

## **STATEMENT FROM BREWMASTERS FOR VILLAGE MEETING**

Thank you for the opportunity to present our annual report. Firstly, I would like to thank the Parish Council for the investment in a maintenance programme for the pitches at Jubilee Park. It has made a tremendous difference to the playing surface and helped a great deal in us not having to cancel games due to a waterlogged pitch quite so often as we have done in the past. It has only been the last couple of months where we have lost some games due to the pitch, but then there has been an unusual amount of rainfall. It is hoped that the maintenance programme will be an annual thing as there are still improvements to be made and it would be a shame if the standard that we now have was not kept up.

Secondly, on the football front, Wow, what can I say. The Team is having the most incredible season. After finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> from bottom in Division Two for the last two seasons running, we knew things had to change. So Darren Patterson joined the Club as Assistant Manager to help out Team Manager, Justin Light and with the introduction of a few new players, what a transformation there has been. At the time of writing, the team currently sit in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division Two, 5 points behind the leaders, Folkestone Pirates, but with two games in hand and we still have to play Pirates twice in the League, so things are very much in our own hands. In all competitions, after having drawn our first two games, the team have won the next 20 in a row and still remain unbeaten. We are in the semi-finals of both the Division Two Cup and The Sheber Trophy, in which we face Mersham Reserves in both competitions. However, the Teams greatest achievement this season, has been our success in reaching the Final of The Kent Sunday Junior Trophy and by doing so have become the very first Ashford League side ever to reach the Final. Something we are all very proud of. The Final is being held at The Gallagher Stadium, home of Maidstone United FC, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 10.15 kick off. It would be fantastic to see as many people from the Village come along and give their support. Ticket details can be found on the Clubs Facebook page as well as The High Halden Parish Facebook page.

So the team are in the running for 4 trophies, we could of course end up with none, but whatever happens it has been the most enjoyable and memorable season that the Club has had for many years. Hopefully, in next years report I will be able to tell of the success we had.

Just to remind everyone, that you can keep up to date with all the news, match reports, etc, on the Brews website, [www.brewmaster.org.uk](http://www.brewmaster.org.uk) and also on our facebook page [www.facebook.com/BrewmasterFC](http://www.facebook.com/BrewmasterFC) .

Regards  
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