



"Sussex's most inspiring and aspiring football club"

The 1066 Specials Report (A.G.M. Edition) March 2015

Football legend and President of the Special Olympics, GB, Lawrie McMenemy M.B.E is the very special Guest of Honour at the 1066 Specials' 12th Annual General Meeting and Award Ceremony. This is always a very important day in the Specials' Year, and this year it is extra special because the event will end up at the Bexhill Museum, where Lawrie has kindly agreed to unveil the 1066 Specials Display of Trophies and Memorabilia.



Thanks Lawrie for making the long journey from Romsey, Hants. in order to make our day so special. You are warmly welcomed.



He's older than an Aussie tree!

*News flash!!!!
1066 and all that...
"King" 'Arnold
Abdicates...
Read all about it!*



His eyes aint as good as they were!

Don't panic, Chaps and Chapesses, I'm not running away, I love you all far too much to become a deserter, but the 1066 Specials Football Club is too important to be allowed to get stuck in a rut. We tell the world that we are the most inspiring and aspiring football club in Sussex, and we are. We have a team of super volunteers that are supporting and producing great footballers. I am as passionate about the Specials as I have ever been, I am the past and I am part of the present but **all of you represent the future**. It is your Club and I truly believe that it is in good hands.

I will continue to be as enthusiastic as ever, though my waning energy will be dissipated in different directions. I shall continue in my role as Chairman of the Trustees and, along with my fellow trustees, will continue to safeguard the 1066 Specials charitable status and oversee the Club's continuing good practice and sound ethics.

The Club will continue to be administered by Hon. Sec. Fiona and the excellent committee, whilst the football will be directed by Paul Anderson and his great team of FA qualified coaches. It is these dedicated volunteers that will ensure that the family of the 1066 Specials will be sustained. They are anxious to let people know that they are not a clique and anyone who would like to become involved in the running of the club will be warmly welcomed. Please give them your support and encouragement—they deserve it. Included in this edition of the Specials Report are contributions from Fiona, Esther and Mark, all of them are players' parents *and* volunteers. The 1066 Specials is much more than just another football club. It is an environment in which friendships grow, support is given and the football is played in a spirit of good sportsmanship and fun.

You will have been advised that we now have opened a 'Just Giving' account so that it is easy to make donations or raise sponsorship for the Specials. So if you or anyone you know fancies taking on a challenge and would like to raise sponsorship for the Specials, - my 'unbiased' advice is not to procrastinate, go for it! You'll never regret it and nor will the 1066 Specials. At the AGM we are officially launching the 1066 Specials Supporters Club. It is only £10.00 per year to join, and tax-payers can opt to gift-aid their subscription, which means that a further £2.50 is donated by the inland revenue! Please be a supporter and also encourage, friends and family to join as well. This will guarantee that the 1066 Specials will be able to provide football training to people with disabilities long in to the future and hopefully, one day enable us to achieve our constant ambition to have our very own centre and club room.

In September we were delighted to become members of the Sussex Disability League. Paul Anderson and David Barrett are members of the League Management Committee and I have also recently been pleased to accept the role of Club Liaison Officer which means that I am available to offer advice or help to any independent disability clubs throughout the County. My suitability for the role is based purely on my experience with the 1066 Specials so if I can help in establishing other disability football clubs in the county, it will be another feather in the cap of the 1066 Specials rather than mine.

Well, we have been playing football for thirteen years, doesn't time fly when you are enjoying yourself. It has been a great adventure for me personally and I hope it has been for everybody else who have been swept up in to the 1066 Specials experience. One thing is for sure, once you are touched the fingerprint never fades. Whether a player, a parent or a volunteer and no matter where your journey takes you, you will always be part of the family and on your return there will always be a welcome home.



Wise words from "the Gaffer" Paul Anderson

Inspirational and Enjoyable are the TWO words that I associate with my involvement in the I066 Specials FC over the last three years.

I still get a tremendous sense of pride and togetherness every time our full fifty- seat coach departs from Bexhill on our way to the football tournaments.

The players continue to put in a tremendous effort to achieve their full potential as well as creating a fantastic club atmosphere.

The coaching team of Kirsty Donno, Mark Moon, Duncan Nolan, Chris Osborne, Thomas Elphick, Brian Cook, Chris Cook and Geoff Aslett, continue to put on high quality sessions which are fully appreciated.

Last May, Chris Osborne and Mark Moon were awarded their FA level 1 coaching award, along with four players, David Barratt, Luke Offord, Scott Greenway and Simon Curtis, which was, for me, the highlight of the year. We intend to develop these players coaching skills within our training sessions, with mentoring assistance from Sussex FA's Ian Hinkley-Smith, which is very much appreciated.

We are currently competing in the Sussex Disability Football League, which has 25 Teams competing over five divisions. We are represented by five teams, covering all the age groups. Under 13, under 18 plus three adult teams.

Like the Kent FA tournament held at Maidstone, which we played in for two seasons, so the Sussex FA tournament offers a tremendous opportunity to play competitive football, with suitable playing levels implemented, in an appropriate environment. The Sussex FA tournament is aiming to create an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere where friendship, sportsmanship and fair play are encouraged above "the winning".

We are currently challenging for honours in all of the leagues, which is a tremendous effort and the quality of football being played by all teams is of a standard that is a pleasure to watch.

The biggest joy for me however is the sight of yellow and blue of the I066 Specials, on all three pitches, simultaneously representing the football club at all levels.

On Sunday 10th May we will be travelling to Surrey to take on the Surrey Blues in the annual challenge match, in the expectation of bringing the Harold Lawrence trophy back to Sussex.

We must make sure that the tremendous spirit that is within the club remains alive and well and remember, I always want to hear your views and ideas for the continuing successful development of this special football club.

ENJOYMENT IS OUR AIM.

Mums, Dads, and Carers are special too!

Mark and Tracey Moon first brought son Oliver to the Specials in 2010. Read what Mark has to say about his experience with the 1066 Specials...

" Because I feel so passionate about this Club, I have joined the committee. . . "



Mark and Tracey Moon enjoying themselves at the 1066 Specials' 10th Birthday Party



Oliver Moon, The 'Junior Player of the Year' 2012

We started taking our son Oliver to the 1066 Specials when he was about six years old. The welcome we received was fantastic. The volunteers, families and carers and, most of all, the young players made Oliver feel part of their team straight away. Now, five years later, Oliver is nearly 11 and still enjoys his football training as much as the first day he started.

Because I feel so passionate about this Club, I have joined the committee and also completed level 1 of the Football Association's coaching course. The enjoyment I receive from helping and watching the progress of all the young players is immeasurable. I feel very privileged to be part of the 1066 Specials. The children get so much out of playing football.

Oliver's confidence has noticeably grown over the years, and I believe that is mainly thanks to the 1066 Specials

Follow Mark's example and get involved—you'll love the Specials even more !!



*Now let's hear from...
the winner of the 'East Sussex Coach of the
Year Award 2014' and 1066 Specials very own
Junior Coaching Co-ordinator, Kirsty Donno*

Since my last report, in September, the Junior Section continues to grow and are developing both as a team and individuals. I would like to thank all the players for the hard work that they are putting in to training, which, as your skills are definitely improving, is really paying off.

We have been playing in the Sussex Disability League Tournament for over a year, and amazes me how much we continue to improve and play as a team. We now have a full squad of seven players. It is also great to hear players from other teams wanting to play for us.

At the most recent League Tournament, two new players wore the 1066 Specials shirt for the first time, and they certainly wore it with pride! Both stepped up to the Specials' benchmark and played to a high standard. Well done Teo and Theo at your first ever tournament. I must also mention the fantastic saves made by goalkeeper Ciaron and the skilful Jay, playing as a defender for the first time, who really did shine. Ewan also stepped up to the mark in defence, talking and encouraging his team throughout the game. Well done Tom for scoring a great goal and also to Oliver who really got stuck in! The team, unfortunately, didn't get the results that there play deserved. They lost the first game 4-0, which did not reflect the even contest, and the second game was also a close encounter which ended 4-2.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches, Simon, Mark, Tristan and Luke, for their invaluable help at training sessions. Also my thanks to all the parents, carers and supporters for assisting in the continued development of such a special club.

That's enough from me now! Next time you hear from me, I will be telling you how much the Juniors have grown, so watch this space...



The 1066 Specials stars of the future—The Junior Squad 2014/15



" When Irish Eyes are smiling. . . "

Hon . Secretary Fiona's View of the 1066 Specials 2014—2015

I would like to thank Harold, all the committee members and coaches for their continued support. Especially I would like to give a big thank you to the players for allowing me to be a small part of their lives.

I recently had a conversation with one of our coaches about how we feel about being part of the 1066 Specials. We both agreed that we always leave training sessions feeling happy, even if the rest of the week had been bad, and that is due to the great relationships between everyone in the Club. For the players, coaches and the rest of us volunteers it is fun!

Recently a player asked me how much we earned working for the Club. This particularly surprised me as I thought everyone knew that we are all volunteers, but I assured him that we were all enriched by the experience. So, if you want to feel like a millionaire, come and join the happy band of the 1066 Specials volunteers!!!

Our Christmas party and the trip to Wembley for the Ladies' International between England and Germany were both huge successes. Meeting socially, outside of football training, enhances friendships between everyone involved with the Club so it would be great to see more players, parents, carers and family members supporting future social events.

Just a little reminder to all players. Subs are only £3.00 per session, but it is understandable that on occasions pockets can be empty and it is difficult to pay. If this situation arises you must still register and let us know that you will pay next time. This is very important as we need to record who is at training in order to comply with the FA's Health and Safety regulations.

Finally, well done to all the players for all the compliments that the Club receives, wherever you go, regarding your good behaviour. You are great ambassadors for the 1066 Specials Football Club. I speak on behalf of the Committee and Coaches when I say that we are very proud of you. Your good reputation reflects gloriously on the Club, but always remember that good reputations are hard won but easy to lose ,so keep up the good work.



A BIG THANK YOU, and loads of respect, to Fiona for the amount of time she devotes, in the middle of a very busy life, to the 1066 Specials. I have to say that she does a fair bit of worrying on our behalf too—but then somebody has to!



Last year's Volunteer of the Year, Esther Thomsen is retiring from her role as club Treasurer after three years in the post. We are not going to lose her talents altogether though because she intends to remain on the Committee. She has been a diligent and conscientious book-keeper on behalf of the Specials and has made sure that we have not slipped in to the 'red'. She might well be head-hunted by one of the Football League clubs, as their bean counters, apparently, find it almost impossible to emulate Esther and keep their clubs financially healthy.

Thanks a bundle, Esther!



1066 Specials—Financial Health Check 2014/15

The figures shown below represent the income received from members of the club compared to the cost of keeping the 1066 Specials operating from week to week. There is an apparent shortfall of over £6000!

How does the 1066 Specials remain solvent?

Since the Club's formation, we are and have been indebted to generous support from local organisations, businesses, and individuals. We are grateful to Bexhill Rotary Club for their continuing sponsorship and also to the generosity of Wilmoth's of Battle, Battle Rotary Club, Bexhill Lions, the pupils of Little Common Primary School and many others that have financially supported us over the years. We have also been fortunate, from time to time, to receive considerable sums from individual sponsorships. Donna and Sam (Three Peaks Challenge) and former coach Steve Wilson (Hastings Half-Marathon) are good examples.

All these donations are paid in to the Trust account of the charity and are transferred to the Club when necessary to support running costs. You will see why it is important that players' subs are paid on time. It helps cash flow and also shows, in a tangible way, to the wider community that you are contributing towards your Club. It is clear that if future aspirations are to be achieved, including the big ambition of having our own venue and headquarters, external fund raising will always be needed.

Income **£**

Subs. received	1691.42
Sundry Income	1219.74

Total Income: 2911.16

Expenditure **£**

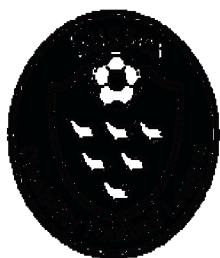
Transport	3700.00
Catering	67.48
Printing	263.60
Kit and Equip.	1748.80
Postage	39.24
Sundries	455.00
Venue	1683.00
Fees	1029.00

(FA affiliation, insurance etc)

Total Spend: 8986.42

That is why I draw to your attention the newly formed **1066 Specials Supporters Club.(Friends of the Specials)**. If we can build a membership of as few as 500, the Club's financial future **will** be assured and this great Club **will be** sustained for future generations to enjoy. Membership is only £10.00 per annum and can be paid through the club's 'Just Giving', account, accessed via our website (www.1066specials.org.uk), or alternatively by cash, cheque or standing order. Membership application forms can be obtained from Harold or any member of the committee. Talk up the Specials and encourage Mums and Dads, Carers, friends and family to become our supporters! By the way, if taxpayers opt to pay their subscription through Gift Aid it costs them nothing but it gains the Club an additional 25% contribution from the Tax man!!

The Club has consistently developed over thirteen years since its foundation. Its greatest asset is its people. This will always be the ethos of the 1066 Specials, and this is why we are grateful for your support. I know, without any shadow of doubt, that the Club will always be too valuable to lose.



Developing Disability Football Throughout Sussex

...And the 1066 Specials are fully playing their part. Both on the field and on the management committee...

We have entered teams in all the divisions. Premiership, Championship, Under 18's and Juniors as well as the important Friendly Squad—and all are doing well. Among the backroom boys Paul Anderson, Dave Barrett and Harold Lawrence are members of the management committee. Dave Barret has the extra responsibility of being the league's Marketing and communications Officer.



More of our exceptional footballers who wear the 1066 Specials shirt with pride and distinction. You can tell from their smiley faces that playing football for and with the 1066 Specials is fun.



Sussex Disability League Dates 2015

19th April; 17th May; 21st June

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What do you think of our elegant Coaches in their smart new kit?

(I might get them some Easter Bonnets to go with it –editor)

... Now, here are the 1066 footballers making their coaches smile as they showcase the skills learned at the training sessions



All Sussex Disability League match results, goal-scorers and current league tables are published on the website –www.1066specials.org.uk
You can also read them in the sports pages of the Hastings/Bexhill Observer

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Football—Seventies style—when Lawrie McMenemy was King!



A little bit more that you may not know about our very special guest . . .

Lawrie McMenemy MBE is most famously known as Manager of Southampton Football Club during their most successful period in history, guiding his team to FA Cup victory in 1976 against Manchester United. As Southampton Manager, Lawrie also introduced an enhanced youth development policy. Graduates of this programme include England internationals Mark Wright, Mathew Le Tissier and Alan Shearer. In 1990 he was appointed as Manager of the England u-21's and was also the Assistant Manager to the full England team. In 1998 he was appointed as Manager to the Northern Ireland team.

Although still very much involved in football, Lawrie is also a sought-after public speaker, specialising in management motivation. He has addressed this theme at conferences for numerous corporations, including Reuters, Hewlett Packard, Sema Group, Lloyds Bank, IBM, The Royal Mail and Kwik-Fit. Lawrie has written two books, *Diary of a Season* and *Lawrie McMenemy's Book of Soccer*. He has made frequent appearances on TV football panels, including 5 World Cups as a pundit and analyst, and was for some years a summariser on Sky News and Eurosport.

In 2000 he became an Ambassador for the Football Association, and in this role he travelled to Afghanistan and help set up a national league. He also liaised with the English team in the Special Olympics and was appointed Chairman of Special Olympics Great Britain in 2004. He was awarded an MBE Honours by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2006 and was made a Freeman of the City of Southampton in 2007. As well as being Chairman of the Board and an Ambassador for Special Olympics GB, Lawrie is also the President of Age Concern, Hampshire, and supports the Alzheimer's Society and the Hampshire Autistic Society. In December 2010, Lawrie was appointed President of the Honorary Board of Special Olympics GB.

Well, there you have it. . . A potted history of a genuine and rightly celebrated man who has still made time to come and help the 1066 Specials' day very special. Lawrie, we sincerely hope that you enjoy your time spent with us ~ and once again,

THANK YOU!

The 1066 Specials Football Club play football, have fun, make friendships and believe in sportsmanship



“The Beautiful Game” - Pele