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UNIQUELY REAL WALKING FOOTBALL – NO RUNNING – NO CONTACT – PROMOTING DUTY OF CARE



Good to be back . . .



Thank you for your continuing support in these difficult times and I hope you and your loved ones are keeping well and are able to enjoy the gradual removal of COVID restrictions.

On Sunday May 23rd the group stages of the over 50s league reached it's conclusion.

Congratulations go to Coleshill Strollers and Hartshill Strollers who topped their respective groups in the Over 50's League with Coleshill recording a 100% record.

Also well done to their striker Shane Abell, who topped the goal scorers chart, with an impressive seven goals, narrowly edging out Birmingham's Steve Burr.

Special mention must go to out to our three new teams with Shrewsbury, Stone Certs and Wilnecote not getting the results that at times there performances merited



*BCWFL League Chairman,
Tony Clamp*

Moving forward the new league structure will be announced in July for approval and fixtures to follow in August with the new season ready for a early September start.

With that in mind we are already looking at new teams that would like to join us.

The 58's League will conclude on June 13th and games will be played at the Alan Higgs Centre, Coventry with kick-off time at 10.00am.

The venue and time change is due to the fact that England play Croatia in the Euros at 2.00pm. and Sunday the 20th is Fathers Day.

Many thanks to all that took part and hope that the league continues to provide a platform for the UKs fastest growing competitive veteran sport.

It was super to be able to resume the Walking Football Leagues, and all of you must take great credit for the success of the Leagues.

Despite Covid-19 and lockdown, your committee wish to thank all the teams that were involved in the League for their continuing support.

Finally I would like to thank all the referees for their part in this success. Without them the matches would not have taken place.

It is a thankless job, with the main issue concerns the running, where there is so many interpretations. But next season let us be more vigilant in accepting the referee's decisions as the referee is trying to ensure it is a safe and friendly environment for players.

Matchday 5 **Wednesday, 23 May 2021**
@ Coleshill

Over 50's Purple League

Stone Certs **0** v Sutton's Finest . . . **3**
J. Latham (2), Peter Hipkiss

Bedworth & District . **0** v Coleshill Strollers . **1**
Shane Abell

Halfway '82 **3** v Wolverhampton . . . **0**

Over 50's Cyan League

Boldmere St. M. . . . **0** v Hartshill Strollers. **2**
Mark Henshaw, Dave Franklin

Wilnecote Strollers . **1** v Coleshill Walkers . **2**
Andy Baker *Adrian Whitehouse (2)*

Shrewsbury 99ers . **1** v Birmingham WF . **4**
Richard Pike *Nigel Beer (4)*

Over 58's League

Rushall Raiders . . . **0** v Hartshill Strollers . **3**

Birmingham WF . . . **1** v Coleshill Strollers **0**
Clive Macey

Bedworth & District . **0** v Boldmere St. M. . . **2**
Dave Clarke, Dave Tipper

Wolverhampton **0** v Shard End **3**

FRIENDLIES

Halfway Taverners . **2** v Hartshill Strollers . **3**
Lee Watkins, Bob Beacham *Ian Trevor, John Wooton, Sarv Tah*

Shard End **1** v Halfway '82 **3**
Lee Johnson *Brian Lynn (3)*

Matchday 4 **Wednesday, 26 May 2021**
@ Coleshill

Over 63's – 11.30am to 12.30pm

(MSA) Burntwood . **2** v Boldmere St. M. . . **5**
John Branch, Ken Smith *Graham Liddiard (2), Alan Hewitt, Lee Perrow, Dave 'O'Floy*

Solihull Moors **1** v Rushall Raiders . . **1**
Barry Huntington *Rob Radcliffe*

Coleshill Strollers . . **1** v Shard End **4**
Steve Hinsley *Tim Bull (2), Derek Hamilton (2)*

Hartshill Strollers . . **1** v Birmingham WF . . **1**
Eddie Tromans *Simon Krstic*

Over 50's League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coleshill Strollers	5	5	0	0	15	1	15
Sutton's Finest	5	4	0	1	9	12	12
Halfway 82	5	3	0	2	11	6	9
Wolverhampton	5	2	0	3	11	7	6
Bedworth & District	5	1	0	4	9	13	3
Stone Certs	5	0	0	5	4	21	0

Over 50's League Table

Hartshill Str	5	4	1	0	14	2	13
Birmingham WF	5	4	1	0	15	7	13
Boldmere St. M.	5	2	1	2	7	6	7
Coleshill Walkers	5	2	0	3	9	9	6
Shrewsbury 99ers	5	1	1	3	7	10	4
Wilnecote	5	0	0	5	2	15	0

Over 58's League Table

Birmingham WF	5	5	0	0	12	2	15
Coleshill Strollers	5	4	0	1	14	2	12
Hartshill Str.	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
Boldmere St. M.	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
Shard End	5	2	1	2	12	12	7
Rushall Raiders	5	1	0	3	3	20	3
Wolverhampton	4	0	1	3	3	10	1
Bedworth & District	4	0	1	2	3	11	1

Over 63's League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham WF	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Hartshill Strollers	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
Boldmere St. M.	4	2	1	1	10	5	7
Solihull Moors	4	1	2	1	4	6	5
MSA (Burntwood)	4	1	1	2	10	10	4
Shard End	4	1	1	2	6	9	4
Coleshill Strollers	4	0	2	2	4	9	2
Rushall Raiders	4	0	1	2	3	12	1

Ladies/Gentlemen, remember we are in a Pandemic and we must all act responsibly and adhere to guidelines set by the Government, FA and the Venue we are hiring.

Please adhere to the BCWFL's Code of Conduct and respect the decisions of the Referees.

Footwear:

On the pitch and surrounding area inside the metal fence moulded boots only to be worn. No trainers, flip flops, bare feet, socks, astro boots, no metal studs. Shin Pads is mandatory.

OVER 50'S LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Goalscorer	Team	Goals
Shane Abell	Coleshill Strollers	7
Steve Burr	Birmingham WF	6
M. Holdcroft	Wolverhampton	5
Nigel Beer	Birmingham WF	4
Mark Taylor	Coleshill Strollers	4
Ade Whitehouse	Coleshill Walkers	4
Dave Franklin	Hartshill Strollers	4
Peter Hipkiss	Sutton's Finest	4
C. Bend	Bedworth & District	3
Brendan Mulcahy	Boldmere St. M.	3
Simon Matthews	Halfway 82	3
Richard Pike	Shrewsbury 99ers	3
Peter Bennett	Stone Certs	3
J. Latham	Sutton's Finest	3
P. Nicholls	Bedworth & District	2
G. Stephens	Bedworth & District	2
Steve Crilley	Birmingham WF	2
Tony Gormley	Coleshill Strollers	2
Dave Keen	Coleshill Walkers	2
Dave Mendham	Shrewsbury 99ers	2
E. Murmanis	Wolverhampton	2
C. Boffin	Bedworth & District	1
C. Cribdon	Bedworth & District	1
Fred Scholes	Bedworth & District	1
Nigel Burr	Birmingham WF	1
Steve Crilley	Birmingham WF	1
Graham Sturdy	Birmingham WF	1
Paul Earl	Boldmere St. M.	1
Brendan Maxwell	Boldmere St. M.	1
Steve Shorrock	Boldmere St. M.	1
Seamus Luby	Coleshill Strollers	1
Paul Langston	Coleshill Strollers	1
Daz Archer	Halfway 82	1
Steve Gough	Halfway 82	1
Mark Fox	Hartshill Strollers	1
Mark Henshaw	Hartshill Strollers	1
S Mancini	Hartshill Strollers	1
Mike Roberts	Shrewsbury 99ers	1
Andy Taylor	Shrewsbury 99ers	1
Marcus Powell	Stone Certs	1
Keith Ball	Sutton's Finest	1
Michael Willis	Sutton's Finest	1
Andy Baker	Wilnecote	1
Roy Wilcox	Wilnecote	1
T. Bernard	Wolverhampton	1
Peter Uppal	Wolverhampton	1
J. Yates	Wolverhampton	1

OVER 58'S LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Goalscorer	Team	Goals
Ricky Perry	Coleshill Strollers	4
P. Metcalf	Rushall Raiders	4
Clive Macey	Birmingham WF	3
Dave Whatmore	Birmingham WF	3
Mab Hussaine	Coleshill Strollers	3
Brad Russell	Coleshill Strollers	3
Billy Stokes	Coleshill Strollers	3
Rob Dunning	Hartshill Strollers	3
Phil Taylor	Shard End	3
S. Mancini	Bedworth & District	2
Richard Dawson	Birmingham WF	2
Mark Evans	Birmingham WF	2
Graham Liddiard	Boldmere St. M.	2
Dave Tipper	Boldmere St. M.	2
Sarvesh Tah	Hartshill Strollers	2
Richard Dawson	Birmingham WF	1
Roy Williams	Birmingham WF	1
Gary Broome	Coleshill Strollers	1
John McGinnell	Coleshill Strollers	1
Dave Clarke	Boldmere St. M.	1
Nick Gessey	Boldmere St. M.	1
Dave Franklin	Hartshill Strollers	1
Chris Pardoe	Hartshill Strollers	1
Reg Walker	Hartshill Strollers	1
Derek Hamilton	Shard End	1

OVER 63'S LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Goalscorer	Team	Goals
John Branch	MSA (Burntwood) Strollers	5
Paul Feeney	Birmingham WF	4
Graham Liddaerd	Boldmere St. M.	4
Tim Bull	Shard End	4
Alan Hewitt	Boldmere St. M.	3
Stuart Wilson	MSA (Burntwood) Strollers	3
David Floy	Boldmere St. M.	2
Steve Hinsley	Coleshill Strollers	2
Roy Scott	Coleshill Strollers	2
Chris Pardoe	Hartshill Strollers	2
Ian Trevor	Hartshill Strollers	2
Ken Smith	MSA (Burntwood) Strollers	2
Derek Hamilton	Shard End	2
Vernon Dore	Solihull Moors	2
Barry Huntington	Solihull Moors	2
Jim Fardy	Coleshill Strollers	1
Mark Evans	Birmingham WF	1
Peter Giddings	Birmingham WF	1
Steve Krstic	Birmingham WF	1
Clive Macey	Birmingham WF	1
Lee Perrow	Boldmere St. M.	1
Jamie Davies	Coleshill Strollers	1
Joe Lowes	Hartshill Strollers	1
Eddie Tromans	Hartshill Strollers	1
Phil Metcalf	Rushall Raiders	1
Rob Radcliffe	Rushall Raiders	1
Steve Rushbury	Rushall Raiders	1

THE BAR WILL BE OPEN

Players staying for a drink after **MUST** adhere to Coleshill Town's

Covid guidelines.

People must sit outside and order their drinks at the table

Maximum of 6 at a table.

Hand Sanitisers to be used



Matchday
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Over 58s

Over 50's Friendlies, Over 58's League @ Coleshill Town on Sunday, 6 June, 2021



Over 50's 2.00pm



Over 58's 3.00pm



Over 50's 4.00pm

1 Ref:

Coleshill Strollers

v

Hartshill Strollers

1 Ref:

Coleshill Strollers

v

Shard End

1 Ref:

Bedworth & District

v

Shrewsbury 99ers

2 Ref:

Wolverhampton

v

Pele's Pearls

2 Ref:

Hartshill Strollers

v

Bedworth & District

2 Ref:

Stone Certs

v

Wilnecote Strollers

3 Ref:

Halfway '82

v

Boldmere St. M.

3 Ref:

Boldmere St. M.

v

Birmingham WF

3 Ref:

Sutton's Finest

v

Halfway Taverners

4 Ref: TBC

Friendly v Friendly

4 Ref:

Friendly v Friendly

Matchday
3

Over 63's League @ Coleshill Town
Wednesday, 9 June 2021 - 11.30am - 12.30

1 Ref:

Birmingham WF

v

Rushall Raiders

3 Ref:

Solihull Moors

v

Boldmere St. M.

2 Ref:

Hartshill Strollers

v

Coleshill Strollers

4 Ref:

Shard End

v

MSA (Burntwood)

2 SPARE QUADRANTS

At the last Over 58's League matches at
Alan Higgs Centre
Allard Way, Coventry CV3 1HW
on Sunday, June 13th

and there will be two
7-a-side pitches available.

*The cost will be £40.00 per team which
will include a qualified referee's fee.*

1st Pitch: 11.00am - 12.00

2nd Pitch: 11.00am - 12.00

If any teams are interested in getting game
time please get in touch by:

Message or telephone, Keith Parfitt on
07828548569

or email

keith_parfitt@yahoo.com



Over 50's LEAGUE SOCCER ROUND-UP



Shrewsbury 99ers... 1 Birmingham WF ... 4

This was the first time that these teams had ever met and it proved to be a cracker.

The first half belonged to Shrewsbury who with some intelligent keep ball and some quick counter attacks looked like they was going to spring a shock result.

Shrewsbury took the lead midway through the first half with a fine team goal and a cool finish by Richard Pike.

While Birmingham were having the higher percentage of the ball some stout defending by Shrewsbury back line kept Birmingham at Bay.

Nigel Beer for Birmingham was a constant threat and after having one goal disallowed for running he equalised with a fine individual goal just before half time.

The second half started very similar to the first and with Birmingham having the knowledge that Hartshill were still level with Boldmere and a win for Birmingham WF could see them go to the top of the table if Hartshill did finish all square.

Birmingham applied more pressure on the 99ers defence who were still standing strong and Richard Pike always on hand to help out.

The introduction of another forward Milan Mazic helped break the deadlock when he played an unselfish ball to Nigel Beer who calmly finished.

Shrewsbury battle hard to get back into the game but when they did break through they found Heath Underwood in the Birmingham goal in fine form. Nigel Beer went on to complete his hat-trick before adding a fourth at the end.

°Boldmere St. M.... 0 Hartshill Strollers ... 2

After the first half it was difficult to see which team was going for the title with Boldmere completely dominating top of the table Hartshill.

Boldmere St. M. must have had 10 shots on goal to Hartshills 2, but found the crossbar and post in the way and the great form of goalkeeper, Roger Furnell, standing in the way of them taking the lead.

The prompting of Brendan Maxwell in midfield was a constant thorn to Hartshill's defence and on a couple of occasions was unlucky not to score. The usual reliable Brendan

Mulcahy, twice was foiled by great saves from Roger Furnell. At half-time it was 0-0 much to the relief of Hartshill. The second half saw a definite change in Hartshill as they defended strongly but looked more assertive on the break. Against the run of play Hartshill went ahead through Mark Henshaw and it seemed to knock the steam out of Boldmere's control of the game and suddenly it was Boldmere's keeper Carl Clinton that was coming to rescue of Boldmere but could do nothing about Hartshill top scorer Derek Franklin from putting them 2-0 ahead with a fine left foot shot

Wilnecote Strollers 1 Coleshill Walkers ... 2

This was a much better performance from Wilnecote as the are still finding their feet in the League.

They are still searching for their first win and on the evidence of this performance they should not have to wait too long Wilnecote kept battling away but for some naive defending might have taken a point.

Ade Whitehouse scored two well taken goals then Coleshill took their foot off the gas and allowed Wilnecote to pull one back through Andy Baker to give Coleshill a last few nervy minutes.



*Nigel Beer . . .
4 good goals for
Birmingham WF*

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New team in the 50s League –STONE CERTS: *Back row left to right – Billy McGrath, Gareth Jones, Marcus Powell, Adrian Martin, Gareth Edwards, Darren Pickering (Manager)*
Front row left to right – Paul O'Donnell, Soloman Hancox, Pete Bennet (Skipper) Mark McCory

Stone Certs ... 0
Sutton's Finest... 3

It is so hard to believe that Stone Certs are still looking for their first points of the season. The first half they dominated with some real fine football and most of the best moves going through the silky skills of Marcus Powell. Stone Certs had 4 or 5 shots to every one of Sutton's and surprisingly found themselves down at halftime. The second half now saw Sutton's Finest in control although they had some anxious moments whenever Stone ventured forward. During the second half with Sutton's Finest in control Stone still had their moments and must rue the chances that they missed, especially in the first half and where they created a lot of the clearcut chances but without really testing the goalkeeper. The more Stone Certs pushed forward the bigger the gaps appeared in their defence and was beginning to be exploited more and more by Sutton's Finest attack. Eventually Sutton ran out 3-0 winners, a scoreline that flattered to deceive. Goalscorers for Sutton's Finest were J. Latham (2) and P. Hipkiss

Coleshill Strollers ... 1
Bedworth & District ... 0

League leaders, Coleshill Strollers, in the Purple Division were given a shock by Bedworth & District who they struggled to overcome. Bedworth defended resolutely and restricted Coleshill to very few chances and a couple of times threatened to take the lead themselves. Coleshill dominated, Bedworth defended, and it needed a cool finish from the league's top scorer Shane Abell to break the deadlock. Coleshill kept driving forward at every opportunity to try to add to their tally but were kept at bay by a diligent Bedworth defence and excellent goalkeeping by Ken "Baggy" Badland, returning to action after injury which saw doubts of him playing between the sticks again. In the end the result kept Coleshill's unbeaten record and won them the Purple League title.



Ken "Baggy" Badland, a man of the match performance after injury



Over 58's LEAGUE SOCCER ROUND-UP



Birmingham WF .. 1 Coleshill Strollers...0

In a typically tight, even, occasionally feisty game Birmingham WF 58+ side put their 100% record up against a Coleshill side boasting a similarly impressive record on a breezy, damp Sunday afternoon at Coleshill FC.

The game saw excellent football from both sides in between the frequent stoppages for various offences. Coleshill managed to compress the Birmingham side into their own half of the pitch for a considerable portion of the 1st half but real chances were few and the main danger to Les Dawson's goal came from some shots from distance, several of which needed Les to be at his absolute best to keep the score level.

Fine efforts from Steve Dixon, making a welcome return from injury, and Pete were saved well by the Coleshill keeper, Dave Henderson.

Martin and Roger Purchase were solid at the back, preventing Coleshill players turning towards goal time after time. Our midfield struggled to get the ball out to the striker and it often took some gritty defensive work to help disrupt Coleshill attacks. Half time saw a 0-0 scoreline to Birmingham's relief.

Manager Steve White's half-time team talk seemed to make a difference as Birmingham started to play better football after the interval without really threatening the Coleshill keeper. The teams were passing the ball around well though the final ball was too often lacking.

A quick free kick, a long ball played forward to Clive Macey who hit a left foot shot at the goal only for the Coleshill stopper to make another fine save, unfortunately the rebound struck back tracking Coleshill defender, John McGinnell, and looped into the net to give Birmingham the lead.



Roger Purchase . . . a rock in the Birmingham defence

Pressure mounted from Coleshill as they pushed forward for an equaliser and Les Dawson was called upon several times to make excellent saves including one at his right hand post that seemed to have eluded him before he grasped it tight at the second attempt.

Mab Hussaine then saw the the Birmingham goalkeeper beaten but to his dismay the ball cannoned back off the crossbar.

Another quickly taken freekick saw Clive Macey one on one with keeper Dave Henderson, who seemed to buy Clive Macey's dummy but he just managed to get enough on the dinked shot to divert it round the post.

Time ran out with Coleshill still probing for an opening and Birmingham still resolute in defence.

Bedworth & District ... 0 Boldmere St. M... 2

The game started off very tentative with both teams probing but with no real threat on goal.

As the first half wore on Boldmere started to take control but were still finding it difficult to find a way past Bedworth's stubborn defence.

The elder statesman of Boldmere team, Dave Tipper, started to dictate the midfield and with most of the play going through him he finally set up an opportunity for the lethal left foot of Dave Clarke to finish and give Boldmere the half-time lead.

The second half started very much the same way as the first half finished with Boldmere continually pushing forward in search for their second goal.

And it was nearly Bedworth who equalised on a couple of occasions when they broke quickly from defence.



Dave Tipper . . . the elder statesman of Boldmere St. M.

But the elder statesman finally settled the nerves of Boldmere by scoring a good goal and they ran out comfortable winners after surviving some heavy pressure from Bedworth.



BOLDMERE ST. MICHAELS 63's League: Back: Alan Hewitt, Lee Perrow, Chris Eustace (Manager), David Floy
Front L-R: Mick Hipwell, Graham Liddiard, Mark Perrow.

MSA (Burntwood) ... 2 Boldmere St. M... 5

Boldmere St. M. met Burntwood in the League for the very first time and came into the game with a tactic to stop their centre forward, John Branch, who was from a semi pro background and having scored four goals in two games.

Boldmere decided this was a job for Mick Hipwell to try and stop this goal threat.

Boldmere dominated the first 15 minutes and should have scored after creating a few chances but it took Alan Hewitt to smash home the ball from a great cross from Lee Perrow and it went in off the underside of the bar.

Burntwood started to get into the game and played nice football and then John Branch

for MSA Burntwood, managed to create a goal scoring chance for himself and duly smashed it in the net, one chance one goal.



MSA goalkeeper Dave Penninck made some good saves

Just before halftime Burntwood scored a second goal through Ken Smith which was a little sloppy and the 2-1 score flattered them.

The second half started very much like the first with Boldmere playing some lovely football and bossing the pace of the game, having plenty of possession and finally drawing level with a nice goal from Graham Liddiard.

Burntwood then had a free kick just outside the area and Paul Mathews made a brilliant save to his left to palm it away for a corner.

After that chance Boldmere again were having plenty of possession and the final ten minutes scored three very nice goals with neat passing good flowing football.

Graham Liddiard helped himself to a second with Lee Perrow opening his account with a simple tap in, but the goal of the game was scored by the old man of the team, Boldmere's

Irish international Dave O'Floy who curled in a beauty left shot in the final minute.

Overall a great performance but a special mention to Mark Perrow, Mickey Hipwell who were superb at the back.

It was good to hear (for a change) that the teams acknowledged that the referee had a very good game ... well done Russ Watkin.

Hartshill Strollers ... 1 Birmingham WF ... 1

This was a predictably close, top of the table encounter.

Both teams had periods of dominance during the game, but while Hartshill enjoyed greater possession of the ball, Birmingham created more clear-cut chances.

Hartshill took an early lead when a fine passing move helped to create the space needed for a shot on Birmingham's goal. This effort was superbly driven into the bottom corner of the net by Eddie Tromans for his first league goal.



Eddie Tromans scored his first league goal for Hartshill

Strangely, the Hartshill goal seemed to settle Birmingham down, and they started a period of play where they kept their passing short and safe, ending the first half strongly, but still searching for that elusive goal.

The second half saw Birmingham continue to improve, and before long, their patience was rewarded with a deserved equaliser by Simon Krstic, (his first for the team.) With this, both teams became conscious of conceding again, and as a consequence the game became stretched as extra players were drafted in to defend.

Hartshill once again took the initiative and put together a good period of possession, as both teams came close to adding a second, only to be thwarted by some outstanding goalkeeping and solid defending.

The final outcome was a fair reflection of an excellent game, played in an exceptionally good manner, between two strong sides.

Credit should also be given to the referee, Brian Webster, for his excellent handling of this important game.

Solihull Moors... 1 Rushall Raiders ... 1

Rushall Raiders grabbed their first point of the season with a much improved display that we had come to accept from Rushall.

Solihull probably had more of the possession but found it difficult to find a way past a solid Rushall defence that was well organised by Alan Hucknall and goal keeper Clyde Redfern was in inspired form.

Rushall attacked with a much greater threat than they have previously done and it was from a well-worked move that they took the lead through Rob Radcliffe for Rushall's only third goal of the season.

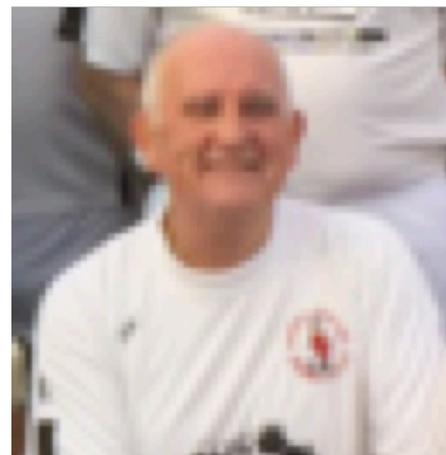
Rushall were disappointed that they allowed their lead to slip just when it looked like that

would hang on for all three points.

A Barry Huntington 20 yard toe-poke earned Solihull Moors a share of the spoils.

Coleshill Strollers... 1 Shard End ... 4

Coleshill lost their goalkeeper just before the game and manager John Woollams deputised in goal. This meant that Coleshill had no substitute.



John Woollams, stand-in goalkeeper for Coleshill, kept the score respectable

So it was no surprise that Shard End dominated the game and could have won by a far greater margin if John Woollams had not pulled off some great saves to keep the score respectable.

I took almost till half time to find a way past John when Tim Bull fired Shard End in front after some great passing moves. The second half was a repeat of the first half with Shard End dominating play and Coleshill trying to stay in the game.

With so much concentrated pressure and John still performing well in goals something had to crack and it was Coleshill when Tim Bull added his second goal and Derek Hamilton followed with 2 more goals.

Steve Hinsley netted a fine consolation goal for Coleshill.

BACK FROM THE DEAD

And back in the game – by Paul Feeney

For those who may not be aware, in 2018 Paul Feeney who plays in the Birmingham & District Football League, and manages the Birmingham over 63's team, suffered a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) whilst playing in a Walking Football match at 'the Oval' Bedworth United FC's ground.

Following his speedy recovery, Paul was then 'encouraged' to write a book (Back from the Dead and Back in the Game,) detailing his experience, in the hope of raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrest, to highlight the importance and availability of AED's, along with proper CPR training, in order to save lives, not just in sport, but throughout the local community.

Taken from the rear cover of Paul's book:

- What is it like to be the victim of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA?)
- How does it feel to die and then be brought back to life again?
- When you are dead, can you see, hear or feel anything?
- Can you ever be the same once you 'come back?'

These are the questions that only a few can answer. Those who have been the victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Who have crossed the boundary between life and death and have returned. The 'lucky survivors.'

The author is one of those survivors.

In 2018, when Paul Feeney left home to take part in a charity walking football game, he didn't know that within the next two hours he would be dead.

Collapsing during the game, he lay motionless, with no heartbeat or brain function for over 10 minutes as his fellow players struggled to revive him, using CPR, 'mouth to mouth' and the aid of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED.)

Eventually, through sheer determination (and with a lot of luck) their persistence would pay off as faint life signs would be detected. They had brought him back to life.

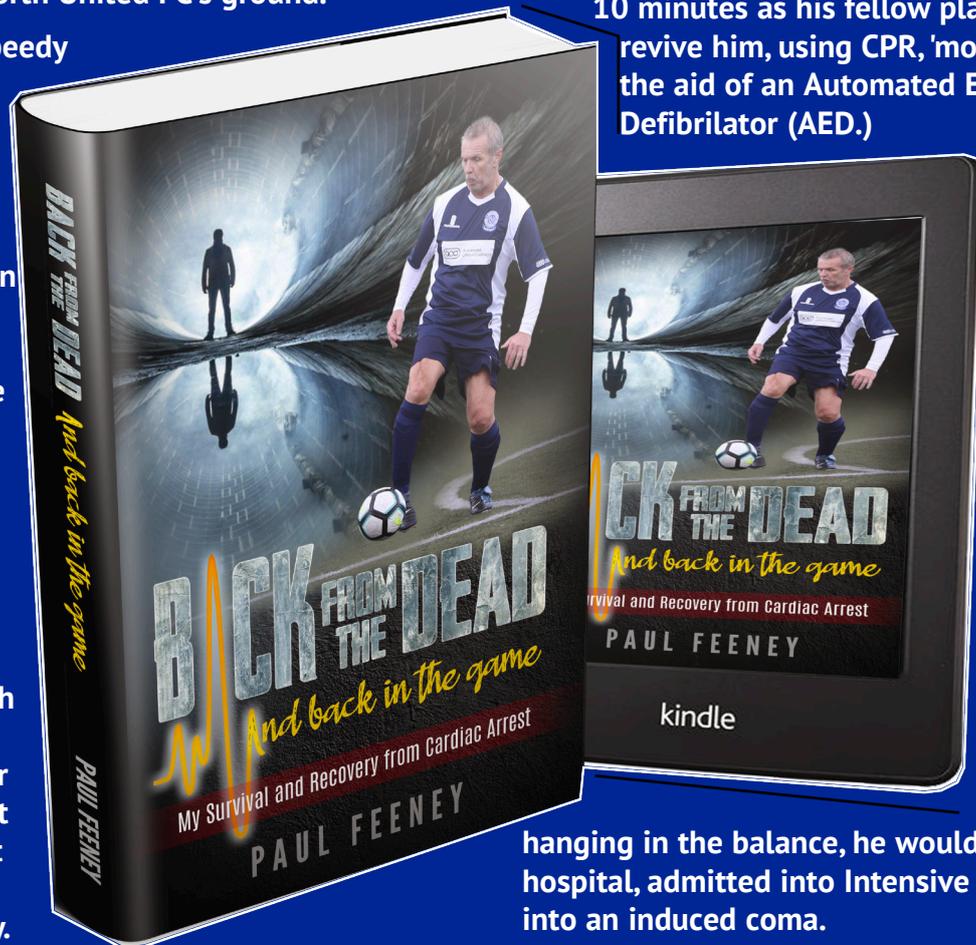
But, his ordeal was far from over. Still largely unresponsive and with his life

hanging in the balance, he would then be rushed to hospital, admitted into Intensive Care and placed into an induced coma.

Examined, tested and monitored for several days, the news would then be delivered, 'heart surgery would be required if he wished to live without fear and the risk of a further SCA. And if another did happen, then maybe next time he may not be so 'lucky.'

Back from the Dead and Back in the Game is the authors honest and moving account' of what it was like to be the victim of SCA. Told in a way that lays bare his feelings and emotions, and with a sense of humour that was 'his way' of dealing with such a traumatic and life changing event.

The confusion with what had happened to him. How he faced heart surgery, and the frustration of no longer physically being able to do the things that he did before.



And when the pain was over and the wounds had started to heal. How he returned back into the world again with a second chance at life, and with a determination to regain his fitness and to resume playing his beloved game of football.

'A story that is both shocking scary and heart warmingly inspiring, and that will bring the readers own mortality into focus, and how you can be alive and in perfect health one minute, and dead the next. All without warning, sign or symptoms.'

Paul's book *Back from the Dead and Back in the Game* is available in a number of formats: Paperback, ebook (Kindle, Nook, Kobo, Apple etc.) and is available from (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/191687990X>) Barnes & Noble, Apple Books, Kobo, Baker & Taylor, Bibliotheca, Overdrive, Scribd, Tolino and Vivlio for around £6.99 plus postage. Audiobook coming soon + feature length movie if Paul gets his way.

Or, if anybody is interested in buying the paperback and wants to save a few bob, Paul has said that he will compile a list and place a bulk order so that roughly £2 + the postage can be saved per book. Books will then cost just £5 each and will be delivered by him at the final game of the season on Wed 30th June.

If you wish to order direct with Paul, either see him at walking football or send an email to closhavepublishing@mail.com by Sunday, 20th June (latest)

REVIEWS:

A serious story told with great humour and personality:

Once I started reading this I was gripped. It tells a story of such an emotive journey but with great humour. Almost like a diary or a series of anecdotes, Paul leads the reader through his trauma, pain, fear, and sense-making with honesty. His quips and general observations are often laugh-out-loud funny but the narrative is laced with medical facts around cardiac arrests, the hospital process, and surgery. It's a unique voice that tells this story laying bare the fears and anxieties that the author goes through. But always with some cheeky banter.



Paul Feeney

Based off a true story:

What an fantastic insight into a cardiac arrest patient and their personal thoughts and feelings about the whole event and recovery. You really feel the whole experience with them, and I also loved how the medical jargon and information was explained to the reader. This helped better understand the story and has also educated me on things that I wasn't even aware of.

I also found when reading, that one minute I would be sad and upset, and in the next paragraph I would be laughing along with the patients sense of humour, and his

take on the experience and procedures he was having to undergo. Would strongly recommend to anyone.

A very interesting and honest account

Paul's honest account of his SCA and journey back to health is a fascinating read. I whizzed through the book as his writing style is very conversational. He has created a great balance between explaining the medical side of what must have been a frightening time in his life alongside personal insights into the emotional aspects of surviving an SCA and heart surgery, all done with a dose of humour! This would also make it the perfect read for anyone in similar circumstances to help allay any worries or concerns they might have about heart surgery. In addition to this Paul highlights the importance of AEDs in the community which was something I hadn't even considered before. An insightful read.

Intriguing tale of life, death and resurrection

The salutary story of a walking football player who suffers a heart attack without warning on the pitch. What follows is a touching recounting of friends, family and health care professionals who work to put Paul back together again. It is obviously told from the first person point of view, but there are a number of anecdotes sprinkled throughout the narrative, supplied by witnesses to the event.

A tale, well told, that needed to be told. This should be of interest to anyone who has ever wondered what actually happens when for, you, the world suddenly ends.

A story to put anyone's current situation into a sobering perspective.



Milan Mazic



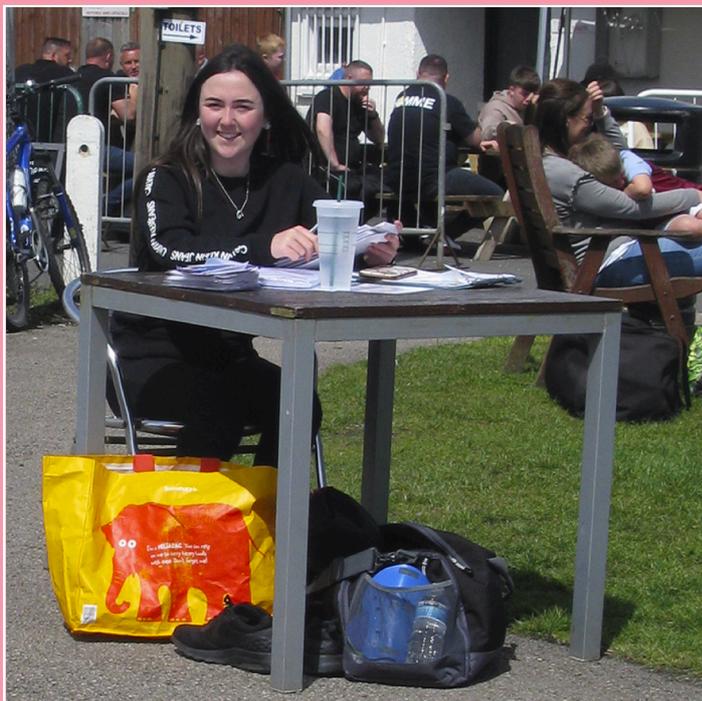
Milan has become known as 'tricky dicky' by his teammates, due to close control of the ball and precise turns, that can outwit opponents. In his youth, Milan had trials for West Bromwich, Stoke City, Stockport County and played for Birmingham City for 6 months, before being released due to a knee injury.

Milan focussed on building a security company, but fought the injury and maintained regular semi-pro football and played for various clubs such as Worcester City, Northfield Town and Bournville Ath.

However, it has been through Walking Football that Milan's talents have shone, and have allowed his skills to be fully realised and noted by the England selectors where he has become a squad member.

To say Milan enjoys Walking Football would be an understatement, his smile is wide as the goal posts.

Match Day Administrator



BCWFL welcome new Match Day Administrator, Libby Roberts who will be greeting the teams.

Libby collects the Covid-19 Track and Trace team forms, the match day fee from the Managers, allocates the referee and pitch to the teams, pays for the hire of the ground and the Referee's fees.

RESPECT the PITCH

Team Managers please ensure that all your players understand that inside the metal fencing around the pitch only moulded footwear is to be worn.

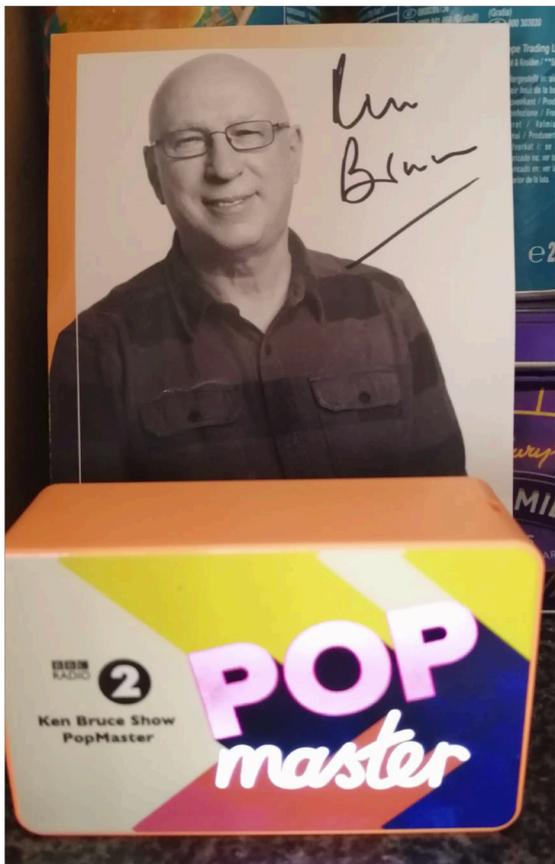
Players/Managers/Referees must change their footwear before entering the pitch area inside the metal fencing. Boots must remain on after you finish your game until you are outside the boundary fence!

On a few occasions it has been noticed that some players/referees/Managers are entering the pitch area and then changing their footwear.

These pitches cost a lot of money, and allow us the privilege of playing on a surface that allows us to play the fastest growing sport in the UK... a sport that 5 years ago we would never of dreamed that we would be playing at our age!

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Since my early retirement, I have been listening to Popmaster on the Ken Bruce Show on Radio 2.

I always think I could do better, so decided to apply.

A couple of days after sending my email, I get a call from the production office. I am asked 3 qualifying questions and the another 5. I get one wrong but I'm told I will be considered.

2 days later I'm told I'm on the shortlist and I'm asked 5 more questions, again getting 1 wrong.

Then on May 4th I get a call at 8.45 saying I'm going to be on later that day.

It was all a little nerve wracking but I get all my bonus questions right and end up with 27.

My rival was a Spurs fan from Worcester who scored 26.

How close is that.

My 3 in 10 was Barbara Streisand.

I only managed one but won a bluetooth speaker.

Happy Days and another one off the bullet list.



Carol for England...

Carol Watts, pictured right, joined Rushall Raiders after the first lock down after trying several other clubs in the area.

She was a bit shy and apprehensive at first, but the more training sessions she attended the more she grew in confidence.

Rushall included her in a few friendly games and on and on she strived.

Carol had such a passion for the game. She always loved football and followed Aston Villa all over the country.

A few weeks ago she had grown so confident in her walking football ability that said applied for a trial for England.

A few at Rushall thought it was a bit too soon but Carol proved them wrong and got invited back a month later for a 2nd trial in London.

She has the ability, strength and drive to go through to the next stage and make us all at Rushall Raiders very proud.



Well done Carol Watts to make us all believe that anything's possible with a lot of hard work and desire.

Parkinson's Walking Football Training Day

Parkinson's UK organised a training day at The Watford FC Dome for people with Parkinson's Disease from the South of England to try out Walking Football under the direction of Stuart Langworthy, the England over 60s Walking Football Manager.

Fifteen players of varying ages and football experience were joined by some family and friends to participate in football drills emphasising ball control and passing and teamwork. The players were then split up into three teams and a series of matches were played.

By the final matches it was evident that the players were adapting well to the demands of walking football. All the games were played in a competitive but sporting spirit ably refereed by Andy from Ruislip.

The two- hour session flew by and everyone left in a positive mood having enjoyed the football but also welcoming the opportunity to discuss their experiences of Parkinson's with other people.

The aims of the day were to allow participants to try out Walking Football but also to shape two teams to take on representatives from the North of England on July 24 at Worcester Warriors Rugby Stadium.



Steve Hughes showing his skills with the ball

Birmingham Walking Football Club were represented by Steve Hughes who was diagnosed with PD in 2014 and Steve White, the Over 60s Manager.

Steve Hughes is a regular attendee at Beechcroft sessions and is still one of the most effective players with his ball control and passing. Like many of the players involved in the training session they enjoy the activity and playing football seems to allow them more movement and co-ordination than in daily life.

Steve Hughes has been involved in local sports teams in Birmingham for many years with Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club and Village FC, where he has been fixtures secretary for over 30 years.

Sports Parkinson's are organising a Summer Try-Athlon at Worcester Rugby Club on

Saturday July 24 from 10am to 6pm. There will be a chance to meet up with people from the PD community and participate in or watch many different activities from ballet to boxing.

There will be a Walking Football Round Robin tournament involving 2 teams from the South of England and 2 from the North of England which will start at 11-00am and all spectators from the local Walking Football community are welcome.





Carol French (Manager) receives a cheque from Ken Badland, Bedworth's Over 58's manager and goalkeeper

Generous Bedworth & District

As a group, Bedworth & District continue to support many worthy causes.

Locally and nationally the patrons continue to donate regularly, be it a few hundred pounds or many thousands as raised in memory of former player Lee Whitehead for his family's wish to aid Roy Castle's Lung Cancer Foundation.

In mid-May a local group was supported for the first time, with Warwickshire Counselling Service given a cheque to support their good work.

The service has paid and volunteer workers who offer counselling in many areas of mental health, bereavement, relationship problems, abuse and much more.

The group (BDWF) are very proud of their commitment to aid others.

Due to Covid we will be running an (Internal) competition in memory of Lee Whitehead, this will see 4 teams play for a trophy on Sunday July 11th.

The group will donate monies from the day to a local charity in his memory.

His family will join us on the day and we are hoping to slot in an Open Competition later in the year.

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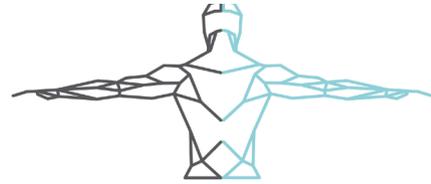


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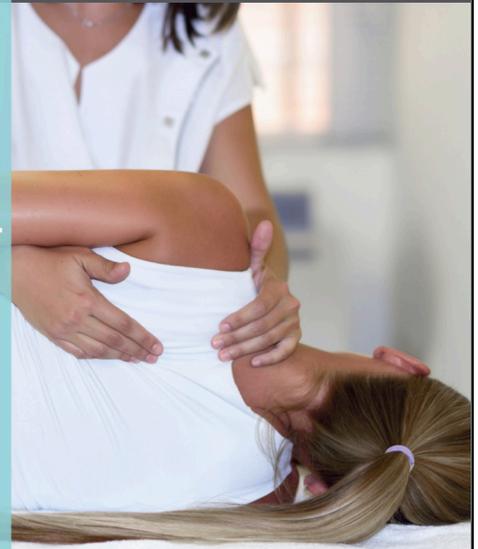
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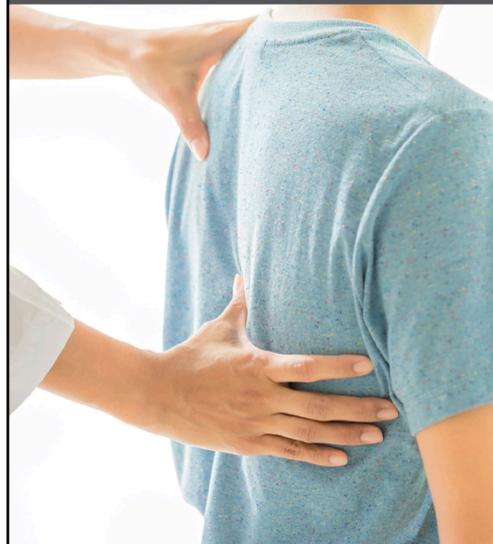
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Neil spent more than 16 years in professional football as the Head Physiotherapist for Oxford United FC, Peterborough United FC and for 8 years at Derby County FC. Neil also has Premiership Rugby experience, providing Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation consultancy to Worcester Warriors Rugby Club.

Neil has a special interest in Spinal and Pelvic conditions and an extensive knowledge of Musculo-skeletal and Sports Injuries.

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