

Members Update Meeting (MUM) - Friday 26th September, 6pm

Representing the Committee:

Mark Böckle - Chairman Dave Wareham - Secretary

Good evening, everybody and a special welcome to those who have made the effort to join us in the clubhouse tonight!

We find ourselves in uncharted territory this evening! Rather than talking at length about troubleshooting and the finances of the club, which as we know from the recent AGM are now in better shape, I'm delighted to be able to focus on some forward looking, fun stuff!

At our first MUM back on 16th October last year, I outlined three significant projects that the committee had, somewhat aspirational, identified as our top priorities as and when finances allowed.

- Cellar & Bar refurbishment (including outstanding health inspector report) as documented in previous updates we have made significant progress improving the cellar and bar to the extent that further works are now dependent on decisions regarding an additional future project (more on that in a minute).
- Roof replacement & repairs works have been completed replacing a significant section of the roof on the groundskeepers shed and the ticket office. Remaining remedial work to the Sett (aka tea hut) roof is also now dependent on aforementioned future project.
- Toilets I am delighted to report that plans for an extensive refurbishment of the clubhouse toilet facilities, including provision of a new independent accessible / disabled toilet, are now complete. Contractors have been selected and work will begin on 6th October with the intention of being completed in time for our fireworks event on 7th November. Volunteers have kindly come forward to donate their time and expertise in some aspects of the project. Total costs of the project will be in the region of £15k and are being met in full through a combination of the 500 Club investment fund, the Badgers Draw and a contribution from our investors. All the money is secure and no loans or credit will be required. For the curious, a high-level plan is attached and posted on the notice board in the clubhouse.

Important note: There is no good time to do this project so some mess and disruption will be inevitable. However, barring any unforeseen circumstances, the clubhouse will remain open throughout the project. There will be a few days when clubhouse toilet facilities will be out of use but we will have use of the toilets beneath the stand, in the changing rooms and will hire Portaloos as required. Clear signage will be displayed. We would like to thank members in advance for your support and understanding during this project.

Future Project - During our discussions with the FA a strong recommendation emerged that we consider building a kitchen in the clubhouse. This would improve our ability (and safety compliance) when feeding players after games etc. but more importantly would greatly enhance the appeal of the clubhouse as a venue for hire ... which obviously boosts revenue potential and long-term sustainability. Planning for this project is underway with a view to identifying an affordable scheme that could be implemented next summer. Further updates will be provided as information becomes available. Note that further work to the cellar or Sett will depend upon decisions regarding a new kitchen.



And finally, re projects - we have not forgotten that the floodlight heads need replacing next year. As previously discussed, this project qualifies for a 75% grant from The Premier League Stadium Fund (which is distinct from FA grant schemes) and we are in the process of securing quotes from approved suppliers.

Changing tack, I would like to highlight a couple of events which are rapidly approaching.

On Friday 17th October a team of Brockenhurst Legends will be taking on The ex-Saints in a charity fund raising match here at Grigg Lane. Funds raised will be split between the ex-Saints charitable foundation, BYFC and BFC. It is a privilege to be hosting many local heros at the club as well as some familiar former Saints players. ex-Saints fixtures attract large crowds and it promises to be a memorable evening. We are jointly marketing the event with Saints. Online ticketing is now live (£10 adults, £5 kids & concessions) and members are encouraged book in advance. The Legends management team of Tyrone Marsh, Andy Brook and Malcolm Cobb are relying on your enthusiastic support ... come on you old badgers!

Fireworks! Our display this year will be on Friday 7th November. Banners and posters will soon appear in the usual spots around the village. Tickets will be available online and on the gate. We will be offering the familiar heady cocktail of food, drink and fun so be sure to put the date in your diary!

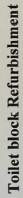
We rely heavily on volunteers to support match days and events. If you are interested in donating a little of your time to support either of the above events or home football matches throughout the season, please contact us at info@brockenhurstfc.co.uk. Benefits include free match day access, a complimentary drink and trendy hi-vis outfit.

There has been a lot of change on the 1st team football front in the early stages of the season. The team remains a work in progress and with a lot of players still to come back from injury it will take some time to settle down. Results are picking up and our investors are committed to the project. We all remain confident of a good showing in the league this season. I suggest we take questions from the floor regarding football to ensure we address areas of interest rather than take up more column inches with general observations (aka waffle).

Thanks for your attention - as always, we are happy to take questions.

Mark Böckle Chairman





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Meadens Skoda Arena

Work to commence from 6th Oct and complete by Fireworks night (7th Nov) Ladies; 2 WCs, 2 semi-recessed basins with vanity unit, hand dryer Gents; 2 WCs, 2 basins, 2 waterless urinals and hand dryer Disabled; 1 WC, baby changer and hand dryer Disabled toilet useable for others at busy times More space in both Gents and Ladies WCs Using recommended contractors

Plan to maintain current opening hours unless really necessary to close

Alternate toilet below stand, in changing rooms and portaloos

Be patient and don't wait until the last minute to use the loo!

Cleaning cupboard relocating into pool room

Cost around £15k including recoverable VAT (£1k)

Funding from main club, 500 club, Badgers draw and club investors

