



South East Poolies News - March 2019!



Hello and welcome to the March edition of the newsletter, after what has been a particularly busy month for us. I'm sorry that I have been a little bit quiet this month, but the weeks leading up to the Hartlepool Weekend left me knackered and needing to catch up on other bits. As you will read, we had a lot going on and still quite a lot planned for the coming months. The newsletter is working well as a means to communicate, but it's also a great way for others to get involved themselves. If you have anything that you would to have included then please just give me a shout.



Ticket Match

Well we set a target of achieving 5 donations, which would each buy 11 child and 1 adult ticket to watch the Dover Athletic game. I am proud to say that we actually achieved 37!

It was a proud moment for all involved to be at that game, looking across at a packed and vibrant Rink End, full of kids enjoying a great game. These kids are our future support, so we must get them on board.

Donations came from supporters all over the UK and I would like to say a huge thank you to all. In addition we also had businesses helping with the cause. I have already used the services of a couple of these businesses so far, but we also plan to do whatever we can to help those others as they did us. The ones involved are as follows;

Ace Wardrobes

HUST Committee Members

The Floral Factor

HUFCSA

Hartlepool 23 Taxis

JP's Bar

A special mention must also go to Kate Harnish and Sarah Rowntree for helping to organise this, making it as pain free as they could!



Merchandise

Items continue to sell well and will go a long way to boosting our profits at the end of the season, which will be handed to HUFCSA. New in stock are our Ladies Dut's, which are selling for £11 each.

To purchase any of our items please see Terry at Southern Away games or visit our website [here](#).

Hartlepool Weekend

One word, WOW! Absolutely first-class weekend with a great group. For the first time we won the Pool and Darts competition. The night itself was quality and it great to see so many SEP members in their Polo Shirts. Thank you to the Corner Flag for organising this.



The game couldn't have gone any better, 2 down to win 3-2! What an atmosphere and game for the kids to see.

The Lenny Johnrose night was a great get together for an amazing cause. Personally, I recreated a childhood photograph with John MacPhail! Thank you to Andy and Ron who worked hard to make this night happen.

Looking ahead to next season, the plan is to also host the HUFCSA for a Pool and Darts evening at a southern away game. Ben Green is looking to organise things from their end and Leigh Allen from ours. As soon as the fixtures are released, we will be making plans around a viable fixture.



Player of the Year 2018/19 - Luke James

Talking to John MacPhail on the Saturday night and he said that he used to tell young players that when you go to tough, working class towns like Hartlepool, giving 100% isn't enough you have to give 110%.

I spent the following day trying to make sense of what he'd said. He was right though, you give everything that you know you've got, but then you dig deep to find the extra 10% that you didn't even know you have. That brings us nicely onto our 2018-19 Player of the Year.

This lad works himself into the ground every game. He hasn't been rewarded with goals, but what he does is scares defenders, they don't know how to handle him. This is consistently creating opportunities or drawing a foul. Congratulations on your international appearance and of course the news of a new baby.

Take a bow Luke James and well done on being voted our Player of the Year for the 2nd time in your career.

Whitstable Summer Trip 2019

Our annual summer trip to the seaside town of Whitstable has been arranged for Saturday July 20th. This has been organised by Rob Wilson for a good few years now and is always well attended. Rob works hard to put together a pub crawl of good boozers and people come and go throughout the day. This is also a very informal AGM, with latest happenings and ideas discussed in a light-hearted manner. Full details will be announced closer to the date.

Finances

Finally these are starting to look settled! After several months of telling people not to look too closely at the figures, as we still had a lot of committed expenditure, we are now much clearer on where we are likely to be at the end of the season.

Recent outlays included;

- * Hartlepool Weekend Costs
- * Kit and Flag Bag (with SEP Badge)
- * Player of the Year Trophies (includes a one-off shield to be used each year)
- * A new batch of Caps and Duts

We currently have £1152.20 in funds with no upcoming outgoings to take into account. In addition to this we also have £390 of projected income from stock we have purchased, or money owed. This is made clear in the '*After Pending*' section.

Stock includes:

- * Polo Shirts x3
- * Mens Duts x10
- * Ladies Duts x10
- * Caps x5

Stock not sold by the end of this season will be carried over into next seasons figures. We will also have the usual Football Card at Aldershot, which will bring in

an additional £30 of funds.

As a branch we will need to discuss a small amount to be carried over into next years funds to cover any summer expenditure.

Incoming	Amount	Outgoing	Amount	Incoming	£5,541.04
Membership	£408.26	Player Sponsorship	£150.00	Outgoing	£4,388.84
Football Cards	£360.00	Donations	£57.00	Cash at Bank	£1,152.20
Raffle	£100.00	Hotel	£575.00		
Savings	£217.00	Train	£740.00		
Hartlepool Trip	£1,668.76	Trophy	£75.00	After Pending	£1,542.20
Polo Shirts	£882.98	Football Card	£180.00		
		Polo Shirts	£819.59		
Donations	£192.66	Caps/Duts	£614.74		
Caps/Duts	£600.00	Cap/Dut set up cost	£9.99		
LCFC Donation	£27.00	Flyers	£26.49		
Ticket Offer	£1,084.38				
		Polo set up cost	£9.99		
		Ticket Offer	£1,110.00		
		New Flag Bag	£21.04		
	£5,541.04		£4,388.84		

Social Media/website

Terry Sengelow has uploaded some great pictures from the Hartlepool Weekend and Barnet game. Whilst I don't get to use all of these, they are great for me to rely upon for the newsletter and website. If you have any pictures that could be used then please send them on to me.

Look out this Friday for the latest interview that Gregg Davison has carried out, this time with Player of the Year, Luke James!

Upcoming Games

Aldershot Away- This will be the last game of the season for a lot of the group. Lets have a cracking meet up like we did at Maidstone for the first game. Full details and timings will be on the site over the coming days.

General

This has been a huge month for the SEP, during which we have made many new friends across the Pools support and social media. Not just the ticket offer, but the weekend in Hartlepool once again showed how passionate our members are about the club, whilst we will work hard to help the club and support in any way we can. For me personally there was a new level of pride during that weekend at how far we have come in our 10 years. It has taken a lot of hard work, sacrifices and mistakes to get this far, but the group is strong as a result. As HUFC enter a period of massive challenges to cover funding shortfalls, there is a need for the backing of supporter's groups more than ever. As usual we will be working with the club to identify exactly how we can assist with this.

In the meantime, we enter into the last month of the season with a bit of time to reflect and rest before heading full throttle into next year's challenge. The biggest challenge for me is setting up a way that members can be more involved in the decisions we make and presenting ideas, but without the need for too many formal meetings. Any suggestions on a postcard please!

Thank you all for your time,

Never Say Die

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