

The Many Shades



The Fanzine of Havant & Waterlooville FC's 50+ Walking Football squad



Charity begins at home



From left to right: Dave Hall, Steve Talman, John Morgan, Stew Russell, Clive Wilkin, Matt Bartolo, Derek Trapp, John Hicks, Rob Kelly, Jeff Pickering, Baz Carter, Mo Hill, Pete Dolamore, Colin Jeffery

The **Many Shades** have been busy during the past few months with a number of fund-raising initiatives.

Of course the WF team wasn't set up to do anything other than get a few old fogeys off the sofa and getting a bit of exercise, but these things change in response to need!

During 2015 the **Many Shades** have raised a staggering **£601** for a range of good causes.

It kicked off when the **Many Shades'** treasurer Rob Kelly sadly lost his young daughter Ally in a road accident, and our modest whip round for a bunch of flowers turned into a £100 donation to the family's chosen charity, the Air Ambulance service!

Next up was a Charity match between a Soap Stars XI and Pompey ex-Professionals, when we were allowed to play an

exhibition walking football match on the WLP pitch ahead of the main event. A combination of fees from participants for the privilege of playing on the pitch and a raffle of two England vs Estonia tickets generously donated by **Derek Pope** raised a combined £361.

Then we rolled in from a soggy training session one November Thursday to find Richard Pope trying to raise money on behalf of the National League's Remembrance Day Captain's Armband on behalf the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. The going rate was £100. Amazingly, we gathered together £140 and now have a poppy-adorned captain's armband!

What is Walking Football?

- It is a version of the game designed for people aged 50+
- The rules are similar to ordinary football, with no running and it is less physical
- It is for people with all levels of skill (or lack of skill)
- It can improve your fitness
- You get proper coaching from the Special One himself, Shaun Gale!
- You get to meet new people, and most of all you join the mighty HAWKS family!

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Guests arrive from near and far

The second official season of the **Many Shades'** Walking Football existence has seen us expand our horizons quite considerably. We have hosted teams from both Bristol City and Maidenhead United, as well as our more local "usual suspects" such as Pompey ITC, Hay-

ling, Emsworth, Eastleigh Hub, and of course Southampton DFA.

Bristol City were invited because the **Many Shades** are looking to expand even further and play in Europe in 2016. City were trolling the same websites in France as us, and as a

result maybe we will meet them again soon somewhere in the South of France.....

Meanwhile Maidenhead have offered to return the compliment and play us at their place when the clubs meet again in the league on 30th January.



Appearances (and goals) in 2015

Colin Baker 1 (0)	John Hicks 23 (0)	Derek Pope 11 (1)
Matt Bartolo 24 (9)	Mo Hill 32 (0)	Kev Rapley 6 (4)
Mike Blakey 12 (0)	Jeff Hooper 6 (0)	Dave Richards 22 (3)
Robbie Brown 15 (2)	Colin Jeffery 10 (0)	Stewart Russell 35 (2)
Baz Carter 22 (0)	Derek Jepson 3 (1)	Paul Sealey 20 (2)
George De Ste Croix 7 (0)	Tony Jewell 28 (0)	Steve Talman 20 (1)
Pete Dolamore 42 (7)	Rob Kelly 38 (1)	Derek Trapp 36 (0)
Barrie Gray 13 (1)	Joe Mair 12 (2)	Dave Veal 19 (0)
Dave Hall 18 (0)	Cathy Mitchell 2 (0)	Clive Wilkin 13 (0)
	John Morgan 19 (0)	Andy Wilson 5 (0)

RKelly Meets.... Stew Russell



Nickname: The Voice
Position at the club: Defender (aka "thug")
Joined: September 2014 - couldn't make the first session, but been there ever since.
Car(s): Nissan Qashqai and smart fortwo.
The Day Job: mostly re-

tired, but still supervising students on work placement.

Likes:
Films - something with a bit of a twist at the end.
Music - sad old seventies prog rock and the Floyd.
Favourite Team (after H&W) - I used to have a season ticket at Pompey

until they started paying players more in a week than I earned in a year.
Food - pretty well anything.
Dislikes - celery, and cars that don't have indicators fitted.
Hobbies - gardening, caravanning, and bad golf.

Fixtures & Results - Summer Festival



19th July 2015	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points ave. for 5 games
Pompey ITC	6	4	2	0	8	0	11.7
Eastleigh Hub	5	3	1	1	8	1	10
Emsworth Seniors	5	2	3	0	3	0	9
Southampton DFA	5	2	0	3	3	6	6
Hayling Old Boys	5	1	2	2	2	5	5
Many Shades Blues	5	0	2	3	1	6	5
Many Shades Reds	5	0	0	4	0	8	0

← A tale of two goalkeepers—the **Many Shades'** Colin Jeffery and the **Soton DFA** 'keeper!

Page 3 Profile: Dave “the Limpet” Hall

Dave is originally an Essex boy from Sarfend, apparently found washed up on the beach there. Since then he’s lived in Enfield, Emsworth and now Waterloo.

Dave spent 40 years in the Water industry before taking early retirement. He played football until he was about 23, when he got married. He gained his first “Limpet” reputation as a full-back playing for his school. After trials

for Hertfordshire, Dave was rejected due to being a skinny lightweight. That is so hard to believe now. He played for the Old Finchians after he left school, getting his first taste of goalkeeping with them. Later he moved to Falcon Rovers where he captained them to Hertfordshire Cup success. He also played for a Sunday side who were sponsored by “*Ellis Bridal Wear*”. We imagine the

team didn’t play in white frocks wearing lace veils and carrying bouquets! Speaking of weddings, Dave is due to miss any number of *Many Shades* matches in April as they fall on the weekend he gets married. Oddly enough he has already missed plenty of matches when he went away to India in October for his honeymoon. We hope his long-standing groin injury holds up.



Fixtures & Results— Autumn Festival (pt1)

11 th October 2015	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Emsworth Seniors	5	4	0	1	10	1	12
Many Shades	5	2	3	0	4	2	9
Bristol City A	5	2	2	1	5	3	8
Hayling Old Boys	5	1	3	1	3	6	6
Bristol City B	5	1	0	4	1	6	3
Southampton DFA	5	0	2	3	1	7	2

The full report from 11th October’s festival is at the *Walking*

Football for the Over-50s forum www.havantandwaterlooville.net

Once there, click on the Hawks Walking Football forum!



Mark Reynolds of Bristol City Community Trust presents Stew Russell with a commemorative pennant.

Match Report — vs Maidenhead Utd

Saturday 14th November
We welcomed the Walking Footballers from Maidenhead Utd to Horndean College for a 12.00 ko.

Your *Many Shades* line-up was Tony Jewell in goal, with a "total football" squad rotation of (in no particular order) Mo Hill, Dave Hall, Derek Pope, Pete Dolamore, Barrie Gray, Colin Baker, Baz Carter, and Jeff Pickering.

Maidenhead brought 9 players too, so we ended up playing 7-a-side across the whole pitch. To be fair the 3-0 scoreline in favour of the *Magpies* flattered them somewhat. From our point of view the first was a scrappy far-post tap-in with the last kick before half-time, the second was an individual error, and the third a blistering volleyed finish.

Before and between these goals the *Many Shades* side peppered the *Magpies* goal, only to find out the hard way that their goalkeeper had been on Bury’s books when he was a youngster, and yes, he still had it! Many thanks to our two referees, Graham Wilson who started the games off while the Voice was away collecting Lee Roberts.



We can give pennants too! Stew was on the giving end this time! ➔

Captain Slog — one year ends, the next...



We played our first matches against other teams in 2015. Before that we had simply been practicing among ourselves. That was good, it was great fun, but it gave us a bit of a false impression about how good we were.

Reality dawned with our first match against Eastleigh FC, where we got thumped 7-0. However these things are there to

be learnt from, and when we played in the Legends Cup we found that actually we weren't that bad compared to most other teams.

Since then we have played sides from Emsworth, Hayling, Pompey ITC, Southampton DFA, Eastleigh Hub, Lancing, Strood, Worthing, Bristol City, Maidenhead United, and most recently Gosport Borough.

We haven't had the best of results against a lot of them, but importantly we haven't been outclassed.

The *Many Shades* has always fielded teams of players who want to play; we've never picked a "first team". There has been debate about this—should we field a first team for some competitions? Or should the people who turn up to every training session play?

The Yeti presents... old jokes from old folks

"They laughed when I told them I was going to be a comedian. Well, they're not laughing now!"

(the late Bob Monkhouse)

I got two new dogs recently. They're called Rolex and Timex. My mate said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?'

'They're watch dogs.'

A bloke pushes his BMW into a garage. He

tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.

The bloke asks, 'What's the story?' The mechanic said, 'Just crap in the carburettor.'

He replies, 'How often do I have to do that?'

Science Quiz:

'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?'

Of course the answer is:

'Is the vacuum on or off?'

Over-50s WF players in 2015



Get walking again!

Most of our games are six-a-side, with some being five-a-side. It comes as quite a shock therefore to realise that in 2015 no less than 29 players have donned the coveted shirts in matches against other teams.

You could argue that such a player turnover is detrimental to the stability of the side—and it probably is.

You could also argue that we don't really care—if people put the effort in to attend training and make themselves availa-

ble, then they should play. After all, the whole idea is to get us up off the sofa and moving about.

If we win a few games along the way, great, If not, well we just hope to have a bit of a laugh and a good time anyway.

Many Shades — Travel Unlimited

Earlier this year the **Many Shades*** were invited to **Portugal** to play in a Festival in the **Algarve**.

Sadly the notice was too short, and many of our crew were unable to commit to going. For a two-day event taking just six players wasn't going to work.

Now, with plenty of notice, we have been invited again, and we are optimistic that between us we can

raise enough players and organisation to get there.

The dates are **5th—8th May** 2016. The basic cost is €253 (about £180) for full board for 3 nights. Add to that the cost of flights and UK transfer to/from airport.

The itinerary includes 2 days of football tournaments (2x 10 minute halves each 5-a-side game) plus a barbecue prize-giving on the evening of the 7th.

We have also been looking to see if we can arrange matches in **France** — let's face it, it's only a ten-minute drive to get there!

Through our Bristol City contact, we have been in touch with a team in **Bouchet**, near Marseille, and through our Emsworth contact we may also have an opportunity in Normandy.

*Registered players only (plus Special One).

ADVICE WITH HONEST MATT

Dear Honest Matt

I am the editor of a globally renowned Walking Football fanzine. I have been trying to recruit the UK's best-known footballing agony aunt to write for us.

He only has to do a little bit a few times a year,

and we can even offer to pay him in beer tokens.

Please Honest Matt, can you suggest how I can persuade him to write for our wonderful publication?

Yours sincerely,

Piers M. Organ

Good question Piers, I'd offer to help but have just started assisting with the shiny new H&WFC website. With global reach through that, I'm going to have to decline your offer.

Try that nice Rebekah Brooks, she might help.

Honest Matt

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Contact Honest Matt to see if he can help you overcome your deepest fears or anxieties. E-mail him at

Got a problem?

YEP, STILL MORE ADVICE WITH HONEST MATT

Matt, I want to be a best-selling novelist. I've had some great ideas (see below), but can't find a publisher. Can you help?

The Girl with the Panda Tattoo — a wildlife photographer specialising in farmyard animals finds love on a City Farm.

Fifty Shades of Magnolia — a colour-blind painter and decorator struggles for acceptance in the arts world.

The Life of Pie - a no-holds-barred description of what happens to a chicken and ham pie in the weeks and months after its sell-by date.

The Van Gogh Code — an eminent cryptologist discovers a previously unknown road out of Gosport.

Yours, Willie Shakespeare.

Sorry Willie, no chance. Give up now and find something else to do.

Honest Matt

Match Reports — Autumn Festival (pt2)

This photo box is blank. A bit like our goal-scoring record during the Autumn Festival (pt2).

25 th October 2015	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Emsworth & Hayling	4	4	0	0	7	0	12
Pompey ITC	4	2	1	1	7	1	7
Many Shades Blues	4	1	2	1	1	2	5
All Stars	4	1	2	1	2	6	5
Many Shades Reds	4	0	0	4	0	8	0

Let's be blunt—this wasn't a good day for the **Many Shades**. Altogether we played 8 matches across our two teams, and scored just

one goal. That goal was scored by the **Blues** against the **Reds** following two consecutive defensive errors. However, well done to the

combined Emsworth and Hayling sides for putting together a very impressive show (again), and winning at a canter (oops!).

WAGs (and HABs) Corner

*“If you can kick a ball and you are aged 50 or more, then you are good enough to join the **Many Shades!**”*

After our success in the last edition of reporting that we had managed to persuade Cathy the Wag to play at Brighton, we haven't had any further ladies come to join us.

We have been trying to become as inclusive as possible in our membership, so we do want to

encourage anyone who is interested in playing to simply come along and play! Don't be shy, you won't be any more unfit or unskilled than most of the rest of us!

As well as the football, we are getting much more social as well, and we have to thank several

WAGs for their contributions to our Festivals—**Jackie Bartolo**, **Elaine Dolamore**, and **Cathy Mitchell** have all mucked in to help out with the *après-footy* buffet.

As you read this, we are probably getting ready for the end of year bash at the Westleigh when we have curry and ABBA!

Get well soon — the walking wounded



By Jove, but we've had a few knocks since we last wrote. If Lee Bradbury thinks he's had problems with injuries, spare a thought for the **Special One** and the way his squad has been decimated!

He's taken to doing research on injury prevention in the elderly. A course in Occupational Therapy next I think.

Still out is **Jeff Hooper** with his dodgy knee, along with **Dave Veal** with an equally dodgy knee. Maybe they should share the good ones?

Help has been at hand for **Richard Barwick**, who is expected back from surgery in the New Year, by which time **Jeff Shires**, **Steve Talman** and **Stew Russell** should all have

fully recovered from their torn calf or thigh muscles.

Joe Mair was welcomed back recently following his abdominal injury, as was **Dave Hall**. The list goes on and on. That's why we need to recruit more players—at our age a small niggle takes longer to heal and is easily aggravated!

Match Reports - Pompey ITC mini-tournament, 23rd November

Pompey ITC had four teams, listed as Pompey Ali's Team, with the others led by Bernie, Derek, and Robin; so Pompey A, B, D, and R. We were also up against the local maestros that are Emsworth, their partners in crime Hayling, and a welcome appearance by Gosport Borough. Your **Many Shades** squad was Tony Jewell in goal, along with Rob Kelly, Mo Hill, Barrie Gray, Pete Dolamore, Rev Andy Wilson, Jeff Shires, Paul Sealey, and Derek Pope. In our first game the well-oiled machine that is Ems-

worth earned a comfortable 4-0 win. Next up was Pompey D, and a ding-dong game which ended in a pulsating 4-4 draw. Our scorers were **Pete Dolamore, Paul Sealey, Barrie Gray** and an own goal. Our final group game was against Gosport, who managed a 3-0 win that seemed harsh on our lads who played well. That put us 3rd in the group, and we went through to the 5th - 8th place play-offs. Our first opponents were Pompey A, who we beat narrowly by a **Paul Sealey** goal to

nil. Hero of the hour was keeper **Tony Jewell** who both conceded and saved a penalty. During this game we lost **Jeff Shires** to a calf injury. The rest of the squad battled in the final game to a creditable 1-1 draw against Pompey D, this goal coming from **Derek Pope** who swivelled on a sixpence and as a result twisted his knee as he slotted home. Finally we finished 5th equal out of eight, which wasn't too bad considering we started so slowly.



The Many Shades and Pompey ITC. Picture courtesy Shaun Gale

Prize Quiz (all answers can be found in this fanzine)

- 1 Where was the **Many Shades'** first tournament win held?
- 2 Who is the qualified ref who helped out at **Many Shades'** games?
- 3 How many WAGs have helped with the buffets?
- 4 What is the total raised for charity by the **Many Shades** this year?

- 5 Which country did Dave Hall go to on honeymoon?
- 6 Which Championship side's WF team came to play us in 2015?
- 7 How many "Derek"s are there in the current **Many Shades** squad?
- 8 Who was injured in the **Many Shades** 1-0 win against Pompey A?

- 9 Who made the most appearances for the **Many Shades** in 2015?
 - 10 Check your addition skills: how many goals did the **Many Shades** score in the whole year?
- Tiebreak:** Did you really ask Honest Matt for advice?

*The first all-correct entry opened by honestmatt@yahoo.co.uk wins a free pass to come and watch the **Many Shades** training session of their choice at South Downs College one Thursday morning!*

Referees have arrived

We have finally managed to persuade two foolish people to act as our referees. One is a little bit qualified, the other isn't.

First up, huge thanks to **Graham Wilson**, our unqualified ref, who has taken the whistle on a couple of occasions now. Graham's style is definitely one of playing on to see

if either team manages to gain an advantage after an incident. This is a good policy, as they rarely do. Gain any advantage, that is. Either of them.

Our other ref is the newly qualified **Lee Roberts**, best known to Hawks fans as the man behind the mike at HawksFM, and for running

the attendance prediction league on the Hawks Forum. Lee famously used his qualified knowledge of the laws to award an indirect free-kick for handball in the penalty area. Ho hum.



Don't worry if it's blurred, it doesn't affect refereeing!

The MANY SHADES OF GREY - H&WFC 50+ Walking Football



maior ego melior sum
 “the older I get, the better I was”

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The Many Shades of Grey train for an hour every Thursday at 11.00am, and on Sundays at 4.00pm, coached by Shaun Gale.

The venue is the all-weather pitch at South Downs College, which is opposite the main entrance to the College. There is plenty of car parking in the college grounds.

Players should come prepared for all weathers; once a player has shown commitment to the club they will be provided with training kit which should be worn to training sessions.

Fees are £3.00 per session (£5.00 on Sundays), with a £10.00 joining fee (you pay this to the club, not the other way round!).

To see us in action, simply google “Havant & Waterlooville walking football”

If you want to be part of this Fanzine, e-mail us at:

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We won one! - yippee!!!



3 rd July 2015	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Many Shades	4	3	1	0	6	3	10
Pompey ITC	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
The Pinks	4	0	0	4	6	11	0

Report:

Portsmouth College

30th Anniversary Walking Football Festival

You can tell by the goal differences that the games were close, but the well-honed teamwork of the **Many Shades** was enough to see off the very

experienced and organised **Pompey ITC**, who have been very successful elsewhere recently.

The “**Pinks**” side was a cobbled together collection of extra players from both the **Many Shades** and **Pompey ITC** to make up a third side. It was their lack of team understanding that was their downfall, quite understandably, but

even so they only lost one game by more than the odd goal.

It was interesting to play in the “cages” at the “Goals” complex, and it has to be said that it got very hot and tiring over the hour’s play.

Detailed match reports of all of our games are available at www.havantandwaterlooville.net