

# Thamesview take on the Dutch away from home

The 25<sup>th</sup> international is soon upon us and it is Thamesviews turn to pack our kit and head off to Maarssen, Utrecht, Holland. This is the home of OSM and their fabulous football complex "Sportpark Fazantenkamp". OSM have been friends of the club for 24 years now and long shall they be due to the support of all parents and players from both teams alike.

The Thamesview Youth teams, the current trophy holders, of under 13's and under 12's hope to retain the cup and bring it back to British soil. How-

ever the weekend is not all about football and centred mainly on having fun. The younger of our teams has had plenty of backing with 15 players and 10 parents (including coaches) going out. The two Thamesview U13's teams have had to limit the availability and make one team from their almost 30 players. Again with great success and a full team of boys and a good blend of coaches and parents.

Please read through as we attempt to give you more of an idea of what to expect from the trip and what



other things you need to do before we set off whether your coming with or allowing your boy to enjoy the experience.

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- *Look out for details of an up and coming fundraising event to help out with travel cost.*

## Crossing the Channel by boat

We did not get the coach booked in time to secure a place on the Eurostar so we are going by ferry, and even then we were lucky to get crossing times. As for these times at the moment it is looking like an early start 22<sup>nd</sup> April (meeting time yet to be confirmed) and

a late return on 25<sup>th</sup> April to the UK.

The King's Ferry, who are supplying a luxury 74 seater Double Decker, are in constant contact with the ferry company in an attempt to obtain us more favourable crossing times, but we might not be lucky?

If any of your boys are subject to seasickness please provide them with the relevant tablets however ask them to come to one of the team leaders and take them in front of us rather than take any medicine themselves. eye.

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## What are we doing and when are we doing it, Dave?

Erwin Wildschut is the guy organizing things on behalf of OSM and has given me some details of what to expect. I have summarized what I know for your benefit but things can change between here and now?

We will be heading straight for their clubhouse, which I am lead to believe is something to be jealous of as it is surrounded by pitches and even a 3G all weather. It is here we will meet up with the host family's and introduce the boys and ourselves. When everyone is comfortable the boys will go back to the host family's house for dinner and a wash up, whilst the adults book in to the hotel which is a 10 minute drive from there.

Later that evening everyone will reconvene at the clubhouse for a social and a chit chat (no doubt whilst the boys play football somewhere). This

club has the facility to provide burgers and snacks and drinks, with beer for the adults (so give the boys a bit of spending money) .

The next day the kids are taken out for the day and utilize the use of the coach. This is kept a surprise but no doubt the boys will love it. Some members from the club will accompany the children along with a coaching representative from each of the TYFC teams.

The rest of the adults will likely take a train trip into Amsterdam as the station is 2 minutes from the hotel and we have been offered a guided tour from Rick Cats (cool name).

In the evening we will all meet again back at the clubhouse at talk about our days out. Although early to bed as the football starts in the morning.

Sunday is tournament day, and may the best team win. We will play short 11 aside matches against OSM and two other local teams although the trophy is between TYFC and OSM only.

All of us then wash up and eat before returning for the party laid on by our hosts. This will be a disco I expect and a great way to round off the visit. (save your best clothes for this night boy's and take your hair gel in case there are a few birds about?).

Next day we break the fast and say farewell, swap email addresses, add each other to face book and PS3/Xbox online accounts and wave as the bus leaves town.

Sounds pretty good do you think?



## The Blazing Squads

### Thamesview Under 12's

Goal Keepers. David Laming and Harry Sillet.

Defenders. Callum Morgan, Sidney Rose, Jack Stowe, Bradley Ward, and George Collins.

Midfielders. Jack Dick, Hayden Clare, Tommy Martin, Oliver Speer and Lewis Nicholls.

Forwards, Michael Davis, Callum Osborn and Scott Califano

Coaches. Roy Kidney, Dave Rose and George Clare

### Thamesview Under 13's

The positions are yet to be confirmed

Connor King, Aaron Hover, Arthur Hall, James Macklin, Bradley Williams, Warren Wallace, Charlie Bell, Alfie Stevens, George Stevens, Harry Smedley, Kyle Starkey, Eliot Holmes, Connor Austin, Lewis Martin and Ben Carlile.

Coaches. Kevin Wallace, Dan Hockley and David Poole

## Respect and discipline, let this be a warning!

This is the bit where you might think I am droning on a bit but it needs to be said so please hear what I have to say and take it on board.

As we are going out to Holland representing Thamesview, and the age of the boys we are taking, I would like all the boys to understand that there behavior must be their best.

If you are a parent and will not be joining us please stress to your son that it is important to listen to his coach and show respect to the family who will be looking after them.

The journey to and from Utrecht will likely be enough to wear us out when they are all together, but I would like to think we will have a trouble free weekend (don't laugh).

The club Welfare Officer and the club President will be joining us, and possi-

bly the chairman if he is lucky enough. So on behalf of these guys, they would expect to see respect off and on the pitch to continue our good relation ships.

Any lad deemed to be misbehaving may be left out of the team on match day, and could miss the day trip?

All that said we will be in regular contact with all the boys and will always be available should they need to talk to us.

Tell them not to be shy about anything if they need to talk. There are one or two women going who can help with certain sensitive problems if need be?

If there are any real issues then we will contact you immediately and let you know the problem.



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## Things to think about packing or doing before

This will not be a comprehensive list but it will be a start:

- EHC card and travel insurance documents
- Football boots and Astro turfs in a boot bag
- Kit with as directed by your manager
- And small medicine bag with your sons regular medicines
- Mobile phone (if he is taking one) and charger with travel plug. (Talk to your service provider about a bundle of foreign calls)
- Perhaps a favorite breakfast cereal in case?
- Smart clothes for the disco with his hair gel
- Wash bag and towel
- Spending money
- Pack lunch for the trip

# **We need some more information if you would?**

## **Fill in, tear off and return to your manager please**

**Our friends have asked us for the following from the boys (looks like they will be giving out some kind of shirt perhaps?).**

**Also who from the adults would like to go on the boys trip or venture into Amsterdam accompanied by Rick?**

**Also consider purchasing some private travel insurance that will not be too much money? You might want to talk to other parents to combine one?**

- **Name**
  
- **Size shirt (please in European measures, probably 140, 152, 164 or 176)**
  
- **Medicines**
  
- **Medical Insurance number (EHIC)**
  
- **Diet wishes (such as no pork, no meat at all etc)**
  
- **Allergies or no pets**
  
- **Preferred pairing with teammate from the Thamesview side**
  
- **Preferred pairing with our side if you know**

**Any questions write them below or contact me direct,  
Thanks, Dave Rose.**