

FESTIVE FUN

The countdown is on to this year's Christmas party and there will be celebrations for our younger players followed by a party for the u11 - u13s.

The festive fun gets underway on Saturday, December 21st with a party for the five to 10-year-olds between 4.30 - 6.30pm and a party for 11, 12 and 13-year-olds from 7 - 9pm.

Watch this space as we have plans for some festive gifts and special guests!

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FREEBIE FRIDAY

Our club sponsor, Croyland Car Megastore continues to offer the chance for club members to win some fantastic prizes - including a PS4 Games Console!

THIS DEDICATED FREEBIE FRIDAY IS AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY FOR CLUB MEMBERS AND IS PROVING POPULAR.



This is your chance to win fabulous prizes plus there is the chance to win a PS4 games console every month!

Croyland Car Megastore regularly holds Freebie Friday events exclusively for Higham F.C. members who can enter for a chance to spin to win!

There are also designated deals on cars, which will be available at discounted prices for a limited time for club members.

It is just one of the numerous ways our official club sponsor Croyland continues to support our club and offer benefits and offers only available for our members.

Make sure you are part of the group where you can take part in the exclusive Freebie Friday competition and access offers on specially selected vehicles just for Higham F.C. members in the Facebook group.

YOU CAN REQUEST TO JOIN THE GROUP HERE
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/124151577714723/>

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HIGHAM TOWN F.C. NEWSLETTER



TOURNAMENT TRIUMPH

Our popular Summer Tournament was a great success helping to raise over £2,000! Hundreds of players took part in the sporting event, which ran over two days and here we feature some of the highlights from the tournament.

We know the 9 v 9 transitional tournament format works and we were able to invite teams from beyond Northamptonshire with a total of 18 teams taking part on each day of the sporting event. The money raised goes back into grassroots football and the club. There were teams from across the county as well as clubs from Leicester and Milton Keynes, which helps to bring in new talent to the tournament.



CLUB UPDATE

Our vision of a new club house and improved facilities moves a step closer with the news that we have secured a long-term lease for the club.

We are delighted to be able to announce that The Duchy of Lancaster has now officially agreed to a 30-year lease securing the club's long-term future.

The club cannot start a programme of building works or secure Football Foundation money unless it had a lease spanning over 25 years.

Vice Chairman and Project Lead, James Sharp said: "Receiving confirmation of the 30-year lease was a pinnacle point in us going forward with our plans for the club. We are in talks with our architects and can push on with our fundraising efforts alongside plans for our club house build. All of this progress will see Higham F.C. at the heart of a new sporting hub in the area, which is very exciting. We will keep you updated on all future developments."

NEW COACHES ANNOUNCED

Simon Emery U7 and U10 Colts

Club treasurer Started coaching this season, with the U7's and helping out with the U10's. Plays for Higham Town adults' team. He said: "I enjoy coaching, watching the kids improve and I love to see them score their first goals and see the pure elation on their faces."



Damion Stiles U8 Ferrers

Started coaching this September 2019. He said: "I've played Sunday League and Saturday (Northants Combination) football for many years for teams both in Kettering and Rushden. "Unfortunately having children put a stop to that as my priorities changed. I'm a sales trainer by profession, so have been coaching in different capacities for quite some time. I like coaching as everybody is different. You need to understand what makes them tick so that you can help make improvements. I'm hoping working with footballers will be more fun than working with sales people."



Spencer May U10 Lancasters

Has been involved with the club since October 2018. Both his sons play for teams at the club. He said: "I played for a few different clubs growing up and more recently I've been involved in a couple of work teams, but I've had to hang up my boots recently for the final time after a second episode of bruised / broken ribs! "I've always been a huge football fan. I'm a regular visitor to Northampton Town and I go down and watch Spurs (for my sins!) as often as I can. "Coaching is hard work but hugely rewarding. I look forward to watching my team develop tactically and grow in confidence. The best thing about the lads is how much they enjoy the game and being part of a team."



SPORTS STARS

Our talented team players and coaches were celebrated and congratulated for their efforts at our annual Presentation Day.

Adverse weather conditions meant the event had to be cancelled at the eleventh hour and in the true spirit of Higham Town, everyone clubbed together to reconstruct an alternative marquee from broken parts.

The rescheduled event went without a hitch and was a huge success.

The sporting sensations, many of them wearing the new club Croylund sponsored kit, received an array of awards, officially presented by Mark

Swindells, General Manager of Club Sponsor Croylund Car Megastore.

Mark said: "It was an honour to be able to take part in the annual presentation day which recognises the talents and abilities of players of all ages.

"It was a great day and Croylund is proud to be Higham F.C.'s sponsor. Well done to everyone who were award winners."

James Sharp added: "It was a great day; a huge success and it was nice to celebrate on the day with kids and their parents. It was great Mark and Croylund could share in the success and we have created a special trophy for next year so there will be a sponsors' trophy to be won."

CHARITY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to club vice chairman James Sharp who completed a charity challenge with club players helping to raise over £3,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

James, U16 players and twin brothers Jay and Sam Dhir, 15, along with their mum Venna, managed to climb Kilimanjaro, the world's highest freestanding mountain.

The intrepid team endured six arduous days of trekking through a range of challenging environments and tackling temperatures that spanned from 32 degrees on the ground to -13 degrees at the summit.

Their formidable fundraising efforts helped to raise £3,500 for the cancer charity which provides specialist care and support to young people diagnosed with cancer.

Together the fundraising four beat exhaustion and battled the risk of hypothermia to reach the summit.

James said: "It was one of the hardest things I have ever done in my life, but also definitely one of the most rewarding.

"We wanted a charity that was connected to children and connected to cancer as we had all been affected by cancer in some shape or form. We wanted to make sure our trip was self-financed so all the money we raised went to the charity."

