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Spend it like Beckham for Father's Day

DAVID BECKHAM'S sending off in the World Cup Finals 12 years ago was a momentous occasion for Andy Harmer.

"To be honest I didn't even know who he was at the time," he said. "But then everyone was talking about Becks and someone said I looked like him. With the sending off that wasn't the best thing for me at that particular moment but then I got more and more into the idea and before long I started to impersonate him."

So began an extraordinary career change from car cleaner to one of the most famous impersonators in the business and a point where Andy now charges thousands of pounds for a personal appearance as the England star.

"It helps that I was also a semi-professional footballer and can do lots of tricks," he said. "I appeared

as David in films like Bend It Like Beckham and worked with him on various commercials. He's always been very nice to me but is quite a shy bloke."

Many will also have seen the dead ringer on Britain's Got Talent recently. Andy formed The Chippendoubles with a bunch of other lookalikes and, although getting the boot in the semi-final, he's got plans to keep the group going with a tour and lots of promotional work.

● Becks appears – without Victoria – this Sunday between noon and 3pm at The Broadwalk Centre in Edgware as part of its World Cup/Father's Day celebratory weekend.

Tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday various events will be taking place including A Spot The Ball competition where you can win a VIP conducted tour of Wembley.



Winging it: Andy Harmer will kick about The Broadwalk Centre as David Beckham lookalike as part of its World Cup/Father's Day celebrations