

Morecambe FC Former Players Association

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Chairman's Report - Les Taylor

The Morecambe FC Former Players' Association was launched last year and with more than 50 ex-Shrimps' stars attending the two gatherings we were off to a flying start and with your help we believe we can grow significantly in the years to come.

It was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces at the Mazuma Stadium and the feedback I received was superb.

Just a few messages from me in relation to going forward:

1. Please respond as soon as possible when booking pre match get togethers.
2. Please promote the organisation with any former players that you haven't seen at the events - or anyone we haven't managed to find a contact for as yet.
3. Please contact me if you have any suggestions that may benefit the Former Players' Association, or if you would like to be involved in some way.

Next Get Together - February 10th, 2024

The next Former Players' Association pre match meal and get together will be on February 10, 2024 for the game against Sutton United.

The cost is just £30 for a meal and a match ticket in the main stand with payment to be made in cash on the day of the game. We are asking all former players interested in attending to secure your place as soon as possible with a final deadline of January 10, 2024.

To do this please email our secretary Paul Oldrieve at pauloldrieve@aol.com or ring chairman, Les Taylor on 07979 235217.

Free match tickets available

The club has kindly put aside 8 tickets for every home game this season at the Mazuma, allowing access to the Local Choice suite and all with allocated seating in the main stand.

If you and your partner, spouse, friend, sibling or offspring etc would like to attend then just drop David Freear an email or text or call on the number below and he will look to organise this for you. Tickets will be left at reception with the player name on the envelope.

We do have another pair of tickets for every Saturday home league game for an ex player and guest to attend a 2 course meal in the Local Choice Suite, as the Special Guest of the day. This again is all free of charge, your only caveat is there will be a five minute interview at 2pm to talk about your time at the club and the triumphs and tragedies that occurred.

If you and your partner would like to be Special Guest, all you have to do is contact David again by email or via text/ call on 07890851399 and again he will organise this for you.

If you would like to attend a game please contact committee member Dave Freear on 07890 851399 or by e-mail at dj_freez03@yahoo.co.uk no later than 10 days before the game you are interested in attending.

To check the club's fixtures go to www.morecambefc.com. It would be great to see you.

FA Trophy 50th Anniversary Dinner

The Association is currently in discussions with the club in relation to a possible event to mark the FA Trophy victory at Wembley in 1974. We are looking at a date in April 14, 2024 and will keep all members advised of progress.

Golf Day plans

We are looking to hold a Golf Day at Morecambe Golf Club at some time in the future. Unfortunately it is not likely to be this summer due to availability so we, again, will keep members informed.

The day will be open to former players, supporters, sponsors and members of the Community Trust.

Former Players' match suggestion

We have been approached by Kendal Town FC to look into the possibility of a game against their former players. We are again looking at a date and would love to hear from as many former players as possible who would like to take part, even if it is for only 10 minutes.

New appointments

Paul Oldrieve has taken on the role after the resignation of Neil Marsdin. We would like to thank Neil for all he did to help establish the group and support the committee.

We are also pleased to announce that former player Vaughn Williams has agreed to join the committee

Committee

- Les Taylor - Chairman
- Paul Oldrieve - Secretary
- Gerry Farrell - Former player
- Graham Byram - Former player
- Vaughn Williams - Former player
- Dave Freear - Fan for more than 50 years
- Derek Quinn - Press Officer and fan for more than 40 years
- Lawrence Bland - Club statistician and supporter for more than 50 years.

