

BURNLEY CLARETS

walking football club



GREATER MANCHESTER WALKING FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Over 60s



Over 65s

All fixtures played at **The Heywood Sports Village**, OL10 4TW

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Spring 2022 Season Matchday Programme

Welcome to the latest edition of our digital matchday programme, which marks our April games in the Greater Manchester Walking Football League (GMWFL). This programme contains all our regular features, news and reports from the March games. As always, we hope you enjoy the programme.....and, of course, that you enjoy both playing and watching the football!

designed by **Patrick Goodacre**.



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Both our Over 60's and Over 65's teams have made a great start to the Spring GMWFL season. After the March round of matches, both teams are top of their respective divisions. This is particularly pleasing because both teams had to play these games without their captains, who had to pull out of the matches at a late stage due to injury (Mick) and illness (Dave). Despite this, both teams played some very good football and deserved to finish the games in top position. But there's a long way to go! We have to make sure that we not only maintain the standards of these performances but also that we try to keep improving from game to game. And we're all looking forward to the next round of matches in April!

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Graham Hill (Manager, Over 60s squad)

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After our initial friendly matches at Heywood and our first “real” games it appears that we are capable of having a good season – impressive!

Although I missed these games the feedback from both teams was really positive. Looking at the league tables both teams are top of their individual leagues. Not bad eh? Can’t wait for the next league games – exciting times.

Really sorry about Gimmer’s injury. All the best for a good recovery Steve. It shows that we can’t be too careful about our physical capabilities.

A big part of our walking football is the social side and the camaraderie and the laughs we have and I know I would really miss this if I couldn’t play. I thought it might be a good idea to get together more on a social basis and perhaps meet up once a month for a few beers. If you all think this is a good idea I could check out Pendle Forest Sports Club. Let me know what you think and all ideas welcome.

Dave Stobbs (*Captain, Over 65s Squad*)

After a seemingly long wait we’ve finally made our debut in the prestigious Greater Manchester Walking Football League. Whilst injured and unable to play myself for several weeks, it’s been a real pleasure to get down to Heywood Sports Village to watch the first games, and I have to say both teams have been equally impressive so far. The league is well established, efficiently organised and diligently refereed and features some fine teams and outstanding individual players. Having said that our results so far have been very positive and after 3 games each we can boast a collective unbeaten record across both age groups. Long may that continue, although the games are highly competitive and tight affairs with the outcomes usually determined by small margins and everyone will have to remain on their mettle to keep this good run of form going.

As always though, our main focus remains on the fun, enjoyment and camaraderie that still being able to play football in any format brings. It’s going to be an interesting and productive next few months on the field I’m sure.

Michael Wild (*Captain, Over 60s Squad*)

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Football autobiographies are ten a penny nowadays. Any player worth his salt, and Joey Barton, has committed the story of his career to print, usually with the help of a ghostwriter.

In the olden days they were always tales of glory - books by Bobby Charlton, Jimmy Greaves, Bobby Moore and the rest.

However in the 90s a new kind of football autobiography appeared, from the pen of those who had had a not-so-glorious career. First of those I read was by the former Charlton player Garry Nelson - *Left Foot Forward: A Year In The Life Of A Journeyman Footballer...* far more fascinating than those all about winning trophies and medals.

As I seem to fit the Garry Nelson mould, here's my mini football autobiography. Read on, or scroll up to that bit at the end about the Leisure Box or to find out where Neil Rawcliffe likes to go on his holidays if you can't be bothered.

Your football history might mirror mine, so here goes.

I went to a small village school where we had just four teachers, all women. We had no organised sport, or swimming bath visits, and PE in the school hall ended when we were about nine when a lad split his spleen while being clumsy. It was a serious incident, so no PE after that.

Across the lane was an area called The Green, which was actually orangey-brown, clay and stone compacted down by years of football being played on it. Which is what we did, every break and every dinner, all organised by us young lads.

There were no girl players in those days. They were always skipping and playing hopscotch. Apart from my older sister that is. She was football mad and any chance we got it was a kickaround in the back garden. The action didn't stop inside the house either. Our mum made a wool football stuffed with old tights which got kicked around the front room. The lampshades were usually the losers.

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So when I passed my 11-plus and got to Burnley Grammar, I was a football beginner really.

The school was full of boys with massive brains, and some brilliant footballers too.

So it was inter-form and inter-house games for me, which I loved.

Once you got to fifth form, Wednesday was games afternoon, pitched in with all the sixth-formers. The first and second XI players went off to do their special thing, while those left over were historically called The Remnants.

As I hit fifth form, two teachers had the bright idea of organising The Remnants into teams to play in a league system. It was brilliant. Competitive football brought out the best in me, and many others. I discovered I really liked a sliding tackle, and had no problem crashing into bigger sixth-formers and winning the ball.

This got me noticed and so, at the age of 16, I finally made it into a school team, the second XI, and for the rest of my school time I either played for them every Saturday morning or... the first XI, slithering around in midfield or at full back.

The lads with massive brains went on to university, which didn't appeal to me because I was too lazy, but I managed to scrape through two A-levels to win a place on a one-year vocational course studying journalism, and that's when the next stage of my footballing 'career' began....

Next time - Avenham Park, Burnley Press XI friendlies, Sunday League, five-a-side... and walking football.

John Walton (Manager, Over 65s Squad)

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Our **Squads**

Goalkeepers

Brian **Barker**
Graham **Hill**

John **Finn**

Outfield Players

Neil **Ashworth**
Jim **Bowden**
Pete **Hey**
Steve **Long**
Graham **Lord**
Ron **Peden**
Neil **Rawcliffe**
Michael **Wild**

John **Goodacre**
Keith **Harvey**
Nigel **Holt**
Brian **Keith**
Garry **McGrail**
Derek **Sadler**
Dave **Stobbs Senior**
Dave **Stobbs Junior**
John **Walton**

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In this section we focus on one of the squad to find out a bit more about them, in response to 5 probing questions posed by John Walton.

Today we get to know more about **Neil Rawcliffe**

Q1 What was your first car, in what year?
A1 Red Vauxhall Viva. 1979

Q2 What's your specialty meal to cook?
A2 Steak and chips

Q3 Who is your favourite Burnley player ever, or the favourite from whatever team you support?
A3 Paul Gascoigne

Q4 What's your big interest apart from football?
A4 DIY and holidays

Q5 What's your favourite country visited, or favourite spot in the UK?
A5 Fuerteventura and Edinburgh

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Get to know
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Here are the details of our results in the first round of matches in the GMWFL spring season, and the current league tables.

Over-60s - Division 4

v Garstang	D 0-0	
v Moston Brook	W 1-0	Hey (pen)
v Roach Dynamos	W 2-0	OG, Peden

Match **Results**

		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Burnley Clares 60s	3	2	1	0	3	7
2	Moston Brook FC	3	2	0	3	3	6
3	Garstang WFC	3	1	1	1	0	4
4	Roach Dynamos	3	0	0	3	-6	0



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Over-65s - Division 4

- v Man City in the Community
- v Manchester Corinthians Whites
- v Wakefield Wanderers

D 1-1 Sadler

D 0-0

W 1-0 McGrail

Match Results

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1	Burnley Clares 65s	3	1	2	0	1	5
2	Man City in Community	3	0	3	0	0	3
3	Manchester Corinthians Whites	3	0	3	0	0	3
4	Wakefield Wanderers	3	0	2	1	-1	2



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Over 60s Div 4

*Garstang
Moston Brook
Roach Dynamos*

Over 65s Div 4

*Man City in the Community
Manchester Corinthians Whites
Wakefield Wanderers*

In each matchday programme we provide some background information about the history, achievements and activities of our opponents. Here we focus on **Roach Dynamos**, **Garstang** and **Moston Brook**.

For information about the history of the GMWFL, and about its teams and structure, visit:
<https://manchesterwalkingfootball.uk/>

Roach Dynamos

Roach Dynamos Walking Football team were founded in July 2017. We are affiliated to Roach Dynamos Junior Football Club who were founded in 1975. We started with six players most of whom have had children or still have grandchildren playing for the junior teams.

We play in the Manchester Walking Football League, which we are proud to be a part of such a thriving and well run football league. We train on Thursday evenings at Heywood Sports Centre 5 – 6pm cost £3.00. We encourage all ages and sexes to attend and train with us.

In 2018, we had Ronaldo who used to come and train. (Not that one!) He was a chap from South America in his late sixties who was over in Heywood visiting family. He had played football in his youth and although he spoke little English, he came to training with his grandson.

The covid period has been difficult for us, it restricted our meeting regularly, but a lively WhatsApp page has kept us all in touch and we are ready and very eager to start the new season.

We look forward to meeting teams old and new in the upcoming season.

Kevin Brennan

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Garstang

Garstang Walking Football Club was set up in early 2021 when a group of friends started playing at the local YMCA. More footballers joined them and the club developed in series of training sessions at Lancaster University, before it moved to Garstang Academy.

In just 12 months the club now has around 60 regular players and three competitive teams -Over 50s, 60s and most recently 65s.

Last year the Over 50s reached the finals of the national walking cup and have just joined the newly established north west league, and the Over 60s the Greater Manchester Walking Football League.

But from the outset the club was determined to be inclusive, and welcome anyone who wants to play and enjoy the game.

Away from football the club has seen players, which range from early 50s to early 80s, take up yoga, form a cycling group and the team meet up regularly.

Off the field, the club's subs have also supported several charities with donations topping £750 and the players have regular social events, and stay and have a beer and a chat after games. Pubs in the area have welcomed these new gatherings!

Martyn Butlin

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Moston Brook

Moston Brook FC was first brought about back in 1969 by a group of teachers at 'Moston Brook High School' a new school built right next to the pitch where back in 1878 Manchester United FC began life as Newton Heath. The Club ran 2 open age teams in its first season (1970-71) in the 'Lancashire and Cheshire AFL' with a mixture of teachers and ex pupils.

In 1989-90 the club grew by introducing a 'Junior Section' and then in September 2019 saw the addition of the 'Walking Football Section'. That's when the term within the Club came from "Cradle to Grave" because our youngest players are 5 and our oldest player is 85. We now have 19 teams and an Academy. The Academy is for 5 and 6 year olds. We have 9 Mini-Soccer teams and 3 Youth teams who play in the 'East Manchester JFL' and have 4 Open Age teams in the 'Lancashire and Cheshire AFL', plus 3 Walking Football teams in the 'Greater Manchester WFL'.

When entering the 'GMWFL' for the Autumn Session in 2019 we had 1 team in each age group (60's, 65's, and 70's) made up mainly from lads who attended sessions at 'Oldham Leisure Centre'. This has since been increased in number by lads who played back in the 1970's for the club. We had instant success with our Over 65's being Runners Up in Division 3.

Then the Pandemic hit, but the positives from that came from Moston Brook FC as a club organising training for the Walking Footballers starting back in September 2020 (which only stopped during lockdown) and the creation of a very active 'What's App Group'.

We returned to the 'GMWFL' in the Autumn Session in 2021 and this time our Over 60's, were Runners Up in Division 4. All 3 teams are looking forward to the Spring Session in the 'GMWFL' and are looking forward to playing new teams (Burnley Clarets and Garstang' in Division 4) in the Over 60s league.

Charlie Macmillan

Our Opponents



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One of our early attempts at merchandising activities (!) has been to design and produce club T shirts with the famous "One Club" logo on the front. These have proven very popular, leading to lots of photos of the T shirts being worn by members of the team on holiday and in other places. Here are some of the pictures, showing that our players can justifiably claim to be "style leaders", not only in terms of how they play football, but also in terms of their sense of fashion and their global lifestyle!



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The Leisure Box is based at the iconic Northlight site in Brierfield. Operated by Burnley FC in the Community, the former Brierfield cotton mill has been transformed into a state of the art, 133,000 square foot leisure facility. It is a place for everyone in communities living across East Lancashire to enjoy and benefit from. Inside the facilities include an indoor 4G pitch, sports hall, cricket lanes, a Clip 'n' Climb arena, state-of-the-art gym and a soft play area including a café. Outdoors is a 7-a-side 3G football pitch.

Among our wide range of activities we provide many types of Fitness Classes and Dance Classes for all ages, as well as opportunities for anyone to participate in very familiar sports such as football, badminton and table tennis, and "unusual" sports such as Pickleball. Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of Badminton, Table Tennis and Tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball, with 26–40 round holes, over a net.

We're delighted to host Burnley Clarets WFC's twice weekly training sessions, and all their home games against other teams from across the region.

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News from the **Leisure Box**

For more information about the Leisure Box, please visit our website www.theleisurebox.org

Or contact the centre on 01282333280 or leisurebox@burnleyfc.com

The Leisure Box team.



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1. Spot the Difference

What are the two (or is it maybe four?) main differences between these photos of our Over 60s Team (taken at Heywood on the day of the March round of fixtures)?



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Picture Quiz

Answers to the previous quiz:

Q1.

No (/!)

Q2.

Amazingly, no answers were received to the caption competition!

Q3.

Derek Sadler is front row, second from the left, playing for Colne Legion.

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2. Caption Competition

1. What is Graham saying to Pete?
2. Why is Dave smiling?
3. Why are Nigel and Brian looking the other way?



Picture Quiz

Fixtures...

Thursday 12th May
GM WFL Over 60s Div 4
(KO. 11am)

Thursday 26th May
GM WFL Over 65s Div 4
(KO. 11am)

Forthcoming Fixtures

Archive

<https://bcwfc-progs.blogspot.com> (click link)

Programme Archive

Thank you for your interest
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Clarets Walking FC.

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