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A Chairman's Word

Last season was one of tremendous growth within the Club: we are now close to another major step forward in establishing Southwood as our home, the focal point for training sessions and matches.

I want to pay tribute to the hard work and commitment of each of the committee and all the managers for their enormous contribution to the Club throughout the growth of the last three years. We try to maintain a family atmosphere with a focus on football but as far as possible we leave our managers to run their squads for the benefit of the players, with the Club committee working in the background to provide support.

Individual squads can raise and spend funds, make their own team selections and in the main can operate independently. Managers appreciate the freedom this gives them but the downside is – some players and their parents may get the impression that they have joined a squad, not a Club. I cannot stress enough that this is not the case.

To this end, we have decided to introduce a regular newsletter to keep you informed about the Club's activities and also of its **needs**. The Club is now growing at a rate that puts our existing resources under enormous pressure. To ensure that today's 7 year olds can still be playing for a thriving club in

2018 (as my lad did from 1992 – 2002) we need to recruit more committee members, match day volunteers and sponsors. I am therefore urging you to reflect on the benefits your youngster gets from playing sport on a regular basis, and consider how you might help.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a breakdown of the costs that fall to the Club from two of our teams. Hart DC makes very large increases in pitch hire fees year on year, which has a knock on effect on the cost of training and matches. Referees' fees, kit costs and league registrations all eat up your annual signing on fee. The committee has always kept any increase in fees to an absolute minimum, but in doing so relies on fund raising to balance the books.

We recognise and value those who assist the Club in any capac-

ity: team sponsors, parents who support the manager by running the line and putting up and removing nets, those who have supplied catering for match days and help refurbish our facilities. It is only with their help and continued support that this Club continues to thrive and to run smoothly.

There are no more than 10 committee meetings each year: if you have secretarial, administrative or book keeping skills we would be pleased to hear from you. If through work you can access sponsorship, every £1 will count. If you have on the pitch experience, we are always looking for recruits to our team of managers.

The next editions of this newsletter will come to you by email: this has arrived in the post as a way of underlining to you all the importance of our message about involving more volunteers.



We Need You ! So if you can help the club in any way, please get in touch.

2007/2008 - The Story So Far

Fleet Spurs Youth are having an excellent season to date, with the two non-divisional Under 8s teams, the **Meteors** and **Comets**, improving weekly and results going in the right direction.



Away from their own pitch, the Under 8's prepare for a pitch invasion at Craven Cottage.

In the Under 9 divisions, FSY maintain 3 teams, the **Stormers** are having an excellent run, and are sitting comfortably in 3rd place of Division 3. The **Swifts** and the **Blues**, both in division 4, are having similar success, with the **Swifts** in 2nd place and the **Blues** in 5th, both with games in hand of the leaders, and within easy reach of the top spot.

At Under 10s FSY field 4 teams, The **U10 FS Boca** are in 2nd place in division 2 and are through to the semi-finals of the League Cup, a match which is currently scheduled for March 1st, so if you aren't busy on that particular Saturday morning make your way to Oakley Park and add your support. After being at the top of division 3 for some time the **FS Royals** are now hovering mid-table but are intent on climbing back to where they belong and although **FS Porto**, and the **FS Magpies** aren't enjoying divisional success the general improvement in both teams is evident, and the boys are enjoying their Saturday morning football, which is the most important thing of all.



U10 FS Boca, on top of the world.

The **Under 11s** and **Under 13s** are giving as good as they get, both holding mid-table positions as the season moves on. The **Under 14s** are just outside the top 3, but with 3 games in hand a top 3 spot is still within reach.

At Under 15s FSY field two teams, the main **U15s** team is riding high at the top of Division 1, and though the **Saxons** are having a tough time battling for points in division 3, they were bolstered this week with a great victory over Hook United Hammers.



U15's aiming for the top spot in Division 1.

The **Under 16s** are still celebrating their recent win over local rivals Crookham Rovers, and the **Under 17s** are comfortable in their 2nd place position, level on points with Finchampstead Royals in the Premier Division.

SPONSORED

Saturday 15th March
6.30pm-8.30pm
Hart Leisure Centre

We have the **whole** pool to ourselves so please encourage all players to take part and have fun whilst they raise money for Fleet Spurs FC.

Sponsor forms are available from team managers or can be downloaded from the Fleet Spurs website.

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MONEY, MONEY, MONEY ! A Treasurer's Tale



Steve Case - Treasurer

increased rates for all of our expenditure this season, particularly the huge increase in pitch hire fees and training facilities from Hart Council.

To balance the books each season we need to ensure that we collect all subs in from players **AND** raise money from sponsor

ship and fundraising. The vast majority of players have paid their subs and I would like to thank everyone who pays their subs promptly every year, having the money in the bank helps raise a little income in interest. There are still a number of players who have not paid their subs though, so could those players please get their subs to their Team Manager as soon as possible. If you have any concerns about making payment, my contact details are at the bottom of this article. Individual reminders will be issued in February and anyone receiving one will be expected to pay promptly and in full.

The lack of fund raising income to date this season, shortfall in subs income and increases in costs as mentioned above has led to a serious funding shortfall

approaching £3,000

We need to cover the deficit in the next 2 months so your support of any fundraising events such as the Sponsored Swim (please see details on page 2) is vitally important. We also need to increase the amount of team sponsorship to avoid a large increase in subs for next year. Sponsoring a team, including a brand new kit with company logos, is available for as little as £500 and will also include an advert/link to the sponsor's website in the email newsletters and on our website.

See the tables below for a detailed breakdown of team costs.

I am sure that many of you will be interested to know where your subscriptions go each season and it won't surprise any of you to know that we have been hit by

every year, having the

Where the Subs go

Accounts for a 7-a-side team

Subs (squad of 10) @ £110pp	£1100
Less:	
Hants FA/NEHYL Reg Fees	£56
Training Facilities	£585
Pitch Hire (for matches)	£292
New kit, training balls etc	£154
Referee fees	£164
Awards Night (per team)	£125
Total costs	£1376
BALANCE	-£276

Accounts for an 11-a-side team

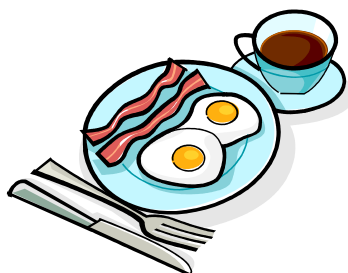
Subs (squad of 14) @ £135pp	£1890
Less:	
Hants FA/NEHYL Reg Fees	£85
Training Facilities	£876
Pitch Hire (for matches)	£438
New kit, training balls etc	£231
Referee fees	£246
Awards Night (per team)	£125
Total costs	£2001
BALANCE	-£111

As you can see, without fund raising and sponsorship, we run at a loss per team even if we get 100% of subs paid, so your support is vital! Please contact me on 01252 626648 , 07860 304787 or Stephen.case1@ntlworld.com if you can be of any help or have any queries.

SOUTHWOOD CAFE

OPEN FOR BUSINESS
EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING.
(Weather Permitting Play)

Coffee	50p
Tea	50p
Hot Chocolate	50p
Fruit Shoot	50p
Bacon Rolls	£1.50
Crisps	Various
Chocolate Bars	Various

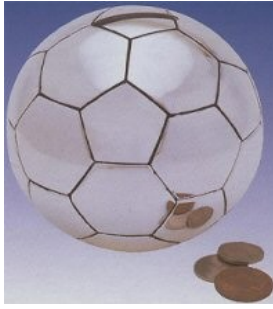


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Sponsorship is available at £50 per issue. This would include a quarter page advert, and a company weblink on each page.

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Fleet Spurs has signed up to easyfundraising.org.uk who provide a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost to you but you will be raising funds for the Southwood development. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using the links from our site each retailer will make a **cashback donation** as either a % of the sale amount or a set amount.

In 2 months, the 10 people that have signed up have raised £65 between them – just think what that would mean if just half of the 200+ families associated with the club participated.

It really is “money for nothing” so please log in to easyfundraising.org.uk

- 1 Select **Register** and search for *Fleet Spurs Youth Football Club* in the first box so they know which cause you want to support. Please then complete your name and email/password details. Registration is completely FREE.
- 2 Next, time you login to easyfundraising.org.uk use your username / password - this is how the system recognises who you are and which cause benefits when you make purchases.
- 3 Finally, click any of the retailer links provided and then shop just as you would normally.

A Closing word from the Club President



John Lee - President, Fleet Spurs Youth FC.

Hello everyone,

I am now in my 21st year of association with Fleet Spurs Youth and I am proud of the club's achievements during that time.

There are now more teams within Fleet Spurs Youth than ever before providing football for children and youths aged 6 to 17. The club is rightly proud of its recently earned status as an FA Charter Standard Development Club and our close ties with the Fleet Spurs men's club have never been stronger as we jointly negotiate with

Hart Council to take over the operation of our ground at Kennels Lane, Southwood.

I hope you've enjoyed reading this edition of the “& EGG” newsletter and perhaps learnt something new about the club in the process.

The articles from the Chairman, John Gawthorpe, and treasurer, Steve Case, aim to help give you an insight into the running of the club and some of the issues that we face.

Regards
John Lee