

NEWSLETTER



THANK YOU

After an incredible 15 years John Denore is stepping down as Club Secretary this season. John will very much still be part of the club in an advisory/chairman capacity and as Manager of the Veterans, but the secretary reins are being handed to Dale Stringer. Please join us in thanking John for his amazing contribution to date.

CONGRATS

To one of our own as Richard Mills was awarded the Leicestershire & Ruland County FA Spirit of Grassroots Football Award. Rich has been a tremendous volunteer, not only taking his team from mini dribblers through to U18s, but for all the work he continues to do behind the scenes to support the club.

NEW REF'S

Another shout-out goes to our recently qualified referees who are all reaching or passing their 5 game sign off in January. We are immensely proud that the club, with the FA, have been able to sign off 9 young referees (from our U15s to U17s). We will always support the 'Respect the Ref' campaign . Please remember what a difficult job these folks do and thank them in person when you can

WELFARE OFFICER

One of the key roles within the club as that of **Nic Tolley our Welfare & Safeguarding Officer**. His full details can be found on the clubhouse noticeboard or on our website. MBFC continues to support the FA's 'Respect' campaign to promote a sporting environment in which all of our children want to play football in, this has become increasingly important as we help develop our club's junior referees as they learn their roles in grassroots football and we hope that you will support them as much as our players in every game. All of our coaches and volunteers follow the ethos of the FA's 'We Do Positive' guidelines to support the children's development in the game. Our player welfare in at the heart of our club and as the temperatures drop this season please can you ensure that your child is clothed suitably for the weather with baselayer tops, leggings and gloves during the matches, with hats and coats for the side lines. Coaches will do everything they can to rotate players in winter at more frequent intervals to ensure players do not get too cold. Also, please can you ensure if your child needs medication that they come with it to matches.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT HOLD THE DATE

We have scheduled this year's "Battle of Bosworth" summer tournament for the weekend of 18th/19th June. As in previous years (pre lockdown) the tournament will be for all our teams below Under 10s. More details to follow in future newsletters

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have never been big on producing club merchandise and are delighted with the success of the new club Snoods which went like hot cakes in December and has inspired us to look at other ideas. If you would like to volunteer any ideas for future options or wish to order a snood and missed the first batch, please let us know on marketbosworthfc@gmail.com

And talking of hot cakes (well bacon cobs and tea/coffee more so), a huge thank you to Barry and John who run the Clubhouse Bistro on Sunday mornings. Please say hello whenever you have a match and remember profits from your purchases are reinvested into our fabulous facilities.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

At the ground, you will also have had a chance to see the new front entrance at the ground, a vast improvement on the previous bumpy welcome. A massive thank you to the 'Dixie Educational Foundation' for their funding towards this project.

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Our work continues to improve our pitches through our partnership with Leicester City FC Sports Turf Academy and the FA Pitch Power Improvement Programme. A full schedule of improvements is under way and we hope you notice the difference, in spite of whatever mother nature seems to throw at the pitches

Finally if you have ideas or suggestions we would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch via your coach or email us: **marketbosworthfc@gmail.com**

CHARITY OF CHOICE

We have chosen to have a set charity for whom we will raise funds this year. We are starting with Rainbows Childrens Hospice in Loughborough and have arranged for collection tins to be at the ground soon. Rainbows opened in 1994 to provide care for children with life limiting medical conditions, providing end of life care for the children and ongoing support to their families. We hope that all of the club will help us raise funds for Rainbows this year.



We are always looking to increase our volunteer numbers be this through committee members, coaches and players. **Our Under 7s age group are really looking for a coach** to take them into league games next season.

In particular, we are on the lookout for **someone who can bring to life all that happens at the club through our Social Media** channels – do you know your Facebook from your Twitter to your Instagram? If so, and you have an hour or so a week to spare to keep tabs on our channels, we would love to hear from you



