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STOP BUNCHING!

Stop Bunching is back! For those of you that were a member of Greyfriars Athletic when we were in the old decaying club house, you may remember our weekly programme called "Stop Bunching". It had the latest club news and funny stories to keep us all amused for at least 5 minutes including the news articles and Mystic 5-bellies sections. This time around it will be no different. To help this being an ongoing publication and to make it as fun as possible, what we need you to do is send us through any of the following:

- Quirky stories of your team mates
- Any interesting jokes (Don't let it be filled up with just Ricky and Big Kev's)
- "Who Said That" quotes
- Embarrassing pictures of your team mates

Nothing will be ignored at Stop Bunching headquarters. Please contact Stop Bunching headquarters if you would like to contribute. We are looking for club members from all 4 teams

1. News Article



Throughout the week, the Stop Bunching roving reporter has been getting his ear to the ground (yes he only has one) and found 3 interesting stories about the players of Greyfriars Athletic FC.

Actor recruitment drive

Greyfriars Universal Pictures Productions (GUPP) requires actors for starring roles in well known film reconstructions. Initial castings have gone very well and so far the following starring roles have successfully gone to:

Shaun Martin starring as Willow in Willow.

Shaun Martin starring in several roles as Happy, Sleepy, Sneezzy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc and Bashful in Snow White and the 7 dwarfs with Dave White co-starring as Snow White.

Dan White starring as The Godfather and Geoff Clew starring as The Godfather 2.

Andy Holmes starring as The Elephant man.

Ed DeCroos starring in Look Who's talking 1, 2 and 3.

Kevin Wilkinson starring in Deliverance (squeal like a pig boy).

Jeremy Lees starring in The Graduate alongside Mrs Robinson.

Dave Gilbert starring in any porn film.

Mark Smith starring in The Little Mermaid.

Dave Crowley starring as Forrest Gump.

For considerations of other starring roles, please send application forms to GUPP.

Crime Fighting undercover scoop

The magnificent crime fighting busting duo of Dumble and Woodland went beyond the call of duty last night when they tried to apprehend a burglar that was plaguing their manor. These boys in blue hatched a cunning plan by laying a trail of 10 pence pieces from the street, up the garden path, into a nearby house of a member of the public, up the stairs and into the bedroom. This is where they both hid under the duvet of the single bed. A senior officer was interviewed and was quoted "This was a 15 hour wait with no arrests so they won't be doing any undercover work again."

New club house wish list

An unknown source who is close to the Greyfriars committee has been told that the agenda for the next meeting will include a wish list to enhance The Mile Straight Sports Club. The list being discussed is:

1. An outside bar 10 feet from the touchline for a quick pint at half time and to discuss tactics.
2. Cheerleaders in Scooby outfits to cheer the home team on. Showering with the home team to be considered as well.
3. An extension for a lap dancing club at the end of the clubhouse by Mr Stringfellow's estate.
4. A 231ft screen at each end of the ground for replays of great Greyfriars goals and bloopers.
5. 400m of tunnel to be excavated under the pitches. After every 10m there will be fires lit for those frosty frozen snowy games.
6. A converted Rolls-Royce to be used as a stretcher for those fragile club members.
7. 200 cardboard cut-outs along the pitches to fool the opposition we have lots of subs and a bit of a crowd.
8. A bar person that smiles.

2. Socials and fundraising

Fundraising

Easy Fundraising: We have created an account on www.easyfundraising.org.uk to allow you to contribute to club funds just by buying something you would have bought anyway at an online retailer. You buy the goods and services online at their usual price, there are no gimmicks and you are really helping the club's finances.

Buy everyday products online and help provide donations to Greyfriars that go straight into club funds. All you need to do is sign up, logon to the Easy Fundraising web site, click on the link to the retailer you want to buy from and purchase whatever you are after. Your purchase will be tracked and the donation (up to 15%) will be added automatically to club funds behind the scenes. The link you need when signing up is:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greyfriarsafc>

Please contact Steve Jackson on 07966486953 or jacko2401@blueyonder.co.uk if you have any queries.

Socials

Quiz Night: The 2nd Mile Straight Sport Club quiz night will be held on Friday 18th March at 7:30pm and will be hosted by our very own Pete Streeting (hopefully he will give our teams all the answers beforehand!!!!). Teams will be arranged from Bohemians CC and Avon Athletic so let's make sure we have some attendance from Greyfriars members. The 1st quiz saw an easy win for the only Greyfriars team even though we contested every wrong question later on.

Please can you organise a team with other club members, family and friends. Please contact Pete Streeting on 07747635354 if you can get a team organised. It is £1 entry per person with prizes dependent on number of people there on the night. The quiz will incorporate a variety of questions with your favourite rounds:

1. General knowledge (What is your favourite colour? type questions)
2. Picture round (Name that c-list Northern celebrity)
3. Sports (You may think this will be football related but probably sports like kabadi)
4. TV/Movies/Music (Name that 60s rock band that had a 1 hit wonder)
5. Current affairs (sounds like finding out which celeb is cheating on his missus "Ashley Cole?").

If you have any ideas about arranging a social event, please speak to Richard Manning or a member of the committee to move the idea forward.

3. Who Said That?

"Who said that" is quoting all the funny comments that we say at match days and training sessions. If you have any excellent quotes that you have heard from your teammates then send it through to us at Stop Bunching headquarters. Here is what our roving reporter picked up a few weeks ago.

Is maths not his strong point?
It should be, he is an accountant

I've got a mate coming along next week. He is an ex-Gambian international.
I thought you said he was an ex-Gambler before. Wasn't very impressed then and not much has changed.

Have a whiskey. It's free, apart from the £1 fine.

I turned down Swansea-Leeds tickets to play for Greys. Swansea are 1-0 up. What a w****r!

We are all friends here apart from you mate.

Have you got enough for tonight?
What? Socks?
NOOOOOOO, money!

4. Mystic 5 Bellies

Mystic 5 bellies is a being whose power is only exceeded by its mystery. Mystic has the ability to predict everything in the Greyfriars world with an amazing 1% success rate.

Here are Mystic's first predictions as we move into the final few months of the season:

- All teams will be unbeaten at Fortress Mile Straight from now until the end of the season.
- Ricky Woodland will win a donut challenge by the end of the season.
- Phil Savvides will agree to compete in the 5 PINT challenge and win.
- Jacko will not get any more injuries in 2011.
- Andy Gale will become Greyfriars leading scorer for 2010/11 with no goal being from more than 6 yards out.
- No balls will fly into the stream at Fortress Mile Straight since all players have now had enough time to know where the goal is.
- Jay will do the 5-half pint challenge under 1 minute.
- Smithy will stop coughing like a smoker at half time.
- Ed DeCroos will get a yellow card in all the remaining games by mooning the opposition goalkeeper.
- Dave Crowley will start all team talks on match day with "At the end of the day...".
- Andy Holmes will be offered the Bristol Rovers managerial role at the end of the season.

5. Mile Straight Sports Club updates

Now that the Club House is up and running I would just like to remind you all of some of the house rules. These are all simple rules that I view as just common courtesy.

Firstly, please make sure that you use the water troughs and brushes located by the pitch side door to clean your boots. We have provided these facilities so that you don't have to clean your boots in the showers and it should help to keep the changing rooms cleaner.

This leads to the second of the house rules. It is the responsibility of the home teams to clean their and their opponent's changing rooms after a game. We have provided hose pipes, brooms and squeegees to make the cleaning as easy as possible. Speak to your manager of how the whole team can do little jobs after the game to make it quick. Do not expect that the changing rooms get magically cleaned.

Thirdly, at the end of the game please take down the goal nets and lower the goal posts. The nets go in the garage.

It has been great to see you all back at the club house enjoying a few beers and the 5-half challenge. Remember, the club house is available for private functions so pass the word around. If anyone has any ideas regarding the use of the club house and anything we can do to improve please let me know.

Thanks
Peter Streeting (Greyfriars Vice-Chairman)



Banner Advertising at The Mile Straight Sports Club

If you own or work for a business that might be interested in putting up a banner advert in and around the Mile Straight Sports Club, please get in contact with George Feane (george.feane@btopenworld.co.uk / 07876 070890) or Paul Bold (paul@lightspan.uk.com / 07740 369562).

You can advertise your business for £100 per year where you can supply your own banner or we can arrange it for you. Your banner will be visible to hundreds of people using the facilities every week as well as constant passing traffic. Haven't you seen the build up of traffic along New Road at rush hour during the week? It can be literally at a standstill where people can see your banner on display.

Please help promote the club with these initiatives to generate funds for the Mile Straight Sports club.



6. A view from the managers

February 2011 as A-Team manager by Dave “The new gaffer” Crowley

It's been a very interesting start to life as the A Team Manager. The first thing that I noticed is how much time I have spent on my phone, much to the annoyance of my wife, who speaks to me and gets little response as I'm too busy concentrating on my squad and fixture list.



Our first match was away to Sea Mills Reserves, who are top of the league. It was a rainy and windy day which made it a hard game, resulting in being 4-1 at half time. In the 2nd half, we managed to level the score to 4-4, then 5-5 but eventually lost 7-5. At times we played some really good football, making the most of opportunities. However, moments of lost concentration, poor pitch and the weather let us down.

Next was a home match with Rangeworthy Reserves. Taking the positive points from the previous week, we went in with a determined attitude, believing we could win the game. We put in a great performance and won 3-1. The score line flattered the opposition as we should have scored six or more goals and we were unlucky not to have a clean sheet – a great performance by all.

Week three saw us away to South Bristol Central Reserves. Having comfortably beaten Rangeworthy the week before and with South Bristol below us in the league, we felt confident of another win. However, we turned up and the pitch was like a pudding which affected us playing the ball through the middle. We were outplayed and in the last minute, Mozza scored to make his hat trick and rescue us a point. Final score 3-3.

Most recently, we played Longwell Green Old Boys. Going into this game, we were unbeaten in two and were looking for another three points to maintain this run. We started well with Micky Bartley scoring a thunderbolt from 25 yards but once again, our concentration let us down and we threw away a 1-0 lead. Rich Manning scored to make it 2-1 and then Micky scored another spectacular goal with his left foot to make it 3-1. Final score 4-2.

It has been a really enjoyable month in which I have seen some great football and some great individual displays. There have been some frustrations in dealing with mistakes made by both players and myself, but we are learning all the time. We have a great team spirit and if we continue playing the type of football we have over the last month, then hopefully we will be in a position to go up next season.

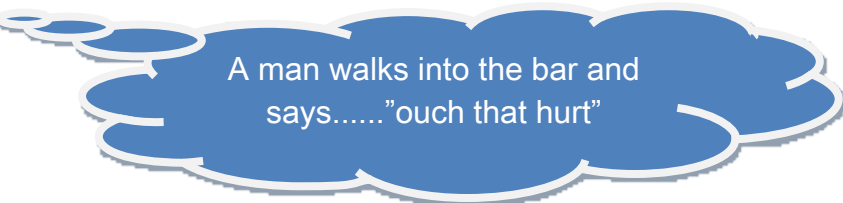
7. Web site updates

We are gradually adding more and more information to the web site and Andy Gale is working tirelessly to get the player profiles uploaded from the ones that have been sent through. If you have not sent yours through for full display on the “Player Profiles” section of the web site, then send Andy an email with your completed template. The template was emailed to everyone back in January but we can email you a copy if you need it

We currently have the 1st team 2010/11 photo on the wall in the bar and we will be getting the other 3 teams on there as soon as possible. The photos will also be uploaded to the web site in due course.

The web site already has some latest news, links to our fixtures/results/league tables, club contact details and team photos throughout the years. Please let us know if you want to see anything else on there. We will do our best to get it proudly displayed. If you want the web site, then make sure you use it!

8. Jokes



A man walks into the bar and says....."ouch that hurt"

I wonder what Bruce Forsythe would say if you asked him if he liked swing ball... I'm guessing he would say "Good game, Good game"

I was working behind a bar, when a ghost came up to me and said "Could I have a gin and tonic please?" I replied "Sorry, we don't serve spirits here"

"Happy Glue Year" ... to anyone that works at a glue factory.

I was very surprised this morning to find that Will Smith had been hiding behind the shed in his snowy garden this morning. How did I know? I followed the Fresh Prince.

2 owls were playing pool. One potted the white ball by accident. "That's 2 hits" he said, to which the other owl replied "2 hits to who!"

I went to the doctors today, to tell him I think I've passed on a nasty owl disease to a friend. He said "You twit to who?"

I have just heard one of my friends has died drowning in a vat of coffee. Luckily it was instant!

I just rang up the amputee helpline and got cut off!

I have just heard some news that Jimmy Saville has been implicated in a fixing scandal.

I was at the zoo this afternoon and was really excited about seeing "The World's Only Man Eating Penguins". Turned out to be some fat bastard scoffing chocolate biscuits

I went to work dressed as a pair of glasses today. My boss told me off for making a spectacle of myself.

9. Merchandise

Polo shirt: £11

Drill Top: £25

Hoodie: £22

Fleece: £20

Beanie hat: £8.50

All items will come in the club colours of royal blue with yellow stitching apart from the drill top that comes in dark blue with yellow stitching. The polo shirt, drill top, hoodie and fleece will be ordered with your initials. Sizes for these items are S, M, L and XL.

Please send orders to David Crowley dpkcrowley@hotmail.com and arrange payment with David directly. Please confirm item required, that you require your initials added and the size required.

10. League Tables / Recent Results / Upcoming Fixtures

1sts ([Bristol Premier Combination Division 1](#))

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Winterbourne United Reserves	16	10	2	4	20	32
2	Totterdown United	15	9	2	4	12	29
3	Patchway Town Reserves	13	8	3	2	25	27
4	Shaftesbury Crusade	15	8	2	5	10	26
5	Henbury AFC Reserves	15	8	1	6	1	25
6	Oldland Abbotonians Reserves	11	8	0	3	3	24
7	Frampton Athletic	11	7	1	3	8	22
8	Olveston United	14	6	2	6	1	20
9	Fishponds Athletic	14	5	3	6	0	18
10	Made for Ever	13	5	1	7	-1	16
11	Greyfriars Athletic	17	3	2	12	-24	11
12	Highridge United	14	3	1	10	-21	10
13	Brimsham Green	14	0	2	12	-34	2

Recent Results

DATE	HOME		AWAY
05/03/11	Winterbourne United Reserves	6 - 2	Greyfriars Athletic
26/02/11	Greyfriars Athletic	4 - 6	Highridge United
19/02/11	Oldland Abbotonians Reserves	5 - 3	Greyfriars Athletic
12/02/11	Greyfriars Athletic	1 - 1	Totterdown United
05/02/11	Patchway Town Reserves	1 - 1	Greyfriars Athletic

Upcoming Fixtures

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
12/03/1 1	Made for Ever	Greyfriars Athletic	Southey Playing Field Kingswood
19/03/1 1	Fishponds Athletic	Greyfriars Athletic	The Grange Community School
26/03/1 1	Brimsham Green	Greyfriars Athletic	Sunnyside P F. ,
09/04/1 1	Olveston United	Greyfriars Athletic	Old Down,
19/04/1 1	Henbury AFC Reserves	Greyfriars Athletic	Lorain Walk,
23/04/1 1	Highridge United	Greyfriars Athletic	Lakemead Grove.
30/04/1 1	Greyfriars Athletic	Olveston United	The Mile Straight Club #1

Reserves ([Bristol and District Division 3](#))

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Portville Warriors	16	14	1	1	49	43
2	Oakland	13	9	0	4	10	27
3	De Veys	15	7	4	4	16	25
4	Greyfriars Athletic Reserves	15	7	3	5	10	24
5	Horfield United	17	7	3	7	6	24
6	Olveston United Reserves	15	7	3	5	4	24
7	Southmead Community Sport (Sat)	14	7	1	6	0	22
8	Henbury F C 'A'	13	7	1	5	-1	22
9	Totterdown United Reserves	15	6	2	7	0	20
10	Lebeq (Saturday) FC.	12	3	2	7	-15	11
11	Lawrence Rovers Res	13	2	2	9	-27	8
12	Shaftesbury Crusade Reserves	13	2	1	10	-20	7
13	Made for Ever Reserves	13	2	1	10	-32	7

Recent Results

DATE	HOME		AWAY
05/03/11	Greyfriars Athletic Reserves	4 - 0	Lawrence Rovers Res
19/02/11	Greyfriars Athletic Reserves	2 - 1	Totterdown United Reserves
12/02/11	Oakland	5 - 3	Greyfriars Athletic Reserves
05/02/11	Greyfriars Athletic Reserves	1 - 1	Horfield United

Upcoming Fixtures

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
12/03/11	Horfield United	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Muller Road Park #3
19/03/11	Shaftesbury Crusade Res	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Ashley Down R C #2
26/03/11	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Portville Warriors	Mile Straight Club #1
02/04/11	Lebeq (Saturday) FC.	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Netham Playing Field #4
06/04/11	Made for Ever Res	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Southey P F #1
09/04/11	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Shaftesbury Crusade Res	Mile Straight Club #1
16/04/11	Olveston United Res	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Old Down Olveston
20/04/11	Henbury F C 'A'	Greyfriars Athletic Res	Arnal Drive P F Henbury

As ([Bristol and District Division 6](#))

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Sea Mills Park Res	19	13	2	4	36	41
2	Bishopsworth United	16	12	1	3	21	37
3	Crosscourt United Reserves	15	11	1	3	22	34
4	Roman Glass St George Colts	16	10	3	3	35	33
5	Soundwell Victoria Res	17	10	2	5	9	32
6	Warmley Saints Res	15	9	1	5	22	28
7	Rangeworthy Reserves	18	8	0	10	2	24
8	Stockwood Wanderers Reserves	16	7	1	8	-15	22
9	St Pancras Res	16	6	1	9	-11	19
10	AXA 'B'	15	5	3	7	-5	18
11	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	13	5	2	6	0	17
12	Longwell Green Old Boys	16	4	2	10	-8	14
13	South Bristol Central Reserves	16	2	5	9	-18	11
14	Pill United	17	2	2	13	-49	8
15	Oakland Res	13	2	0	11	-41	6

Recent Results

DATE	HOME		AWAY
05/03/11	Longwell Green Old Boys	2 - 4	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'
19/02/11	South Bristol Central Reserves	3 - 3	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'
12/02/11	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	3 - 1	Rangeworthy Reserves
05/02/11	Sea Mills Park Res	7 - 5	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'

Upcoming Fixtures

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
12/03/11	Warmley Saints Res	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	Manor Road P F #2
19/03/11	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	St Pancras Res	Mile Straight Club #1
26/03/11	Roman Glass St George Colts	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	Netham Playing Field #1
02/04/11	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	Oakland Res	Mile Straight Club #1
05/04/11	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	Sea Mills Park Res	Mile Straight Club #1
07/04/11	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	AXA 'B'	Mile Straight Club #1
09/04/11	Pill United	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	Muller Road Park #3
12/04/11	Bishopsworth United	Greyfriars Athletic 'A'	Dundridge P F #2

Bs (Bristol and Avon Premier)

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	F C Bristol	13	12	1	0	63	37
2	Cutters Friday A	14	10	3	1	56	33
3	Imperial Res	16	10	1	5	20	31
4	A F C Hartcliffe	13	9	3	1	51	30
5	Carmell United	11	9	2	0	48	29
6	Amana SYC	17	8	2	7	12	26
7	De Veys Reserves	14	8	1	5	37	25
8	Real St George	14	7	3	4	2	24
9	Iron Acton Res	14	4	2	8	-7	14
10	Wanderers Reserves	14	4	1	9	-25	13
11	Greyfriars Athletic B	17	4	0	13	-59	12
12	Golden Hill Sports A	17	3	2	12	-62	11
13	Wessex Wanderers A	15	1	1	13	-66	4
14	Bradley Stoke Town A	13	1	0	12	-70	3

Recent Results

DATE	HOME		AWAY
05/03/11	Greyfriars Athletic B	0 - 2	Amana SYC
26/02/11	Golden Hill Sports A	3 - 0	Greyfriars Athletic B
19/02/11	Real St George	3 - 1	Greyfriars Athletic B
05/02/11	Greyfriars Athletic B	0 - 8	A F C Hartcliffe

Upcoming Fixtures

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE
12/03/11	Greyfriars Athletic B	Iron Acton Res	Mile Straight Club #2

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