

# THE MERTON WAY

**Merton Football Club**

Newsletter 19.06.15



## And the winner is...

**W**ell the season is finally over and we have had the end of season finale, but... wait a minute there are some things we need to do

**Recruitment:** we really do need some more members and so we all need to be proactive and invite new colleagues at work, friends from uni or pretty much anyone you know to come down to one of our pre-season training sessions. Training starts at the Hood on Wednesday July 8th at 7pm and every Wednesday thereafter. It is vital that we recruit some more members.

**Pitch Repairs:** we need to get a couple of working parties out divoting and seeding our two main pitches. This work will

start on weekend July 4th/5th and July 11th/12th. Not sure whether we should do it Sat pm or Sun am. It all depends on what gets the best response, but we need to get our pitches in reasonable shape in July.

Our AGM is planned for Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm at our clubhouse. At this meeting we elect our club officials and approve our accounts. We also vote on the membership and match fees charged for the coming season.

Thanks  
Max

### So guys... Dates for the diary

July 4th/5th and July 11th/12th - Pitch working parties at the Hood

Wednesday July 8th 7.00pm at the Hood - Pre-season Training starts

Thursday July 9th - Club AGM at our clubhouse 7.30pm

Saturday August 1st - Pre-season matches start (possibly sooner)

Saturday August 22nd - Club Day at the Hood (membership subs to be paid/Summer BBQ, etc etc)

Saturday 5th September - 1s and 2s SAL matches begin (TBC)



# MEET THE COMMITTEE

## **President**

Terry Baker

## **Chairman**

Max Herbert

## **Deputy Chairman**

Simon Clapperton

## **Honorary Secretary**

Mike Reed

## **Honorary Treasurer**

Len Freeman

## **Honorary Fixtures Secretary**

Mark Chappell

## **Youth Section Representative**

Steve Dewsbury

## **Entertainments Organiser**

Alex Herbert

## **Players' Representative**

Lee Lenihan

## **Webmaster**

Matt Haswell

## **Discipline Officer**

Roger Asling

## **Bar**

Peter Kemp

## **General Duties**

Graham Willgoss, David Quainton, Darren Avey

## **Honorary Life Presidents**

Roger Mann, Mark Dix, Roger Asling, Pat Murphy, Jim Murphy, Fergus Murphy, Martin Quinlan, John Gridley, Steve Philpott, Graeme Coombs



# WHAT WENT ON

## FA Cup Final Day

**Saturday 30th May**

Against all the odds we were blessed with a decent dry day which was essential for the day that was planned. Thanks to Denys Z we were able to welcome FC Polska to the Hood for a pre-Cup Final friendly.

They had made the long trek from North London. The game, reffed by our perennial favourite Dave Laughton, kicked off a little late and Merton took an early lead when Al G surged through and set up Denys for a really good goal. This was a little misleading as Polska were obviously a good side. Despite the early set back Polska quickly got into the game and were soon level and then scored a really good goal to go 2-1 up. They had some good players dominating mid field and that soon became 4-1 and a great strike by Wilgo brought it back to 4-2. Some real end to end football where all the Merton players stayed at the one end saw some more scoring with FC Polska winning 6-4. Then it was down to the pre-Cup Final drinks and BBQ.

Polska certainly knew how to play football but they were pretty good at Post Footy too and stuck to the task of drinking and eating all that was available. Many thanks to the Bar staff for manning the pumps and setting it all up and to Peter and Jasper Kemp for their all round support and provisioning and Sherbs who stepped into the role of head chef. So then it was the sweep on first goal scorer and time of first goal and watching Arsenal play Villa off the park, always entertaining for a Baggies Man. Still it was a good day and a nice preparation for next week's Awards Day. Thanks to the Polish lads and all the helpers for such an important contribution.



# End of Season Awards Day

**Saturday 6th June**

Another cracking day at the club started with the obligatory football match. But it was a nice sunny day so what better way to get proceedings under way with a one o'clock kick off. We were pleased to welcome Ashridge Athletic to the Hood. In a very entertaining game played in good spirit and reffed by our good friend Gerry Porter, the oppo shaded it with a 5-4 win packed with great goals and enough poor defending to keep everyone interested. Two great goals from Al G were particularly memorable but their volleyed winner was good enough to win any game, certainly this one. Thanks to Sherbs for our match day management and general help with bbq. Then drinks in the sun and a BBQ which carried on all evening.

Not just the usual burgers and sausages but we have now added piri piri chicken to the menu.

The Derby sweep was won by one of our oppo to cap a good day for them.

Then more drinking and on to our awards. Thanks to all for coming along to this well attended and well organised season finale and to Clappers and Mark Chappell for taking us through the evenings formalities and also for the sterling work they have done all season with team selection and fixtures. The Main awards were:

## **Ivan Gladkow (Vanny) – Player of the Year:**

100% Match day availability, always at training, Played for a number of our teams when needed, coached youth teams helped training.

## **Steve and Mckenzie Dewsbury:**

The double act that has worked tirelessly 24/7 to get our youth section up and running and help out with adults aswell.

## **Will Taylor – Club's Top Goalscorer**

Playing for 1s and 2s but sadly off to Australia.

## **Arturs Ivanov – Golden Gloves**

The keeper with the best record who has turned out for every one of our teams.

## **1s Player of the Year**

Andrew Graves (Rat) and Top Goalscorer Lewis Ackerman (Ackers)

## **2s Player of the Year**

Will Taylor won both POY and Top Goalscorer

## **3s Player of the Year**

No player of the year but Dan Kelly was Top Goalscorer  
Special mention was made for the efforts of Ryan Gresty, Tony Posthelwaite and Darcy for their herculean efforts to keep it all going.

## **4s Player of the Year**

Neal Davison was player of the Year and Dan Kelly was Top Goalscorer again

## **5s Player of the Year**

Chris Outred was Player of the year and Delanje Richards was Top Goalscorer but special thanks to Ed Plaistow for stepping up to run the team.

## **6s Player of the Year**

Ryan Burchell struck a blow for our emerging youth and was Player of the year.  
Top Goalscorer was Nuno Jesus.



### Off the pitch

There was special 'Thank you's':

The catering and bar has been outstanding again this year and that is of course down to the Kemp Family (Peter/Natasha/Jasper) and Steve Sales.

All the Captains and Managers have done a really great job in keeping our teams playing and our reputation in tact as we completed our fixtures within the SAL rules.

Thanks to Len Freeman who completed nine years as our Treasurer and is still going strong and to Mike Reed (Mustard) who has retired as our club secretary.

Recognising the ever increasing importance of communications, thanks to Ram Mahbubani (Merton Way) and Matt Haswell (website) with a general reminder to everyone to help by submitting articles /photos to put on it.

Also thanks to our VPs for donating the replica awards to our winners.

And of course to all those members who came along to support the event and everyone who helped organise this event.

After these formalities and giving John Gridley his raffle prize of free membership for next year we got down to watching the Champions League Final and serious drinking.... well not so serious Golf Balling.



# THE CLAPPERS

(SIMILAR TO THE OSCARS)















# GOAL-TOPPERS

Player	Total League	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI	6th XI	Total Goals
01. Will Taylor	19	4	15-1					20
02. Dan Kelly	12			7-1	5-1			14
03. Nuno Santos	10					1	9-1	12
04. Jason Thomas	9		9-3					12
05. Dulanie Richards	9					9-1		10
06. Femi Arogundade	8		8					8
07. Denys Zhurbiy	7				5	2-1		8
08. Chris Rayner	6		6-1					7
09. Matt Haswell	6						6	6
10. Matt Bosher	5	3-4	1		1			9
11. Darcy Yates	5			4		1		5
12. Ivan Gladkow	4	4-4						8
13. Rob Greenway	4					4		4
14. Patrick Mhondiwa	4			2		2		4
15. Craig Usher	4	1	3					4
16. Lewis Ackermann	3	1-9			2			12
17. Chisanga Nshindano	3	3-3						6
18. Tom Rowe	3	1	2-3					6
19. Jamie Scott	3			1-1	1		1	4
20. Graham Willgoss	3		3-1					4
21. Ryan Gresty	3			3				3
22. Frazer Haswell	3						3	3
23. Ricardo Iglesias	3			2	1			3
24. Richard Moore	3		3					3
25. Conor Murphy	3		3					3
26. David Quainton	3		1	2				3
27. Ciaran Moorhouse	2			2-3				5
28. Adam Snook	2	2-1						3
29. Aaron Ackermann	2					1	1	2
30. Zeki Akdeniz	2					2		2
31. Tee Nash Bizayi	2			2				2
32. Ryan Burchell	2						2	2
33. Charlie Craig	2				2			2
34. Igor Curtis	2			1	1			2
35. Neal Davidson	2				1	1		2

Player	Total League	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI	5th XI	6th XI	Total Goals
36. David Hitchcock	2		2					2
37. David Scott	2			2				2
38. James Tilley	1	1-3						4
39. Alex Gladkow	1	1-1						2
40. Jack Hamill	1					1-1		2
41. John Orobator	1						1-1	2
42. Joshua Bennett	1					1		1
43. Simon Brown	1						1	1
44. Jay Carr	1						1	1
45. Mark Chappell	1				1			1
46. James Craig	1				1			1
47. Steve Cross	1					1		1
48. Jack Crowley	1					1		1
49. David Donovan	1			1				1
50. Andrew Graves	1	1						1
51. Dan Gridley	1					1		1
52. Joe Griffin	1		1					1
53. Chris Jones	1		1					1
54. Nikhil Kanani	1						1	1
55. Michael Kelly	1		1					1
56. Kevin Locke	1						1	1
57. Dan Loni	1				1			1
58. Ram Mahbubani	1						1	1
59. Rob McLaughlin	1						1	1
60. Cameron Paddock	1			1				1
61. Shane Payne	1				1			1
62. Max Plummer	1		1					1
63. Adam Prior	1			1				1
64. Chris Spencer	1						1	1
65. Ryan Stevens	1		1					1
66. Dan Whiteman	1	1						1
67. Kieran Yanson	1					1		1
68. Chris Wood	0	3						3
69. Arnold Collier	0						1	1
70. Will Low	0	1						1
71. Adamair Moreno	0					1		1
72. Chris Outred	0					1		1
73. Tony Postlethwaite	0			1				1
74. Kyle Smith	0					1		1
75. Paul Welch	0				1			1
72. David Williams	0			1				1
Own Goals				1	1			2
TOTAL	198	23-29	61-9	32-7	23-3	29-6	30-3	
CUP GOALS	57							

yellow = denotes cup goals

white = denotes clean sheet  
yellow = denotes penalty saves  
red = denotes goals conceded



## **Merton Football Club**

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