

## **Henley Football Club Report – Season 2017/18**

After last season's championship winning achievements it was always going to be a difficult act to follow.

We had a slow start and managerial changes did not help as we languished in mid table up to February. The appointment of Adam Waspe as new joint manager beside Sean Brown, sparked an immediate improvement and with the addition of three new signings, the team won their last nine games straight to snatch a third place finish on the last day of the season.

The Reserves also had a poor start to the season and they too had managerial problems but managed to rally towards the end and retain Inter 'A' status (which is the highest level reserve football in the Suffolk and Ipswich league). The Club has appointed Carl Page as new manager for the coming year and we look forward to a better season.

We were in discussions about forming a ladies team during most of last year, which is something the club actively supported but the idea sadly appears to have run out of impetus. However, that has left the door open for the 'Old Boys' who had been pestering us for the chance to enter a team in the Norfolk and Suffolk Over 35 Veteran's League. This usually comprises 10 league matches and two cups with matches being played on Sunday afternoons, mostly at the beginning and end of the regular season.

We are holding our Club Awards Presentation evening at Fynn Valley Golf Club this Saturday (12<sup>th</sup> May), a venue chosen purely as it gives the club officers a welcome rest from organising and catering.