NPL SPORTS CLUB

Changing Rooms – Appeal 2002

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This is the third Newsletter detailing progress in the acquisition of funding for financing the demolition and reconstruction of the changing rooms. Our aim is to raise $\pounds 100,000$ locally by the late summer of 2004 with construction, hopefully, commencing soon after that.

Principal Funding

A representative from the FA Football Foundation - Grass Roots scheme visited NPLSC recently to assess our plans for the new Changing Rooms and estimate the likelihood of us being given a grant. The good news is that our proposed development plans for the Club should be acceptable and we have an excellent chance of receiving a 50% (maybe even more?) grant towards construction; the **bad news** is that we have to redesign the building to conform to standards changing modern of room accommodation with an estimated cost of more than £200,000! Pat McLoughlin, our architect, is beavering-away and hopes to complete the redesign by the end of August. We now have a **Business Plan** in draft form for final submission to the Football Foundation in September.

Local Fund Raising

- The raffle at the *NPL Summer Ball* was very successful with twelve members and friends collecting £1834.
- A *Football Dinner* honouring *Peter Osgood* (former Chelsea FC star) raised about £400.
- Robert and Berty Clayton collected £173 at a *private party* mainly for tennis section members.
- The latest emptying of the *Bar Jar* realised £222.
- The *"200 Club"* now has about 90 members, but this is far short of the target and more are urged to join. The top prize-winners so far are Elisabeth Nicol and Nan Williams. The next draw is on **Summer Carnival** night.

A donation of £3 a month for one share (maximum two) enters members in a monthly draw for maximum cash prizes of £25, £50 and £100, with a special bonus draw of £250 every 3 months. Entry forms are available from *Tony Grimmer* and *Steve Fidler* or other bar staff enabling subscribers to commit up to £6 per month on a regular basis. With a full membership this scheme could raise over £4000 in a year.

Future Events

Summer Carnival

Friday, 8 August, 4.30 to 12.00 pm

Come and enjoy this annual event which includes:

a Beer Festival, BBQ, Jazz Band, Disco, It's a Knockout, Welly-Wanging, Face-Painting, a Tractor Obstacle Course, two Bouncy Castles, many attractions organised by the sports club sections and a special raffle for a Fruit machine (a *fruit machine*?).

Tickets: £3 per adult; £1 per child; £7 per family (2 adults and up to 4 children), from *Karen Hood* or on the day at the gate.

• A *painting* and *photographic exhibition* in the pavilion, from 12-19th September.

Further details of this and other events, when known, will be disseminated by e-mail and published on the Sports Club web site at www.nplsc.org.uk

Arrangements for the submission of donations

As with the Pavilion Rebuilding Fund we shall mainly be dependent on donations from our membership. Even if we do manage to arrange a grant from the *Football Foundation* this will cover about half of the rebuilding costs so about £100,000 or so will have to be found from our own resources. – THIS MEANS YOU! In fact anyone who has used the changing rooms for whatever purpose should make a contribution – no matter how small.

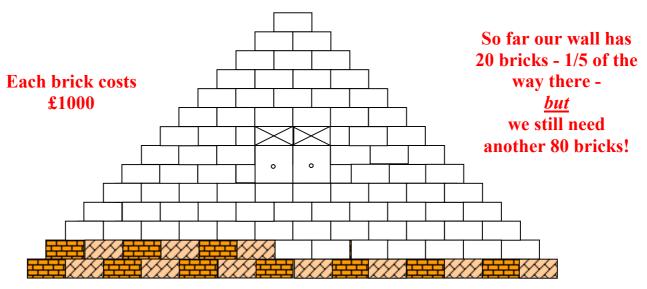
All donations and contributions can be made in complete confidence. The account to which monies should be sent is the same as that set-up for the Pavilion Fund. Cheques should be made payable to the NPLSC Pavilion 2000 Fund and sent to Jerry Lord, B7, NPL or can be left behind the bar. Alternatively you can pay directly into the bank account or set up your own Standing Order

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Buy a small part of a brick (or a whole one) and with your help we shall be able to build the new changing rooms



If you have any further questions, or would like to discuss your ideas on how you can help or donate to the fund please contact: Martin Wicks (8943 6787), Allan and Hilda Hagger (8979 3945), Tony Hartland (01932-867298) and Jerry Lord (8943 6340)

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