

Hellingly Hounds Dogs YAFC

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TRAINING UPDATE

2018 has seen our U17's get the chance to start training early thanks to a successful grant bid from the Sussex Police's Property Fund. We were successful in obtaining a grant for £480 to hire the 3G surface at Eastbourne Sports Park, for which we must thank the help of Sean 'HT' Trimby who supported our bid with the police. We are now coming to the end of the 10 week booking which has seen several new players join the club and lots more try American Football for the 1st time. We have only lost one week due to the snow and trained in sunshine, wind, rain and snow.

FLAG

Our Flag team has returned to training. Numbers have been disappointing, but plans are in place to get into more schools to promote American Football and what we can offer younger age groups.

Flag training continues at Horsebridge Rec, Nr Hailsham BN27 4DL, Wednesdays from 6PM till 7PM and U 17's training also at Horsebridge from 6:30 till 8:30.



*"It's not the SIZE of the dog in the fight,
but the size of the FIGHT in the dog". -
Archie Griffin, Cincinnati Bengals*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Well that's Christmas over and the first 10 weeks of the season almost completed.

What have we achieved? The answer to this - is a lot!!! We are coming to the end of a 10 week block of training for the U17's at Eastbourne Sport Park. This has been a great success and seen us recruit another 4 players to the team. We have also increase our exposure within the local area which is always a good thing. The flag team has started back to training. Although number are disappointing, we feel that we can rebuild and get our U11's to a few tournaments this year.

We are due to host our annual SEYAF Flag tournament at Horsebridge on May 27th. We are hoping to have both our Flag and kitted teams in action. We would really appreciate any parent who may be willing to help to contact us. We need help with running the day including: running a BBQ; selling raffle tickets; car park etc. We are also looking for raffle prizes, so if you have anything you could donate, or a prize from a business you may know, we would be very grateful. We will also give any business a little bit of exposure on the day as well as through our Social Media accounts.

Our U17's finally got onto the field of play, after the snow cancelled the first set of games planned for early March. We had the pleasure of hosting at the Sports Park and we welcomed Kent Phoenix and East Kent Mavericks. The lads had a great time and I would like to thank them all, many who have never played before in an actual game, for the way they handled themselves and the level of maturity they all showed. They all represented the club to an extremely high standard. They are next in action in Maidstone on Sunday 22nd April 2018.

Our 2018 school program has also started. I went to Blackboys school and ran a taster session for 27 Year 5 and 6 school children. It was great to get our club's name out there to an area where we have never been to before. We are looking for more schools in the Sussex area to go into to run similar sessions. Please get in contact if you have any contacts with a local school, whether primary or secondary.

I would also like to thank my friend Richard Ashby who has taken his time to come along to the U17's training sessions and film, take photos of the lads in training. Richard has then cut, copied and pasted the clips together and came up with a fantastic video to use to help us recruit more players to our teams. I personally think Richard has done a fantastic job. To see the video please use this link.

<https://hellinglyhounddogs.com/2018/02/22/u17s-training-promo-video/>

We will soon be looking to advertise the date of our first ever AGM. For those of you who have never been involved with a club before, an AGM is a meeting which sees us elect officers to the position of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer etc to carry out the thankless but oh so important work that keep our club going. As soon as details are available, we will let you know. You never know, we may even attract you onto the Committee.

I would also like to thank EuroShowers from Dover, who have come on board to sponsor new game balls for the U17's team and my brother who kindly brokered the deal with his boss. We have brought 10 genuine leather game balls, supplied from FootballAmerica.co.uk who have lasered our logo onto the balls as well as EuroShowers logo.

Luke Boorer

Chairman

CLUB SHOP



We have teamed up with FootballAmerica.co.uk to bring you a Hellingly HoundDogs Club Shop. This is a fully stocked club shop with lots of Hound Dogs branded clothes. The range will include hoodies, T-Shirts, Shorts, beanies etc. To order your Hound Dogs equipment, just pop over to <http://www.mycustomteamwear.co.uk/295-hellingly-hound-dogs>

FUNDRAISING



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Hellingly Hound Dogs American Flag Football Club?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, Ebay, Screwfix, Argos, Staples, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hellinglyhounddog> s/ and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising, sign up and **add Hellingly Hound Dogs** as your chosen cause. Then just start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Hellingly Hound Dogs American Flag Football Club are very grateful for your donations.

New Equipment



We have recently brought some new equipment from another club that has stopped playing. The Committee believes that purchasing this equipment not only offers value for money but will also aid all our players in their development to achieve their full potential.

MATCH REPORT

Sunday the 25th of March saw Hellingly HoundDogs host teams from Kent Phoenix and East Kent Mavericks on the 3G surface at Eastbourne Sports Park.

The scrimmage was designed to give a number of rookie players from the Mavericks a little bit of experience before they enter the BAFA league for 2018, whilst also offering a lot of the new players from the other two team some match experience.

The HoundDogs' first opponent were the Mavericks. The Mavericks ran away winners 20-0 and were very worthy of their win. The HoundDogs got very little going on offence but demonstrated some good defence skills through the game.

The second game of the day for the HoundDogs was a much tighter affair. The HoundDogs took on the Kent Phoenix, who were the HoundDogs' opponent a few months back (when they ran away with, winning all three games on that date). The Phoenix took the lead but the young HoundDogs came back with a touchdown from Charlie Boorer, as he held onto a pass from his older brother Jacob, as three Phoenix players converged on him in the endzone. The Phoenix then took the lead again with a tight side line catch in the endzone. With time running out, the HoundDogs moved the ball quickly down the field and, with the last play of the game, saw Jacob Boorer connect with Roman Cameron-Dick to tie the game at 12-12.

It was then the return of the Mavericks for the HoundDogs team. This time the HoundDogs put up a much better display and the game finished with a much tighter score line, as the Mavs ran out 6-0 winners. It could have been worse if it hadn't been with the "never give up" attitude of Dylan Viles, who chased the rushing Mavericks' player down to get an ankle tap on him just before the endzone.

Coach Luke Boorer commented "It was a fantastic display of teamwork from this side which lacked experience. On the day you could see the players really develop from the first game to the last. They have really started to show signs of a fantastic team spirit and have improved so much since the teams last run out in October last year. There are so many positives to look at, Riley Davis had several good runs for the offence before suffering an injury. Joules Parsons, Harrison Kane and Alex Edward also made several crunching challenges. It's very hard to single players out as they all played well and represented the club to an extremely high standard".

Euroshowers Man of the Match:

Offence – Captain Danny Townsend: lead the team extremely well and contained many of the opposition players in the line to give the QB plenty of time.

Defence – Dylan Viles: playing in his first game, Dylan made lots of fantastic challenges as well as being thrown into the deep end when Riley Davis suffered an injury.



HELLINGLY HOUNDDOGS YOUTH AMERICAN FOOTBALL

TRAINING STARTS FEB 28TH
HORSEBRIDGE REC,
NR HAILSHAM, BN27 4DL
18:00 TILL 19:00

AGES 8 TO 14, BOYS & GIRLS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL US ON
HELLINGLYHOUNDDOGS@HOTMAIL.COM



WE WANT YOU



COME AND PLAY YOUTH CONTACT AMERICAN FOOTBALL

- **AGED 13 TO 18?**
- **NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY**
- **NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

TRAINING EVERY
WEDNESDAY AT
HORSEBRIDGE
REC, BN27 4DL
6:30 TILL 8:30



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Funding Update

We were recently chosen as one of three charities/community organisations to benefit from Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. This is where all money raised from charging people 5p for plastic bags is given back to the local community. We asked as many parents, family members, friends and supporters as possible to put the little blue coins into the Hounddogs slot in both Tesco's stores in Hailsham to help us buy important equipment. We came third in the public vote which means we will receive £1000 to put toward match day equipment. We would like to thank all those who took the time to support us and thank Tesco's for the donation to our club.

The Tesco logo consists of the word "TESCO" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below the text is a blue graphic element consisting of five slanted, parallel bars of varying lengths, creating a stylized underline.

Bags of Help