

**Easton Cowboys & Cowgirls
Sports & Social Club**

**'Dirty 30th'
Anniversary weekend**



WELCOME TO THE 2022 'ALTERNATIVE WORLD CUP'

FROM YOUR HOSTS, THE EASTON COWBOYS & COWGIRLS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB (ECCSSC)

For those of you attending for the first time (oh are you in for a treat!) the 'Alternative World Cup' is the annual get together of the 'Alerta' network - an informal network of anti-fascist clubs across Europe and beyond. This year it's our turn to host you all again, and for us it's a special one - It's 30 years since 'The Cowfolk' first formed! Three decades are known as a 'pearl' anniversary - hence the birth of THE PEARL'D CUP. This gives us the theme for this year's fancy dress - UNDER THE SEA - which ties in nicely with the location of the event on the beautiful island (as the locals insist) of Portland.

It's been 5 years since we welcomed you to Thorncombe to celebrate our 25 year 'Silver Moobillee' with us, and what a crazy 5 years it's been! The global pandemic almost pushed Brexit under the carpet here in the UK but we are now feeling the combined effects of both. We have all gone through personal processes of reflection and change as a result of global events, and the ECCSSC has had to do some soul-searching of its own. On our 30th anniversary, this seems a good time to reflect on our past, present and future as a club and a network. We will do this very briefly in this programme, but mainly with you all over the weekend, when we can finally celebrate being able to be together again.

But of course let's not get too serious!! Expect the usual mix of chaos, revelry, dodgy outfits and bad singing. There'll be football for everyone - a mixed 11-a-side tournament, a 7-a-side tournament for women, non-binary, intersex and trans players only plus exhibition matches for those of use who have gone a bit, uh-hmm, past our best. This year our fabulous netballers will also be inviting you to try throwing a ball around. There'll be bands, DJs and mass karaoke. And of course loads of fun for your little, and not so little, mer-folk.

But first, some essentials... On the following pages you'll find everything you need to know about this weekend.

Siamo tutti antirazzisti!!
Alerta, Alerta, antifascista!!!!

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GENERAL INFO

ARRIVAL + WRISTBANDS

If you are arriving at the campsite you will be able to collect your wristbands at the entrance. If you haven't paid for your wristband in advance you can pay at arrival (card or cash). Alternatively, if you've booked a hotel room, you'll get your wristband on check-in. Adults won't be served at the bar without one so if you arrive when there is no-one on the entry gate get your wristband from the bar.

CAMPING

Is £20 for adults and £10 for kids (over 5) for 3 nights (Friday/Saturday/Sunday). Extra nights (i.e. Thursday or Monday) are £10. The whole campsite has been booked out for our use, but please be mindful of nearby houses at night. There are water points, toilets, showers and washing up sinks.

PARKING

There is parking around the hotel and industrial estate. If you're camping you can park by your tent, but be aware that you then won't be able to move your car until Monday. If you want to leave earlier than that, you can park in the top camping field (see map).

FOOD

Food (inc. veggie, vegan, gluten-free) will be available at the campsite, hotel and by the marquees. There will be seating in the main marquee and cocktail tent during the day.

MERCHANDISE

Will be available in the info tent. Cash and card payments accepted. We'll also be taking customised orders for our brand new shirt (see p.28). The stall will be open (roughly) 4-8pm Friday and 12-8pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

ACCESSIBILITY

There are accessible toilets both in the campsite and by the pitches. The hotel is fully accessible. Unfortunately the short-cut between the campsite and pitches is not accessible to wheelchair users. Instead, access to the tournament area is via the road (see map).

DISCUSSION + MEMORABILIA TENT

The info tent will host a pictorial history of the Cowboys & Cowgirls as well as a space to share thoughts and ideas. See p.13 for more information.

FIRST AID

There will be a clearly signposted First Aid point on site.

KIDS & FAMILIES

The kids' area will be located in the CACKK (Cowboys and Cowgirls Kids Klub) tent. There is no crèche, you are responsible for your kids at all times - but plenty of fun for your wee (and not so wee) ones will be provided (see p.9).

DOGGOS

Please keep dogs on leads around horses/cows and pick up after your dog.

WASTE + RECYCLING

There will be plenty of recycling bins and buckets for cigarette butts - PLEASE USE THEM! We will have to pick up everything before we leave the site so this will save us a lot of tidy-up time on a 3-day hangover. Thank you.

PARTYING

The main bar will open 2pm - 2am on Friday, 12pm - 2am on Saturday and 12pm - 12am on Sunday. There will be a separate cocktail bar with DJs open 10pm - 2am on Friday and Saturday and 10pm - 12am on Sunday. For those still going after hours, there is a 24-hour bar in the Admiralty hotel

WARNING

There are steep cliffs just beyond the site (beyond the coastal path).

COVID

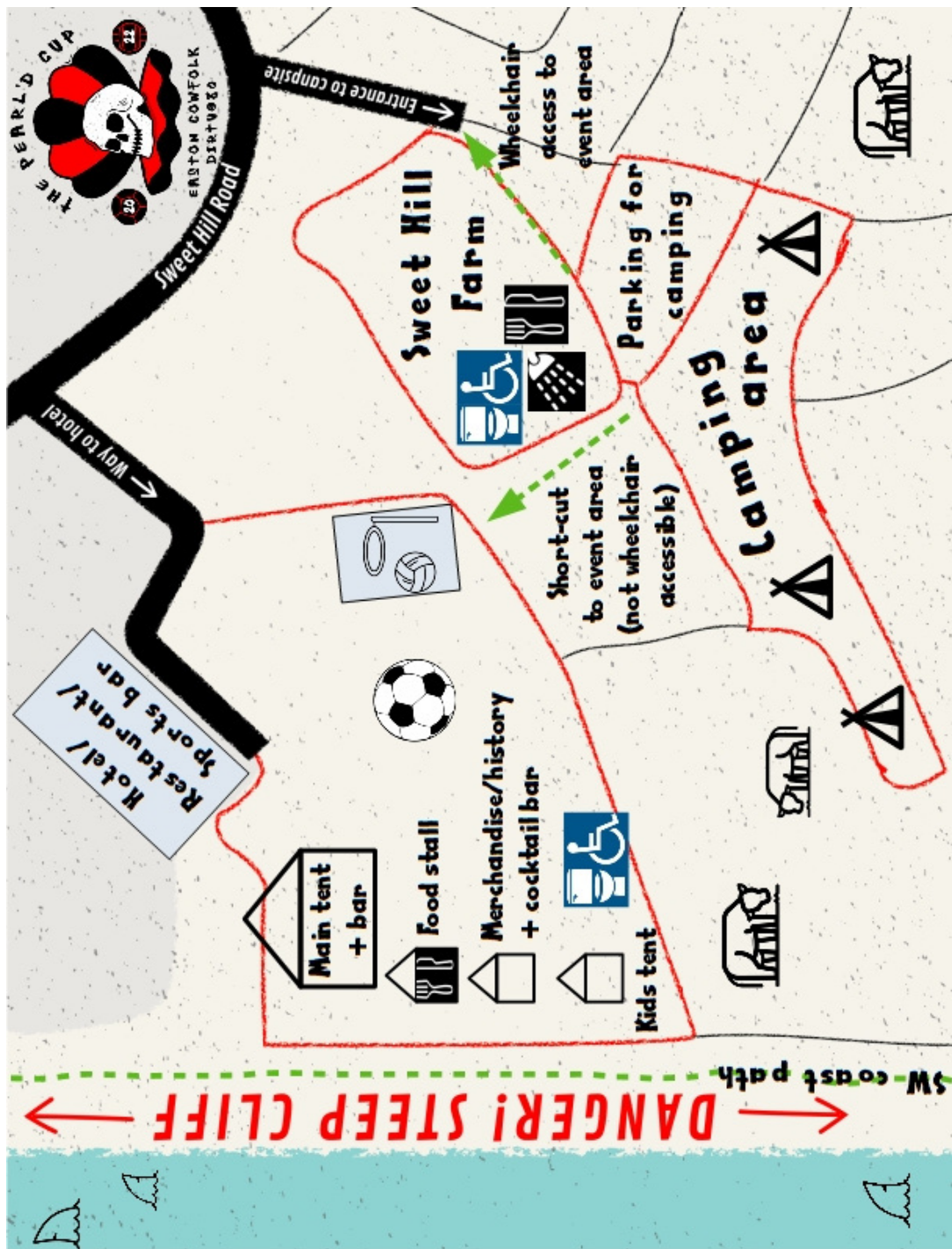
Covid levels are currently quite high in the UK, so please try to be aware of this. The highest risk areas will be in the marquees at busy times, especially during the mass-karaoke! Please try to test before travelling, and stay away from others if you feel unwell. There will be hand sanitiser at various locations for you to use. We know we haven't seen each other for years and will be super excited to see each other again - but please remember that some people may be vulnerable and/or less comfortable with close physical contact, so check before you dive in for that massive hug!!

CONTACTS

For non-urgent enquiries, feedback or comments please email secretary@eastoncowfolk.org.uk.

For any issues or questions arising on the weekend, your 1st point of contact is the info/merchandise tent, your team captain or one of the organisers.





ENTERTAINMENT!!!

Welcome to 3 nights of great entertainment!

Friday night is a Cowboy/ Neckastrasse combo. It kicks off with the legends that are HERB GARDEN (the Cowboys who met Ice Neckastrasse as young punksters when touring, so beginning the Cowfolk's forays into Europe three decades ago!). Also, THE DRAW for both tournaments will take place as you have never seen it before - SQUID GAME stylee! Who will play who? The DOLL will decide!

For those of you who want to play 11-a-side football or netball and are yet to join a team come into the Cocktail Tent after the Herb Garden have played (10.30pm) where we will be having a Cattle-market... or should we say Cuttle-market(!)... to find a team or get a game.

Later in the Cocktail Tent there will be tunes from DJs Sammy Major and Infinity; with Dixon playing in the main marquee. Friday will be a more mellow vibe as we have noise restrictions to adhere to as part of our licensing agreement with the council, so please help us with this by keeping noise down after 12am.

Saturday night is FANCY DRESS! The theme is 'Under the Sea' so get your underwater glad rags on. Earlier in the evening there will be a KIDS takeover of the Cocktail tent with DJ 'The Merman' and a UV disco! There will then be a fancy dress Crabwalk in the main tent with prizes for the best dressed marine-life. This is followed by the 'STARFISH IN THEIR EYES' Mass Karaoke with your hosts Captain Birds-I and Fish Lips! After the karaoke our very own Cosmic Ninja will be taking things up a notch or two in the main marquee and Keziah will be spinning tunes in the Cocktail Tent.

Sunday night is the AWARDS CEREMONY where we will be celebrating all you lovely teams and your achievements over the weekend with your compère Sea Weed. We will also be welcoming local Bristol lads the very talented THE SCRIBES to the stage and ending by dancing our sore little feet off to tunes from the Cowfolk and Republica's finest with Cathy B in the Cocktail tent and Blue and Clarence in the Main Tent.

DJs will be playing in both the Main Tent and in the Cocktail Tent every evening and CACKK (Cowboys and Cowgirls Kids Klub) are running a programme of entertainment for kids and their parents/carers in and around the CACKK tent from Friday afternoon; and in the daytime Saturday and Sunday (see p.9).

HAVE FUN EVERYONE!

	MAIN TENT	COCKTAIL BAR
FRIDAY	7.30pm WELCOME - by Squid Vicious (Kev - Cowboys Chair) and Octopussey (Soooooz - Cowfolk Club Chair)	
	8pm SQUID GAME - the Draw	
	9pm Seascape Music	
	9.30pm Herb Garden	
	10.30pm DJ - Nicolai (ICE Neckarstrasse)	10.30pm The Cattle (Cuttle) Market
		11.30pm Infinity
	12am - 2am DJ - Dixon	12am - 2am DJ Sammy Major
	2am onwards - hotel bar is open	

		6.30pm Kids UV disco with DJ 'The Merman'	SATURDAY
	7.30pm Seascape music		
	8pm Audience participation games - prizes!		
	8.30pm Fancy Dress Competition + Crabwalk (with prizes!) with your compere SeaWeed		
	9pm Starfish in their Eyes! Mass Karaoke with your hosts Captain Birds-I and Fish Lips!		
	10pm Cosmic Ninja	10pm Infinity	
	11pm- 2am Moylan Family	12am - 2am Keziah	
2am onwards - hotel bar is open			

SUNDAY	5-7pm J-Felix	5-7pm Women's Euro finals (Hotel Bar)
	8pm Trophy Ceremony and Awards with your compere SeaWeed (PeeWee)	
	9-10pm The Scribes	
	10pm-12am DJs Blue and Clarence	10pm-12am Jake Lake
	2am onwards - hotel bar is open	

HERB GARDEN

Herb Garden found recognition in the late 1980s initially as an 'absurdist thrash band' because they liked their psychedelia as much as their fast rock, and later as a more controlled, 'funky punk' outfit. Always a hard-working tour band in 1992 they played a gig at an anti-fascist football tournament, made friends with ICE Neckastrasse and the rest is history with the Cowboys joining the European network of anti-fascist teams. HMS Disaster and Sunburn always got the Cowfok going back in the day and tonight will be no exception!



Herb Garden back in the day, but what day??

THE SCRIBES

Bristol based 'The Scribes' are a multi-award-winning hip hop three-piece whose unique blend of beatboxing, off the cuff freestyling and genre-spanning music has created a live show quite unlike any other on the scene today, with appeal ranging far beyond traditional hip hop fare.



COSMIC NINJA

Cosmic Ninja are a queer-fronted (our very own Cowgirl Tamsin) four-piece band who never fail to leave an impression with their fusion of rock, alternative and electronic sounds. Cosmic Ninja bring an anti-establishment narrative, explosive party vibes and politically charged tracks.



LEFT: Captain Birds-I and Fishlips, your 'Starfish in Your Eyes' mass karaoke hosts. No it's not Jalon and Lunda.



RIGHT: Your fabulous compere SeaWeed (aka PeeWee).

LITTLE MERMAIDS, NEMOS AND SMALL FRY - KIDS ACTIVITIES

At this tournament we would love to invite you and your kids to the Cowboys & Cowgirls Kids Klub (CACKK) tent to chill out or get busy taking part in activities. The theme is Under the Sea so expect some watery, fishy, mermaid, piratey fun. The planned times for these will be written up on a board outside the tent to help you plan your day but the general plan is below. Do come and join us. It will, as always, be totally CACKKtastic!

ALL WEEKEND (DAY TIME)

Arts & Crafts, reading corner, baby space, fancy dress, table football, ping-pong, circus skills.

FRIDAY

AFTERNOON: Kids Rulz - Under the Sea takeover - decorating the tent.

EVENING: Main Tent (all): Bands / DJs - kids welcome.

SATURDAY

9am: Toddler bouncy castle.

LATE MORNING: Penalty shootout (all ages) and outdoor games.

AFTERNOON(AFTER LUNCH): Water fight

AFTERNOON: Pamper station and face-painting

LATER AFTERNOON: Banner making and kids parade.

EARLY EVENING: Kids Disco with DJ Merman.

LATER EVENING TIL LATE: Main Tent (all):

Fancy dress with prizes; "Starfish in their Eyes" Mass Karaoke, bands and DJs - kids welcome.

SUNDAY

9AM: Toddler bouncy castle,

MORNING: Cupcake decorating.

LATE MORNING: Scavenger hunt.

AFTERNOON: Under the Sea Jewellery making.

AFTERNOON: Penalty shoot out (all ages) and outdoor games.

EVENING: Main Tent (all): Band/ DJs (kids welcome)



THROWYBALLS

Netball, anyone?

Do you fancy joining a netball team this weekend? We'll be playing informal, mixed gender matches. Anyone is welcome - you can form your own team or come as you are and we'll find a team for you to join. The focus is fun (although I certainly want my team to win) and the rules will be explained to you there (the umpires will be lenient!). Matches will be played around the football fixtures (we'll work it out as we go along) so that anyone who wants to can play.

To sign up, either get down to the 'Cattle-Market' on Friday evening (10:30pm in the Cocktail Bar), find Linner or ask at the bar (these two things may turn out to go hand in hand to be fair) or just rock up to the courts when you see some netball action happening.

See you on court!



*Easton Cowgirls taking netball very seriously.
Gerrrouda mah pub!!!*



Netballers bravely answering the call to make up numbers for the womens football team in Beesands, just needed some improvised shin pads!

KICKYBALLS - FOOTBALL

There will be 2 tournaments running on the Saturday and Sunday:

1. 11-a-side tournament open to anyone. This will be at a more competitive and physical level for you wannabe Ronaldos and Martas. Obviously fair play, friendship, and fun will still rule the pitch.

2. 7-a-side tournament open to women, non-binary, intersex and trans people (of any gender) only. All levels of ability and experience will be welcome - please be mindful of those who may be less physical than you.

The draw will be on Friday night at 8pm in the main tent.

For those wanting to play 11-a-side but don't have a team, get down to the 'Cattle-Market' on Friday evening, 10:30pm in the Cocktail Bar.

There'll also be 7-a-side exhibition matches so that those of us who have had to hang up our tournament boots for whatever reason (injury, illness, age, laziness) can still have a game. Sign up at the 7-a-side base pitch-side.

...as well as casual kickabouts happening all over the place - so don't be shy get involved!

A note on gender and terminology

We have responded to complaints of sexism at previous tournaments, as well as suggestions from various network members, and have discussed long and hard about how we talk about gender and inclusivity in our tournaments.

The 11-a-side tournament has always been open to anyone who wants to play at that level, and so we ask that it is not referred to as the "men's" but as the "11-a-side" tournament.

The 7-a-side tournament is intended as a safe space for women, trans, non-binary and intersex* folk - especially those who may not have had the opportunity to play football growing up or faced barriers to inclusion - to play in a relaxed, supportive, mixed-ability environment. It can simply be referred to as the "7-a-side" tournament.

FOOTBALL IS FOR EVERYONE - ALL BODIES. ALL GENDERS. ALL ABILITIES!!
Remember to be respectful, make space for others and have a good time!!

*If you are unsure about any of these terms please see page 39.

COEXISTING AT THE PEARL'D CUP

BE RESPECTFUL

Don't assume gender or sexuality. Asking and giving pronouns is one way we might avoid unintentional offence.

Make space for all abilities and body types.

There will be children present - be mindful of your actions in front of them.

SOBER OR NOT, RESPECT THE BOUNDARIES OF OTHERS

ONLY YES MEANS YES. Be aware of both verbal and non-verbal signals.

Everyone sets their own boundaries, and these should be unconditionally observed.

NO PLACE FOR

Racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic and other discriminatory behaviour or language.

We will not tolerate any actions that make other participants feel excluded, uncomfortable, vulnerable or threatened.

If you act in a way which does so, you may be asked to check your behaviour.

If you refuse to alter your behaviour, you may be asked to leave the tournament.

SUPPORT EACH OTHER

If you observe abusive behaviour, offer your support to the person(s) involved.

If you are made to feel uncomfortable, talk to your team captain (all captains have been asked to join a messaging group for the duration of the tournament) or someone at the info tent. Your issue will be dealt with fully and sensitively.

AWARENESS IS THE TASK OF EVERYONE

You will find all kinds of people here - different gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, races, religions, ethnicities, abilities and backgrounds. We want everyone to feel welcome, supported and free to be themselves. We ask everyone to help to make the event as safe and welcoming as possible. We all have a responsibility to create an environment in which everyone can be their full authentic selves.

We as a club recognise that while sport should be for everybody, currently this is not the case. Racism, transphobia, homophobia, fatphobia, sexism, ageism, ableism and prejudice based on ethnicity, disability, nationality, class, gender, gender presentation, language ability, asylum status or religious affiliation exist within all communities, including our own. We all have a responsibility to ensure that these things are stamped out through our words and actions.

This is a collaborative space. Questions? Suggestions? Feedback?

Email secretary@eastoncowfolk.org.uk

DISCUSSION AND SHARING

Yes the AWC is all about fun, frolicks, football and friendship (and, this year, f-netball), but we are also all here for a reason... We come together as a network of teams who oppose fascism, racism and other forms of oppression.

In our crazy mixed up world, coming together to celebrate, support, listen and discuss seems more important as ever. So to facilitate this we would like to invite you all to visit the discussion tent (merchandise/info tent) at some point over the weekend.

Whilst we haven't scheduled any specific talks or discussions, there will be a number of flipcharts where we invite you to share your experiences, opinions, struggles, fears and solutions on a range of topics close to all of our hearts.

For example...

- How can we ensure as clubs that we 'walk the walk' rather than just 'talk the talk' on issues such as anti-racism and anti-sexism?
- How might historic barriers to women's football still be resonating today, and what are the remaining barriers?
- How might sport change in a non-gender-binary future?
- How can we be better allies to anyone facing discrimination and oppression?

We'll also have a pictorial history of the Easton Cowfolk as well as memories of Alternative World Cups past, plus some great memorabilia items. So come check it out and add your own memories!



MEN IN FROCKS - A DISCUSSION

The year was 2004 (or was it?). Hosts The Lunatics faced the Easton Cowboys in the Alterta 'Alternative World Cup' final. Some of the Cowboys had been acting a bit overly 'macho' and competitive in the run up to the game - not really in the spirit of things. The Lunatics decided to counter this by quietly entering the pitch wearing dresses. They beat the Cowboys 3-0 (or was it 3-1?).

And so began the tradition of players donning frocks and other non-sporting apparel for their final matches (ok, this had been going on long before that 2004 match, but it makes for a good story). Much hilarity has been had. But as the years have rolled on so have the times - players of all biological genders, gender identities and gender expressions now participate in the AWC, the male/female binary has rightfully begun to dissolve, and there have been concerns raised that blokes wearing dresses for a laugh risks belittling women's football or transgender folk.

In the run up to this weekend the Cowfolk discussed what this tradition represented and whether it was now appropriate to continue it. Cowboys who have participated reassured everyone that donning frocks is done purely in the spirit of freedom, anarchy, and challenging male stereotypes and footballing conventions, rather than to belittle women or their football. Context is everything.

However, it was acknowledged that even if well-meant, acts like this have been used to ridicule women in society, and that if something causes offence to anyone it should be re-evaluated. The final decision, after much discussion, was that we would not ban this but instead would open it up to discussion within the network...

- Should we dictate what people of different genders wear when playing sport?
- Is the freedom of these tournaments an opportunity for people to explore their gender expression?
- Is there a 'correct' attire for football?

After all - anyone can wear a dress... Maybe the question is... do they look any good in it?



A GUIDE TO PORTLAND

Having stayed on Portland, in the name of research, a couple of times, Angelo and Linner thought they'd share some info about the island and its little gems. I'm sure there are many more, but these are our wee discoveries.... As you drive onto the island and up the massive hill, please take a moment to go to the viewpoint at the top of the hill and look out over Weymouth and Chesil Beach. It's a pretty mega view! The coastal path walk is bloody lovely, if a little vertiginous and scrambly at points. Nothing we couldn't handle though and the landscape changes so often, you won't get bored of the views. You can walk to Ope Cove from the campsite in around half an hour - partly on the road and partly on the coast path.

If you want to take the longer and even more scenic route, you can take the coast path from the campsite and go via Portland Bill and all the way round to Ope Cove. Ope Cove is adorable - a little beach hut community and is inaccessible by road. There's also a 'pirates' graveyard' a two minute walk from the pebble beach which is pretty enchanting. Look for the grave with the skull and crossbones! We were there on a sweltering day at the weekend and it still wasn't busy but the sea was frickin FREEZING!

We visited three of the pubs on the island, again in the name of research(!), and found the welcome delightful and the beer tasty. Obviously, there'll be our own Cowfolk bar at the tourney site, but the pubs are lush if you get thirsty on your hike through the cute wee towns and villages. There is a Co-op around a 20 min walk from the campsite, also next to a chippy.

Portland has some strict rules - never say you are IN Portland as the locals are, rightly, very proud of the fact it's an island and you'll be ON it. Also never say 'r@bb!ts' as their burrows can cause fatalities in quarries due to collapse so it's seen as very bad luck.... Enjoy your stay, you wonderful bunch of loons!





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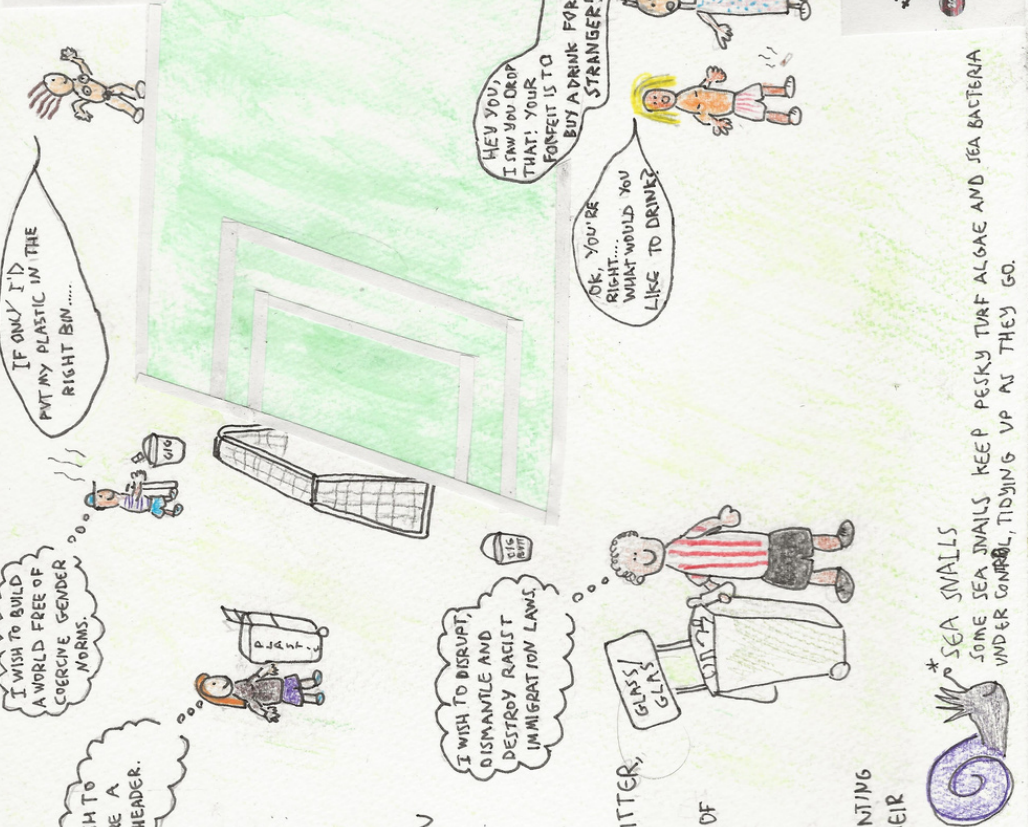
WE ARE ALL SEA SNAILS*

WISH

WHEN YOU PLACE AN ITEM IN THE CORRECT BIN, MAKE A WISH!

FORFEIT

- IF YOU SEE SOMEONE DROPPING LITTER, GIVE THEM A FORFEIT EG:
 - COLLECT + DISPOSE OF 5 MORE BITS OF LITTER
 - RUN AROUND THE PITCH NAKED
 - BUY A DRINK FOR A STRANGER

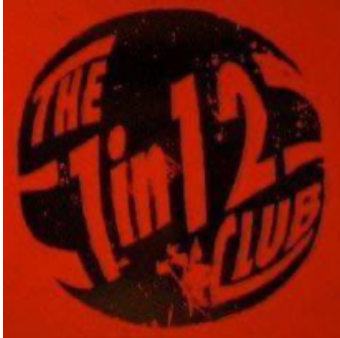


*SEA SNAILS
SOME SEA SNAILS KEEP PESSY TURF ALGAE AND SEA BACTERIA UNDER CONTROL, TIDYING UP AS THEY GO.

THE TEAMS

1 IN 12 FC

1in12 Football Collective was formed in the mid 90's out of the legendary Bradford anarchist club. After over a decade of league football in Bradford, in 2006 the club became a casual / tournament team that also has a thriving cricket section.



1in12 at Lunatics AWC 2019

ABFAHRT BAMBULE

ABFAHRT BAMBULE is probably the most unorganized team. It's a bunch of people living in Hamburg St. Pauli and/or are connected with the football club Fc St. Pauli. We are not even sure where the name comes from. Either it is based on the caravan camp "Bambule" for alternative living which existed in St. Pauli until 2002 before it was depleted by the police or from the old german film "Rocker" (1972), where one of the main characters says at the beginning "Abfahrt Bambule". However, we are so happy taking part at the tournament again and meeting our friends from Easton Cowfolk and all the other teams.

Love, love and love. Henning



ASV

In German pronunciation it is something like R-S-Fow (ow like in Now). The ASV is a registered association with its own statutes. It was founded in 1989 by unemployed and workers. The full name of the club is: "Sports and cultural community workers' and workers' sports club Filderstadt eV". The founders came primarily from the alternative scene.

Together with friendly teams such as the ICE Neckarstrasse, the ASV launched tournaments such as the "Stadtliga Stuttgart" or the annual international football tournament "Alternative Worldcup". We are a diverse team of different nationalities between 15 and 60 years old. We welcome everyone who enjoys football.



Easton Cowboys

Trying and failing to get our act together for 30 years. Three Saturday teams for the younger more energetic types. Three Sunday teams: for the more mature 35s we have the (original) Casuals and the Ultra Casual Cowboys; and for the nearly ancient 45s and over, we have the ingeniously named The 45s. There is the occasional cup final etc. Especially talented at drinking beer (cf. Cow HQ aka The Plough).



Easton Cowboys & Cowgirls in Antwerp

Easton Cowgirls

Are 20 years old this year!

Sound the hooooooooorn!!!!!!

Ring the bell!!!!!!

Crashing at warp speed through the Plough wall....Boom shacka lacka....bricks crumbling around us.....

Here come the udderly shambolic, anti facsist, fucking-shit-hot feminist herd of COWGIRLS!!!!

What a lovely lot of prize heffers in the community we have. Multi skilled, multifaceted, interested in intersectional empowerment, political & passionate.. a crazy-ass, diverse bunch of left wing activists.

Freedom through Football! We will share your story!

Together we stand in solidarity with all of our friends over the years, both locally and internationally.

Always a blinking beautiful shambles because that's who we are, generally found in the Plough dancing to drum & bass

(No need to look far!)

And of course you will find us in Portland at the Cowfolk tournament,

With Craig David shots in hand....

T'is my dears a nice shot of tequila...then a chaser of pineapple juice,

The famous drink of the Cowgirls...

Which by default invigorates our stampede upon all the wanky bigots and fascists throughout the lands.

STOP PRESS!

We would also like to give a warm welcome to local football team...

PORTLAND PANTHERS

A group of lads who grew up together playing youth and now adult football. We're told they're all decent lads and all up for a laugh and a beer.

Also welcome to all the Portland locals who'll be joining us for a pint or few over the weekend - let's show 'em a good time!



Eingerecht Innsbruck

Our team was founded by a legendary friend of ours named Daniel Tegischer who unfortunately passed away in 2017 because of cancer. He was the definition of a good person and is always with us in our hearts. Dani is the major reason why we play together and share all these memorable moments together. He was and continues to be a true inspiration. Our logo includes a sloth and the team name is Eingerecht which means baked (as in stoned/high). We have a partner team called Loco.-motiv Innsbruck with whom we have organised 10 charity tournaments (www.benekicktz.at) where we have accumulated over 80 000 Euros that was used to help people with disabilities in the area, and we have played in around 10 Mondiali Antirazzisti together.

We have had so many memorable moments throughout our tournaments but the best are always when we include a young local boy/girl in our team and they score in important games for us (which has happened in almost every tournament we played in, and just happened again in Germany last weekend). We look forward to including a young player in our team when we come to England!

Siamo tutti antirazzisti! Chris



At Mondiali Antirazzisti in Bologna

Frau Dörte Becker

We are Frau Dörte Becker, a wild, feminist, pyramid-o-phile and antifascist group from St. Pauli. We are a pretty cool bunch of women, all of us FC St. Pauli supporters, besides play quite a few of us in different St. Pauli women teams. Rather than success we have a lot of fun. You can find us in the Jolly at the bar drinking beer. As long as we are still waiting for the world revolution you can also find us in different political groups, on the streets on demonstrations or whatever action needs to be done or supported. At the moment we support IUVENTA - and by that everyone who is active in sea rescue. If you don't know about the case: iuventa-crew.org. Solidarity and resistance!



Ice Ice Babies - New Generation

The "ICE ICE BABIES - New Generation" consist of some friends and some (still) strangers from Stuttgart and the surrounding area, but they will surely become friends quickly. It's our first time playing in this constellation and we're looking forward to make lots of great memories, we're highly motivated and can hardly wait for THE weekend of the year. Next year there will certainly be good stories and memories here! We are looking forward to being there! Greetings from Stuttgart, Gesine and the ICE ICE Babies - New Generation



ICE Neckarstrasse now and forever

IMPROVISED FOOTBALL SINCE 1991

In the beginning, back in 1991, man didn't know about a football show, so we put up one. And here's the recipe: Start having an occasional kick-about with a couple of mates on a local school-yard. If someone who's not a dick asks you if you'd like to complete his team of like-minded rogues, just say yes. Try to trick your team into a local tournament by pretending to bring eleven players. If only 5 turn up, join forces with another team of only five and ask the guy with the cap if he could be the goalkeeper. If the performance of that motley crew does not quite meet the expectations, have a beer.

If someone offers you a smoke, just say yes. If music people tell you they know of other music people who in turn know footballers, invite all of them to your tournament. Don't be a dick and provide a camping site and late-night entertainment. If you get invited to their tournaments, just say yes. Important: hire a stress-resistant busdriver, cram all players, supporters and some music people into the bus and drive overnight to that far-off location you have been invited to. Be as nice as you can to people that guard the borders between your home and the site, as they will try to steal all the medicine you brought with you.

Very important: when you're asked if members of the opposite sex can bring their own teams: just say yes - because this is the chance to realize that members of the other sex are actually JUST LIKE YOU. This also holds true for people from countries behind those borders that are guarded by the above-mentioned medicine-stealers. And that's that. Quite simple, right?



Internationale Härte

We are the Internationale Härte. Or better what is left of it after many years of more or less successful tournaments and partying. Now we are a group of postpubertarian young offenders and a relic of ancient alternative Football tournament history, forming a team which could play well or not - we'll see when the referee blows the whistle for the first time after three years. Anyway, we're looking forward of getting shitfaced and lighthearted with all of you.



Lunatics FC



Red Star Bedminster

Friends & family from Bristol and beyond...Originally set up in the late 80s by a bunch of mates playing Friday night 5 a side football at Windmill Hill City Farm followed by a sesh down the pub. Involved in setting up the Bristol Casuals League and the BLINC\Copa Sandino tournament (Bristol Link with Nicaragua). #Sandinistas and all that.

Over the years the number and diversity of people that have been involved in Red Star Bedminster is quite incredible really. From giving homeless people a place to rebuild & the unemployed playing for free, to numerous father & sons, a Wales U17 international, Bristol over 60s, an England over 65s player, Bristol City Council's International Twinning Officer, numerous musicians \ songwriters \ producers including J-Felix (Tru Thoughts), Zyla & The Underdog Quartet, the Inn On The Green Pub Landlord, the founder of Crack Magazine and even the legendary Southville baker Mark's Bread.

Over 250 players from more than 25 different countries have played for RSB over the years! From Benin to Brazil, Japan to Iran, China to Colombia and Berlin to Brentford Dockers to name just a few. There was also a memorable tour with the Berliners to Ivory Coast back in 1989. #BerlinWall and all that. Recently joined forces with Red Star Republic which has developed into 3 Red Star teams, the 35s, 45s and over 50s. An ethos of inclusivity & comradery through football, music, the pub and football tours is at the heart of it. Hard to know how many of us are gonna be about for the tour. The connections run far and wide.

Probably a core of Red Star Bedminster people but hopefully some new faces from around the city and beyond too. We're probably gonna do a Tour Spotify playlist, so give us a shout if you wanna hear it. We're an open\friendly bunch and always up for meeting new people, teams and building. bridges etc. If you're not up for that, then maybe you're at the wrong tournament ;-) #DontBeAPrick and all that.

Oh and as for a funny Cowfolk memory... there was an amusing game in the torrential rain on one of the Stuttgart tours against The Cowboys, who were mostly off their rocker and still going from the night before. From memory, it was a big 5-0 RSB win that day. Can't take the football too seriously though hey. #VanLouis



Republica Internazionale FC

Republica Internazionale FC was founded in 1983 and has a long and proud history rooted in a shared passion for football and left-wing politics. Over the years, the club has fielded men's and women's teams in local football leagues, various tournaments and tours in the UK, Europe, and further afield. We promote and facilitate participation in football for the good of our members, our local community and wider society.



And we love nothing more than the annual network tourni, and this year we eagerly await the chance to celebrate the 30th birthday of the glorious Easton Cowfolk! Over the years the Cowfolk have featured in many of Republica's favourite memories: the Cowfolk's support in bringing Autonomous over from Brazil for our Rufforth tournament in 2010; joint trips to Palestine for both the men's and women's sections; the many outings of the 'RepauliCow'

collaboration teams at tournaments when one or the other of us couldn't get a team together (or couldn't rouse the team from bed in time..!); hosting the Cowfolk in Leeds and watching them tearing up the dance floor; and their last Network tournament in 2017 – so much joy (and maybe even more rain!) Here's to many more memories to come!

Royal ZeeZicht FC

Besides playing the greatest football ever, we always swim naked abroad.
'The true next generation Red Devils.



Venceremos

Venceremos loosely translates to "we will overcome" - will this include the hangover? It remains to be seen. Don't let our team name fool you, there won't be any Portuguese flair on the pitch - less Eusebio, more David Dunn. We've got a pretty young team with zero mortgages between us - coincidentally, the same number of goals we scored collectively in Ponderosa. We're really looking forward to playing and mixing with everyone coming to this tournament, seeing both new and familiar faces there.



Wessex Allstars

Our memories of 25 years of these tournaments are like pieces of seafood bubbling to the surface of a bouillabaisse. The pot is being slowly stirred by a wizened old fisherwoman who stares wistfully from the window of her little coastal cottage at the wild waves of the ocean. She pauses occasionally to pick her nose, flicking whatever she finds in the mysterious cavities of her nasal passages into the pan, where it augments and complements the flavours of Provençal herbs and spices.

A fragment of octopus tentacle briefly rises to the top, representing some goal or other I expect. A lump of monkfish emerges from the broth, signifying a happy memory of singing together in a tent or something. It's all very poignant. At last she leaves the soup to gurgle over the heat and takes a seat by the fire. She lights her pipe and puffs on it slowly until eventually she drifts off to sleep, dreaming of all the things that were, and could have been, and may be again. Cheers, Alex



YARD RE UNITED FC



It's Yard mothercluckers, Yard Reunited mothercluckers
It's Yard mothercluckers, Yard Reunited mothercluckers
It's Yard mothercluckers, Yard Reunited mothercluckers
It's Yard

Reunited, double FC, world excited
Struck a match to the underground, tournament ignited
From metaphorical parables to fertilize the pitch
Wicked Yardies come, try to burglarize the turf
Scatting off soft-ass turns them players trap happily
Tragically, that style deteriorate rapidly
Uncompleted missions, throwing your best known competitions
You couldn't add it up if you mastered addition
Where I come from, assembling formations is habitual
You're more safe taking a cold bath in rituals
I splash the paint on the goal, formed a mural
He took a look, saw the manifestation of it was ball watching
Dribbling while impaired, ball hit your garment
Pierced your internal streamlined set plays
Just consider the unparalleled advantage
Of a direct free-kick that's impossible to manage.

*In loving memory of Iron Mike,
1980–2022*

P.S. big shouts out to all the teams who couldn't make it; Queer Space, Holbeck Moor, FC United of Manchester, FC Kolectivo, Catadão FCA, Autonomous, St Petersburg, Rosanegra, St Pauli Fanladen, Donegal Celtic, Yorkshire St Pauli, FC Union, Bad Muskau, Mount Pleasant, Glasgow St Pauli, 0161 Manchester, United Glasgow FC, Clapton CFC supporters, Spartak Cardiac, Bristol Panthers, Rude Lions.

30 YEARS OF SPORT, SOLIDARITY & SILLINESS

A (very) brief history of the Easton Cowboys & Cowgirls Sports & Social Club (ECCSSC). "Because without the knowledge of your history, you cannot determine your destiny" Misty in Roots.

The ECCSSC story began in 1992 when a group of friends from Easton who played a regular kick about game of football started a league team on Sunday mornings, calling themselves the Easton Cowboys (a couple of the players liked Westerns, and thought 'cowboys' reflected the team's lax attitude appropriately). Based out of the Plough, it soon became more than just a pub team. There were many members who were politically active, involved in Anti Fascist Action, Anti-Poll Tax campaign, 'squatters' rights and other causes.

Early on there was a connection to a German team through some players being in a local band the Herb Garden (p.8) that had played in Stuttgart. This led to the Cowboys being invited to a small tournament in Stuttgart in 1993, playing against like-minded teams. In 1994 the Cowboys hosted their first international tournament (see below), and the tradition of an annual tournament began to grow.



"[While] searching for a photo of that naked penalty shootout... I have found another one that could be of interest.... It is a photo of the team that travelled to our very first tournament abroad, which was held by you lovely people... back in 1994. And by looking at it I realized that this event could really be the most important of all memories tied to the Easton Cowboys and Cowgirls because it has been the first of all. Back then, 28 years ago now, we all got a first taste of travelling by bus for about 20 hours, having the most intense 48 hours of the year, and travelling back again for 20 hours in a kind of dream-like trance. We obviously liked it so much we did it (almost) every summer since then. And as the years went by these tournaments got better and better, because we realized it was more than a one-time affair. So here's to another 30 years of this Off-football hippy extravaganza we have invented almost accidentally back then." From Jan in Stuttgart.

In 1994 the club also formed a cricket team, who started playing in a pub league and then next season joined the North Somerset League. In 2001 at a tournament in Poland some women who had travelled with the Cowboys were asked to play with Republica IFC who were short of players. They hadn't played before but were told it didn't matter so they donned some shinpads and got on the pitch. They enjoyed it so much they decided to organise training sessions for women, and the Easton Cowgirls were born in 2002. They have played in many tournaments since as well as starting the first women's casual league in Bristol (see p.31).

In 2004 the 'Crack Whores' netball team, who partied in the Plough after games, became the next team to affiliate themselves with the club, becoming Easton Cowgirls Netball (see p.29). The club continued to grow over the years, with more men's, women's and netball teams, the addition of a section for kids and families (CACKK, see p.30), a basketball team and even a rugby team which lasted for just 1 season.

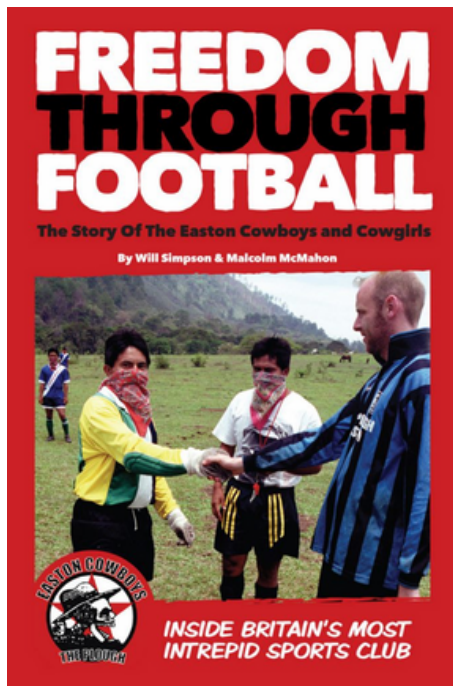
Over the years the Cowfolk have hosted and played in tournaments in Germany / Poland / Brazil / Belgium / Italy / Morocco / Palestine and across the UK, as well as playing football and basketball in Chiapas, Mexico with the Zapatistas (see p.33). The Easton Cowboys and Cowgirls Sports and Social Club now comprises 6 mens football teams, 3 womens football teams, 3 netball teams, a cricket team, a basketball team, CACKK kids club and a huge social membership.

The Plough has remained the home and social centre of the Cowfolk community. Like many Public houses across the country it continues to be the focal point of many community actions and events.

On the following pages you'll find bits of history of various sections of the club, as well as info on some of the causes we continue to be involved with. A fuller version of the clubs history (up to 2017) is covered in the book 'Freedom Through Football' (available to peruse or buy in the merch tent).

And in the info/merchandise tent you will find a spectacular pictorial history of the Cowfolk and the Alternative World Cup, along with memorabilia from over the years.

Come along and add your own memories!



The Easton Cowboys & Cowgirls at 30

Where are we now? A brief summary of the ECCSSC in 2022

by Sally Fucking Wood, Jody and Kimmer, former ECCSSC committee members

The club started as a bunch of blokes kicking around together, became a pub football team, was given an appropriately irreverent name, and grew into something much, much bigger. To organise ourselves to play sports, celebrate and commiserate together, we developed a constitution, voluntary committees, and lines of communication. But apart from those modes of structure, we are non-hierarchical and have no formal 'membership'.

Instead, we are better thought of as a loose collection of people who have come together due to some common aims... to be part of a community, to play sport, to party, to challenge social injustice. Most people tend to come to us because they identify with our ideals. These are stated in our constitution, and we try to make them screamingly clear to anyone wanting to associate themselves with us:

"The aims and objectives of the club will be:

2.1 To offer sporting and social opportunities in and around Easton, Bristol.

2.2 To challenge racism, sexism, fascism, homophobia, and transphobia.

2.3 To further mutual understanding, respect, and solidarity for all people in a positive way through sport and social activities.

2.4 To promote and share our values with other clubs and communities nationally and internationally.

2.5 To ensure a duty of care and a safe and secure place for all members to be able to enjoy and practice their beliefs whether cultural, spiritual, religious or political as long as they are not contrary to the aims and values of the club.

3. VALUES

3.1 The Club is anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-fascist, anti-homophobic and anti-transphobic.

3.2 The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally... regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

3.3 The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy club sport and social activities free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse." ECCSSC Constitution 2022-01-25.

Those who associate themselves with the club include people who identify themselves as anarchists, punks, queers, liberals, lefties and activists amongst others, as well as, to be honest, others who just want to play sport and have fun. We have pacifists and those who would use violent methods to bring about change. We have folk who use protest and lobbying to hold our state to account, and those who deny the authority of a state altogether. We have people focused on winning games and others focused on the party.

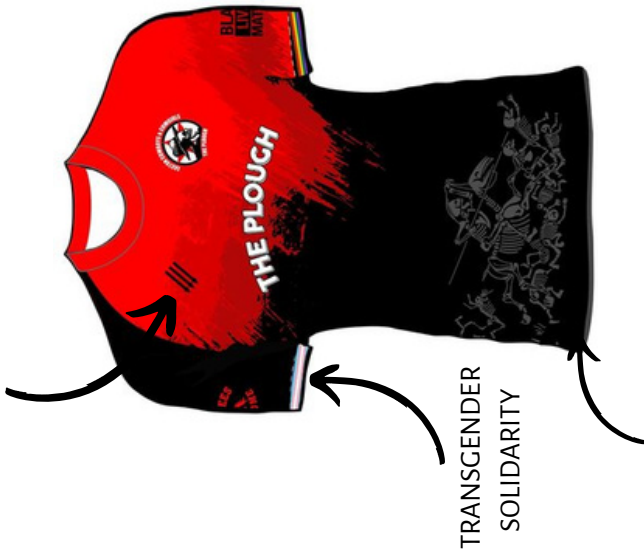
We all coexist together, although we might not always agree, and we think this is our power and our beauty. **We are and will always be more than a sports club.** We are a political and social entity. By no means perfect, but trying. An amorphous blob - but not entirely without cohesion. And we are, hopefully, constantly evolving as such.

New 45's kit explained

This is the new kit of the Cowboys 45's team, made for us by Rage Sports in Italy. The 45's team shirts were kindly sponsored by Essential Trading, for whom our beloved Jasper worked for 32 years. You can order a shirt at the merchandise stall.

Ever wondered why we play in red and black, or where those skeletons came from? Read on...

DREI PFEILE (3 ARROWS) - 1st used by the SPD/Iron Front - as a symbol against Nazism in 1932, now an international symbol for anti-fascism

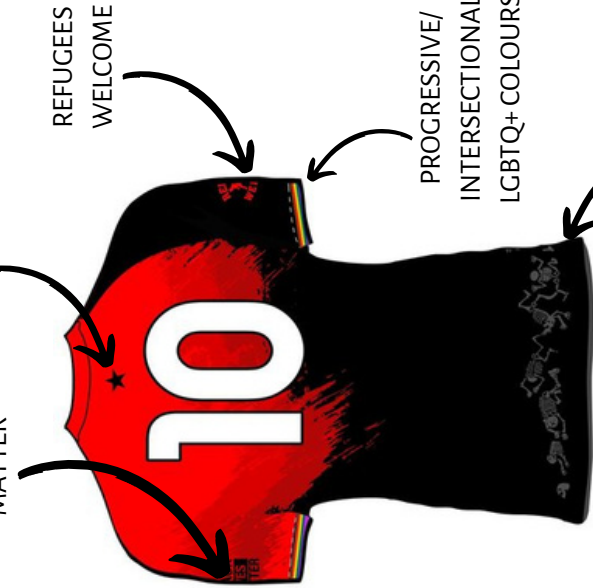


TRANSGENDER SOLIDARITY

SKELETONS - by Mexican artist José Guadalupe Posada, whose illustrations explored the inequality between classes and were used extensively in Mexican resistance posters of the 1910's

BLACK LIVES MATTER

STAR - representing Kiptik/Zapatista solidarity



PROGRESSIVE/ INTERSECTIONAL LGBTQ+ COLOURS

BLACK AND RED - colours with long roots in anarchist and anti-fascist movements worldwide

Netball

Easton Cowgirls netball team started off as the Easton Crack Whores in 2004/5 with a bunch of friends and party goers, instigated by the incredibly special Helen Mcarthur. We played in and around Easton, sometimes jumping a fence or 2 to get to a court. Eventually we set on Thursday evenings at St Pauls Leisure Centre and began to teach ourselves in rain or shine, going back to the Plough after training till the wee hours of the morning!! Soon we entered ourselves into the Avon Netball League. We are a very colourful bunch of all ages.

The Plough always accommodated us after the matches with food as well as drinks and soon we were invited to join the Easton Cowboys and Cowgirls club. We then became The Easton Cowgirls Netball Team. Our first team, known as the Knobs/ Oranges started to climb up the divisions and have gone from div 10 to div 4 with the great help of our coach Nat. Our club was growing now and 2nd team were born, Pricks/Stars, who have done extremely well in the recent years and have won their divisions too. A 3rd team joined us in 2018, the Dicks/Black due to Gexit who now make us a 3 team club and very proud. We are always looking for and welcoming new enthusiastic players.

We still remain very social and love a party and doing fundraisers. There'll be plenty more I assure you. Now, after the last few years of the dreaded covid, we are back in the room with a large club of 30 players or so and looking forward to the next season.

Onward and upwards with a fair bit of partying too. We ain't never gonna be respectable!

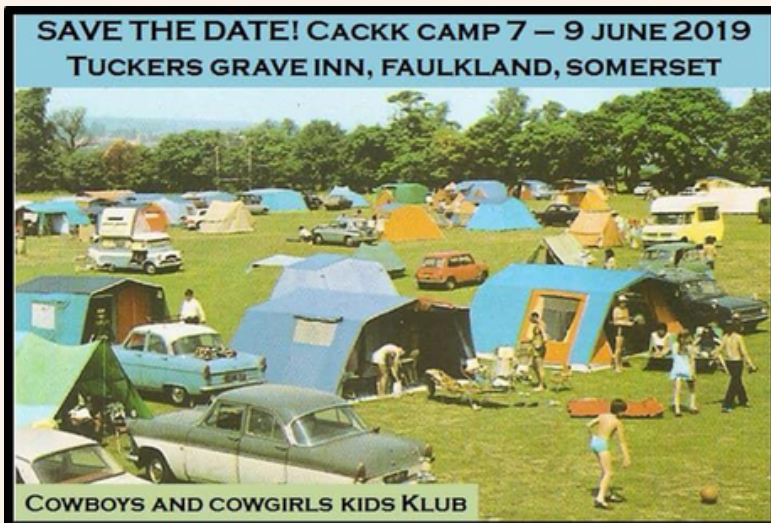


Cowgirls Netball have supported two Bristol charities and have fundraised for them over several years. Temwa do amazing work in Malawi; one of the poorest countries in the world. Their mission is to develop self-sufficient communities in hard-to-reach rural areas of northern Malawi. Aid Box Community give support, supplies, and sanctuary for refugees and people seeking asylum in Bristol. They provide practical aid and community to our local hundreds of people that have been forcibly displaced.

CACKK (Cowboys & Cowgirls Kids Klub)

CACKK was conceived as a way of getting kids and parents from different bits of the club together so we could get to know each other and have fun. Prior to this, we happily dragged our kids to games and tournaments here and abroad and it was only at our Crystal Balls tournament in Cullompton in 2007 we saw fit to organise something for kids. We threw some paints and dressing up together and ran some activities and it was of course brilliant fun. The next year in 2008 we organised our first annual camp near Chepstow and CACKK was born!

Since then we've held CACKK camps (almost) every year. We have had some great themes like CACCK on the farm, Witches and Wizards, Heroes and Villains, and Robots and Monsters! We have had hilarious talent shows, discos, treasure hunts and there has been lots and lots of dressing up by kids and of course their parents too. All this, and fantastic friendships made along the way over campfires, giant marshmallows and of course always a bar (for the adults of course)! We have run CACCK tents at all the Cowfolk tournaments that followed, which has enabled Cowkids to meet other children from our club but also young people from all over Europe. The dressing up box still contains some of the original costumes from the Cullumpton tournament and the kids who used to wear these are (over a decade later) grown up and some are now active members of the club.



Bristol Women's Football Casual League

Jointly founded by the Easton Cowgirls and Misfits FC, Bristol Women's Football Casual League is celebrating its 10th Birthday in 2022. Beginning with just 5 teams in 2012, the league has now grown to 30 teams across 3 divisions!

The league was created with the ethos of fun and friendly football, giving women the opportunity to play football whether they are new to the game or have other life stuff which means they can't compete in traditional weekly leagues. Playing 7-a-side football every 3 weeks in one location means that the teams get to know each other and gives match day a wonderful community vibe - true grassroots sport!



Cowgirl and league co-founder Zoe Gibbons has created a piece of artwork celebrating both the BWFL's 10th birthday and the history of women's football. "Kiss before kick off" imagines a meeting across 100 years between the unofficial England team of 1920, Dick, Kerr Ladies (who all worked for Dick, Kerr & Co munitions factory in Preston), and the 5 founding teams of the BWFL.

The artwork is based on a famous photo taken on Boxing Day in 1920 when Dick, Kerr Ladies played St Helens Ladies in front of a record crowd of 53,000 with a reported further 14,000 outside Goodison Park.

Despite the popularity of the women's game and the huge sums Dick, Kerr Ladies and other teams raised for charity, just a year later the FA made the shock move of banning women's football being played on any of its grounds, arguing that the game "is not fit for females". After the ban, the women's game declined significantly. In the 1930s women were further discouraged from taking part in football and other sports as it could 'cause them to become infertile'. The 1920 Boxing Day match numbers were only exceeded 90 years later in 2012, nearly 40 years after the ban was lifted by the FA.

"Kiss before kick off" is made of salvaged billboard posters which have been reformed using collage and stitch. Prints are available to buy from the merchandise tent. Profits will be equally split between Zoe and women's charities as agreed by the teams of the BWFL.

Easton Cowfolk Solidarity with Palestine

The Cowboys and Cowgirls have done 6 solidarity football tours of the West Bank over 15 years, along with our friends from Republica and Frau Dörte Becker. We have played football next to illegal Israeli settlements and the Apartheid Wall, and with Palestinian communities facing demolitions and forced transfer. We've witnessed house demolitions, removed rubble, played the Palestinian national team, visited and played against refugee camps, ate (plenty) of falafel and houmous, and made many friends along the way.

We have always been helped by the wonderful Hamed and driven by Shaher, the General, and worked alongside the NGO, Hebron International Resources Network (HIRN). HIRN is a grassroots NGO supporting community resilience and development in Occupied Palestine. It is run by Palestinian and international volunteers. It serves Palestinians most adversely affected by the Israeli occupation, specifically targeting communities that are underserved by larger aid agencies. HIRN provides basic infrastructure and services, e.g., education, roads, water, electricity and farming. It doesn't receive any funding from governments or other organisations but relies on fundraising and generous people like you.



Easton Cowgirls and Republica IFC with the Hebron University Women's team, 2014.

If you want to donate in the UK, you can use our alliance with Amos Trust at:

cafdonate.cafonline.org/7827.

If you have cash, give it to Peace. He's just back from 3 months in Hebron with HIRN - he'll see it gets to them.

Check out Peace's blog on his last trip to Hebron:

polarsteps.com/DennisKampberg/4905897-occupied-by-the-occupation

For more info, speak to any Cows, Republica or Frau Dörte Becker who have been, or check out the UK Friends of HIRN at friendsofhirn.wordpress.com.

You can watch an excellent film made by Harry of the Cowgirls and Republica visiting the West Bank in 2014, 'Balls, Barriers and Bulldozers' at: vimeo.com/140462970.



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Kiptik – Zapatista Solidarity

Kiptik is an off-shoot organisation from the Cowboys and Cowgirls that first came into being after our first tour of Chiapas, Mexico, in May 1999. Whilst there, we had been inspired by what we had seen of the Zapatista communities and wanted to offer some sort of practical solidarity. One of the ways we were told we could do this was to raise money for clean water systems and so in May 2000 we put on a club night at the Thekla in Bristol that kick-started over 20 years of fundraising for water, health, and basic infrastructure projects in the Zapatista territories.

In the 20 years since, we have raised over £150,000 through sales of T shirts, calendars, CDs and the occasional knees up at the Plough. Kiptik members have gone back out to Chiapas to work on these projects and there have been several other Cowboys and Cowgirls sports tours since then too. The connection between the club, Kiptik, and the Zapatistas remains strong and we were privileged to host a delegation from Chiapas at the Plough last year as part of the Zapatistas' 'Journey For Life'.

Dia De Los Muertos

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www.kiptik.org



Day of the Dead/Halloween Fancy Dress

KIPTIK


Celebrating 10 years of KIPTIK
Easton Cowfolk solidarity with the Zapatistas!

Bands: **The Dead Beats** (Dhouah Rhythm & Blues), **Clayton Blizzard**
(Legendary Local Lyricist), **Jota Ramos** (Conscious Colombian Hip Hop).

DJs: **PrettyBoy, El Borracho & Jaz, Lockjaw.**

The Plough Easton, from 8pm 'til late **Saturday 30th October**
£4 suggested donation. All money goes directly to build water systems in Chiapas, Mexico

"Viva Mexico!"



KIPTIK

Award-winning documentary plus Q&A
with film-maker Nicolas Defosse.

Part of UK Zapatista Network tour. www.vivamexicofilm.com

Wednesday 4th May 7.30pm Hamilton House, Stokes Craft
coexist.hamiltonhouse.org

Suggested donation £3 / £2 but no-one turned away due to lack of funds www.kiptik.org – www.bristolanarchistbookfair.org

Coronavirus – Community Veg Box Scheme



It first started as the Plough feeding its staff as lockdown began, but soon escalated to the wider pub and Cowfolk community, to other pubs, and other communities and by its end, the scheme was delivering free boxes of fruit and veg all over Bristol. Between March 2020 and August 2021 we delivered over 40,000 boxes.

There was no means testing, this was really important to us. You could be an NHS worker with no time to shop, shielding because of underlying health conditions or (mostly) lost work and income due to covid. You ordered online for yourself or a neighbour in need, if you could donate you did. If you could donate to cover one box for yourself and one for someone else, you did. That's how it worked. We also fundraised from other organisations donating food or funding and raised over £22,500 with a raffle, prizes donated from our friends and colleagues from arts and events across the city and beyond.

A wonderful and proud collaborative effort between The Plough, The Red Lion, the Star and Garter, Pipe N Slippers, Love Inn (and later on Breaking Bread up The Downs), Easton Cowboys/Cowgirls, All Hallows' Hall and Easton Community Centre. At its peak we were delivering 800 boxes over 2 days a week, with over 200 volunteers and drivers involved, on routes all over Bristol.

We were a lifeline to many across the city but doing the Veg Boxes was a lifeline to us as well. A structure, a purpose, a connection during a mad time when the value of life and community became everything.

And the future...?

Bugged if I know, I've lost the plot at this point...
It's up to all of us...

Keep on keeping on...

Keep learning, keep growing, keep questioning...

Keep trying our best to be on the right side of history...

To leave our mark...

Always anti-fascist, always a shambles...

And maybe, just maybe, more than just a bunch of piss-heads from Easton.



**WE'RE DYING FOR YOU
TO COME AND SEE THE**

Qatar2022

FIFA WORLD CUP



Over seven thousand migrant workers have died in unsafe and often brutal work conditions while building the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup stadiums.

Tens of thousands more continue to work as modern-day slaves, denied their wages, and with their passports confiscated, are unable to escape.

spellingmistakescostlives.com

Whether you believe in boycotting the 2022 World Cup or not, we'll be joining many others in kicking up a fuss about the legacy of the infrastructure constructed to support it and Qatar's poor record on human rights.

A POEM made up from people's comments on what the club means to them

Collated by Jody

Looking in from the outside... goodness,
kinship & fun.
Did we get invited?
Did we just crash our way in?
Then we got stuck... (cos it's brilliant).

I was too weird to play with 'Normies'.
Happy days.
The Plough and the proper hardcore party,
That swallowed me whole.

Can't beat the Cowfolk as cracking mates.
They had beer,
They had Dik,
A ragtag bunch of people that came together

More than just getting hammered in my local,
without eliminating...
...Getting hammered in my local!

The blending of sport with radical activism.
Osmosis.
It will always have a big place in my heart

Feel like we were always destined to be
together.
Like minded souls.
The Energy I needed.
It became my family, friends, and a second
home.

A bunch of diverse individuals who could
achieve anything.
It is unique, special, amazing!
Hands down the best decision I've ever made.
Wish I'd made it sooner.

I'd never known anything remotely as great as
the Cowfolk.
Feeling welcomed,
Loved, and accepted.
Becoming part of the biggest social group I've
been in .

A club that does not judge a book by it's cover,
Inclusive.... and diverse
Achieving anything...
Thinking independently... without the
influence of others

A community of really cool people.
A place of strength.
Radical sporting solidarity.
Always Fighting... for the right cause

A formidable force with the power to change
lives, chase balls,
Or make a banging party.
Always there...

The family you chose.



A letter from an old Cowboy

Some of you know me, some of you may vaguely remember me, others will have never heard of me. Anyway, I am, or rather was Will, one of the old skool Cowboys. I've been coming to these events since 1993 when 16 (or was it 17?) of us journeyed to Stuttgart, met Neckerstrasse and ASV and enjoyed a weekend that changed the course of many of our lives.

Yes, I said 'was'. For this is what I'm writing about. I've had a deep dark secret that I've been trying to run away from my whole life. I've always been a decent runner and would have probably been able to out-distance it completely had it not been for the events of 2020.

In February of that year I lost my beautiful partner Emma suddenly. Then Covid happened. Within weeks my life fell apart. One by one the props that had held it up - Emma, my job, friends, football - were taken away from me until I was completely alone, with no other company apart from the truth.

One night in May I faced up to it. I'm transgender. I always have been. Instantly, I felt both elated and utterly terrified. But I knew there was no going back. The bottle had smashed, the genie had escaped and there was no way I could force her back in.

For a while I thought I had lost my mind. So I waited, and let the revelation settle. But it wouldn't go away so a couple of months later I slowly started taking steps forward and telling people, one by one, face to face, about this.

Since then...well, the coming out has continued and I have a new identity. Had I been born a girl I would have been called Elizabeth. I'm no Liz, Bet, Liza or any other of the derivatives of that name. But I am a Beth. So that's who I am.

I'd like to thank everyone who greeted my news at the last Cowfolk tournament meeting with such joy and positivity. I still have a big smile on my face thinking about it! I'd also like to pay tribute to everyone who has strived to make our club LGBTQ-friendly and indeed the community of like-minded sports clubs in our network that have made events like this such inclusive, open-minded and open-hearted ones. I wouldn't be writing this had it not been for the hard work you've all put in over the years.

So as that corny song goes..this is me. I've always been proud to be a Cowboy and now I'm proud to be a Cowgirl! And I'm proud to be part of the LGBTQ+ community.

Over and out,
Beth Simpson x

An explainer of gender terms

Biological sex

A person is defined as male, female or **intersex** depending on their biological characteristics - chromosomes and/or primary/secondary sexual features. **Intersex** is a general term used to refer to individuals with biological sex characteristics (chromosomes, external genitalia or internal reproductive system) which don't fall into the traditional binary of male or female. Many people with intersex conditions identify as a man or as a woman, while some identify as a member of an alternative gender. However, intersex is only recognised as an official 3rd sex in a relatively few countries. It is estimated that a similar number of people are born intersex as are born with red hair.

Gender identity

In contrast to biological sex, this refers to how a person perceives themselves. If a person's gender identity differs from the expectation based on their biological sex, they are referred to as **transgender**. They may as a result begin a process of transition, which can entail hormone replacement therapy, surgery and/or legal change of name and gender. A person whose gender identity matches their biological sex is **cisgender**. An individual may also feel that they don't fit either of the traditional male/female binaries, and may therefore identify as **non-binary**, **agender** or **genderqueer**.

Gender expression

Various behaviours, attitudes, fields of knowledge/interest and dress styles (amongst other things) are classified as 'male' or 'female' in societies. These classifications can vary according to different cultures. A person may feel that societal expectations regarding gender expression don't suit their own experience, and they prefer to express themselves in ways which may be deemed by others to be 'non-conventional'.

And a note on sexuality...

Sexuality has no relation to gender. A person's sexuality/sexual identity/sexual orientation refers to their prevalent sexual and/or romantic attraction to others. It is not embedded in any physical or genetic feature. An individual's sexual orientation may change over time. There are many classifications of sexual orientation - the traditional labels of 'gay', 'bisexual' or 'heterosexual' do not cover all the possible orientations and may limit the expression of a person's sexuality. It is worth noting that in a world where heterosexuality is the social norm, those with other sexualities face the constant decision of whether to reveal themselves ('come out') or to hide their sexuality.

FAREWELLS



The Cowfolk were a big part of Jasper's life since the mid 90's when he was press ganged on a ship called the Thekla and ended up on a bus heading to Stuttgart. He never looked back.

We miss him dearly.



Sovereign was a big part of the Cowgirls and remained in our hearts even though they no longer played for us.

We will remember you and your epic dancing always Sovereign.



Rest in Paint, Tinx and thanks for the memories.

Portland Panthers would like to remember Chris Wilson, who passed away in December, as well as Sam White and Kyle Spence - both youth players that were taken too soon in recent years.



'Iron Mike' Woodend, a member of the original world Champions of 2007 in The Yard's debut at the AWC. A man with the size and power of a Volvo estate, a formidable centre back who sparked fear in many a strikers eye on the pitch, but the nicest, happiest man off of it, a true loss to all who knew him and someone who won't be forgotten. RIP. Mike also played for the Ultra Casual Cowboys and helped us to our first ever victory... in our third season! The Cowboys are very sad to hear this news. He was a lovely guy.



We send big love to everyone who has lost someone close to them over the past few years, we know there have been a few.



Massive thanks to everyone who has helped to make this weekend happen...

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To all our fab bands, DJs and comperes...

...and of course hugest thanks to our long suffering and always EPIC club chair
Sooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooz!

Finally, to all Cowfolk old and new plus the Plough crew for making this thing the beautiful and shambolic thing it is. Here's to another 30 years!

Who let the cows out? Moo! Moo! Moo! Moo!