



WELCOME BACK (FOR GOOD?)

Dear Members, firstly I hope you and your families are well and looking forward to the restart of football in a couple of weeks time. As I write this we still don't have the full FA guidance but indications are that we will be able to train and play matches from 29 March under similar conditions to earlier in the season. The Club will provide updated guidance to coaches/age group leads to ensure we can all train and play as safely as possible and also make that available on the website. I for one can't wait to get back coaching and playing again.

Our other big announcement in this newsletter is the successful planning application for the Clubhouse at Butterfield. More information below but it's very exciting to think that next season we will have a real home for the Club which will allow us to provide so much more for players, coaches and all of our Members. We will need additional volunteers to help run the Clubhouse so look out for more on that soon or get in touch with one of the committee anyway!

Please keep checking the new website as we will be adding more content for everyone. Also please have a look at the Chapel Gym project below which we think will be a great addition to our sporting community. It's not been a normal season by any means but hopefully we can get lots of football in over the next few weeks and I look forward to seeing a lot of you out on the fields at Marford Road and Butterfield.

Miles Briggs
WWFC Chairman

NEWS & EVENTS

**PLEASE CONTINUE
TO CHECK BACK TO
OUR WEBSITE
REGULARLY FOR
COVID-19 GUIDELINES,
NEWS AND
INFORMATION
UPDATES...**

**NEW DATE!
PRESENTATION
DAY 2021**

*Saturday
26th June
12-6pm*

**MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW SHORTLY**

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE - PLANNING APPROVED!



We are delighted to report that we have recently received confirmation from St Albans & District Council that they have approved our plans for the new Clubhouse at Butterfield playing fields. We would like to give an enormous thank you to Claudio and all of the clubhouse working group for getting us to this milestone stage!

There is still lots of work to do around funding applications, engagement of contractors and other essential plans but we will continue to keep you updated on progress and hope to have everything in place to commence building work as soon as possible. In the meantime the project's working group would be very keen to hear from anyone who may have additional funding ideas. Please email Miles at wwfc.chairman@gmail.com.

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HERTFORDSHIRE FA YOUTH SURVEY

Hertfordshire FA have launched an online survey for 6-21 year olds to complete so the young people involved in their clubs can have a bigger say in the future of football in Hertfordshire. Please click on this link: www.hertfordshirefa.com/about/rules-and-regulations/safeguarding-and-welfare/supporting-young-people (then scroll down to 'Tell Us What You Think - complete survey' and ask your child to complete the survey by March 31st.

Can you help get the Chapel Gym up and running?

The disused Wheathampstead United Church on Brewhouse Hill is slowly making its change into The Chapel Gym – our very own village community gym and fitness centre to help us all get active in a friendly place. Volunteers have been working hard since April 2020, despite the pandemic, to give it a new lease of life. Behind the newly restored door this week the ceiling is being insulated with funds raised in December. This is a big step forward. Now we need to damp proof inside and strengthen the floor, to make it safe and comfortable for exercising.



We are launching a new Crowdfunder - can you help us raise £5000 from the community?

<https://crowdfunder.co.uk/chapelgym>

We hope to double or treble this from outside funders. Last year three, including Sport England, matched the money you gave. Like our Facebook page: The Chapel Gym, to see our progress.