoble.

Despite the distractions, and the physical aspect of Tidworth's play, Barton Stacey stuck to their game; Football would win the day. Luke Bacon hit the bar with an instinctive volley before; Michael Taplin scored a third, instigating another bout of the vapours for the Tidworth bench, the coach calling his team from the field unless it was ruled offside.

This crazy game needed "closure" William de Cani provided it with a piece of football that left the opposition in stunned silence. Picking up the ball on his own 18 yard line he set off on a lung busting run, outpacing the oppositions midfield, beating three defenders and the keeper to score Barton's fourth; as emphatic a statement as one could hope to make as to who were the better team on the day.

Ollie Richards pulled off a superb point blank save in the final moments as Barton headed into the second round of the cup, an away tie against second division Lyndhurst. The Tidworth bench retiring for an afternoon of whale music, soothing smelly oils and a dimly lit room.

Congratulations to Sam Hadlington and William de Cani who have been selected for the U13 League Representative side.

13th November 2007 Rep football- Martin Turner Cup 1st leg Testway Youth League U13 2 Peter Houseman Youth League U13 0

The Testway Youth League U13 representative side took on The Peter Houseman Youth League side in this first leg of the Martin Turner Cup. The Testway League side comprised of boys from Upper Clatford, Alderbury, Andover New Street and Barton Stacey, Barton's Sam Hadlington captaining the side from central midfield, William de Cani playing left midfield. The Peter Houseman side consisting chiefly of boys from Andover FC, Down Grange, Oakley, Winklebury and Sherbourne. Played out in the pouring rain under floodlights at Charlton, Peter Houseman had the better of the first half, Clatford's talented defenders Brad Aldridge, Jack Dunning and Sam Woodward alert to the numerous attacks. All square at half time Testway played the better football in the second half Clatford's prolific striker James Mcarthur opening the scoring from close range. A William de Cani charge down the left hand side creating Testway's second for Alderbury's free running Finn Drury. A tight game and a good win for the Testway Youth League in which both Barton boys featured prominently. Thanks to the boys and parents who came along after Barton Stacey U13 training to cheer on the Testway side.

17th November 2007 Barton Stacey U13 3 Fordingbridge U13 0

The first game of a crucial five weeks for Barton Stacey; with a run of "six pointers" in the league, plus the next round of the cup to come in the weeks preceding Christmas, this tie against bottom of the table Fordingbridge would be a good chance for Barton Stacey to play themselves into some semblance of good form.

In the current politically correct times it has been deemed necessary to conceal the identities of the boys involved, so sleep easy folks, names have been changed, the world's a safer place ??????????????

Graham White had a full squad of fifteen to choose from, striker Chuck Sunnywood the only doubt after spending the week in bed. Wally Rickards donned the keeper's gloves; Gary Tawton, Alan Cootsear, Sam Diggersam and Daniel Opomoroyo formed the defence. James Babblingbrooke, Stan Haddockton, Wilhelm Dicanzio the 3rd and Luke Curedporkproduct filled the midfield. Mikel Toplino and Mick Deerpark paraded around in the striker's positions. Ron Bones, Donny Threeson, Chuck Sonnywood and Danni waited patiently on the bench.

Fordingbridge's form in the first half of the match belied their lowly league position; mixing tough tackling with speedy counter attacking football, they posed a real challenge for a Barton Stacey side who were struggling to get their passing game going. Latino Toplino eventually opened the scoring from an acute angle, Deerpark shepherding the ball over the line to make sure. Curedporkproduct and Babblingbrooke were both twice unfortunate to miss the target from distance before Deerpark scored Barton's second.

Two goals in front at half time, Barton Stacey were far from firing on all cylinders. Manager Graham White reorganised the back line, Sonnywood and Threeson replacing Diggersam and Tawton. Sonnywood's impact immediate, tapping home a Dicanzio the 3rd cross from close range. Ron Bones and Danni joined the fray, Bones unlucky not to score with a powerful left foot drive. Fordingbridge remained a threat throughout the second half, Cootsear and Opomoroyo kept busy but were never in any serious trouble Opomoroyo weaving some of his African magic eventually ran out of stepovers; Cootsear turning defence into attack with some clever passes; either would have been a fair candidate for man of the match. Barton keeper Rickards pulled off three superb point blank saves as the game drew to a close and Barton took the points that keep them in 3rd place in Division 1.

And if the world's a safer place for changing a few names, then, in the words of an incredulous Hugh Falkus, fishing writer and keeper of chickens (I think) "My Cock's a lobster!"

24th November 2007 Littleton U13 3 Barton Stacey U13 4

Littleton this week, two places below Barton Stacey and in with a realistic chance of a place in the top three if they could take the points from this game. A midday kick off, so a lie-in for the Barton contingent, an even longer one for Mr Bearpark who sent Mrs Bearpark along for this game; filling in admirably at the back after a brief struggle with the three maids roundabout, it was a good all round effort by the away game debutant. Mrs Bearpark also covered for the absent Mrs Taplin who had important business with a wardrobe full of clothes, eager to make space for the "new season" collection from Next that Mr Taplin had painstakingly picked out for her Christmas present.

The usual suspects started in their usual places, Harry Lawton, Danny Tuson and Connor Jones provided cover for Barton Stacey, who had several players under the weather.

Barton Stacey started slowly and within 10 minutes had fallen two goals behind. Urgent changes were required, Harry Lawton, Danny Tuson and Connor Jones replacing Sam Burrows, Luke Bacon and Charles Sherwood, Dan Pomroy detailed to do a man marking job on the leggy Littleton striker. Within minutes the changes reaped rewards, Michael Taplin setting up an overlapping William de Cani who slammed the ball into the net for his 6th goal of the season, minutes later it was Taplin's turn to race into the box to score Barton's second, and his 10th goal of the season; currently in a superb vein of form, he creates as many goals as he scores.

With 5 minutes left in the half, Barton Stacey won a free kick on the left hand side of the Littleton box; step up Captain Coetzee who scored from 25yards out, a superb goal to open his account for the season, and the highlight of his impressive performance during this game.

Half time and after a sticky start, let the joy be unconfined. Barton had dragged themselves back into the game with a mixture of guts and good football.

Littleton fought back well in the second half filling the midfield. Sam Hadlington and James Brooke had their work cut out as Littleton repeatedly bashed against Barton's back line, eventually equalising after 10 minutes. Charles Sherwood replaced Connor Jones and with ten minutes remaining raced in to the box to tap home a de Cani cross. For the remainder of the game Barton were hanging on, Oliver Richards kept his side in the game with a string of acrobatic saves, while Barton repeatedly conceded possession, heaping more and more pressure on their stretched back line. After a frantic finale and well into the afternoon the ref called time on an exciting and entertaining encounter between two well matched teams.

In the match report for 6th October it was stated that William de Cani had ruined a perfectly good frying pan while making an omelette. This allegation has since been proved to be false, for which I unreservedly apologise. Apparently it was a pancake.

1st December 2007 Cup 2nd round Lyndhurst U13 6 Barton Stacey U13 10

Don't know where we're going, got no way of knowing, riding on a road to nowhere; well second division Lyndhurst actually, for the second round of the cup. With such a distance to travel, Barton's age-old problem of losing cars and players on the way to the match was in danger of resurfacing. Mr Hadlington was to depart from Winchester with a pantechnicon full of midfielders and a goalkeeper; the remainder would depart from Barton Stacey. The directions on the web site gave the home ground in Bashley, the address in the handbook - Lyndhurst. Roped together and in tight formation Barton set off in the general direction of the New Forest looking for a team to play.

Success! first stop Lyndhurst, to be met by Barton's midfield, goalkeeper and an opposition who also played in green and black – DOH!! (And it was going so well) A quick trip to the charity shop in Lyndhurst did not produce an away kit, so bibs were cadged from the opposition, Barton would play in “high viz” orange.

Torrential rain the previous night and an early U12 game had turned the pitch to gloop. With no trace of lines, the pitch a leveller, Luke Bacon and Connor Jones unavailable and an opposition with nothing to lose, this tie was fraught with danger for travel weary Barton Stacey.

In a first half that was not pretty, Barton Stacey raced to a 6-goal lead in twenty minutes, losing their discipline late in the half to concede 2 goals. Graham White was unavailable for this game, the “stand in” coach's incessant tinkering in the second half caused a myriad of problems to his confused team who didn't know if they were coming and going. Ten goals for Barton Stacey, from Michael Taplin 3, Charles Sherwood 3, Nick Bearpark 2, Harry Lawton and William de Cani kept Barton Stacey in front. The six conceded entirely attributable to the moribund management of the hapless coach.

James Brooke hit the bar, and twice the ball stopped in the mud on the goal line to deny Barton Stacey a greater winning margin in this crazy cup-tie. Sam Burrows played well, as did full backs Danny Tuson and Danny Ronan; Alex Coetzee enjoyed his sojourn in the midfield alongside Sam Hadlington. Dan Pomroy raided from the back while keeper Ollie Richards had a great time in the mud between the sticks.

A happy day enjoyed by both teams and well worth the drive to play against a sporting Lyndhurst side, albeit in “high viz” orange.

8th December 2007 Barton Stacey U13 3 Hatch Warren U13 3

These two teams had met in the season opener at Hatch Warren, Barton Stacey winning 2-1. Subsequent results had revealed Hatch Warren to be a strong side with serious ambitions of finishing in the top three of division 1, Heavy rain and high wind the least of Barton's worries as they took on one of the league's “in form” sides, at least Graham White had returned to steady the ship after the chaos of the previous week.

Barton Stacey started the game well; playing some superb passing football and taking an early lead courtesy of William de Cani. Five minutes later Nick Bearpark had the chance to make it two, the Hatch Warren keeper bravely saving Bearpark's close range shot on the line. Hatch Warren slowly found their feet and finished the half the stronger team; classily defending from Alex Coetzee and Dan Pomroy, coupled with some superb dives in the puddle-ridden box from keeper Ollie Richards keeping Barton in front.

One goal in front at half time, Barton were forced to reorganise, Harry Lawton withdrawing through sickness, Nick Bearpark moving to left back, his place in midfield filled by Luke Bacon.

For the first period of the second half Hatch Warren continued to be the dominant side, first equalising, then hitting the bar, before finally taking the lead after some direct play through Barton's centre. Barton Stacey dug deep, and in a goal forged in the “7 a side” days of yester year, equalised; Michael Taplin chasing in a William de Cani shot, that in the atrocious conditions, the keeper could only parry.

While to many sane and weather beaten spectators this would have seemed the ideal juncture to shake hands on a draw and go home for a hot bath, the boys had other ideas. Driving themselves on to limits not previously experienced, they produced a grandstand finish in the most appalling conditions. Hatch Warren re-took the lead only for Barton to equalise, Connor Jones the scorer after good work by Luke Bacon, Sam Hadlington and James Brooke. Both keepers sustained injury as they bravely kept their respective sides in the match. Heavy legs chugged up and down the flanks trying to carve an opening, last ditch defending by the bruised and battered back lines, tireless running by each and every striker. Breathless stuff, and as the whistle blew, there wasn't a player on the pitch from either side who was not running on empty. The score line a fair one, and a true reflection of a game superbly refereed by Daniel Ronan's Dad. As the rain stopped, and the myriad of colours from a sea of umbrellas receded, calls were made home to switch the hot water on, a hot bath the least reward for a gutsy display of youth football.

Barton Stacey remain unbeaten in 5 games and lie 3rd in Division 1. Up to date match reports for U13s are available on the web site www.bartonstaceyfootballclub.co.uk, along with competitions to win big cash prizes, the secret to eternal youth and how to look good in green.

15th December 2007 Upper Clatford U13 1 Barton Stacey U13 0

Liverpool v Manchester United, Arsenal v Chelsea, Super Sunday they call it, well the really big game was on Saturday, Clatford v Barton. Upper Clatford chasing their fifth league title in as many years; Barton Stacey one of their main rivals throughout that time having the upper hand in the cup.

Everyone met successfully at the newly refurbished ground, the controversial car park complete. The pavilion, which once resembled a little corner of Kosovo, now fully refitted and offering a full range of facilities including tea, coffee and smart new loos.

Upper Clatford were at full strength, Jack Dunning returning in defence, new signing, striker Eliot playing for the first time against Barton.

Barton Stacey were without James Brooke, Graham White shuffling his side, to play a five man midfield with Michael Taplin the lone striker.

Captains Coetzee and Aldridge, old acquaintances, shook hands and tossed the coin, Barton won and kicked off and within five minutes fell behind; Clatford's new signing Eliot cutting in from the right to score. From the neutral's point of view it was just what the game needed. Barton Stacey drawing breath and driving at Clatford's defence with some swift attacking football. Chances were few and far between, those that came were hard won and goals denied by the skill and effort of the two keepers and their defensive lines. In a ding-dong first half, Clatford just about worth their one goal lead.

As the guns raged out from the neighbouring wood and dead game began to pile up in the nearby field, Barton's footballing host returned to a very much "live" game, resuming their efforts to break the defensive Schiltrom of the Clatford back line. Again and again they threw themselves at the Clatford line only to fire over or wide. Barton's midfield ran miles, as did Michael Taplin in their efforts to gain a point but all to no avail as the cramp riddled ref called time on a superb game of football.

Barton's man of the match could have gone to any one of 13, but mention must be made of Ollie Richards in goal, suffering from severe bruising to his fingers he kept his side in the game with some superb saves. Alex Coetzee and Dan Pomroy (about to begin a two week spell as Digger Dan from down under) defended superbly against a couple of the best strikers around. Full backs Danny Tuson who defended stoutly and were quick to join in attacks, Luke Bacon and Sam Hadlington in the midfield engine room, Michael Taplin currently in a superb vein of form, Nick Bearpark, Charles Sherwood, Connor Jones and Sam Burrows who were all required to play in unfamiliar positions and William de Cani who ran around a lot.

A great game enjoyed by players and the many spectators alike. Played out in glorious sunshine and all for free, whisper it quietly but you'd pay to watch this kind of stuff!

Barton Stacey slip to fourth place in division 1.

Chris De Cani

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Seniors

		P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
1	<u>Aldridge Vehicles</u>	9	7	2	0	54	17	37	23
2	<u>Southampton Arms</u>	7	6	1	0	28	9	19	19
3	<u>Chestnut Saavin</u>	8	5	0	3	32	15	17	15
4	<u>Thrupton</u>	7	4	0	3	26	19	7	12
5	<u>Barton Stacey</u>	8	4	0	4	14	24	-10	12
6	<u>Railway Tavern</u>	8	2	0	6	10	35	-25	6
7	<u>Ck Redbridge</u>	7	1	1	5	13	24	-11	4
8	<u>Tidworth RBL</u>	8	0	0	8	7	41	-34	0

(updated: 25/11/2007)

U13s

		P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
1	<u>Alderbury</u>	10	10	0	0	57	6	51	30
2	<u>Upper Clatford A</u>	9	8	0	1	53	12	41	24
3	<u>Tidworth Royals</u>	10	6	0	4	23	26	-3	18
4	<u>Barton Stacey</u>	10	5	2	3	31	26	5	17
5	<u>Andover New Street</u>	9	5	0	4	39	20	19	15
6	<u>Hatch Warren Phoenix Rangers</u>	7	4	1	2	22	17	5	13
7	<u>Littleton</u>	10	3	0	7	24	38	-14	9
8	<u>CK Andover</u>	11	3	0	8	15	52	-37	9
9	<u>Ludwig Leisure Cavaliers</u>	9	1	1	7	15	49	-34	4
10	<u>Fordingbridge</u>	9	0	0	9	7	40	-33	0

(updated: 15/12/2007)

U11s

		P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
1	<u>Overton</u>	11	10	1	0	69	13	56	31
2	<u>Winklebury Wizards</u>	9	6	1	2	48	17	31	19
3	<u>Barton Stacey</u>	10	6	1	3	43	17	26	19
4	<u>Loddon Sports</u>	6	6	0	0	42	2	40	18
5	<u>Kingsclere</u>	9	6	0	3	51	27	24	18
6	<u>Thatcham Tornados</u>	11	4	1	6	26	39	-13	13
7	<u>Woolton Hill Argyle</u>	7	3	1	3	13	15	-2	10
8	<u>AFC Aldermaston</u>	10	2	3	5	20	29	-9	9
9	<u>Thatcham Town Harriers</u>	8	1	0	7	14	50	-36	3
10	<u>Tadley Calleva</u>	8	1	0	7	10	55	-45	3
11	<u>MFC Popley</u>	11	1	0	10	22	94	-72	3

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U9s

		P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
1	<u>Hatch Warren</u>	10	10	0	0	69	6	63	30
2	<u>Fordingbridge</u>	12	10	0	2	71	14	57	30
3	<u>Tidworth Royals</u>	11	8	0	3	55	15	40	24
4	<u>Worthys</u>	12	7	1	4	26	19	7	22
5	<u>South Wonston Swifts</u>	11	5	1	5	36	27	9	16
6	<u>Whitchurch United</u>	11	5	1	5	30	22	8	16
7	<u>Upper Clatford</u>	11	4	2	5	22	30	-8	14
8	<u>CK Andover</u>	11	4	0	7	20	40	-20	12
9	<u>Braishfield FC</u>	11	2	1	8	10	47	-37	7
10	<u>Barton Stacey</u>	9	1	0	8	4	52	-48	3
11	<u>Porton</u>	9	0	0	9	3	74	-71	0

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TABLES

U8s

		P	W	D	L	F	A	G/D	Pts
1	<u>Hatch Warren AFC</u>	11	11	0	0	98	5	93	33
2	<u>South Wonston Swifts</u>	11	9	0	2	87	7	80	27
3	<u>Upper Clatford</u>	10	7	0	3	44	19	25	21
4	<u>South Wonston Hawks</u>	11	6	1	4	20	31	-11	19
5	<u>Tidworth Royals</u>	10	6	0	4	22	22	0	18
6	<u>Broughton</u>	11	5	1	5	39	36	3	16
7	<u>Barton Stacey</u>	10	3	0	7	22	63	-41	9
8	<u>Worthys</u>	11	3	0	8	14	71	-57	9
9	<u>Whitchurch United</u>	10	1	0	9	6	59	-53	3
10	<u>CK Andover</u>	9	0	0	9	2	41	-39	0

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SENIOR TEAM MATCH REPORTS

30th September 2007 Tidworth 1 Barton Stacey 3

After three consecutive defeats GWA and Cross Country Engineering sponsored Barton Stacey needed to win.

With the compass set to North East (*hope not! – Ed*), Barton Stacey headed for the middle of Tidworth and to a ground on which they had prospered in previous seasons, the omens were good.

The start however was not, the home team started well and had an early effort ruled offside, an early let off for the travellers. Worse followed as Barton struggled to settle and Tidworth took the lead. The goal seemed to spark Barton into life and from a free kick, just outside the home sides' penalty area, Barton levelled through Martyn Doolin's stinging right footed drive. Barton enthused by a goal went close on several occasions before Alex Iddles converted from close range to put Barton in the lead at the break.

The second half began evenly with both sides creating chances but both were unable to apply a finishing touch. The home side could have levelled things mid way through the half as their ever impressive winger was denied by Barton's keeper, James Oliver. With nerves still jangling on the side line, Barton tied things up through Luke Tiller as he headed in from a corner kick. With a win under their belts Barton need to build on this success to pull away from the bottom of the table.

7th October 2007 Hampshire Cup – Intermediate 1st rnd - Pop Inn 3 Barton Stacey 1

After the previous weeks success against Tidworth, Barton Stacey were hoping that form would not be affected by the vagaries of travel, Pop Inn based in the far East of the county at Havant, south of Deer Slaughter Plain, west of Gibbet road and if you get to Lynch Hill you've gone too far; a blood-thirsty encounter seemed on the cards.

Despite the size of Barry Purdue's squad, Barton could only muster 12 for the game. Another week, another defensive line up, Mickey Dewey filling in at centre back alongside Rhys Betteridge, Chris Dewey and Chris Oliver.

Five minutes into the game pressure by Barton's centre forward Dan de Haeume bought about the opening goal, The Pop Inn defender lobbing his own keeper.

Barton Stacey held their own for twenty minutes, before a well-struck cross/shot by the Pop Inn full back beat keeper James Oliver.

All square at halftime, Barton Stacey had few options but for more of the same.

A misunderstanding between Mickey Dewey and James Oliver early in the second half enabled Pop Inn to take the lead, Barton Stacey responded magnificently. After a soporific first half Luke Tiller started to look lively on the right, Alex Iddles and Martyn Doolin both had chances from the edge of the box, Jon Marc Spatcher beat every man in and around the box, unable to get a shot himself off himself squared the ball to de Heaume who fired over from 6 yards out.

Visibly rattled Pop Inn dug deep, a little too deep for the diminutive ref who repeatedly flashed his card to various players. This incensed the watching "saga crew" One elderly spectator, replete in his beige staypress action slacks and high on Wurther's Originals, delivered a foul mouthed verbal volley towards the ref. The ref had no option but to ask the voluble Grandad and his bitches to leave the field, which reluctantly they did, shuffling off for a nap before terrorising some other part of Pompey.

Shortly before the close, and as Barton Stacey's legs faded, Pop Inn extended their lead, to lend a slightly distorted look to the final result. A battling performance from Barton Stacey a long way from home.

28th October 2007 Southampton Arms 5 Barton Stacey 0

Barton Stacey faced top of the table Southampton Arms, at a soggy London road in Andover. Southampton Arms took the lead through a deflected corner, and quickly followed it up with a second when keeper Dan de Heaume failed to deal with a speculative midfield lob. A brace of "flukey" goals had Barton Stacey on the back foot. Southampton Arms scored a third shortly before half time. Barton Stacey had competed well in midfield producing some passages of neat passing football, albeit in brief spells. What was really missing was real penetration in the final third of the pitch.

Barton started the second half well producing four clear chances in the space of five minutes, Jon Marc Spatcher and Alex Iddles both had one on one chances with the keeper and Martyn Doolin and Simon Schulze

drew good saves from the keeper. Southampton Arms rallied, a superb crossfield ball on the hour put the Arms striker in behind Barton's defence to score. The influential Mickey Dewey was forced from the field through injury, his evergreen namesake – Chris Dewey replacing him in defence. Fifteen minutes later it was five as the Arms worked the ball down the right, De Heaume parrying the shot, the striker knocking the ball into the net. A five goal difference in the score line, but not a five goal difference between the teams. Barton had the better of the midfield, The Arms better penetration in the last third. A big ugly striker could be all that Barton Stacey need to make a significant rise in the league.

4th November 2007 Railway Tavern 0 Barton Stacey 1

A must win game for GWA and Cross Country Engineering sponsored Barton Stacey in their quest for mid table safety.

With both teams searching for some form this game was never going to be pretty and the first half saw both sides struggle to create too many real chances. Probably, Barton were the happier of the two teams as they had kept a clean sheet playing up hill on the sloping Charlton pitch.

With the emphasis on winning rather than the beautiful game, Barton grinded they way forward at the beginning of the second half and were rewarded for their effort soon after the start as a Luck Tiller saw his effort from a corner kick hit a Tavern defender at the near post and nestle in the top corner to give Barton the lead. This should have settled Barton down and more goals should have followed. It was not to be that simple, Barton saw chances come and go and the home side also created a number of their own chances which saw them go close to salvaging a point on several occasions. However, Barton held out to the final whistle and gained a much needed three points to retain their mid table spot.

11th November 2007 Barton Stacey 2 Tidworth RBL 1

After last weeks hard won victory against Railway Tavern, it was important that GWA sponsored Barton Stacey maintained momentum against bottom of the table Tidworth RBL. Peter Wood and his gang's superb firework display leaving its mark on the pitch, one corner blackened by Peter's scorched earth policy; like a little bit of Pompeii after Vesuvius had done its piece. Manager Barry Purdue hoped for a sparkling and scorching performance from his side.

Barton Stacey's starting line up was sans Deweys, Mickey still carrying an injury picked up against table toppers Southampton Arms, namesake Chris, in the autumn years of his footballing career, taking a well earned break. Scott Tarrant played in goal behind a back line of Chris Oliver, Wayne Turpin, Rhys Betteridge and Simon Schulze. Nick, Martyn Doolin, Luke Tiller and Alex Iddles formed a dynamic midfield. Dan De Heaume and Gary Nowel filled in up front.

After an immaculately observed Remembrance Day 2 minute silence, Barton Stacey started the game well keeping the ball on the deck and playing some nice passing football, Tidworth remained dangerous on the break but had their hands full in midfield where Doolin and Iddles linked well with Nowel and De Heaume. After 10 minutes the game was held up after the Tidworth central defender bumped his head against a particularly gnarled bit of Luke Tiller, Barry Purdue coming over all "Seaside Rescue" as he raced on with one of his best bandages to staunch the blood. If such an injury had happened in a boys game no bandage could have been applied, the only treatment available to boys is cold water and crossed fingers, unless permission is sought from several relatives once/twice removed and the person fitting the bandage has qualifications commensurate with the best vet/heart surgeon in the land; In the words of Ireland's greatest living light entertainer "Is it me?"

Barton's industry was rewarded in the 25th minute when Iddles wriggled his way across the 18 yard box to feed Nowel wide on the left, the resulting cross met by a charging Doolin who headed powerfully into the net. Five minutes later it was nearly two, a superb diagonal cross field ball by right back Chris Oliver finding Iddles who blazed wide. Simon Schulze mirrored the move at left back switching the play in an instant from left to right to set up Doolin who was denied by the keeper.

A good first half for Barton Stacey, Barry Purdue not required to fire any rockets at half time, just requesting "more of the same"

Barton's good form continued through to the first period of the second half, creating several chances and even hitting the bar. Tidworth rallied putting Barton's back line under intermittent pressure. Scot Tarran pulling off two superb saves before he finally succumbed to a Tidworth equaliser. A barnstorming last ten minutes followed, Nick Oliver replaced his brother Chris, Nick Chandler coming on for the influential Nowel. The game

got niggly as both teams pushed for the points, A tired and emotional Tidworth number 7 falling out with everything and everyone, regardless of shirt colour, one lengthy exchange with his own centre back caused a great deal of amusement on the sideline. Luke Tiller was removed from play after a strong challenge, prior to Nick Chandler scoring Barton's second from close range, guaranteeing three points and consolidating Barton's fifth place in division 1

18th November 2007 Hampshire Cup 2nd round Bounty Rovers 7 Barton Stacey 2

With a run of 4 wins in 5 games behind them, Cross Country Engineering sponsored Barton Stacey travelled to Basingstoke to face Bounty; a young skilful side, and one of the strongest teams in the Basingstoke league. After last weeks nail biter when manager Barry Purdue had a bench full of subs to choose from, it was disappointing that Barton could only field ten men for this game. It was a good job that they were 10 "Good Uns"

In freezing temperatures and in the foulest rain this was a 2-coat day for manager Purdue. Bounty played some very sharp football, moving the ball well to create their goals. Barton Stacey conceding four in the first half. Early in the second half goals from Dan Knott and Sean Marshall gave 10 man Barton Stacey hope, Mickey Dewey narrowly missed with a header, before Bounty wrapped up the tie with a further 3 goals. A superb gutsy display in appalling weather conditions from Barton Stacey, who had their backs to the wall from the kick off; playing some crisp passing football, albeit in spells, they never gave up against the superior numbers of the home team. Stirring stuff, and encouraging signs that Barton Stacey are not far away from putting an opposing side to the sword.

25th November 2007 CK Redbridge 0 Barton Stacey 2

After last weeks 10 man struggle in the Basingstoke monsoon, Barry Purdue was faced with an embarrassment of riches, selecting his starting 11 from a total of 17.

Ck Redbridge, placed second from bottom in Division 1, are a fit, young and skilful side. It was as well that Barton Stacey could field a strong starting line up. In a cagey first half notable for the lack of real chances, both teams tested each other out. Strikers Gary Nowel and Dan de Heaume repeatedly caught out by a well drilled Redbridge back line. No goals at half time, Barton changed things after an hour, Ally James replacing Gary Nowel. James playing right midfield, Jon Mark Spatcher moving up alongside Dan de Heaume; the change brought immediate rewards as the midfield joined in more of the attacking moves, Ally Walker charging down the right hand side, crossing to Spatcher who moved the ball to de Heaume who scored from close range. Barton Stacey continued to have the best of the play a lively Spatcher twice having chances to score in one of his best performances of the season. After 80 minutes it was Spatcher again who provided the second, de Heaume heading home his well placed cross. As the game opened up Redbridge had several good chances to score from set pieces, a "fired up" Chris Dewey receiving a yellow card as he fought it out with Redbridge's front line. In the final minute Jon Mark Spatcher fell heavily following an aerial challenge breaking his left arm, Barton's victorious mood tempered at the final whistle by Spatcher's horrific injury.

2nd December 2007 Cup 2nd round Tidworth RBL 3 Barton Stacey 2

The third meeting between these two sides this season, Barton Stacey the victors on the previous two occasions. With Jon Mark Spatcher out through injury and several players unavailable, for the umpteenth time this year Barton were unable to field an unchanged side.

In pouring rain, driving wind and in their blue/grey second kit Barton Stacey took an early lead through a 30-yard Simon Schulze screamer. With a lead established Barton Stacey played some superb passages of passing football; Alex Iddles, Martyn Doolin, Dan Knott and Ally Walker winning the midfield battle; Mickey Dewey, Wayne Turpin, Rhys Betteridge and Chris Dewey looking comfortable at the back, keeper Scott Tarrant relatively untroubled for much of the first half. Despite being the dominant side GWA sponsored Barton Stacey were unlucky to concede in the 30th minute. Sticking to their passing game Barton Stacey continued to create chances; replying shortly before half time when Dan de Heaume drove into the box from the right hand side to score.

Well worth their one goal lead at half time it was always going to be mistakes that allowed Tidworth back into the game, a Mickey Dewey own goal early in the second half drew Tidworth level, a failure to deal with the lively Tidworth striker enabled Tidworth to take a winning lead. Barton Stacey unlucky to lose this cup-tie in which they had been the dominant side for the majority of the game.

Barry Purdue's side were without several key players for this tie against bottom of the table Railway Tavern. Keeper Scott Tarrant was unavailable through injury, Sean Marshall having a go in goal. Martyn Doolin and Alex Iddles were also out, as was evergreen Chris Dewey who was once again drawn to the water. With no substitutes available, Purdue's options were limited.

Barton Stacey started the game well but were unfortunate to fall a goal behind in the 12th minute after Railway worked the ball down the right hand side to score from close range. Barton Stacey created chances throughout the first half, free running Dan de Heaume twice unlucky not to score, as was Gary Nowel from long range. Railway Tavern also came close to extending their lead, only to be denied by superb defending from Rhys Betteridge and Lee Maspero, and on two occasions by the striker's profligacy in front of goal.

A goal behind at half time Barton Stacey were still in the game, although some of Railway's football made a mockery of their position at the foot of the table.

During the opening exchanges of the second half Barton Stacey laid siege to the Railway goal, Dan Knott, Mickey Dewey and Dan de Heaume all having opportunities to equalise. The entertaining Railway keeper, (think Peter Kay on poppers or Dave Spikey on speed), constantly exhorting his team to do this and not do that, also kept his side in the game with a succession of brave saves.

Despite Barton Stacey having the upper hand in the second half, Railway extended their lead shortly before the close, after a swift break down the right hand side. Barton Stacey grateful for the festive break and an opportunity to get injuries healed and their squad back up to full strength.

Reports by Chris De Cani and Chris Dewey

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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