

Co-op Membership

remains at

£2.00

Membership can be taken out or renewed before each home game at our table in the Sports Bar. In addition, we will have a table inside the main entrance for the home games on 12 and 26 August.

Life Membership

£20.00

However, we hope that supporters will consider taking out a life membership which can now be obtained for a reduced one off payment of £20.

Online membership

We have now made it easier for potential members to join the Supporters' Co-operative. To sign up online, simply download the form from our website, <https://nuneatontownsupporterscoop.com> then enter your details electronically and press submit. You will need to make a bank transfer of £2/£20, as per details

on the form. Once submitted your membership is complete. Alternatively, you can print off a copy and hand it to us at a game, or post it off to the address shown on the form.



NUNEATON TOWN Supporters' Co-operative

Bring back the Boro

Welcome to all supporters for what we all hope will be an exciting season.

The build up to this season has been given extra spice with the prospect of the club name reverting to Nuneaton Borough. This has created a positive response from fans and the townsfolk of Nuneaton.

The Co-operative were keen to gauge the appetite for such a change especially as members who took part in a survey had indicated they wished to see the return of the club's former name.

Lee Thorn, the football club chairman, was quick to consider this option but to sway the FA we needed fans to be on board, hence a poll was undertaken. The results from the club's consultation on the name change, was announced recently, with an overwhelming 464 of the 476 votes cast backing a return to Nuneaton Borough.

The count was verified by the club, and our very own Ben Shakespeare, and whilst all of us on the Co-op board hoped we would see a positive outcome for the name change, none of us expected to see such an overwhelming figure.



Speaking about the results, chairman, Harry Warren, had this to say;

"We're very pleased with the results of the recent name change consultation. The decision to launch the consultation was a consequence of the attitudes survey that the Co-op carried out. Not only is it brilliant that we're a step closer to getting the Borough back, but it represents a success for the Co-op and also shows that club are willing to listen to its supporters."

We look forward to working alongside the Football Club to ensure we give them as much help as possible to make the name change a reality."

The Co-operative will be convening a sub-committee to begin the fundraising process very shortly, and we will be looking for help from anyone who wants to get involved, as we look to find a way to cover the cost of the name change for the club.

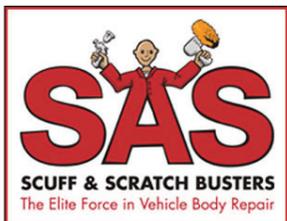
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Helping the club increase ground capacity

Following a request from Lee Thorn, the Co-operative agreed to purchase two second hand turnstiles thus allowing the club to install the additional turnstiles and increase ground capacity. Board members have subsequently arranged to paint the turnstiles ready for installation by the club.



Featured Sponsor

With a wealth of knowledge and experience built



on over 20 years in the industry, Boro supporter Ian Watson founded his independent business, Scuff and Scratch Busters in 2011, following a period of 5 years owning a successful Franchise.

Ian's pledge – "Our work is fully guaranteed

and completed to the highest standard: after all, our work is our reputation! We will not leave a repair until we are happy to put our name to it. You will not pay a penny for the work carried out until both you, and we, are fully satisfied with the result.

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Review of activity for the year ending December 2016

The following is a summary of initiatives and events relating to the previous 12 months.

- Sponsored Kelvin Langmead and Gregg Tempest.
- Continued to administer 200 Club, raising £2214 for club and similar amount for Supporters' Co-operative.
- Co-operative Board members continue to sell Golden Goal tickets for Club, raising circa £1000 .
- Continued to hold meetings with Rugby Club to find resolution to issues and build up a working relationship.
- Entered Club's Golden ticket draw for ground naming rights.
- Ran further fund raisers, including Christmas Raffle and ongoing Easyfundraising scheme.
- Improved communication to 7 members/supporters via website, Facebook, Twitter and newsletter.
- Maintenance work undertaken to Memorial garden railings.
- Organised Remembrance Day service and laid wreath in Memorial Garden.
- Submitted regular Co-operative notes for match day programme.
- Renewed affiliate membership with Football Supporters' Federation.
- Paid security fees to MOD to enable club to use training facilities at Bramcote.
- Organised Middlesbrough Reunited 10th anniversary event. Attended by 14 squad players/management and 150 supporters.
- Organised celebration event to mark the end of Heritage Lottery Funding for From Town to Town project, this involved schools and various community groups.
- Organised Legend's evening, attended by 20 players, spanning 6 decades, along with 140 supporters.
- Above events also benefited club financially from room hire and bar takings.
- Created and produced a Heritage walk map featuring all former Boro grounds.
- Research continues to complete Heritage project <http://www.fromowntotown.org.uk> eBooks covering eras 1889 to 1979 completed, with era 1979 to 1991 to be uploaded shortly.

In addition, site contains numerous interviews with fans and players reminiscing all things Boro.

- Hard copies of eBooks printed off and available for public inspection at Coton Heritage Centre.
- 30 Vintage Retro shirt based on 1953 kit ordered and delivered to supporters.
- Numerous From Town to Town exhibitions attended around the town in conjunction with Nuneaton Memories.
- Permanent From Town to Town exhibition set up Coton Heritage Centre.
- Acquired Alliance Premier runner up trophy from 1983/84 season. Arranged to have re-silver plated.

Training day

Keen to get started after rejoining the Co-Op board, Mark attended a Supporters Direct Board Development Training day in Nottingham.

The day focused on Supporters Direct and the help and guidance that they offer supporters trusts and fan run clubs, along with looking at what it takes to be an effective board member and demonstrating what a 'good' board looks like.

He particularly enjoyed meeting with Nottingham Forest Supporters Trust and Nottingham Panthers board members who

offered interesting perspectives from fans of a (slightly!) larger club and from another sport. The day was run by Nicola, Supporters Direct Network

Manager and Southport FC fan/stadium announcer/Trust Member who explained the work she was undertaking trying to implement regular 'structured dialogue' between clubs and fans about finance, governance and strategy. 5 year plan anyone?).

From the day, Mark hopes to share with the Co-Op board the examples of strategic planning, effective year planning, suggestions on how to get different groups in the community down the Boro.

The final message from the day was how boards need to encourage and include members in more of their activities.

This is something we continuously work on, so if you have any suggestions or would like to help please speak to us at a game or contact us on facebook, twitter (@NuneatonTownSC), or email on ntcoop2011@gmail.com



Co-op's involvement with Academy

The Co-operative has set up a 'Community sub-committee' and they have held a series of meetings with the club, specifically Frankie Fry and Liam O'Neill.

The meetings gives both parties an opportunity to raise issues and formulate ideas for the benefit of the club and supporters.

One of the first initiatives to be taken forward is the offer of assistance from Co-op Board members to assist with the administrative side of Academy team games, as was the case with the former Nuneaton Town Youth set up.

Our involvement will include taking gate receipts, running a blackout, printing team sheets for spectators and subsidising cost of post match food for players and officials. 7

Fixtures are yet to be released, however, these as expected to be played on Wednesdays with a mix of afternoon and evening games. Our man power for afternoon games may be stretched due to work commitments and with this in mind we would welcome assistance from any supporter who could perhaps help us for just 30 minutes prior to kick off.

Please have a word with any Board member if you think you can help. Once our task is complete you will be free to watch the Boro's up and coming talent.

Disabled facility

Although the Football Club had already given their agreement to our proposal to construct a disabled stand on the Rugby Club side, we have received reservations from the Rugby Club as they state such a construction



will obscure the view from their club house, despite this aspect being taken into consideration when preparing plans.

The Rugby Club has stated that they would have no objection to a moveable facility. Although this falls short of our aspirations we will now explore options as to what is available.

However, we must ensure disabled fans are kept dry and as comfortable as possible. This applies to both football and rugby fans.

It is important that we fully engage with the supporters that will actually use the facility, accordingly, if you are disabled or know of a supporter who is, then please contact a member of the Co-operative Board so we can involve you/them in the process.

Office at ground

The Football Club recently asked the Co-operative if they would like to take over a room at the football ground to use as an office/store room.

The offer was accepted, and work has been going on to renovate the room. Further details at a later date.

Community activity

Anker Radio already broadcast some of the Boro home games for the benefit of patients at the George Eliot Hospital. With this in mind we have made contact with the station to explore possibilities of expanding coverage, including as many away games as possible. Ideally all fans will be able to listen in online or via radio on 1386am.



If we are to progress this opportunity then the Co-operative will have to look at additional costs and also support to Anker Radio by providing commentators, especially at away games.

We now wish to compile a list of volunteers who would be interested in undertaking commentary - training will be available to supplement your existing skills. Likewise, if you know someone who may be interested then please get them to contact us.

We see this as an ideal project for the Supporters' Co-operative, as it will benefit supporters unable to get to matches, raise the profile of the club and promote and assist a fantastic local non-profit organisation



Our spin off project continues to go from strength to strength thanks to a small band of volunteers.

The website - <http://www.fromtowntotown.org.uk> now charts the history of Nuneaton's senior club in various guises from 1889 to 2000. The era 2000 to 2008 has been completed and will be uploaded once proof-reading has been undertaken.

One fascinating addition to the website is an interview with Dudley Kernick, conducted by Mort Birch. Please give it a view for an insight into this great character.

It would be a remiss not to mention another Boro hero who also features in an interview with Mort Birch, - Malcolm Allen. Sadly Malcolm recently passed away after a long illness, although he still came to watch his beloved Boro at every opportunity.

The interview is full of Malcolm's reminiscence of his involvement with the club, not least playing in front of 22,000 supporters in what was truly a classic period for 'The Boro'.



Unique in new display

The From Town To Town team have been busy changing around our display of Nuneaton's footballing heritage at the Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre in Avenue Road.

We have been donated some extremely rare pieces of football memorabilia that have to be viewed to be appreciated.

They include medals, trophies and an international cap from the 1920's and 30's awarded to Nuneaton born and bred footballing great, George Brindley.

We have also been donated, in memory of loved ones, another rare 1930's trophy as well as a 1940's original programme from the Boro's first ever appearance in the FA Cup 1st Round.

Another truly unique item is a Boro share certificate issued in the early 1960's that records a supporter's investment.

The display has been totally revamped so if you enjoyed our first one we are sure you will enjoy this as well.

We have also printed our latest ebooks and added them to the collection that can be viewed in the Heritage Centre's library, they cover the years 1889 up until 2000 and work continues to bring these right up to the present day.

All of this can be viewed during the Heritage Centre's normal opening hours, they are

Tuesday (10am to 4pm), Thursday (10am to 1pm), Saturday (10am to 1pm).

If you have any items of Nuneaton Town/Boro memorabilia that you think will help enhance our display then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Thank you to everyone who has helped up so far, it is appreciated.



The 200 Club, run monthly by the Co-operative, continues to be a success for both the Football Club and the Co-operative. In 2016, £2500 was raised for both the club and the Co-operative, while £5000 in prize money was paid out to members with 4 cash prizes each month, including a first prize of £300. Total raised for Club and Co-op over 5 years is approaching £16,000 each.

The cost of joining the 200 Club is £10 per month and we are looking to boost membership along with prize money. If you are not already a member please seriously consider joining. Why not form a syndicate with friends ?

Please contact a Board member, or the club, for more details. Alternatively, you can download an application form from :- <https://nuneatontownsupporterscoop.com/200club/> Click on link for the promotional leaflet.

Remembering Alan Cooper

On March 2nd 2010, the Boro' lost one of it's true stalwarts, Alan Cooper, who was an integral part of the club, and sport within the wider community.

Alan's ashes have since been interred at the football ground, and the Co-op have, with the blessings of Alan's family, purchased and placed a plaque pitchside at Liberty Way, to mark the spot where he lies.

Kitman Coops was a huge part of our club, and he was a fantastic guy.

Seven years on, he is still missed by so many, and that's a testament to the man he was.

His love for the club, and his desire to do all he could for the team, and the fans alike, will never be forgotten. R.I.P. Coops

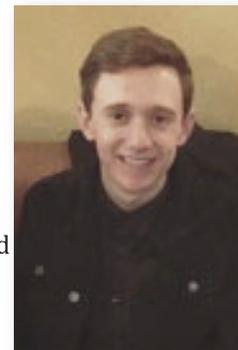
Board changes

We were very sorry to lose the services of John Hobson, who stepped down as chairman in April.

Without John's vision and enthusiasm the Co-operative would not be in existence today. Six years ago John was chairman of Nuneaton Town Supporters' Club and was aware that the Supporters' Trust was folding. John set up discussions with Supporters Direct and the rest is history.

As an organisation we will always be indebted to John, who continues his other full time job – as head researcher and editor of the 'From Town to Town' project', yet another testimony to his dedication and love of the club.

John's position as chairman has been filled by Harry Warren (right).



Harry joined the Co-operative last year on a Co-opted basis and was duly elected to the Board at June's AGM. Harry comes from many generations of Boro supporting Warren's and has already taken the lead on projects utilizing his skills and enthusiasm.

Another Board addition, following adoption at our AGM, is Ben Shakespeare. Ben needs no introduction to Nuneaton supporters as he previously worked in the club's office. Welcome on-board Ben.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome back Mark Axon to the fold. Mark was previously on the NTSC Board but had to step down due to pressure of studies. Having surfaced from the studies era Mark has rejoined us as a Co-opted member and will specifically look at fund raising initiatives.