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The Specials' Report

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Souvenir Edition

27th July 2013



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups

Today we offer a warm 1066 Specials welcome to the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr Peter Field, who will be presenting us, on behalf of H.M. the Queen, with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

View from the Chair



Where do I start on this newsletter - it only seems like yesterday that I was writing the last newsletter?

Well what a remarkable few months being chairman of the 1066 Specials has been. On June 1st the club was presented with a cheque from the Rotary Club of Bexhill for £1000 and much to my surprise my family was presented with Rotary "Service Recognition Award" for our services to 1066 Specials. The very next morning, we officially heard that we had won the "Queens Award for voluntary service" which is the equivalent of all members of the club receiving an MBE! Only 117 voluntary organisations received the award this year so it was all the more remarkable achievement for the club.

Alison and I also had the pleasure of attending the Queens Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on June 6th along with Malcolm and Esther Thomsen - again an amazing once in a life time experience being invited to grace the lawns of Buckingham Palace alongside the Royal family.

With season now closed it was another great achievement to have 5 teams playing football in the Kent Disability League. We even managed to bring some silverware home this season with one of the adults teams winning their league and all the other remaining teams did very well in their respective leagues. A big thank you to all the players that have proudly represented the club this season.

The structure of the coaching on Saturdays is now a real pleasure to watch, the coaches are the back bone of the club and their professionalism has really earned the Specials high esteem in the Kent disability League. It is plain to see that all the players enjoy the coaching provided by the club, and I would like to thank the coaches, who give up there Saturdays and Sundays, for instilling the football skills in to our players that has now made the 1066 Specials the best independent disability football club in Sussex.

I hope you all enjoy the summer sunshine and look forward to seeing you all back at training on Saturday 7th September.

Barry Elphick

The Footie Team with the Wow Factor!

Today, Saturday the 27th July 2013, the sun will shine on the 1066 Specials, (whatever the weather) because today we are being favoured with a visit from The Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mr. Peter Field, who will be representing HM the Queen, to present us with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.



I feel strangely emotional as I type these words.

Ten years ago it was all about giving youngsters, with special needs, the opportunity to learn and play football. To give them equal opportunities to play sport the same as their siblings and friends. To be given an opportunity to be recognised for their talents and not patronised for their disabilities. What a wonderful and enriching ten years it has been. An organisation, such as the Specials, is not sustained because somebody has an idea.

It is sustained by all those people who have committed their time and talents to make the process successful. I have been humbled many times over by the support that I have received through the years. From the beginning, my vision was shared by Adrian Gaylon, the Rother Sports Development Officer, who far exceeded his professional duties with his enthusiastic support for this fledgling project (which has not diminished to this very day) and assuming secretarial duties at my request. At the same time, Les Andrews fortuitously retired from RDC's Treasury Dept., and

'accepted' the role of Treasurer. Les remained in post for eight years during which time he organised successful tournaments, at which he was also chief gazebo erector, constructed our website and for many years was the editor of The Specials Report. (Come back Les! All is forgiven!).

A committee was formed on the 21st May 2003. The original pioneers, because that does best describe them, were Mike and Angie Costello (who also used to regularly provide coffee and tea at the training sessions); Lisa Tattershall-Brown; Paul Borthwick and Lee Hulbert. The Committee were also expected to make up the teams on a Saturday and play five-a-side! I seem to remember that the lady players, especially Angie, were quite adept at kicking lesser mortals (me included) up in the air if a goal opportunity presented itself. Our first players were, Nicholas Costello, the Curtis family, (Sam, Tristan, Simon and Clare), Tom and Peter Search, Toby Wicks and Byron Speedy. Nicholas and Tristan now play for our successful adult side and both are qualified FA Coaches and assist in the coaching of our present crop of juniors! We are very proud of their achievements.

Although I kicked off as the Chairman, I passed the baton over to Mike Costello in 2006. He was followed by Colin Taylor in 2008 until Barry took over the reins in March 2011, and of course is still the man in the hot seat. Each one, in their turn, and in their individual ways, have contributed hugely in guiding the development of the 1066 Specials.

Now, as I review the last ten years all I can say is "Thank you everybody"

With the present excellent coaching squad under the guidance of Paul Anderson, a first class committee and a board of Trustees, who quietly audit the Club's continuing good practice, the 1066 Specials are set fair for many years to come. As we were in the past, the present worthy volunteers will care for the Club before handing it on to another group of ordinary folk who, inevitably, will prove to themselves and others that they too are extraordinary.

Finally, I would like to thank the 250 players that have shared the Specials experience over the past ten years. You are very special people. You have showed the world that you can play football and you have shared your spirit, humour, sympathy and friendship with me. I have been truly blessed.

The sun will shine today and continue to shine on the Specials, because you are the footie team with the wow factor !.

Keep smiling,

Harold (Aged 102)



Just the ticket (well OK - I mean voucher!)

The Sainsburys 'ACTIVE KIDS' scheme has come to an end for another year for which the club has banked 351 vouchers for next year. A very big thank you therefore to all of you that have donated vouchers from your weekly shop earlier in the year....a bit thumbs up to Sainsburys too! Our participation in this scheme is relatively recent as it was widened last year to include 'clubmark' clubs such as ours. So look out for vouchers again next year so that these can be exchanged for much needed equipment for our youngsters.

Tesco's have changed their scheme this year from spring to autumn and it is anticipated that tokens will be available from September. Please encourage friends and family to collect these on the club's behalf and bring them to training or hand to a committee member.

Tescos, Sainsburys and Morrisons locally all support our club in some shape or form for which these schemes are a small part. Keep collecting.....

Chris Mann
Committee member.

Report from the Head Coach, Paul Anderson



WOW!! I can report on a very successful 2012/13 season. It is most encouraging to report high numbers attending the Saturday morning training sessions, which we hope have been enjoyed by all, and as a result the football skills of the 1066 Specials players have developed to new levels. We now involve twenty five players competitively in the monthly Kent Disability League and tournaments.

This season's achievements have been fantastic! The 'A Team' finished top of the Championship League Div. 3 and the 'B Team' finished a creditable fourth.

Probably even more pleasing has been the enthusiasm and development of our players in the friendly tournaments. The improvement has been immense, and a number of these players will be representing the 1066 Specials in the Championship Div. 3 next season.

Next season, we plan to have a seven-a-side team in Division 2 of the Championship, a five-a-side team in Div. 3 as well as up to three teams playing in the friendly tournaments.

In addition to the above we also travelled to Surrey to take on Chelsea. We were again successful, overcoming the Blues by four goals to nil, and bringing home the Harold Lawrence Challenge Cup for the first time since its inception five years ago!

A massive thank you to all the players, parents, carers coaches and volunteers for your tremendous support. League/Tournament days have been great occasions, this season. **IT REALLY IS APPRECIATED!!!** The 1066 Specials is an inclusive club, we want everybody to be involved. I am certain that the great spirit of this season will

Junior Report



Well it is the end of another season and a great deal has been achieved! We have new fantastic coaches in Kirsty and Naomi whom have come on board and done a grand job! Many of the juniors have competed in the Kent Disability League and represented our club with pride. Each of you have competed to the best of your abilities and each of you should be very proud. As should those of you who come to training each session and have developed your skills over the last year. The more effort that you put in the more each of you have improved! Well done!

I am also pleased to see the numbers in the junior section grow. It has been lovely to see some new faces in the club and watch you enjoying the sessions and improving your

skills! The juniors are the future of our club and if any of you have friends that you think that may wish to join us then spread the word about our fantastic club!

All that is left for me to say is have a lovely summer break and we will look forward to seeing you again in September.

Jonathan Haddock

Kent Disability League – Maidstone

23/06/2013

Early on Sunday morning, twenty four players and numerous parents, volunteers and coaches headed north to the new home of Maidstone United, the Gallagher Stadium, to contest the final round of the Kent FA Disability League.

Representing the 1066 Specials FC were four teams. Two in Championship League Div. 3 and two in the friendly League.

1066 Specials 'A Team' were represented by:

David Barratt; Simon Curtis; Luke Offord; Carl Humphrey; Nicholas Costello.

The team has dominated the League, this season, and by winning four of their five games and losing only one, they not only won the tournament but were also confirmed as the League Champions.

Their one loss, which was the only game that they lost all season, was to the 1066 Specials 'B Team'!

The 'B Team' were represented by:

Sam Brown; Scott Greenway; Jonathan Williams; Tristan Curtis; Anthony Shannon; James Gray

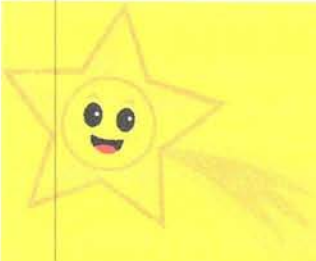
The 'Friendly League' teams also performed outstandingly, with several players making their debuts for the Specials. All their matches were played in a great spirit.

With wins against opposition from Charlton Athletic, Maidstone United, Canterbury City and Folkestone, the 1066 specials have represented both Rother and Sussex with distinction.



League champions !

*Final League Tables are published on
page 15



*Ladies and Gentlemen, presenting our stars
of the future...*

The 1066 Specials Junior Squad



Coach Kirsty



*Player of the Year
Oliver Moon*

Harold writes. . . The 1066 Specials are ten years old. At

about the same time as The Specials were founded. Dave Ramzan also started a similar team called the Invicta Valiants in Appledore, Kent. Dave wrote an excellent article for The National Children's Football Alliance about his learning experiences since his involvement with Disability Football, and where he felt it could be improved for the players, especially those with a physical disability. He also addressed the problems of the grass root, community clubs, such as the 1066 Specials, to be able to follow the model of specific impairment squads now introduced by the FA. He also suggested that possibly the only way that community clubs will be sustainable in the future would be to integrate in to professional football clubs large enough to have the resources to provide football coaching, the finances and administration. I responded to the article, from the perspective of being the founder of the Specials and from my own experiences.



This article is spot on, as I would expect from Dave Ramzan. We both became involved in forming disability football clubs at approx the same time, and made each other's acquaintance very early on. Neither of us, at that time, would have anticipated the trials and tribulations we would experience as a natural part of the process. We (especially myself) were rather naive, but overbrimming with enthusiasm and passion to provide football for disabled youngsters. Ten years 'down the line' I can honestly say that the angst has been far outweighed by the sheer joy and huge satisfaction that we have abundantly received from witnessing the achievements of young people challenging great difficulties and becoming footballers.

The 1066 Specials are a community club that has grown from five original youngsters to today, where we have approx 100 registered players. In fact over the 10 years of their existence, we have given 250 young people, with special needs, the opportunity to play football. We are a 100% volunteer organisation. We have a good group of coaches, all FA qualified (some of them we are proud to say are our original players). These are supported by a hard working, cohesive committee and the Board of Trustees. We have recently been honoured to receive the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Financially we are very stable due to a number of positive fund raising initiatives, and some generous support from the local community. However, with the continuing expansion of the Club, expenses are inevitably spiralling, so we can't afford to be complacent.

The majority of our players do have learning and behavioural difficulties, and I do agree that physically disabled players are at a disadvantage when it comes to being fully involved. Wheelchair users, I feel, are particularly badly catered for. As a club, we aspire to provide better opportunities for wheelchair football, Unified and Special Olympics. We would also like to be more active in the promotion of Ladies Disability Football. It is not, strangely, financial resources that restrict us but the provision of human resources. We will require more coaches who would be prepared to voluntarily accept the commitment to drive these projects forward.

I also believe that there should be a pathway for some of our players to be given the opportunity to play football at a higher level. I regret that mainstream football clubs, at present, do not provide the environment to allow players with special needs to progress. I had hoped that the Paralympics would have been a vehicle towards more enlightenment, but, even in my more optimistic moments, I fear that there is a lot of education of mainstream sport required. Perhaps we should play our part, through our involvement in disability football, in advising mainstream clubs on how to facilitate the involvement of some of our talented footballers. It might be a good start if they concentrated on talent and skills of individuals rather than patronising them for their disabilities.

I have no criticism of community clubs seeking local football teams to provide security and the sustainability in to the future for their vital work in the provision of football opportunities for disabled youngsters. At the 1066 Specials, I have to admit to having spurned the advances of local mainstream clubs to affiliate with them. I stuck to the principle that clubs such as the 1066 Specials should be supported by all members of the mainstream football community. There were times when our resolve did wobble, but I can honestly admit to have gratefully received support and encouragement, over the years, from the Town's three FA County League sides, as well as Hastings United. I have often questioned whether we would have received such generic support were we to have been affiliated to one or the other of these football teams.

Although the FA's support of disability football has improved immeasurably over the past ten years, I am still of the opinion that 'the powers that be' still do not have a full comprehension of the issues at a community level club. I have a number of unanswered questions, some of which have grumbled on for the whole of the ten years that I have been involved with 'The Specials'. A specific beef, is the statutory requirement to buy expensive Personal Accident insurance as part of affiliation to the County FA. My contention is that our players would never be able to submit a successful claim. Firstly, they all, without exception, have pre-existing medical conditions and very few, unfortunately, are in gainful employment, therefore not having an income to protect. Unless the FA can reassure me, I believe that we are buying insurance on the basis of poor advice.

I would like to end my comment, by thanking David for his well thought out article and researched arguments. I would also like to praise the National Children's Football Alliance for their positive approach to the propagation of best practice throughout the whole game.



Forthcoming Event !!!

1066 specials

BBQ and football fun

Bexhill United FC are hosting a BBQ and football fun for all members of the 1006 specials.

As we were a chosen charity for BUFC we will be getting presented with a donation from the lashings game.

On: Sunday 11th August

At: The Polegrove, Brockley Road, Bexhill.

Starting at: 1pm onwards.

All family members carers etc welcome.

Forthcoming Season!!!

Training Dates - Training Dates - Training Dates

First and last Saturdays of every month

7th September 2013	28th September 2013	5th October 2013	26th October 2013
6th November 2013	30th November 2013	7th December 2013	21st December 2013
4th January 2014	25th January 2014	1st February 2014	22nd February 2014
1st March 2014	29th March 2014	5th April 2014	26th April 2014
3rd May 2014	31st May 2014	7th June 2014	28th June 2014
5th July 2014	28th July 2014		

Tournament Dates - Tournament Dates

ADULTS

Sunday 15th September	2013
Sunday 13th October	2013
Sunday 17th November	2013
Sunday 9th February	2014
Sunday 9th March	2014
Sunday 13th April	2014

Venue:

The Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone

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JUNIORS

Sunday 29th September	2013
Sunday 27th October	2013
Sunday 24th November	2013
Sunday 23rd February	2014
Sunday 23rd March	2014
Sunday 27th April	2014
Sunday 18th May	2014

Venue:

'Play Football in Gillingham'

Subs for all Training Sessions Training Sessions are £3.00

All Players must register and pay before training.

It is an FA ruling that shin pads must be worn at all times. Regretfully, no player will be permitted to train or play in matches without wearing them.

10th Anniversary Party

The Specials really know how to party. Brighton Seagull Specials Star and England squad member, Martin Forsdyke, came to join in the fun and present the awards to The Specials' Players of the Season. Nearly 150 past and present players, parents and carers made this special night truly memorable!



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service rewards community groups for their commitment and active engagement in the community. The winning group is permitted to use the Queen's Award insignia for the life of their existence and the award, which is equivalent to a group MBE, is presented on behalf of Her Majesty by the Lord Lieutenant.



HM Lord Lieutenant—Peter Field

Peter Field was appointed by The Queen to be Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex on the 19th August 2008, having served as Her Majesty's Vice Lord Lieutenant from 2000.

A Chartered Surveyor by profession, he has always used his skills to support and help the single homeless. He was a Magistrate for more than 20 years before becoming Lord Lieutenant, and for many years served on the South East Leadership Team for the Prince of Wales' charity Business in the Community (BITC) being appointed the Prince of Wales' Ambassador for the South East in 2003. Not with standing his considerable duties representing HM The Queen, he takes seriously the Monarch's request that he provides encouragement and support for all sectors of the community. This includes supporting and encouraging military organisations, the business sector, statutory undertakings, and charitable and voluntary groups.

We are honoured to welcome the Lord Lieutenant, Mr Peter Field and his wife, Mrs Margaret Field. We are also delighted to welcome Deputy Lieutenant Mrs Marion Shepherd and The High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mr Graham Peters and his wife Mrs. Sarah Peters. Along with our other distinguished guests, we hope they enjoy their time spent within the family of the 1066 Specials.



Mrs Marion Shepherd DL

A nurse by profession, Marion Shepherd recently retired from business so now is an ambassador and chaplaincy volunteer for St Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne. She also sits on the committee of the Friends of Sussex Hospices and has for many years been an active supporter of the Army Cadet Force, and the ABF – the Soldiers Charity.



The High Sheriff-Graham Peters

Graham Peters has been involved on a voluntary basis in economic regeneration and charitable work across East Sussex for 15 years and sees his appointment as an opportunity to seek out and bring together businesses, charities and local government to improve communication and facilitate their working together.

MEET THE TRUSTEES.**Harold Lawrence: (Chair)**

Founded the Specials, in March 2003, during his Presidency of Bexhill Rotary. Director of a Travel Insurance company is the day job, but apart from his obsession with the 1066 Specials, he is also the Chairman of PODS1066 (Promotion of Disability sport and sportsmen/women). He was also delighted to accept the roll of President of the Westerleigh Judo Club, Battle, which is totally integrated (able bodied and special needs) and was awarded Club of the Year 2012 by the British Judo Association. He is also Chairman of Battle Writers Group and enjoys reading his work to blind listeners as a volunteer with the Bexhill talking Newspaper for the Blind. He considers himself a very lucky man to have been married to Angie for forty five years and has three lovely daughters who have given him five fantastic grandsons. At the moment he is too busy to retire, but is determined to relax once he reaches the age of a hundred when he hopes to be able to do a bit of travelling. Anticipates letting one of his fellow trustees take over the reins in 2014.

**Danny Sallows:**

Danny, a partner in a local firm of accountants, acts as Treasurer for the Trustees. He is a member of the Local Round Table raising funds for good causes and is a keen sportsman. He was instrumental in setting up the 1066 Specials Charity on our behalf.

**John Meadows:**

John is the owner of a freight forwarding company. He watches Liverpool play whenever possible and is a keen attendee at Grand Prix motor racing circuits. He is a lifetime supporter of Liverpool and was born and bred in the city, so we can forgive him! He is also a great fan of the 1066 Specials and during his Presidential year the Bexhill Rotary Club contributed over £2,500 to the Club funds. He is a great believer in being a 'hands-on' member of the Trustees, and he demonstrated this by organising a desperately needed team of volunteers to help at the 2007 Tournament.

**Richard Harrison:**

Richard is married with 3 grown up children and the Managing Partner in a local firm of Solicitors. He has always enjoyed playing and watching football, although he tells us that his playing career ended a long while ago! He first went to see Fulham when they were in the old First Division in about 1966. He has followed them down and up again, ever since. His 'supporting Fulham' highlight has to be The Cup Final in 1975 when Fulham lost 2-0 to West Ham with Alan Mullery and Bobby Moore in the team. Richard is a past president of Bexhill Rotary Club.

**John Cooper:**

John is a self employed Health & Safety Consultant and has also volunteered to be the club's Welfare Officer. He has a background in Engineering & Production Management and for several years worked as an Area Fund-raising Manager for Macmillan Cancer Support. He is a Past President of Hasting Lions Club and currently The President of Bexhill Rotary Club.

**Roger Batey:**

Roger has been a very good friend and supporter of the Specials. He was Bexhill Rotary Club President 2009/10 and nominated the Specials as his Charity. Why? In Roger's own words, "...because they are very SPECIAL for all that they have achieved in the Community" We welcomed Roger to the board of Trustees in 2012..

*Past Chairmen of the 1066 Specials*

Harold Lawrence;

Mike Costello;

Colin Taylor

*The Officers and Committee:***Chairman:** Barry Elphick**Secretary:** Fiona Deepprose-Kavanagh**Treasurer:** Esther Thomson**Vice Chair:** Paul Anderson

Committee: Jonathon Haddock, Mandy Donno, Mark Moon, Geoff Aslett,
Kirsty Donno.

Profiles of your Officers and committee members will appear in future Specials Reports

The Final Tables 2012/13

The Kent Adult Disability League

Division	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points	Position
Division 1									
Folkestone Invicta A	25	12	10	3	27	11	16	46	
Charlton A	25	10	9	6	21	14	7	39	2
Thanet Galaxy	25	10	9	6	21	18	3	39	3
Maidstone United Platinum	25	3	8	14	7	27	-20	17	4
Charlton Deaf FC	13	4	4	5	19	21	-2	16	5
Folkestone Invicta B	17	2	8	7	13	17	-4	14	6
Division 2									
Canterbury City	31	12	14	5	24	16	8	50	
Maidstone United Gold	31	11	10	9	28	30	-2	49	2
Equal Teams A	31	12	10	9	25	18	7	46	3
Invicta Valiants	31	11	7	13	25	23	2	45	4
Maidstone United Silver	31	9	11	11	20	30	-10	38	5
Folkestone C	31	3	12	16	10	30	-20	21	6
Division 3									
Thanet Galaxy	24	9	11	4	16	7	9	41	
St Margarets	24	8	12	4	13	6	7	36	2
Real Ginx	24	8	8	7	21	12	9	35	3
Maidstone United Bronze	24	8	10	6	22	10	12	34	4
Swainscombe Tigers A	19	6	9	4	15	10	5	27	5
Charlton Athletic B	24	1	15	8	5	18	-13	18	6
Division 4									
1966 FC A	25	20	4	1	65	3	62	64	
Seale Spiders	25	7	5	13	21	35	-14	26	2
Equal Teams B	25	5	10	10	21	32	-11	25	3
1966 FC B	10	7	1	2	16	8	8	22	4
Maidstone United Copper	25	4	7	14	18	48	-30	19	5
Swainscombe Tigers B	8	3	2	3	15	10	5	11	6
Archerings	10	2	3	5	8	16	-8	9	7

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