

## HYFC UPDATE

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## RELEASE THE DUCK!

It's time to fly. HYFC's renewed ambition is reflected in an updated brand identity.

It features a fresh icon – a heroic new duck! A circular badge, celebrating our heritage and traditional colours, is built for the social media age.

Behind this logo is much more, including a modern typeface, secondary colours and visual language. In time, it will feature as the badge on a new range of kit.

The branding has been delivered by HYFC parents Steve Stretton and Alastair Robertson (along with colleagues in his agency, [Nucco](#)) who have players in the U8s and U12s.

## ON THE WEB

A new website and Club 'app' will roll out with our fresh branding ready for next season.

It will enable coaches to organise their training and matchdays more efficiently and empower HYFC to reach further, including to new players.

Nick Heath will be testing the site in the coming weeks and supporting coaches in how to make best use of the new platform. The new site will be located at [hyfc.club](https://hyfc.club) where you will currently find a holding page.

## IN ANOTHER LEAGUE

Club Secretary Helen Thawley is co-ordinating league registrations for all teams for next season.

All coaches should contact Helen to inform her of your team's league entry details for 2023/24.

You can reach Helen at: [helen\\_thawley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helen_thawley@yahoo.co.uk)



## In Development

We're submitting our Club Development Plan to the FA this weekend. It outlines our ambitions for the years ahead and is an essential element of our official accreditation.

We aim to welcome more players onto better pitches and secure more wins, however big or small.

We'll continue to be Haddenham's most popular sports club. But we want a Club that is even more open and inclusive, making a bigger contribution to our community.

We're actively encouraging more and more girls to come and enjoy football with us, building on the success of the magnificent Lionesses.

HYFC will develop more partnerships and attract more investment. We'll continue to enhance the quality of our coaching offer as well as ensuring the safety and enjoyment of every player.

Players will be even more at the heart of the Club with a Player's Committee.

None of this will be possible without an army of volunteers behind us. If you want to play a role in Team HYFC, drop us an email: [hello@hyfc.club](mailto:hello@hyfc.club).

## Pitching Up

Our thanks to Abi and the team at the *Whistler* who have been providing refreshments on weekend mornings. Meanwhile the *Refuelled* Coffee van has been keeping parents of Airfield teams topped up.

We're working ever more closely with Haddenham Parish Council on the two grounds with plans to enhance their maintenance.

Our thanks to Ali Holmes (Woodways) and Andy Duffin (Airfield) for co-ordinating pitch rotas.

Delays to the water supply mean that HYFC will start using the Airfield Pavilion next season. It's a fantastic facility that will make a real difference on matchdays.

Thanks to a grant from the Football Foundation, we now have mobile floodlights stationed at the Airfield Pavilion which will mean extra teams can train on grass during the darker evenings.

We're looking forward to hosting more of HYFC's older sides at our home ground next season.

## Festival of Football

We are currently planning a Festival of Football at the Airfield on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.

It would occupy HYFC's traditional slot of the first weekend in September. We had hoped to move forward one week, but the start of the league season has made this impossible.

The season curtain-raiser will welcome entries from teams of every age, including the growing number of girls' teams, across the weekend, mostly using the 7v7 format.

Plans are being finalised as we go to press. But we have a fantastic group of volunteers supporting Alex Giles and already have the backing of DAF.

## PLAYING SAFE

The Club has grown significantly over the last few years, all of which brings with it new players, new coaches, volunteers and continually improving support structures, *writes Tim Dixon*.

We have four goals to score before the end of July 2023:

1. ensure all new volunteers are registered and DBS- checked
2. maintain full compliance on Children's Safeguarding Training Course
3. identify and train coaches who require FA Coaching Qualifications
4. drive take-up of First Aid training courses.

The Club must meet certain qualification standards and deadlines to maintain our affiliated status with the FA. A failure to comply would mean our teams would not be able to participate in leagues and cups during 2023/24.

This season-end compliance push has a financial impact on the Club, so we have taken steps to make use of a discount period for safeguarding training offered by the FA. We need coaches to help maximise this saving by completing their training between May - July.

All coaches and volunteers should have received an email from me regarding their individual training and safeguarding requirements. If you haven't, please drop me a line on [tdixon@beagletalent.com](mailto:tdixon@beagletalent.com) or call me at 07984 437 209.

A huge thank you to all coaches and volunteers for their help during 2022/23.

## A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The committee, not least Treasurer Gareth Cheeseman, remains focused on keeping the Club sustainable now and for the future. Like every household and organisation, costs – as well as the ‘to-do’ list – are growing.

It means we will have to apply a small increase to Club subscriptions for 2023/24. We'll share the new levels ahead of next season.

The good news is that we will be able to collect subs and offer easier payment options through our new website.

We also have a co-ordinated approach to fundraising and sponsorship that is already generating results.

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### Cost of Playing

There may be a cost-of-living crisis, but we don't want to create a cost-of-playing emergency.

A dedicated Community Fund will be launched next season to help subsidise some or all subscription costs for families in need.

As the village grows, we're looking forward to welcoming more boys and girls to play, regardless of ability to pay.

Details of the Fund will be available on the new website before next season. We will be seeking investment to help establish the Fund.

### Thanks!

A huge thank you to all the players, coaches and volunteers for their amazing efforts this season. Also, a massive thanks to parents and carers for your support and help along the way.

Good luck to all our teams completing their league seasons, playing in cup finals and those entering end-of-season tournaments in the forthcoming weeks.

Have a great summer and we look forward to welcoming you back in September for the 2023/24 season!

### SEASON SHOWCASE

As the 2022/23 season draws to a close, updates from our fabulous teams are shared on the following pages. The Club is celebrating players' achievements during Presentation Days at both grounds on 29<sup>th</sup> April as well as at a series of other team sessions.

A big thanks to Tony Lister for all his efforts this season as kit co-ordinator. Much like pitch rotas, it can be a relentless task but very much appreciated by the Committee and no doubt coaches across the Club!

We say a fond farewell to Dean Holdsworth as the U18s conclude their last season with HYFC. Dean has managed the team for the last ten years, with the support of Josh, so might deserve a lie down. But, along with his players, he's very welcome back into the coaching dugout at any time!

### YOUR HYFC COMMITTEE

Alex Wagstaff (chairman); Kevin Johnson (vice chairman), Gareth Cheeseman (treasurer); Helen Thawley (club secretary); Tim Dixon (welfare); Alex Giles (festival and fundraising) and Nick Heath (digital).

## U6

The U6s have come a long way since September, putting their skills into action with several matches over the springtime. Our first matches were away to Wendover (0-0, 0-2 defeat, 3-1 win and 0-1). We have fixtures at home in April and May against Crendon, Stoke Mandeville and Chinnor, followed by the Risborough Rangers' Fun Day.

In March, Luke Hawkins joined the coaching team and will be heading up the U5s every Saturday morning (taking the U6 team in September).

The coaches feel that we are preparing nicely ahead of the U7 season starting in September with 16 players regularly involved.

*Ben Buckingham*

## U7

We had three teams this season with the players having their first experience of match football. We've seen some amazing results with great team performances. There were goals, great saves, last-ditch tackles and plenty of smiles along the way. The players have been a credit to themselves and are rightly very proud.

Yes, we lost a few games but that's part of the experience. As the teams have improved we were learning to pass the ball in matches, look for space on the pitch and perfect our goal-scoring celebrations.

There's plenty to look forward to next season and the adventure will continue. Thanks to all the players and parents for being part of a friendly and competitive community football club.

*Tom Herlihy*

## U8

Football has proven to be the sport of choice for children in the U8 age group this year. The training squad now stands at an incredible 40 kids, split into the Hawks and Harriers to give everyone plenty of game time and the opportunity to rotate through positions and build new skills.

Matches have been high-scoring thrillers for both groups, and most importantly have been (mostly) fun for everyone (even on the very coldest, wettest mornings).

It has been wonderful to watch these children develop over the last six months, both in terms of their football skills, but also in their sportsmanship and the way they look out for their team mates on and off the field. They've all leveled up and moved from chasing the ball around in a pack, to holding positions, talking to each other and playing some lovely looking football.

As we close out the 2022/23 season there's lots to celebrate and be proud of, and we're excited about the move to 7-a-side matches next year. Hawks and Harriers are ready to fly!

*Sarah Robertson*

## U9

The season started with our mini pre-season tournament way back in September, where we had ten teams enter our Rangers competition and six in our Colts.

The Rangers were in a tough group as they had been promoted into the yellow league (division two) after only losing two matches as Under 8's division 3, so they wanted to test their mettle. Not a great day results-wise, but some smashing football and above all fun was had by all.

However, after drawing the first two games 0-0 the Colts ended up winning their competition, so they were ready for the season ahead.

And the season was very exciting at the next level, having lost a few very good players to local rivals, the team collectively helped progress their replacements and they came good. After a shaky start to the season the team ended up winning 9 of their 17 matches and every game was as close and entertaining as any neutral football fan would want – scoring 132 and conceding 133 can't be bad.

The squad is now looking forward to the new season with some more players coming through to hopefully make their mark.

*Andy Roff*

## U10

The U10s had an incredibly successful season. With more than 40 registered players we were able to run three playing teams with one of the sides buddying with Long Crendon.

It was great to see all the players progress, training as one complete squad then operating as three successful teams at Sunday's games. Players are really starting to find their roles in the teams, as we experimented with a few different positions and formations.

Every single player contributed and we've worked hard this season on playing as a team, passing and moving and covering for team mates – especially towards the end of the season as our players seemed to want to push up more from the back!

We've also made huge strides on goalkeeping with some excellent performances from everyone who went in goal – often match-winning. Across the season the U10s played a total of 91 games, winning 37 and scoring a total of 180 goals! We'd like to thank all the helpers and parents who have supported from the sidelines with terrific team support and respect for the opposition. Looking forward to next season...

*Ali Holmes*

## U11 Girls

The girls' football has continued to grow and build a fantastic, friendly and fun environment for every single player. We take great pride in the team spirit we have and will continue to build on that throughout the coming seasons.

The number of players is growing and we welcome all players regardless of ability. Our priority is for them to enjoy playing as much as we enjoy coaching and supporting them.

*Ade Small*

## U11 Colts

It has been a real pleasure to see how much the boys have come on over the year and we have grown into a formidable side. The U11 Colts were competitive in their division throughout but enjoyed a particularly strong end to the season and have remained undefeated since January.

They adapted well to the 9-a-side format and the offside rule, learning to use the space and working better and better as a team as they grew in confidence with their passing game. For the coaches, it has often been hard to pick a single Player of the Match with such strong team performances right across the pitch.

We were keen to put the Colts side on a firmer footing this time round, having struggled for numbers over the previous season. But, if anything, we have had the opposite problem with more than enough players making themselves available for limited matchday places. New recruits Charlie, Freddie, Daman, Theo and Rayaan all settled in really well, and we have just welcomed Teddy, who I'm sure will be an asset next season. We also managed not to lose Angus and Gabriel entirely to rugby and tennis respectively!

It's hard to pick out individuals as every one of the boys played a key part, but special mention should go to our captain and top scorer Sam P, who has been rock solid throughout the season and really matured into his role.

Our regular goalkeeper Nathan has been an equally important presence at the back, with Freddie ably stepping in to deputise when needed. I'd also like to thank all those players who worked so hard in defence: Edward, who we've shared with the Rangers, Charlie, Joe, Sam T and also Ollie and Rowan, who regularly stepped up despite being happier going forward. Daniel, another player we've shared with the Rangers, was a motivational frontman, but otherwise we operated quite a fluid system with many of our midfield regulars – Theo, Freddie, Rayaana, Rowan, Benji, Rory, Daman and Grayson – also taking turns up front.

I would like to thank Mark Williams for stepping up to share management duties this season, as well as all the parents for their excellent support, and particularly those who have helped us out running the line. This will be my last season with the team and I will certainly miss seeing the side develop further, but they will be in safe hands with Mark. Also moving on are Sam T, Freddie and Charlie, who I know will be very much missed.

*Alan Thawley*

*A special thanks to Alan for his contribution as Manager of our Colts side. Without him, the U11 team would not have been able to provide as many boys with opportunities to play over the last few years – Ed.*

### U11 Rangers

The U11 Rangers made the step up to 9-a-side football, competing in the top South Bucks league which also included JPL teams from Berks and Bucks.

After a strong pre-season, the team started 2022/23 with developmental fixtures from September to November. A dazzling wing display from Elijah Stevens led the team to an opening day 7-2 victory over Aylesbury, which

was followed by a narrow stoppage-time 4-3 defeat away to Flackwell Heath despite goalkeeping heroics from Ethan Lucas.

A Joe Kelloway hat-trick and Bali Horton double helped the team record further convincing victories over Thame (with Freddie Rossiter making his debut in goal), and Tring. However, the quality of the league was apparent, and Player of the Match displays from Tommy King and Rowan White Jones couldn't stop us slipping to defeats against Maidenhead and Burnham respectively. The last of the development games produced positive results, Thomas Garraway ensuring the draw against a strong Marlow team before a hard-fought away win over Ruislip which saw Edward Stevens pick up the Player of the Match award.

As the boys continued to adjust to the demands of 9-a-side football, they got off to a great start in the league with another victory over Tring. Home games followed, with Max Storey in great form on the wing and Daniel Palastanga making his debut. However, a last minute Gerrards Cross equaliser meant we settled for a point, and then an agonising defeat to Aylesbury by the odd goal despite dominating the match and a top defensive performance from Sammy Proctor. A 3-2 home win over Flackwell Heath, which included a brace by midfielder Zach Johnson, demonstrated the team's togetherness and ability to come through difficult moments. Injuries and the depth of other teams told in the following two fixtures, going down to defeats against Wendover and Beaconsfield despite Player of the Match performances from goalkeeper Ethan Lucas and midfielder Ben Mitchell.

The February half term produced arguably the team's best performance of the season, a 3-2 away win against a superb Maidenhead side – free-flowing attacking football, spectacular goals from Tommy King and pure determination for 60 minutes which was epitomised by Toby Duffin who played in goal, defence and midfield throughout the game.

Sam Phillips also debuted up front with a strong performance. The tough run of away games continued against the best two teams in the division - narrow defeats to Marlow and Burnham, but the performances showed how far the team had come on since the start of the season. The team finished the competitive season with a clean sheet and victory over Ruislip, and a draw with Tring in a developmental game which saw centre-back Harry Wagstaff back to his best after bad luck with injury.

All the boys that represented U11 Rangers across the course of 2022/23 should be extremely proud of their first 9-a-side season. We hope the boys enjoy a well-earned rest in the summer before we begin an exciting Under 12 campaign.

*Chris Garraway*

### U12 Colts

U12 Colts began the season in the White Division. Although starting our development games with a win, a run of heavy defeats soon occurred. However, the boys learnt and developed a strong team bond and ethic and gave it their all in each game.

A move into the Black Division for the competitive fixtures ensured that the season really got under way. With two hard-fought wins over Risborough and Downley, the Colts then had a few losses (and a draw) but used those games to find each of their strengths and natural positions. Off the back of those defeats the Colts then went on to win their following four games, with the boys showing great teamwork and respect, not just for each other but towards the opposition too.

The Colts' ethos is always on development with the growth of skills and knowledge under the correct attitude.

The move into the 11-a-side era will bring an end to the Colts and Rangers.

Our squad (Connor F, Logan, Josh, Taylor, Charlie, Ben, Noah, Charlie, Freddie, Hassan, James F, Zeke, Zach, Connor D, Lincoln) can all hold their heads up high knowing that over the past two seasons the boys have grown into a great team of footballers and also a proper bunch of mates.

*Paul Dixon*

### U12 Rangers

The season started slowly for our last campaign in the South Bucks Mini Soccer 9v9 Conference. The pre-season developmental period saw a record of W1-D1-L6 as the boys went about trying to find their rhythm, scoring goals but conceding at the other end.

The team went into this season with a thin squad size of only ten. This demanded a level of commitment from the boys to make as many matches as possible. On the positive side it meant that there was a consistency of team formation and this began to tell as we entered the competitive league fixtures.

The team clicked and went on a run of winning six of the next seven matches, only losing away to KS Gryff (even then after being ahead at half time). The boys were on a roll...scoring an average of four goals a game on this run.

In early March we played Taplow, a team which had been steam-rolling every other team in the division in what was a top of the table clash. Despite camping out in the Taplow half for the entire second period, a goal against the run of play led to a 2-1 defeat.

The boys were able to swiftly put this disappointment behind them, going on to win the next two matches with an aggregate score of 9-2 meaning that, with one match remaining, we remain very much in the hunt for the division finals.

Giles, Rowley, Kebir, Rowe & Peel were a constant source of goals for HYFC with Rendell marshalling the midfield in front of a back four of Emmins, Wells, Robertson and Payne (GK) who have limited the opposition to only four goals in the last five matches. A tight-knit team with plenty left to play for in their last year before moving to 11-a-side.

*Alex Giles*

### U13 Girls

This season has been turbulent and challenging but has seen some amazing determination and resilience. Despite losing the manager, losing players and losing pretty much every game, this team of absolute troopers have committed everything they have week in, week out.

After another summer of players moving on, we started the season with a squad of ten to generate a team of nine every week, and credit to the girls, we managed to field a full team almost every game.

At least everyone got a game and match fitness was not a problem! In the Bucks league there is a small spread of teams over the Aylesbury, Thame, Chalfont and Crendon area so we often face the same teams. It gives us the opportunity to get to know our competitors well and develop our own game.

We instilled a learning culture by empowering the players to try new things, give it a go, no fear of failure. Each and every one of them has grown, enjoying their football by reflecting on what they have learnt, not the final score.

Don't get me wrong, the regular drubbings have been brutal and there have been tears. But there has been a camaraderie and support for each other that has been genuinely humbling to witness.

We've been supported along the way by our parents and a huge thanks to coach Nick Cuthbert for getting us back on our feet. But with no manager and the transition to 11-a-side looming, we need a bit of help to keep this amazing team together. If you can help, or know someone willing to lend support, the girls would be extremely grateful!

*Stephen Courtnadge*

### U13

Our U13s team has evolved tremendously during this season where we have learnt to compete physically, demonstrate excellent organisation and most importantly exhibit a brilliant team spirit!

Playing in Division 4 of 8 we've come up against some very strong teams, travelling far and wide.

We started our season strongly with some early wins putting us close to the top of the league at the end of 2022. As we came back after Christmas we had a tough run of fixtures that saw us lose three games in a row having led in each game by at least two goals. This was a test of our team's character and the boys responded brilliantly, learning to remain focused and to keep playing from kick off to the final whistle.

Since this run we've had two wins and a draw and head in to our last two games of the season in a great position to finish in the top three! This would be a great achievement and one of which the whole squad should be proud.

Every player in the squad has contributed to our success this season and all the coaching team are looking forward to next season. Well done to all.

Thanks to parents for their support and for volunteering to run the line throughout the season.

*Andy Duffin*

### U14 Girls

The U14 Girls season started with the move to 11-a-side football. This presented many challenges in keeping up with the numbers required to field 11 players regularly. However, despite a few tough results at the start of the season the girls continued to improve every week and by the end of October the team was into the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the County Cup. Unfortunately, this was where the journey ended after a valiant away defeat to Beds Premier Division side Wing Raiders.

As Christmas came a new journey began, as local rivals Long Crendon were forced to stop playing and the teams joined forces. The transition, although difficult, was handled well by the girls and an incredible unbeaten run ensued, meaning a top three finish is more than likely. The Girls even won through to the League Cup Final after a fantastic semi-final display against Risborough. The final is at Thame on 29th April – 4pm kick off.

Congratulations everyone on a fantastic season and Go Haddenham for the final!!!

*Greg Kyson*

### U14 Rangers

It's been a challenging season and with five games to go it looks like a mid-season finish in Division 1.

For a team used to battling it out at the top, that's been a bit of a blow, but the squad has been in transition this season. The standard in the League has also gone up another level.

The team has battled gamely, heads have never dropped and there have been some memorable wins along the way. Hopefully a strong finish can see us reach 6<sup>th</sup> place.

*Nick Cuthbert*

### U14 Colts

Although we've struggled to get wins this season the boys and girls are still turning up, week in, week out and working hard in training to improve their game.

*Nick Cuthbert*

### U15

The 2022/23 season has been a challenging one for the team, but despite everything that has been thrown at them the boys have remained focused and committed.

At the start of the season the U15s were structured into five divisions, a fair split of numbers and abilities, with HYFC being assigned to Division 4. We have always followed an inclusive ethos for players and started the season with a healthy 30+ playing squad of mixed abilities, thus being in Division 4 allowed us to field teams ensuring that every squad member has a fair amount of game time.

The season started well for the team delivering two wins and one loss in the league and a very competitive Cup fixture against a much higher league team. Unfortunately, this relatively good start, albeit just three league games, saw us close to the top of Division 4 – the league then took the decision to restructure into four divisions and we were moved into Division 3.

Our league performance, if judged just on results, has not been good. However, in terms of improvement across the playing squad and teamwork it has been very good. Despite playing against stronger opposition, the results have been close and the team has latterly delivered a draw and a win. The fact the team has maintained a positive attitude is brilliant and can only serve us well for next season.

*Tony Lister*

## U16 Girls

The U16 Girls had a very difficult 2022/23, losing players at various stages in the season due to schoolwork and jobs, but the core of the team stayed strong. This is their last season together as a team, with some going to the Ladies side and others getting Saturday jobs. It's been a great pleasure to be training these young ladies for the last five years.

*Martin Bennell*

The Club wishes our U16G players every success in the years ahead and thanks them for their involvement with HYFC: Gracie, Emily, Anna, Millie, Josephine, Logan, Lucy S, Lucy C, Charlotte, Jemima, Allegra, Grace, Liberty, Daisy, Kit and Chelsie.

## U16

Although not automatically promoted in 2021/22, due to teams dropping out of our age group the divisions were consolidated with HYFC U16s moved up to Division 2 for 2022/23.

Expecting a tough season, the first half got off to a good start, beating a very good City Colts team 1-0 in the County Cup and playing some good football in the league, holding our own in the main.

After Christmas we had six away games in a row and struggled to get going with results and playing good football, but in the last few weeks things have started to improve.

As of now, we've nine games still to play, comfortably mid table (Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 5) with the possibility of gaining a few places in the league if we win our games in hand.

*Chris Duncan*

## U17

The U17s reformed this year after a few players got together and decided they would rather be playing football with their friends than for different teams across the county. They just had to convince the manager to come out of retirement, again! I did.

The U17s have a squad of 19, with most of the players having played for Haddenham since they were five or six so it was nice to see them all back, with the parents supporting them too. After a good start to the season and merging of leagues, we ended up in Division 2 where we are competitive, winning as many as we have lost. With still nearly a third of the games to go, we have a chance to improve our current league position.

This season we had a couple of good cup runs, making the quarter final of the League Cup and the final of the Chairman's Cup due to be played at the end of April.

*Paul Moore*

## U18

The U18s have had another good season. After a rocky start with three of the season's five losses coming in the first five games, the team got better and better as the season progressed.

They have been *the* form team since Christmas winning all bar one of their games. With the majority of the team having been with us for 10+ years, it has been a wonderful way to finish their time with the club.

*Dean Holdsworth*

The Club wishes U18 players all the best for the future: Jamie, Lucca, Dominic, Harry C, Jack, Tom, Theo, Matthew, James. Charlie, Vihan, Alexander, Benjamin, Jack, Harry B, Callum, Harvey, Theo, Jake, Ben, Noah, Jonathan, Alfie, Dryw, Luke and Louie.

## Ladies

Having been promoted to the Thames Valley Counties Women's Football League Division 2 the previous season, the Ladies found themselves moved up again to Division 1 for the 2022/23 season due to a League restructure.

We knew it was going to be a tough season, but we welcomed some excellent new players and held our own. We won as many games as we lost and finished mid-table which was more than respectable. We continued our philosophy of trying to play passing football and ensuring all players available on a match day got at least 60 minutes on the pitch.

We are lucky to have a group of 10 or 12 fully committed players who train every week and play in every match which is supplemented by other players who can't give that level of commitment but play whenever they can.

We head into next season with renewed optimism and look forward to welcoming some of the girls from the Club's U16 squad – one of the benefits of being part of a well-established football club. New players are always welcome regardless of ability so come and find out more about us. We'll be training for tournaments during the summer months and pre-season will begin in earnest during August.

*David Elliott*



## Walking

Haddenham Walking Football, funded by HYFC, has experienced a fantastic season.

The exciting part of the first half of the season was the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Alan and Paul along with some fun football. In these last few months it was the turn of Bob at 67 and Nibbo, a spritely 80-years young and still playing the game he loves, to celebrate.

Throughout the season, some of our members joined forces with Aylesbury United Walking Football Club to make up reserve teams in the Thames Valley Walking Football League – Over 50's, 60's and even 65's. The Over 50's team – mainly Haddenham players – won Division One, including beating the Aylesbury first team along the way.

More recently, Haddenham was proud to have three players involved in the over 60's tournament, hosted by Aylesbury. Well done to everyone involved. It has been a great season and now we focus on the summer league and a few tournaments along the way.

Walking Football at Haddenham is for members aged 45 plus, and all abilities are welcome. We just want you to enjoy the game you used to love. So, if you fancy it come along on a Friday evening from 6.30 to 7.30 on the HCJS MUGA. An hour of fun football followed by a beer or two. Meet some friends old and new.

*Andy Roff*

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