



South East Poolies News - May 2019!



First of all I am sorry that the newsletter is a few days later than usual. I would like to say that it is because I was waiting for the fixtures to be announced, but it's simply because I had been busy! Anyway the fixtures have been kind for the 2nd year running in that we have Maidenhead away on the 2nd weekend of the season. This is a great away trip with some decent pubs for us to have a meet up. Those on social media will have noticed that we have been busy with our interviews, featuring the HUFC Women's Team to celebrate the World Cup, which was important for us to support. In terms of HUFC in general this summer really was the test for how the club is being managed. I imagine that last summer was spent fighting fires and discovering invoices down the back of sofas for those running the club. After a year to bring that under control it appears that the club is definitely being run far more professionally. The new club shop sounds much improved and better placed, we have a new kit supplier that has far better reviews than the old one and staff have been making improvements to the training ground. We all know that important decisions have had to be made and not always popular ones either. But this was always the reality and it's what is needed to keep the club going in the long term. The huge marker for me is the announcement of the AGM alongside the Chairman's update. These small steps mean a lot to the supporters who invest heavily into the club via not just funding but time and dedication.



Whitstable Summer Trip Saturday 20th July 2019

As usual we will be meeting at midday outside of Whitstable Train Station before heading to either the East Kent or Handsome Sam. From here we follow the route as put together by Rob Wilson taking in a range and variation of pubs. Early on in the day (whilst people are still talking sense), we usually conduct a very informal AGM where we discuss plans for the season and review what we have done the previous season. This is in the form of a very open discussion in a beer garden with all free to contribute. After that it is several hours of talking about football,

beer, music and life in general (but certainly no politics), whilst having a few sociable beers. If you plan to join us late then message me on 07437 619234 and I will give you our location.

Membership Renewals

After listening to the views of members we have frozen our membership prices. We have also introduced a family membership, which is already proving popular. 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 latest batch of Training Tops have arrived and are already proving popular. These are £15 each and are a looser fit than the polo shirts. I have a few stock items of these in a couple of popular sizes so please just let me know if you are interested in them. We also have child's duts, which have come up nice and should be more popular once the summer ends. I said last month how important clothing is to us raising funds and we will keep looking at fresh ideas around what people want. We only have 1 adult dut left in stock which means that there are currently 69 out there amongst Poolies, which is very impressive in 1 year! In addition there are 29 caps keeping the sun off heads this summer.

The next project is the pint glasses and after finding a good supplier, we are now in the design stage with a couple of fantastic ideas being put forward so far. Thank you to Amy and Alan for doing this and Leigh Allen is determined to get his in soon. we are expecting to receive these by around September/October time, just in time for Christmas presents!

Finances

We are already way ahead of this time last season and that is despite us having a large deficit for clothing. This is down to awaiting payment for some items and over ordering to get items at a cheaper rate. When we over-order we keep these

Thank you all for your time,

Never Say Die

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