

The hugely swinging organ of Over Veterans Football Club

Vets stuff Haslingfield in welcome return to form

Over Vets 3(2) - (1)1 Haslingfield
Muggeridge. Some Irish bloke who got lucky
Milne, Tassell D. att. 3 small children & a dog

The Super Vets returned to winning ways on the Astro after a barren 2001, with a fine 3-1 victory over a plucky Haslingfield side.

Despite not having a recognised goalkeeper, Over kept Haslingfield down to a single goal, whilst notching up 3 memorable efforts of their own. This was a genuine team performance of style and grit and vicious fouls, exemplified by Mark 'what dislocated shoulder' Armstrong who slid in on some poor Haslingfield sap, sending him flying in the first few minutes.

Bill Handley did the honours between the sticks in the first half and, as in Hungary, only just failed to keep a clean sheet.

Over's first goal came courtesy 'Muggsy' Muggeridge who latched onto a slightly fortunate defensive interception by Baker to volley superbly home from 10 yards out.

The second goal was a classic team effort starting with a roll out from Handley to Baker, who fed Rule in midfield. He slid the ball out wide to Tassell, who found Milne to the left of the 'D'. A fine left foot shot did the job and we went in at half time leading 2-1.

For the second half Handley came out and was replaced by Armstrong who made several excellent saves including a couple of dives, though as he himself said afterwards, they were on his good shoulder not his bad one!

Tassell stretched Over's lead early in the second half with a magnificent 20 yard shot which gave the keeper no chance. Backs to the wall defending meant we held on for a rare win.

Team: Handley; Dickinson, Baker; Armstrong; Collett, Milne, Rule; Muggeridge, Tassell.

DATES FOR DIARY:	
Match v Perse (indoor)	Tuesday 12 Feb (see Dicko)
Over Pub Crawl and Indian at the Admiral	Friday 22 Feb (see Sean)
Match at home	Sunday 24 Feb (opponents & surface to be decided)
Tournament	June 1st (bank holiday w/e) (more details next month)
TBA	Away match v. Kegworth (see Bill)

Overseas Trip Latest

At the time of going to press, no firm plans are in place for an overseas trip. Chas is investigating the possibility of going to Prague and Bill has been in touch with representative of British Utd in Brussels, so watch this space!

Dicko 'Player of the Year' Shock!

Following a year of hard competitive action, Richard 'Dicko' Dickinson, popular leftback, treasurer and bon viveur has come out on top of the Veterans' unofficial league table.

Despite a running style akin to a new-born giraffe with three legs, the tenacious Dicko proved himself nigh-on unbeatable in the last four months of the year, appearing on the losing side just twice in 16 weeks. His invincibility was confirmed when, on the evening of November 29, he played a full 90 minutes in goal and kept a clean sheet. To add to his triumph, he also managed a respectable 10 goals, the leading tally amongst the club's defenders.

Golden Boot winner was Dave Tassell with 56 goals in 45 games. He also takes the gold watch for most appearances of the year.

He scores, he shoots, he scores

CONGRATULATIONS from the Vets to Andy and Fiona Buck on the birth of their baby on January 2nd at some undogly hour.

Holly was born weighing 6lb13oz and there is apparently no truth in the rumour that when the midwife tossed Andy his newborn daughter, he dived full length and turned her past the post.

Malcolm in Weakest Link Horror!

Just returning from injury, Malcolm Mackinnon decided to warm up for the rigours of a Vets' Thursday night by testing his ankle on The Weakest Link.

For those of you who missed it, Malcolm performed heroically with a series of answers that proved to be only just wide of the mark. Despite a game effort the 8 'townies' conspired against our brave village boy and voted him off first. Undaunted, he plans to enter Mastermind next, where his specialised subjects will be Boy Bands and English geography.



Malcolm in front of some cliffs that may or may not be in Sussex (or Kent)

Membership Update

The deadline has now passed for the return of membership forms: only 2 listed members failed to respond, and they have now been struck off the membership list. The club now has exactly 30 members with a waiting list of 4. At the start of the year we welcomed Richard Tassell as our latest member. So we now have a Chas, Tass and Tass, making Thursday nights sound more like a roll call for Trumpton Fire Brigade.