

## Carlton Palmer Player of the Year Awards Night – Friday Nov 7

The following are down to attend this most glittering of occasions:

Bobby Bainbridge  
Sean Baker  
Neil Blanchflower  
Paul Briggs  
Andy Buck  
Brian Chapman  
Richard Dickinson  
Martin Dollard  
Dave Gordon  
Bill Handley  
Michael Little  
Mark Marshall-Nichols  
Andy Muggeridge  
Andy Smart  
Albert Smith  
Kevin Smith  
Dave Tassell  
Billy Wilson

If anyone else wishes to come, please let Sean know, as we need to notify the Railway Vue of our number.

A bus will be leaving the Exhibition at 7.15 and will return from Histon (hopefully with everyone on it) at about 11.15. For anyone making their own way there, we are likely to start at the Red Lion and crawl our way to the Railway Vue. As last year, it's imperative that everyone is at the Vue by 9 o'clock.

### APPEARANCES Oct 02–Oct 03 (Thursday nights only)

Chas Cook	49
Richard Dickinson	47
Andy Muggeridge	45
Ian Sutton	43
Dave Tassell	42
Albert Smith	40
Martin Dollard	37
Paul Briggs	35
Bill Handley	35
Paul Clarke	34
Jerry Lewis	34
Pete Dean	31
Sean Baker	30
Andy Carman	30
Richard Tassell	29

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## AGM report

**An extremely encouraging 17 members turned up for the Vets' 8th AGM at The Exhibition on Monday 20th October.**

Present: Bill Handley, Sean Baker, Richard Dickinson, Bob Bainbridge, Martin Dollard, Andy Muggeridge, Mike Day, Andy Buck, Chas Cook, Billy Wilson, Pete Dean, Dave Tassell, Paul Clarke, Albert Smith, Andy Smart, Paul Briggs, Ian Sutton, Dave Boothroyd, Kev Smith. *Apologies:* Mike Little.

1. Last year's minutes.

These were approved as accurate

2. Treasurer's Report.

Copies were circulated and will be kept on file, but in summary: Income for year was £7525.36; expenditure was £8272.93. Main items of expense were new kit at a cost of £941.59 and the leisure wear which cost £1057.73 and has so far recouped only £738. This means that the club still has some items in stock, so most of the cost will eventually be recouped. £218 was spent on the coach travel in England for the Prague trip and £220 on last year's Carlton Palmer dinner. The tournament made a small profit and last year's Christmas party made £117.23.

3. Chairman's address

Bill noted that it had been another successful and highly enjoyable year with a good turnout on Thursdays, although Summer numbers were, as usual, lower. He welcomed the following new members: Andy Smart, Mike Oswald, Steve Yearsley, Steve Rawlinson and Adam Stevenson. It had been a great trip to Prague, although there had been some problems with travel arrangements. He also noted that the Czech team were a bunch of "miserable gits". It was a good tournament with excellent and skillful play from the winners, Cambridge. He thanked the anonymous donor of the new trophy and suggested that at some time in the future we should think about building a trophy cabinet to house it permanently at the Centre. Admitted to a 'cock-up' over the leisure clothing where members had ended up paying less than the items actually cost the club, although the blame for this lay with the suppliers, Carlton Promotions. The club's perceived cash-flow difficulties will improve after a heavy spend this year. He thanked Albert for the club's web pages which had resulted in contacts over the last year from Bluntisham, Cambourne, Old Pretenders, Wigston and 2 Belgian clubs, amongst others. Pointed out that we needed new committee members and that the club could go one of three ways: continue to play just on Thursday nights or to increase the number of Sunday friendlies or to develop a much larger pool of players along the lines of Cambridge Vets. He thanked the outgoing committee members – Dicko and Chas for their time and effort and also thanked Sean for the Old Git. He closed by announcing that he was stepping down from the committee.

4. Secretary's report

Sean had nothing specific to report other than to stress again that players should show responsibility when a ball is kicked over the fence (a number of balls have been lost this year) and also asked that everyone continue to take their turn with bibs and kit washing duties.

5. Election of Committee

After much horse trading and backroom deals, the following committee was elected: Chairman – Billy Wilson; Treasurer – Andy Buck (with Pete Dean collecting money in Andy's absence); Secretary – Sean Baker; Team Manager/Fixture Secretary – Bobby Bainbridge; Entertainments Manager – Andy Smart; Overseas Trip Coordinator – Paul Clarke; Garry Swain.

6. Next Year's Tour

A number of aspects of this were discussed including a potential ceiling on cost, the dates and venue. As we have received an invitation to Belgium to take part in a tournament next May, BW and PC will explore that as an option and report back to members.

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## 7. Tournament

It was agreed that Cambridge and Kegworth be invited once again to the tournament and that we should have two teams if there was sufficient interest. It was agreed that Bluntisham may be the other invited team.

## 8. Christmas Party

The meeting was informed that the ticket price this year will be £10 and everyone was asked to make efforts to sell tickets on the club's behalf.

## 9. Membership Numbers

It was recognised that we must not be a closed shop and we should find ways of accommodating players coming up to the age of 35 who currently play for Over Sports. We will look at the possibility of booking a second night or extending our Thursday session. An advert will be placed in the Over News looking for more members to take up a second session, although existing members will be able to play in this second session. The committee will look at developing an associate membership to make it easier to pick teams for 11-a-side grass matches. It was stressed that numbers have to be controlled for the weekly games on the all-weather surface. Richard Dickinson asked that we try and arrange a few more astro friendlies for Sunday mornings rather than just 11-a-side on grass.

## 10. Subscriptions

One or two people raised the suggestion that members could pay several months' subs in advance rather than paying £3 every week. If anyone wishes to do this, please see Andy Buck.

## 11. AOB

A suggestion was made that if you are late (ie if the game has already started), you should be nominated ballboy for the night. In the absence of Geoff Rule, this met with unanimous approval. Bill Wilson stressed that members should arrive *before* 7.30 so that games could start on time. Dave Boothroyd asked that we sign up to a coordinated policy regarding the maintenance of the village's grass pitches. This was agreed and it was also agreed that in future members would pay £5 each when they play a Sunday morning game on grass in the village.

Meeting closed.

## Appearances continued

Brian Chapman	26
Bob Milne	25
Geoff Rule	23
Mark Armstrong	21
Mike Day	21
Andy Buck	20
Malcolm Mackinnon	20
Andy Smart	20
Mike Oswell	18
Mike Little	16
Steve Yearsley	15
Dave Boothroyd	8
Paul Collett	8
Bob Bainbridge	7
Mervyn Howard	5
Ian Purkiss	2
Steve Rawlinson	1
Adam Stevenson	1
Nigel Corley	—
Bill Wilson	—

It should be noted that although at last year's AGM it was agreed those members who had the lowest appearance record might be voted out of the club, due to the fact that we are currently oversubscribed anyway, and also looking for new members for a second session, no action would be taken at the moment

# FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Our esteemed, indeed legendary, goalkeeper, Briggsy has come up with an idea for Fantasy Football for the Vets' Thursday night games. This is something everyone can take part in and will run for a year from Thursday November 20th. The year will end just before next year's Carlton Palmer Dinner, where presentations will be made. After much to-ing and fro-ing between Briggsy and the Secretary over players' values (Sean thought he should be worth at least £10 million, Briggsy had him down at £10k), it works as follows:

Each member should pick a team of 8 players, which must consist of one goalkeeper, 2 defenders, 3 midfielders and 2 forwards, with a maximum total value of £23 million.

Values as decided by Briggsy are:

### Goalkeepers:

Briggsy	£4 million
Safe Hands Dollard	£2 million

### Defenders:

Mike Day	£4 million
Mike Little	£4 million
Ian Sutton	£4 million
Mark Armstrong	£3 million
Sean Baker	£3 million
Dicko	£2.5 million
Mike Oswell	£2.5 million
Dave Boothroyd	£2 million
Paul Collett	£2 million
Pete Dean	£2 million
Richard Tassell	£2 million
Bob Bainbridge	£1 million
Merv Howard	£500,000
'Young' Billy Wilson	£500,000

### Midfield:

Chas Cook	£4 million
Albert Smith	£4 million
Steve Yearsley	£4 million
Geoff Rule	£3.5 million
Jerry Lewis	£3 million
Andy Smart	£3 million
Andy Buck	£2.5 million
'Old' Bill Handley	£2.5 million
Nigel Corley	£500,000
Steve Rawlinson	£500,000
Adam Stevenson	£500,000

### Forwards:

Andy Carman	£5 million
Dave Tassell	£3.5 million
Paul 'Sex Dwarf' Clarke	£3 million
Muggsy	£2.5 million
Bob Milne	£2 million
Malcolm Mackinnon	£2 million
Brian 'Oh come on' Chapman	£2 million
Ian Purkiss	£500,000

Before anyone splutters into their beards over these valuations, Briggsy has placed much emphasis on actual appearances as well as his view of players' worths.

Points will be awarded/deducted as follows:

Goal scored by Forward	5 points
Goal scored by Defender or Midfielder	10 points
Hat-trick scored	20 bonus points
Playing on winning team	5 points
Attendance on Thursday night	2 points
Clean sheet	15 points for Defenders and Goalkeepers
1 goal conceded	10 points for Defenders and Goalkeeper

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2 goals conceded	5 points for Defenders and Goalkeeper
3 goals conceded	-5 points for Defenders and Goalkeeper
4+ goals conceded	-10 points for Defenders and Goalkeeper
Kicking ball over fence	-2 points
Scoring an own goal	-5 points

Briggsy is the final arbiter of who did what each week. Transfers can be made at any time – just re-submit your team to Briggsy. Stats have already been kept for the last 2 weeks and will be circulated up to the start date, but for the record, details are:

	Oct 23	Oct 30	Total
Safe Hands	7	0	7
Briggsy	7	-3	4
Ian Sutton	7	-8	-1
Pete Dean	15	-3	12
Dicko	7	-8	-1
Sean Baker	7	-8	-1
Mike Little	17	7	24
Mike Day	7	0	7
Dave Boothroyd	7	0	7
Jerry Lewis	0	7	7
Chas Cook	2	27	29
Albert Smith	2	2	4
Andy Buck	0	22	22
Dave Tassell	2	8	10
Muggsy	0	-2	-2
Bob Milne	0	7	7
Malcolm Mackinnon	7	0	7
Brian Chapman	2	17	19
Paul Clarke	3	17	20

Thus the best team possible would already have garnered you 140 points and the worst possible would have scored you nil!

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**ENTRY FORM FOR OVER VETS' FANTASY FOOTBALL**

**(those who receive this via email, simply email your team details to Briggsy at [paul.briggs@astron.co.uk](mailto:paul.briggs@astron.co.uk))**

Team Manager .....

Team Name .....

Goalkeeper ..... Value .....

Defenders..... Value .....

..... Value .....

Midfield..... Value .....

..... Value .....

..... Value .....

Forwards ..... Value .....

..... Value .....

Total Value (max £23 million) .....