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The official organ of Over Veterans Football Club

“We can win this”, vows coach.

SQUAD FOR HUNGARY ANNOUNCED!

Hungary 25th - 28th May 2001

We have booked all the rooms in the Relax Panzio in Gyor so we won't be able to disturb any other guests.

As things stand the itinerary remains the same as detailed in the last newsletter i.e. three games of football - one on the Friday evening (25th) and two on the Sunday (27th). It appears that we are still lined up to play against the Mayor's XI and President's XI on the Sunday but even if Mr. President doesn't show it is sure to be a memorable trip.

We will get some pennants made and buy some match-balls to take with us.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

I have booked everyone on the early morning flight 25th May from Stansted to Vienna, returning on the evening of Monday 28th May. The tickets are with Buzz and to get the best price we opted for a 'Done Deal' ticket. This represents excellent value (most tickets cost £125 return) but the tickets cannot be cancelled or transferred.

Coaches will get us to Stansted and between Vienna and Gyor. The residue of the £150 you have paid as a deposit should comfortably cover these costs.

INSURANCE

Please note that personal travel insurance is essential for everyone to cover them against cancellation, illness, medical expenses etc. I intended to get group insurance but several members have told me that they are already covered by their own policies.

It would be simpler, therefore, if everyone made their own arrangements. Many companies offer these policies, including travel agents. I found a cheap deal on the internet - details attached.

POLO SHIRTS AND HATS

Ian Purkiss has kindly offered to sponsor some polo shirts for us to wear on the trip. The shirts will be embroidered with the club logo, Hockey's (sponsors) logo and hopefully the English and Hungarian flags (anyone know what that looks like?).

Any members not going on the trip will be able to purchase one of these shirts if they wish. We are also offering members the chance to purchase embroidered caps too. See the enclosed order form for details.

We will organise a few games on grass to get us 'acclimatised' and I will issue more information about the trip closer to the time.

Bill Handley



Coach Handley: "we're taking this very seriously"

The squad in full:
Mark Armstrong
Bob Bainbridge
Sean Baker
Andy Buck
Andy Carman
Tony Carman
Brian Chapman
Chas Cook
Richard Dickinson
Dave Gordon
Bill Handley
Mike Little
Bob Milne
Andrew Muggerridge
Ian Purkiss
Albert Smith
Garry Swain

Tournament update

The tournament will be held on Saturday 9th June. The committee has decided to continue with 5 teams for another year, due to the lack of reliability of the invited teams from last year. If this year's goes well, we can look at possibly having 6 next year.

However, following last year's AGM, we are looking to enter two Over teams this time of equal strength. Would all members who wish to make themselves available, please let Sean Baker know by March 31st. The committee will then select 2 squads of 9 before the end of April, so that we can have a practice match between the two sometime in May.

BIBS & KIT

- Washing rota wanted

We should like to spread the responsibility for washing Thursday night's bibs beyond the couple of people who currently take care of it. All it needs is two or three members to put their names forward (ideally regular attendees), and the load can be shared, with each person taking care of the washing just once a month or so. Please contact Richard Dickinson or Bill Handley.

CLUB LEISUREWEAR

We will soon be ordering a number of items of clothing, all embroidered with the club logo. Apart from the polo shirts mentioned opposite, we will also be ordering club hats for the summer. The company that does our embroidering offer a range of quality clothing and the more we order the less the embroidering costs per item. If you would like to see the brochure and/or place an order, contact Dave Tassell on 201773. We hope to get the order in by the end of February. In case anyone is wondering you will pay only the cost of the garment and the embroidering - nobody (including the club) makes any money out of it.

MEMBERSHIP

For the purposes of 2001, everyone who receives this newsletter is classed as a member for the year. But at the beginning of next year, a review will be held to ensure that we have 30 members with a reasonable attendance rate on Thursday evenings. Anyone who hasn't attended for more than 6 months will be considered to have let their membership lapse. Any former members who wish to re-join would then be placed at the top of the waiting list until such time as a vacancy arose.

THURSDAY NIGHT NUMBERS

The committee wishes to remind members that at the AGM in October, it was agreed that numbers on a Thursday should be kept to 9-a-side and, if more turn up, then rolling subs should be used. It would help everyone concerned if this agreement could be held to. Where we have had 24 turn up, we have split into 3 teams of 8 and this has worked well. But in the event of 20-22 wanting a game, we should stick to what was agreed. If players are concerned about keeping warm during their time off the pitch, they should make the necessary arrangements - it is up to individuals whether they wish to play on 'busy' nights or not.