



South East Poolies News - November 2019!



November was a busy month organising Christmas clothing orders and the pint glasses, which after a few issues seems to be back on track. The mugs will hopefully be ordered in the coming days, which will then allow us to calm down a little as we head to the festive period. These items are hugely important for us to raise funds to donate to HUFC, whilst also giving members and friends a sense of identity. Travelling about for work I often sport my South East Poolies clothing, which usually provokes interest amongst other football supporters. This helps to spread the word not just about the SEP, but also HUFC in general.

We had a fantastic trip to Ebbsfleet recently, where a large group of members had a great gathering over a few pints. Next up us Woking this weekend, our Christmas celebration, where members have got together to raise funds for the Alice Hospice in Hartlepool. It should be another cracking day that allows us to do something for a very special organisation.

October Player of the Month

Our November Player of the Month was Nicky Featherstone, who it has to be said has been on fire all season. Other players mentioned were Luke James and Ben Killip.

Membership Renewals

Although membership continues to increase, keep an eye out for a special January offer, when we will be competing with some of the major high street outlets to offer you the very best deal we can! If you are yet to renew, are interested in joining or know someone who would like to join then please follow the link below. Our prices haven't increased in a decade and all membership money goes to HUFC in some way. Prices are as follows;



Adult £10

Child £5

Family £15 (Includes 1 adult and up to 3 children)

To purchase a 2019-20 membership or view our promotional video visit our [website](#).



Merchandise

The clothing has arrived and will be put into order for next week. I ordered spare items in some popular sizes which I will advertise once I have accounted for those who pre-ordered.

The pint glass design had to change late on as the costs involved with getting the chosen design printed were quite simply unworkable and would have lost us considerable money. I therefore made the difficult decision to change to the 10 year celebration badge and have it scribed rather than printed. The suppliers have worked with us to produce an amazing design (pictured), which I am sure will be popular. I have over ordered slightly, so there will be a limited number for those who didn't pre-order. These are expected to arrive early next week and will be sent out at the soonest opportunity.

The next order to go in, delayed slightly due to the other orders, is the mugs. These will hopefully be placed in the coming days.

If you are interested in purchasing any items please go [click here](#).

Finances

As expected, the balance will take a hit over the coming months as we speculate to accumulate. Once all current items are sold we will have in excess of £1,000 in the funds. This doesn't include the mug order or the excess money from the Hartlepool Trip. The matchday football cards are a great source of income (£40 a game), but special thanks must go to the people who also make regular donations either monthly or before each southern game.

The one area that we have been poor of late is our Facebook presence, for which I apologise as that is my responsibility. My spare time has been very limited, which has had an impact on how much I can do. If there is anyone who would be happy to take on the Facebook page, then please give me a shout as we can arrange handover.



Upcoming Events

Woking FC Away 07.12.2019

Many of us plan to join those travelling down from Hartlepool in wearing CHRISTMAS JUMPERS. In addition to this we will be raising funds for ALICE HOUSE HOSPICE in Hartlepool, who do some amazing work to support patients and families at a time when they are needed most.

The plan is to meet in town as usual, with O'Neils being the closest pub to the station. Again as usual, we will probably move on to a few other places from there.

I'm looking for as many of us as possible to get to the ground by 1445hrs (can someone please drag me there so that I don't let the side down!). **I have spoken to Woking FC and as they are holding their own collection in the ground, we will only be able to carry out the collection outside of the turnstiles.** Any other game and this would not have been a problem. Therefore we are planning to collect both before and immediately after the game outside of the turnstiles/exit.

Ben Forbes will then be presenting the cheque to Alice House on a date to be confirmed.

Niko Muir has also kindly offered to judge the best Christmas jumper amongst the Pool's supporters, with the winner receiving a South East Poolies Dut!

Not only should this be a great day, but it allows us to raise some funds for an amazing organisation that sits at the centre of the Hartlepool Community.

Chatham Town v Sheppey United FC Away 07.12.2019

Yes we know it's a bit bizarre to see this fixture in the newsletter! A few of us from Kent are planning to have a couple of Christmas holiday beers watching a game of football so will be heading to lend Chatham Town our support. Feel free to join us, with full details released closer to the day.



General

This will be a very busy but productive month, so please be patient, especially as I send out the orders! In addition to the exiting Christmas Eve interview, we are also planning a bumper New Years Eve Newsletter to be sent out. I have some great ideas for this so will be messaging a few people in the coming weeks to send me various bits.

In the meantime I hope to chat with as many of you as possible at Woking, where

I will be wearing a Christmas Jumper for the first time in my life!

If you have any ideas, suggestions or even better want to add and articles, then please just get in touch or email.

Thank you all for your time,

Never Say Die

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