

# WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FC

Squad		Played No.	Sub
Stewart	Thompson		
Liam	Edmondson		
Luke	Sharps		
Craig	Bowden		
Chris	Oram		
Sam	Collier		
Ryan	Banks		
James	Turner		
Marcus	Hall		
Terry	Adams		
Adam	Field		
Mitch	Wyatt		
Craig	Wall		
Lance	Lewis		
Sean	Bailey		
Paul	Fisher		
David	Millaci		
Steve	Groom		
Luke	Preston		
Sam	English		
Richard	Payne		
Shaun	Terry		
Darren	Tapper		
Alan	Blake		

Manager: Dave Turner  
Assistant: Alan Blake

### Match Officials

Referee:  
Assist. Ref (Red Flag):  
Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):

### Next Home Games

Saturday 25-Aug-09 v Headington Am. (FTL Futbol Hellenic League Div 1 West) k-off 3.00pm

# WESTBURY UNITED

Squad		Played No.	Sub
Nick	Evans		
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Dan	Dominy		
Lee	Morgan		
Luke	Smith		
Mark	Pearce		
Mark	Young		
Matty	Smith		
Nathan	Hallett		
Reece	Schell		
Sayeed	Ibrahim		
Tarick	Yactou		
Tom	Robinson		
Wayne	Wheeler		
Aaron	Billett		
Bobby	Mitchell		
Dan	Kovacs		
Matty	Meed		
Neil	Grant		
Nick	Ridout		
Pete	Ayton		
Steve	Seals		
Stuart	Powell		

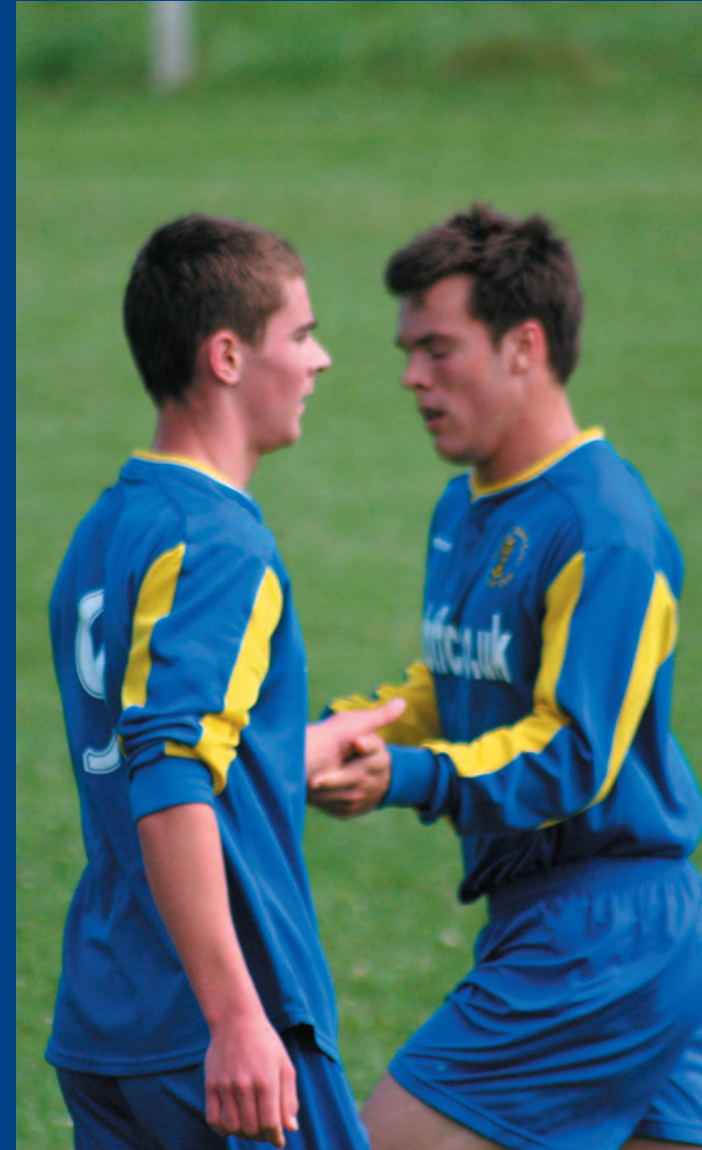
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## EDITORIAL

**Good afternoon** and welcome back to Rylands Way for the visit of Westbury United in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup, the most prestigious competition in the country. It does not seem that long ago that the 2008-9 Season was coming to a close yet here we are starting a brand new season. We trust you have all had an enjoyable summer break and looking forward to the new season. The beauty of this game of ours is that come August, no matter who were champions last year, you all start even again and expectations of a good season will be held at each and every club as they kick off the new season.

Today we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from fellow Wiltshire side Westbury who have travelled to Rylands Way and hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some refreshments.

Today's game not only kicks off the 2009-10 Season for Wootton Bassett Town but also a very busy period of fixtures with six games in seventeen days. It would have been seven in twenty one days but as you know Tuesday's opening league game vs Hardwicke was cancelled when they pulled out of the league on the eve of the season. Everyone was very disappointed about losing this fixture but there is not a lot you can do about it, it is just one of those things.

Today Dave and the boys will be looking to do better than last season when we went out in a replay at this stage to Flackwell Heath. Wootton Bassett Town and Westbury have never met in the FA Cup but have played each other in the FA Amateur Cup, the top competition for non-league clubs before the competition was split into the FA Trophy and FA Vase and have also met in the Wiltshire Senior Cup over the years. Today's programme will look back at some of these historic games.

On the subject of history the Match Day Programme this season will include a regular feature called **From The Archives** recalling past seasons for the club. Today's programme includes a look back to Season 1935-36.

Dave has been busy during the break with players coming and going and his **From The Dugout** article will bring you up to date with who has left and more importantly who the new signings are for the coming season.

The programme today also includes the latest edition of **Touchline**, the Club's quarterly newsletter, and this will be featured throughout the season. Following feedback received from our supporters we will also include fixtures for other games in the Hellenic League by including more of the **Hellenic Bulletin** within the programme. As well as the usual features on today's opponents, match reports and statistical pages there will also be a new page, **Ladies Section in Focus** dedicated to our newly formed Ladies side that will be playing in the Gloucestershire County Women's Football League.

The **Youth Section in Focus** pages this season will now take the form of a write-up on the various teams rather than simply being two pages of statistics. We hope these changes will improve your match day read but as ever please provide feedback and all new ideas will be considered.

Thank you for your support today.

*Mark*





# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good afternoon, I hope you had a restful summer, welcome to you all and to our visitors in this FA Cup Fixture, Westbury United. And welcome to this new season of football here at Rylands Way.

So what's been happening in the club since the end of last season. Firstly we held very enjoyable end of season presentations, the seniors being held at the club ball at The Wiltshire in May, and the youths over two Sundays here at Rylands Way. We re-instated the end of season club dinner, incorporating it with the annual club ball, and it was really pleasing to see so many players there, something that over recent years had not occurred. I would like to personally thank the senior players and management for their attendance and enjoyment of the club ball, and also to those players that took time out to present awards at the youth presentations. Thanks also go to Terry and Jane Embling for organising the club ball, and Steve Matthews for taking on much of the organising of the youth presentations.

Quickly following was our annual 6-a-side tournament at the beginning of June, such an important fund raiser for the club, but also such an important club event in that all at the club work so hard to put on a tournament for so many youth players – it really is an event in which all at the club should take great pride at the way it is organised and run, and it is such a great manifestation of the team work within the club. Particular thanks go to Gill and Erk Gasgoigne for the managing of the tournament, and Andy Walduck for software support and announcing.

After the 6-a-side tournament I guess we all managed to have just about 4 weeks break before the planning begun in earnest for this season, with the AGM also being held in July. We have reviewed and revised our development plan, and I will tell you more about some of our aims and objectives for the forthcoming season in my next program notes. I'm delighted to report though that we have already met one of the key objectives, that being to form a ladies senior side. Thanks to hard work from Bryan Wood, head of the Ladies section, we will have a team playing in the Gloucestershire League this season, and they will be playing their home fixtures here at Rylands Way on Sunday mornings all being well.

I'm pleased to report that we were able to invest a little in pitch maintenance through the summer, with the surface being verti-drained, re-seeded and fertilised. The work was funded by the senior and youth section, and we hope as a result to host more youth games on the main pitch this season.

Finally, I'm delighted to tell you that the club has been awarded Wiltshire Community Club of the Year. I believe this is in recognition of not just the football opportunities we provide our community, but also the way we provide those opportunities, and all should take great pride in the part they play in a great club team – thank you to you all.

It only remains for me to say let's hear the great support for our home teams just as we did last season, and here's to a Bassett win.

*Cheers - Paul H*

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## FROM THE DUGOUT

Firstly I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Westbury United to Rylands Way. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and will all join us in the bar after the game.

It only feels like a couple of weeks ago that the season finished. Each year the break seems to get shorter. I won't dwell on last season because it has gone and we can't change it, but a lot of hard work has gone on in the close season to bring in new players.

There are a number of players who have left the club for different reasons. Some were my choice to let go, others have moved on to pastures new and others have been tempted by the lure of money. But one thing I am sure about is that I will only sign players who want to play for Bassett. I would like to thank Richie Carter, Shaun Carter, Tom Ritchie, Scott Ward, Steve Yeardley and Paul Hunt for all they did for this club last season. We wish you well at your new clubs.

We have four very good teenagers in David Millaci, Craig Bowdon, Steve Groom and James Turner. We also welcome Marcus Hall and Terry Adams (Tazz) two very energetic and creative midfielders. Lance Lewis, Mitch Wyatt and Adam Field are going to carry the burden of scoring our goals this season. Last of all I would like to welcome Sam Collier who for such a young player has one of the longest lists of serious injuries I have ever come across. I hope he can stay injury free and enjoy his football at Bassett.

As you can we have a lot of new and very young players at the club. It will take the team a while to jell, so can I ask you all to be patient as we put together a very young and exciting new team. Your support is going to be vital as we drive this club forward.

*Dave*





# OPPONENTS HISTORY

In the beginning ... (28/12/08)



The club started in 1920 with the amalgamation of two local sides. Westbury Old Comrades FC had just won promotion to the First Division of the Wiltshire County League and to strengthen the side they joined forces with a local junior side, Westbury Great Western Railway XI. Together they became Westbury United Football Club.

In its first season the club finished third from bottom of the county league and after struggling throughout the 1920s, went on to great success in the 1930s.

At Meadow Lane (31/12/08)



In the 1930s Westbury won everything possible in Wiltshire football and in 1936 also reached the first round proper of the FA Cup. They were led by a magnificent player called Billy Pearce, who captained the Wiltshire county side throughout the decade. Also in the side at the time was a prolific goalscorer called Bill Butler, who scored more than eighty senior goals in one season (including thirty in a month!).

The club then purchased and moved to its present ground in Meadow Lane, at a cost of £475 for the four acre site. The very first game played on what was then the Jubilee Playing Field was against Bristol City and a crowd of around 4000 attended.

Recent Years (20/07/09)

Westbury joined the Western League in 1984 and initially struggled. In 1988 floodlights were erected and Southampton were the visitors for the official switch on. Season 1988-89 saw the club win its first honour in the League, winning the Sportsmanship Trophy. In 1991, under the management of Ian Harris, they won the First Division title to gain promotion to the Premier Division. The highest League placing to date came in the 1994-95 season when they finished fifth.

In recent years the Club has, with the help of the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, been able to replace the drainage system on the pitch as well as erect fencing around the ground and a wall around the pitch. The Club is seeking to continually move forward both on and off the pitch, with young local players making up the majority of the team. Season 2008 - 2009 saw a top ten finish for the First Team in Toolstation League Division One. After a fantastic run at the end of the season, the first team should be in great shape to improve on this next season.

People (28/01/09)



The club has produced many players who have gone on to make the grade at professional football, two of them as centre forwards for Bristol City. The first was Reg Smith who played for City in the 1930s and was then transferred to Wolverhampton Wanderers for what was described in the press as a 'considerable fee'. The other was John Atyeo.

The club has strong family traditions. Wilf Alford (pictured above left) played for Westbury before the last war. He then left to play for then First Division Portsmouth. His son, Phil, still manages Westbury United reserves, while his grandsons have also played for the club.

The club has had its share of dedicated officials who have given a lifetime of service. Current club president, Ernie Barber, used to carry the team kit as a seven year old (1933) and after the war he started playing. When he finished playing he became secretary and held the post until the end of the 1996-97 season when he decided to retire.

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# OPPONENTS PEN PICS



	<p><b>Nick Evans</b> <b>Goalkeeper</b> Regular keeper who made 34 appearances last season.</p>		<p><b>Matty Smith</b> <b>Midfield</b> Another regular last season with the youngster making 33 appearances.</p>
	<p><b>Sayeed Ibrahim</b> <b>Defender</b> 23 appearances, 7 as sub last season. Looking to establish regular starting position this season.</p>		<p><b>Reece Schell</b> <b>Striker</b> New signing from Shaftsbury Town.</p>
	<p><b>Luke Smith</b> <b>Defender</b> 28 appearances for the First Team last season with one goal.</p>		<p><b>Wayne Wheeler</b> <b>Striker</b> Top scorer last season with 15 goals from 32 appearances. The danger man today.</p>
	<p><b>Dan Dominy</b> <b>Defender</b> 16 appearances last season and in the starting line up at Devizes last week.</p>		<p><b>Tarick Yachou</b> <b>Striker</b> Youngster who scored 7 goals from 34 appearances last season.</p>
	<p><b>Mark Pearce</b> <b>Midfield</b> 8 goals in just 17 appearances last season.</p>		<p><b>Mark Young</b> Nine appearances last season and started on the bench last week against Devizes Town.</p>
	<p><b>Lee Morgan</b> <b>Midfield</b> A regular last season with 28 appearances and one goal.</p>		<p><b>Nathan Hallett</b> <b>Midfield</b> Regular last season with 27 appearances and 2 goals.</p>
	<p><b>Ashley Groves</b> <b>Midfield</b> Regular in starting line up with 30 appearances last season and one goal.</p>		<p><b>Tom Robinson</b> Youngster signed from Melksham Town.</p>
	<p><b>Dan Kovacs</b> <b>Striker</b> Youngster with an eye for goals with 11 in just 19 appearances last season.</p>		<p><b>Nick Ridout</b> <b>Midfield</b> 7 goals from 31 appearances last season.</p>

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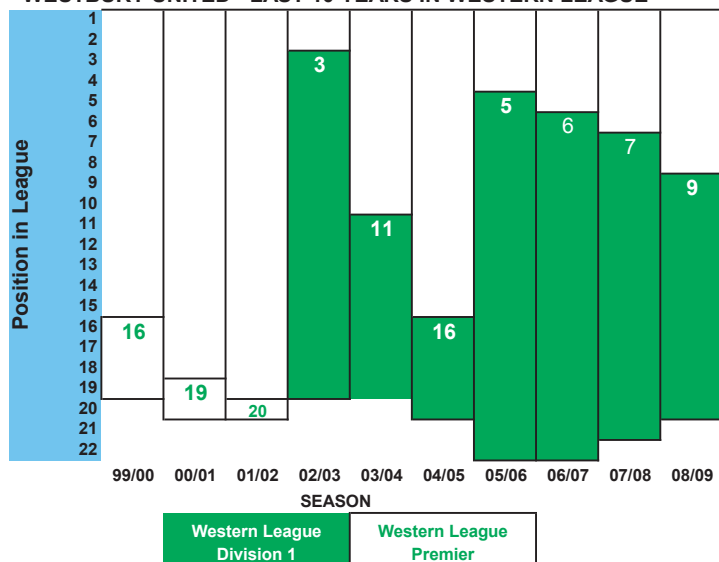
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# TODAY'S VISITORS

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## WESTBURY UNITED - LAST 10 YEARS IN WESTERN LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/00	WP	36	9	7	20	39	67	34	16 out of 19
2000/01	WP	38	3	5	30	27	107	14	19 out of 20
2001/02	WP	38	7	4	27	35	92	25	20 out of 20
2002/03	W1	36	20	8	8	92	65	68	3 out of 19
2003/04	W1	36	14	6	16	53	56	48	11 out of 19
2004/05	W1	38	8	14	16	57	75	35	16 out of 20
2005/06	W1	42	22	10	10	95	50	76	5 out of 22
2006/07	W1	42	19	10	13	71	57	67	6 out of 22
2007/08	W1	40	20	8	12	92	62	68	7 out of 21
2008/09	W1	38	16	8	14	71	50	55	9 out of 20

### Current Form (Last Five Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
8-Aug-09	Devizes Town (H)	W 2 - 0	Schell, Wheeler
2-May-09	Roman Glass St G (A)	D 1 - 1	Smith
25-Apr-09	Hengrove Ath (A)	L 1 - 2	Kovacs
18-Apr-09	Bridport (A)	W 2 - 1	Billett, Kovacs
13-Apr-09	Shrewton (H)	W 3 - 0	Kovacs, Ridout, Wheeler

### Club Information

Nickname	White Horsemen
Founded	1921
Best FA Cup Season	1937 - First Round
Best FA Vase Season	3rd Rnd - 2003/4, 1994/5, 1977/8
Secretary	Roger Arnold 07919380911
Record Gate	4000 v Llanelli FA Cup 1937
Best Gate - 2008/9	114 v Shrewton
Average Attendance 2008/9	70
Top Scorer - 2008/9	W. Wheeler - 15 Goals



Back: R. Carter, M. Baker, A. Hamilton, M. Woolford, R. Williamson, A. Blyth  
 Middle Back: M. Hunt, P. Gerrish,  
 Middle: G. McKay, T. Spiers, K. Regan, R. Unwin, D. Groom, M. Karn, G. Smith, N. Twine, M. Ayres, S. Ackerill, R. Frost, D. North, T. Hoare, M. John, I. Johns, P. York  
 Front: P. Burke, A. Bryant, F. Serratore, S. Thomas, J. Haines, P. Harrison, G. Bartlett, C. Valters, ?, A. Wilson

## Season 1987/88

Wootton Bassett Town became County League Division 1 champions for the first time by winning 2-0 at Amesbury. They pipped Ferndale to the championship. The team had the chance to complete the league and cup double when they played Purton in the Wiltshire Senior Cup Final but unfortunately lost the final 1-0.

### Bassett Team in Final

Martin Rees, Mitch John, Jon Haines, Andy Bowden, Steve Ackrill, Tony Vines, Ian Johns, Gerry McKay, Roger Frost, Terry Hanrahan, Damien York and Gary Bartlett



# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## Wiltshire League Division 2 - 1935-1936

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Holt	16	12	3	1	65	16	27
2	Westbury United Res	16	10	3	3	64	26	23
3	Honeystreet	16	9	3	4	69	49	21
4	<b>Wootton Bassett Town*</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>
5	A.L. Jefferies	16	8	2	6	52	37	18
6	Calne & Harris Res	16	5	3	8	35	64	13
7	Spencer Moulton Res	16	2	4	10	45	66	8
8	Melksham Town Res	16	3	0	13	31	61	6
9	Devizes Town Res	16	3	0	13	26	91	6

\* Two points deducted for playing ineligible player

	Home	Goalscorers
A.L. Jefferies (Warminster)	W 4 - 2	Perry 2, Pearce, Beazley
Calne & Harris Res	W 5 - 0	Embling 2, Perry 2, Gleed
Devizes Town Res	W 2 - 0	<i>unknown</i>
Holt	L 1 - 2	Perry
Honeystreet	W 5 - 3	Perry 2, Gleed 2, Compton
Melksham Town	W 4 - 2	Embling, Compton, Woolford, Beazley
Spencer Moulton	W 4 - 1	Embling 2, Fry, Bull
Westbury Utd Res	W 5 - 3	Embling 2, Perry, Compton, Beazley

	Away	Goalscorers
A.L. Jefferies (Warminster)	D 1 - 1	Embling
Calne & Harris Res	W 6 - 0	Perry 3, Beazley 2, Embling
Calne & Harris Res	W 5 - 0	Perry 2, Gleed, Bull, Clarke (game replayed?)
Devizes Town Res	L 3 - 4	Embling, Gleed, Pearce
Holt	D 2 - 2	Embling 2
Honeystreet	L 2 - 8	Bull, Drury
Melksham Town	W 6 - 2	Gleed 2, Perry 2, Embling, Bull
Spencer Moulton	W 3 - 1	Pearce 2, Perry
Westbury Utd Res	L 0 - 3	

## Calne & District League Cup

1st Rnd	v Bromham	W 5 - 3	Gleed 3, Embling 2
2nd Rnd	v Calne & Harris Res	W 6 - 2	Perry 3, Gleed, Embling, Drury
Final	v Melksham St And	L 2 - 3	Pearce, Perry

Top Scorers	League	Cup	Total
Perry	16	4	20
Embling	13	3	16
Gleed	7	4	11
Beazley	5		5
Pearce	4	1	5
Bull	4		4
Compton	3		3
Drury	1	1	2
Woolford	1		1
Clarke	1		1
Fry	1		1
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# PREVIOUS MEETINGS

## F.A. Amateur Cup

1948/49

### Extra Preliminary Round

Westbury 4 Wootton Bassett Town 2 (after extra time)

*The Evening Advertiser, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1948*

Wootton Bassett went close to providing a first class shock in the Extra Preliminary of the FA Amateur Cup on Saturday. They were on terms at two goals each with Westbury – on the United's ground – at the end of ninety minutes, but fell away in extra time to go down fighting by four goals to two. Capper and Dudley (own goal) scored for the losers.

**W.B. Team:** C. Matthews, R.W. Brown, S. King, R. Arthurs, W.W. Randell, R.G.J. Dann, H.S. Newman, L. Dixon, E. Capper, F. Garrett, E.J. Pearce. **Reserve:** W.H. Addis

1950/51

### Preliminary Round

Wootton Bassett Town 0 Westbury United 1

*The Evening Advertiser, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1950*

Defences were on top at Wootton Bassett where a second half goal from Dudley gave the Wiltshire League champions their pass into the next round. Young was in good form in the Wootton Bassett goal. Forwards of both sides finished badly.

1955/56

### Extra Preliminary Round

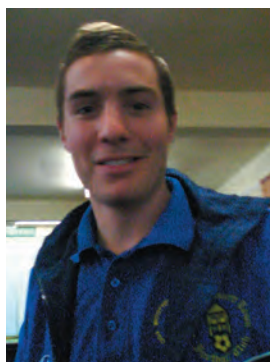
Westbury United 6 Wootton Bassett Town 1

*The Evening Advertiser, Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> 1955*

Westbury scored six times against Wootton Bassett, who got one in reply. On the target were Halliday (3), Nines and Fell for the winners, and Lou Nash for Wootton Bassett.



# PLAYER PROFILE



Personal	
<b>Name:</b>	Paul Fisher
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Swindon
<b>Occupation:</b>	Dr of Love, call me Hitch
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single
<b>Nickname:</b>	Fish / Hitch
Football	
<b>Position:</b>	Midfield, left or right wing
<b>No. of Seasons at Bassett:</b>	First season
<b>Previous Clubs:</b>	West Bromwich Albion, Cirencester, Pewsey Vale
<b>Make of Boots:</b>	Adidas
<b>Star Player You Play Like:</b>	Shaun Wright Phillips
<b>Footballing Idols:</b>	Paul Hunt (Oggy) - my grandad said he was great
<b>Team Supported:</b>	Millwall
<b>Team You Despise Most:</b>	West Ham
<b>Best Ground Ever Played At:</b>	The Hawthorns
Teammates	
<b>Most Skilful:</b>	Tucker - still furious he didnt get signed on
<b>Biggest Joker:</b>	Oggy
<b>Worst Fashion Sense:</b>	Tom Richie (loves a Scotland shirt)
<b>Biggest Moaner:</b>	Shaun Carter/ Richie Carter (after brotherly love)
<b>Cleverest:</b>	Me - aint the cleverest bunch of lads
<b>Thickest:</b>	Lee Moulton - talks a lot
<b>Vainest:</b>	Me - so the lads say
<b>Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:</b>	Eddie (dont shower after games)
Off the Field	
<b>Hobbies:</b>	
<b>Car Driven:</b>	BMW
<b>Favourite Music:</b>	R 'n' B, Soul - general love making music
<b>Favourite Film:</b>	Scarface
<b>Favourite TV Show:</b>	Gavin and Stacey
<b>Favourite Nightspot:</b>	Manchester
<b>Favourite Drink:</b>	Ameretto and coke
<b>Chinese or Indian?:</b>	Chinese
<b>Beach Resort or City Break?:</b>	Beach resort
<b>Blonde or Brunette?:</b>	Brunette
<b>Hero:</b>	Paul Hunt
<b>Person You Would Most Like to Spend an Evening With (Apart from the Missus):</b>	Paul Hunt's missis

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

Wiltshire League Division II and as a result some of the players were not as fresh as they might have been. Melksham looked the more dangerous in front of goal, and Waite was called upon to save from Glass and Songhurst, and a goal was nearly scored when Butler forced him to drop the ball right on the goal line. Glass scored the first goal of the match for Melksham with a fine shot, and although Wootton Bassett fought back hard they were unable to equalise in the first half.

After the re-start Melksham notched their second goal, Butler hitting the foot of the post with a nice drive, and as the ball rebounded into play Songhurst drove it into the net. Wootton Bassett then forced the pace and play was very robust, but the referee, Mr Vicary of Chippenham kept the game well in hand. During one attack by Wootton Bassett, two of the Melksham defenders were injured and lying on the ground, Pearce, the Wootton Bassett outside left, was in the act of picking one of the players up when the ball was cleared out of the goal area towards him. He dropped the player and meeting the ball scored. He then turned his attention to his injured opponent! Wootton Bassett equalised when E.Perry charged down a ball cleared by Day, the Melksham goalkeeper, and sent it into the net.

The winning goal came six minutes from the end when the referee was called upon to make a quick decision. S.Barton, on the Melksham right wing, made a fine run, and just as he was about to shoot he was tripped by a Wootton Bassett defender, but recovered and scored with the best shot of the match. As the ball entered the net the referee blew his whistle. Despite protests by the Wootton Bassett players he allowed a goal. Although St. Andrews won by the odd goal, they will not know whether they have won the cup until the decision of the Wilts FA is known. After the match Wootton Bassett, who won the Calne & District League with a game in hand, were presented with a cup by Mr A.T. Webb of Bromham, a member of the committee, in the unavoidable absence of Lord Walter Harvey (President of the committee)."

The Wootton Bassett Town team for this cup final was as follows:

C.R. Waite, J.Titcombe, F.Drury, H.Bartlett, H.Page, J.Fry, E.Bull, H.Clarke, F.Perry, S.Gleed, E.Pearce

The final league table and results and scorers (where known) for games played are shown below. The goals scored as shown in the final league table does not tally exactly with the results traced and it has not been possible to find the goalscorers from the final game of the season against Devizes Town Reserves. In the days before spreadsheets league tables often contained errors but the table as published in the newspaper has been shown below.



## Season 1935-36 – Going Back to My Roots

### *What was going on in the world*

*Alcoholics Anonymous was founded. John Maynard Keynes published his General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money. Nazi Germany was busy preparing for the Berlin Olympics and just as the season ended the Spanish Civil War begins. Sunderland were champions of the top division in England, with Derby County as runners-up. Swindon Town slipped down to 19<sup>th</sup> position in the Third Division South whilst Manchester United were winning the Second Division. Chelsea' game against Arsenal at Stamford Bridge on 12<sup>th</sup> October drew 82,905, a league record crowd. Joe Payne scored 10 goals for Luton Town in a 12-0 thrashing of Bristol Rovers. Arsenal win the FA Cup defeating Sheffield United 1-0.*

Having won the Calne & District League for the second time Wootton Bassett Town moved up into the Wiltshire League for Season 1935-36, entering the league's second division. This still represented Junior football but was one division away from a return to Senior football. It appears that the same team also played in the Calne & District League. Nine sides were in the Wiltshire League including reserve sides from Calne & Harris United, Devizes Town, Melksham Town, Spencer Moulton and Westbury United. It would not be long before Wootton Bassett Town would be playing the first teams of these clubs on a regular basis. But for a deduction of two points for fielding ineligible players the Club would have finished in third spot in the league, in the end having to settle for fourth spot behind champions Holt, Westbury United Reserves and Honeystreet. It appears that the game where ineligible players were used was against Calne & Harris Reserves because Wootton Bassett played them three times in the league during the season (it appears that not only were two points deducted but the game in question also replayed).

Whilst in the Wiltshire League the Club were able to seek to retain the Calne & District League Cup through the Reserves involvement in the League but unfortunately lost narrowly in the final in a match played under somewhat controversial circumstances, again because of an earlier match with Calne & Harris Reserves. It is also interesting to note that the side played a league match in the afternoon before playing the cup final in the evening, something I could not see any club accepting or even being asked to play in this day and age. The Wiltshire Times of 9<sup>th</sup> May 1936 carried the following report on the final:

“Melksham St. Andrews 3 Wootton Bassett Town 2

This match was played at Calne on Saturday but despite the fact that St. Andrews won they did not receive the cup. For this reason: Wootton Bassett met Calne Reserves in the semi-final and won. Calne then protested to the league that Wootton Bassett played an ineligible player. Their protest was not upheld, and they have since decided to appeal to the Wilts FA. As a result the cup was not presented pending the decision on the appeal. Some robust and exciting football was witnessed. Melksham played the prettier football, although Wootton Bassett were rather handicapped by having played a match during the afternoon against Devizes Town Reserves in the

It only seems a couple of weeks ago the final league games of the season were being completed but already we now look forward to the start of the 2009-2010 season. Every team once again starts with enthusiasm and hope for a good season, with changes to team personnel, be it managers or players or both. I can't speak for all managers and coaches but certainly from a personal viewpoint when preparing players I believe long gone are the days of running players into the ground over long distances and making them sick!! The game is played over 90 minutes (plus added time of course!!) and football is a very stop start game and therefore that's how I believe training should be carried out to prepare the players. Of course there is no getting away from a certain amount of stamina running but intensive work periods with short rests in between each exercise/drill I believe is the way to get the players ready for the new season. It's certainly been an interesting pre season in terms of the weather as normally players are dreading the intense heat and rock hard training areas and the blisters along the way as this year it's been a case of trying to avoid the heavy downpours of rain and some friendlies even called off due to waterlogged pitches!!

Locally I have seen both Swindon Supermarine and Chippenham Town in recent weeks and with the budget restrictions in place for Adi Mings I think it will be a mid-table season with the squad he has available to him though I hope he proves me wrong. Swindon Supermarine look quite strong again and I would imagine Mark Collier would be disappointed if they weren't in the top half of the table though with the likes of big spending Farnborough and Truro City I can't see them pushing for the title.

In the South & West Division of the Southern League...sorry Zamaretto league!!!.....Hungerford have come up and there doesn't seem to be a credit crunch on in that particular area of Berkshire if the rumours of wages being spent on the likes of Neville Roach signed from Didcot, Steve Cook signed from Supermarine and a couple of players from my own team, Thatcham are to be believed. Even Kevin Halliday formerly with Swindon Town and Chippenham is the latest player playing in friendlies for them and everyone knows how Kevin likes a few pennies!!

In the Hellenic League despite the credit crunch biting into Witney's budget Andy Lyne has still managed to keep the majority of his squad so I would expect them, Shortwood and Almondsbury to battle it out at the top end with the likes of Ardley and maybe Wantage this season. I would of said Highworth going on last season as they finished well but i'll withhold judgement as having seen them in pre season they didn't appear to be shaping up so well, certainly up front they looked a bit light to mount a serious challenge but again I hope Webby proves me wrong. Down the road at Shrivensham, they appear to be playing some decent football but I must admit to being surprised that their mainstay of a number of years now Mark Peters (Boris) seems to have been cast aside by manager Mark Love. Boris is one you really want in the trenches alongside you in a war, he has been loyal to Shrivensham for a number of years now and has turned down offers from other clubs and is a real warrior out on the pitch both defensively but also from set pieces at the opposition end so it will be interesting to see what happens there.

In Division One both Purton and Wootton Bassett finished in healthy positions so again it will be interesting to see if either team can go one step further and challenge for the title though if Slimbridge have anything to do with it they may well be challenging, especially if they decide to pay out decent money as they have done in the past.

I still find it disappointing for the players and managers of Hellenic clubs who will be starting in midweek, the excitement of starting a new season and that opening Saturday of the season grips most people so a midweek dash from a heavy work schedule I feel takes the gloss off of the opening day, but still that's another debate.....

*Haler*

# DISABILITY FOOTBALL

## WBTFC & Disabled Football

WBTFC is committed in driving the awareness of football within the Community therefore seeks to offer playing opportunities for all. Even though WBTFC is one of the largest football clubs in the area and an FA Charter Standard Community Club, on occasions the club needs to build partnerships with other local clubs to support specific activities, opportunities or special needs that the club alone cannot yet deliver. WBTFC can now offer a formal link into "Football for the Disabled" which is driven by the Wiltshire County Football Association and supported by Swindon Town's Football in The Community scheme.

WBTFC's current approach to disabled football will be to drive agreed objectives through our football development plan which will embrace football for the disabled by offering usage of facilities, improving awareness through advertising within our own web site and local schools partnerships programs. Our short to medium term focus will be:

1. Establish links / partnerships with local disabled football community;
2. Establish links with Special Need Units (SNU) with main stream schools;
3. Provide access for disabled football supporters which is focused on our pending new facilities.

Within the Wiltshire community there are a number of football programmes and clubs that cater football for the disabled they are:

- The Mitchell McCarthy Ability Counts Soccer Centre
- Adults ability counts
- SEN Coaching Programme & Festival
- Swindon Rockets (Powerchair Football)
- Swindon Leopards Ability Counts FC
- Salisbury City Tigers (Adult Learning Disability Team)
- Deaf Swindon FC
- Visually Impaired Football

If you would like to know more about football for the disabled please go to <http://www.stfc-fitc.co.uk>, or if you wish to seek some advice please use the details below to make contact.

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# SENIOR HONOURS LIST



1902/03	Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
1903/04	Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
1905/06	Wiltshire County League Runners-up
1930/31	Calne & District League Runners-up
1931/32	Calne & District League Champions
1933/34	Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
1934/35	Calne & District League Champions Calne & District League Cup Winners
1935/36	Calne & District League Champions Calne & District League Cup Runners-up
1938/39	Brotherhood Cup Winners
1953/54	Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
1957/58	Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions
1958/59	Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions
1978/79	Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners
1983/84	Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Winners
1984/85	Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions
1987/88	Wiltshire County League Division 1 Champions Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
1988/89	Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Runners-up
1989/90	Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
1993/94	Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
1994/95	Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up
1998/99	Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
2000/01	Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions

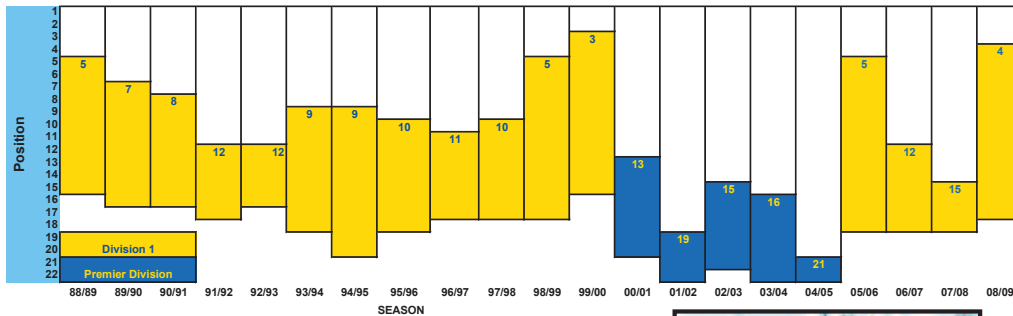




# BASSETT'S HELLENIC RECORD

# LADIES SECTION IN FOCUS

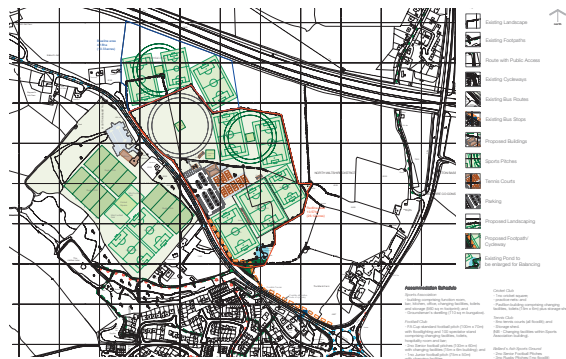
## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 21 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15
2000/01	P	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20
2001/02	P	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22
2004/05	P	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18
2006/07	1W	32	13	5	14	60	59	44	11 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	33	15 out of 18
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	30	60	4 out of 17
2009/10	1W								out of 18
<b>Total</b>		<b>716</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>937</b>	
			<b>36.5%</b>	<b>21.9%</b>	<b>41.6%</b>				



Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2008/9	104 v Corsham Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2008/9	71.8 (07/08 = 55.18)
Top Scorer - 2008/9	Shaun Terry - 26 Goals



**THE FUTURES BRIGHT  
KEEP THE FAITH....**

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Season 2009-10 sees Wootton Bassett Town reform their Ladies Team. Such a side was run a couple of seasons back but unfortunately did not integrate themselves with the rest of the Club and eventually disbanded. The new venture for the current season has the advantage of coming from within having been driven by the Club's new Section Head of Woman's & Girls, Bryan Wood (pictured to right), who has overseen the development of our Girl's sides as part of the Youth Section set up.



The newly formed women's side will play in the Gloucestershire County Women's Football League (GCWFL). The League was first formed in 1998/99 season with Cheltenham Town Reserves doing the double winning both the League and League Cup. In 2000/01, the League ran its first Annual five a side tournament, won by Warden Hill United. In 2002/03, a Second Division was added to the League as it continued to grow. Following the addition during the summer of eight new teams to the GCWFL, including Wootton Bassett Town, the League membership at the SGM on 17 June voted to restructure the constitution with a view to strengthening the League and allowing for the possibility of more teams being able to join the League in season 2010/2011. The League membership voted to create 3 Divisions in the GCWFL and this bold step will allow for the football pyramid process to operate more formally between the Divisions and should enhance the playing experience and encourage more competition between the teams. Should the Leagues above the GCWFL decide to start to operate the football pyramid structure this would mean that stronger teams would be relegated into Division 1 of the Gloucestershire League thus enabling its teams to play against stronger opposition and thus improve their footballing skills and techniques.

Wootton Bassett Town will play in Division 3 of the League alongside AEK Boco Reserves, Cirencester Town Reserves, Gloucester City Reserves, Quedgeley Wanderers, St Nicholas and Stoke Lane Reserves. Home games will be played on a Sunday at Rylands Way on the Club's main pitch, kicking off. The team's League fixtures for the coming season are shown below and all support for this new venture will be gratefully received by Bryan and the players.

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies Fixtures Season 2009-10		
Date	Opponents	H/A
Sun 06 Sep	Cirencester Town Reserves	H
Sun 13 Sep	Gloucester City Reserves	A
Sun 20 Sep	St Nicholas	H
Sun 27 Sep	Quedgeley Wanderers	A
Sun 04 Oct	Stoke Lane Reserves	H
Sun 11 Oct	AEK Boco Reserves	A
Sun 01 Nov	Cirencester Town Reserves	A
Sun 08 Nov	Gloucester City Reserves	H
Sun 22 Nov	St Nicholas	A
Sun 29 Nov	Quedgeley Wanderers	H
Sun 06 Dec	Stoke Lane Reserves	A
Sun 13 Dec	AEK Boco Reserves	H
Sun 17 Jan	Gloucester City Reserves	H
Sun 24 Jan	Quedgeley Wanderers	A
Sun 07 Feb	AEK Boco Reserves	H
Sun 14 Feb	Cirencester Town Reserves	H
Sun 14 Mar	Stoke Lane Reserves	A
Sun 21 Mar	St Nicholas	H

As evidenced at our Annual Six-a-side tournament the standard of Women's and Girls' football continues to improve and it is fantastic that we now again have an outlet for the players that come through the Club's Youth Section. No longer do the players have to leave the Club to play for the likes of Swindon Town or Swindon Spitfires, they can remain playing for Wootton Bassett Town Football Club.

As with all our sides any sponsorship would be gratefully received so if you interested in helping this side with financial support please contact Bryan Wood on 01793 872267.

Don't forget that first game on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September against Cirencester Town Reserves.

# WBTFC FIRST TEAM PEN PICS

# FOOTBALL PYRAMID 2009/10



**Stewart Thompson** Goal Keeper  
In his second season with the Club. Made most appearances last season featuring between the posts on 46 occasions, keeping 15 clean sheets.



**Sam English** Defence  
Youngster in first season with the Club. Looked very promising in pre-season and expected to make a big impact in Division One West this season.



**Chris Oram** Defence  
Another player in his second season with the Club. Very strong in the air and Mr. reliable. Played 43 times last season and scoring twice.



**Luke Sharps** Defence  
Played for Bassett when in Hellenic Premier. Captain last season with 41 appearances. Very experienced at this level having also played for Pewsey and Malmesbury.



**Steve Groom** Defence  
Has come through the Youth Section and also a former Cirencester Academy player. Follows his father Danny who starred for the Club in the 1980's.



**Luke Preston** Defence  
Third season with the Club and looking to hold down a regular place in the First Team. Made 4 First Team appearances for the Club in 2008/9.



**Liam Edmundson** Defence  
Another in his second season, featuring in 38 matches in 2008/9. Looking to hold down starting position and great things expected of him this season.



**Sean Bailey** Midfield  
Former Cirencester Academy player who played 7 games last season, scoring once. At University in Bournemouth where he has played for Poole Town.



**Ryan Banks** Midfield  
Fast and hard working midfielder player who scored 8 times in 44 appearances last season. One of the most consistent in the team.



**Paul Fisher** Midfield  
Former Cricklade player joined us midway through last season, making 11 appearances. Will be hoping to hold down a regular position in midfield this season.



**James Turner** Midfield  
Another youngster who is still studying at Cirencester Academy. Made 8 appearances scoring once last season and expected to feature regularly this time round.



**Sam Collier** Midfield  
New signing who has previously played for Swindon Supermarine and Wantage. Cultured left foot and strong player whom great things are expected of this season.



**Terry Adams** Midfield  
New signing who has shown already in pre-season what a good signing he is. Former Swindon Town trainee looking to re-establish himself at this level.



**David Millaci** Midfield  
Youngster who still plays for Bassett U18's looking to make step up into First Team. Great things expected of former Oxford United Academy and Cheltenham Town player.



**Lance Lewis** Midfield  
Prolific goalscorer in the Swindon Town Youth Team and played a few games for Town Reserves. Left to join Gloucester City before joining Swindon Supermarine.



**Adam Field** Forward  
Classy striker, with great touch and vision. Played 3 times last season before embarking on round the world tour. Big expectations of him in 2009/10.



**Craig Wall** Forward  
Former Pewsey striker who made comeback last season from serious injury, scoring once in 11 appearances. Expected to be firing on all cylinders this season.



**Sean Terry** Forward  
Popular bubbly Wootton Bassett lad who was top scorer last season with 26 goals from 30 appearances in a season cut short by injury.



**Dave Turner** Manager  
In his second season in charge of Wootton Bassett Town and looking to improve on last seasons 4th position finish. Former manager at Pewsey Vale.



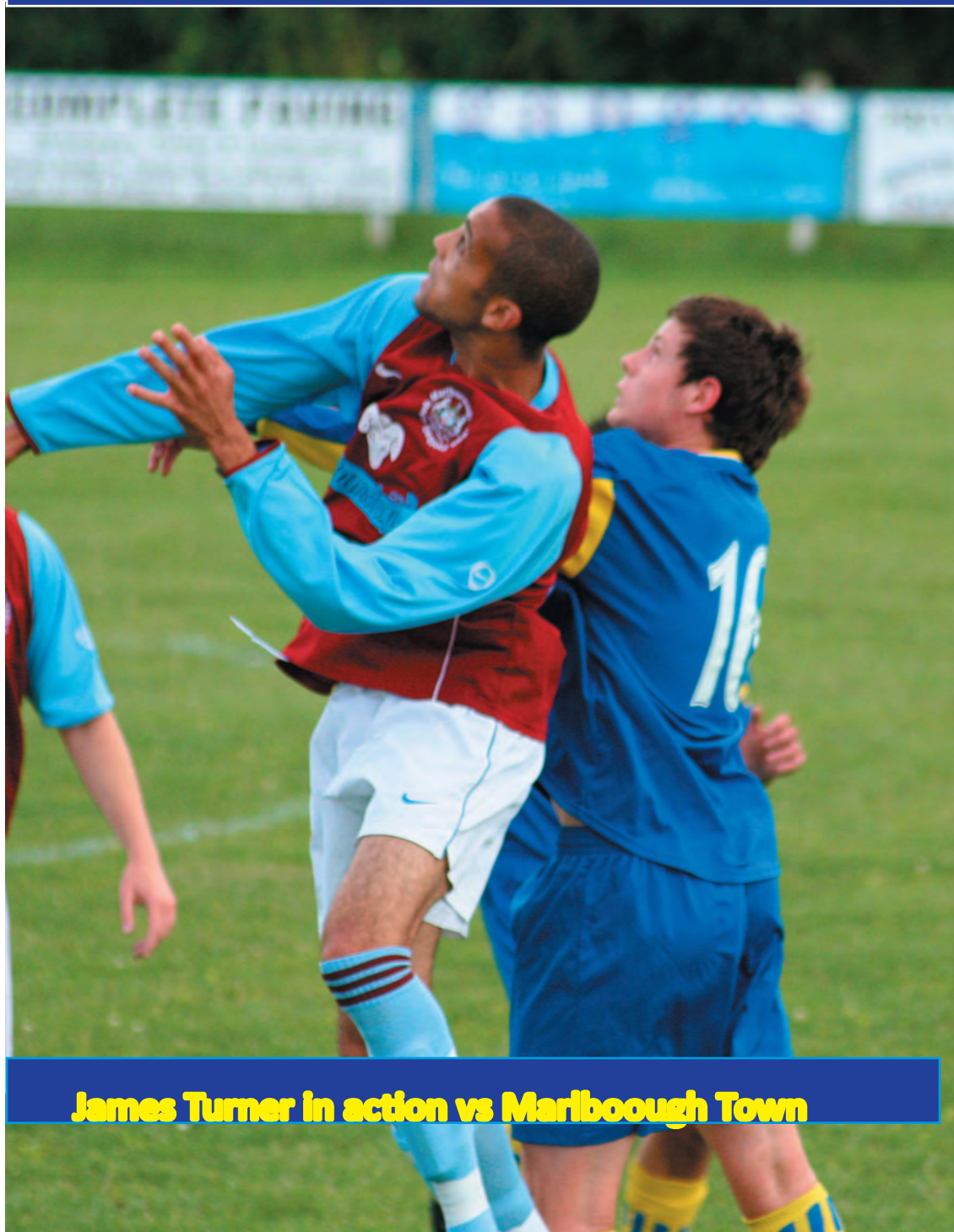
**Alan Blake** Asst. Manager  
Assistant Manager who still hold his own at this level despite being in twilight of his playing days. Eight appearances mainly from bench last season.

Step	League/Division					
1	Conference National (Blue Square Premier League)					
	Promoted to League Two of The Football League: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff.</i> Relegated to either Conference North or Conference South: <i>4 clubs.</i>					
2	Conference North (Blue Square North)			Conference South (Blue Square South)		
	Promoted to Conference National: <i>Champions of each division;</i> <i>the winners of a 2nd-5th playoff in each division will also be promoted.</i> Relegated to Step 3 leagues: <i>3 clubs from each division.</i>					
3	Northern Premier League (UniBond League) Premier Division		Southern League (British Gas League) Premier Division		Isthmian League (Ryman League) Premier Division	
	Promoted to Conference North or South: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff for each league.</i> Relegated to Step 4 leagues: <i>4 clubs from each league.</i>					
4	Northern Premier League (UniBond League) Division One North	Northern Premier League (UniBond League) Division One South	Southern Football League (British Gas League) Division One Midlands	Southern Football League (British Gas League) Division One South & West	Isthmian League (Ryman League) Division One South	Isthmian League (Ryman League) Division One North
	Promoted to Step 3 leagues: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff for each league.</i> Relegated to Step 5 leagues determined by NLS Committee: <i>2 clubs from each league.</i>					
5	Combined Counties League Premier Division   Eastern Counties League Premier Division   Essex Senior League   Hellenic League Premier Division   Kent League Premier Division   Midland Football Alliance   Northern Counties East League Premier Division   Northern League Division One   North West Counties League Division One   Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division   Sussex County League Division One   United Counties League Premier Division   Wessex League Premier Division   Western League Premier Division					
	Promoted to Step 4 leagues determined by NLS Committee: <i>Total of 12 League champions.</i> Relegated: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with Step 6 leagues.</i>					
6	Combined Counties League Division One   East Midlands Counties League   Eastern Counties League Division One   Hellenic League Division One East   Hellenic League Division One West   Midland Combination Premier Division   Northern Counties East Division One   Northern League Division Two   North West Counties League Division Two   South West Peninsula League Premier Division   Spartan South Midlands League Division One   Sussex County League Division Two   United Counties League Division One   Wessex League Division One   West Midlands Regional League Premier Division   Western League Division One					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i>					
7	Anglian Combination Premier Division   Bedfordshire Football League Premier Division   Brighton Hove and District League Premier Division   Cambridgeshire League Premier Division   Central Midlands League Supreme Division   Cheshire Association Football League Division One   Crawley and District League Premier Division   Dorset Premier League   East Berkshire League Premier Division   East Sussex Football League Premier Division   Essex and Suffolk Border League Premier Division   Essex Olympian Football League Premier Division   Gloucestershire County League   Hampshire Premier League   Hertfordshire County League Premier Division   Kent County League Premier Division   Leicestershire Senior League Premier Division   Liverpool County Premier League   Manchester Football League Premier Division   Mid Sussex Football League Premier Division   Middlesex County Football League Premier Division   Midland Combination Division One   North Berks Football League Division One   Northamptonshire Football Combination Premier Division   Northampton Town Football League Premier Division   Northern Football Alliance Premier Division   Oxfordshire Senior Football League Premier Division   Peterborough and District Football League Premier Division   Reading Football League Senior Division   Somerset County Football League Premier Division   South West Peninsula League Division One East   South West Peninsula League Division One West   Spartan South Midlands League Division Two   Staffordshire County Senior Football League Premier Division   Suffolk and Ipswich Football League Senior Division   Sussex County League Division Three   Wearside Football League   West Cheshire Amateur Football League Division One   West Lancashire Football League Premier Division   West Midlands Regional League Division One   West Sussex Football League   Wiltshire Football League Premier Division   Worthing and District Football League Premier Division					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i> Note: If Step 7 leagues have other divisions below this level, then only the division at Step 7 is considered part of the National League System.					

**Wootton Bassett Town are currently at Step 6 in the Football Pyramid. Promotion to the Hellenic Premier would put the Club back up to Step 5.**



# PICTURE GALLERY



**James Turner in action vs Maribough Town**

# PLAYER KIT SPONSORSHIP

Player	Shirt (£25)	Shorts (£15)	Socks (£10)
Stewart Thompson	Whole kit sponsored by Arctic Services - Tel: 01793 848502		
Sam English			
Chris Oram	Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley		
Luke Sharps			
Steve Groom			
Luke Preston			
Liam Edmundson			
Craig Bowden			
Ryan Banks			
Paul Fisher			
James Turner			
Sam Collier			
Terry Adams			
David Millaci			
Marcus Hall	Whole kit sponsored by Gordie & Dave, WBTFCLoyal supporters		
Mitch Wyatt			
Sean Bailey			
Adam Field			
Lance Lewis			
Craig Wall			
Shaun Terry			
Richard Payne			
Dave Turner			
Alan Blake			
Kara Gregory			

To arrange player kit sponsorship please contact CHRIS JONES on 07774 851563



## Hellenic League

Official Web Sites: [www.hellenicleague.co.uk](http://www.hellenicleague.co.uk) & [www.football.mitoo.co.uk](http://www.football.mitoo.co.uk)

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Room Chatter

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009

### Welcome to the 2009-2010 Season

There has been lots happening since Almondsbury Town beat Carterton 1-0 in the SBJ Hellenic Challenge Cup in May at the much improved Shrivenham FC ground.

The promotion of Hungerford Town was confirmed and they have taken their place at Step FOUR. The Hellenic League, as a whole wishes the club well in their new adventure. Slimbridge, who returned to the Gloucestershire County League last season have returned to the Hellenic League in ONE WEST. Promoted to ONE EAST is Woodley Town who won the Reading League title.

Although Hungerford Town has gone and Pewsey Vale have been relegated to Wiltshire League football there has, once again been no relegation from above in the National League System as clubs due to be relegated have been saved due to the demise of other clubs for various reasons. This has again allowed those that won the right to be relegated to be retained at the higher level. With the number of clubs at Step FIVE looking to move upward is it not time for a change in the NLS Regulations to ensure relegated clubs are relegated and may be replaced by other leading Step FIVE Clubs who have attained a runner-up position even if their the League's Champion has been promoted as well!

The headline sponsors of the Hellenic League continue as last season with sports company 'FTL FUTBOL'. Again there are three cup sponsors are on board with Bluefin Insurance Brokers, sponsoring the CHALLENGE CUP, the league's printers AM Print & Copy take up the mantle of sponsorship of the Floodlit Cup with Soccer Kits Plus continuing to sponsor the Supplementary Cup. Chairman, Bob Dalling, is once again sponsoring the Reserve Challenge Cup.

The League Web Site has again been re-vamped for the new season and is operating from a new platform. This has caused some problems but hopefully with the due diligence of the Webmaster these have been overcome, or advice has been offered to resolve. Every MEMBER CLUB continues to have their own webpage with the responsibility being with Club Officers to e-mail news and match reports to the LEAGUE OFFICE to ensure posting on the Web Site. It is essential that a good flow of news and information from the clubs to the League Office continues. ALL MEDIA RELEASES & REPORTS SHOULD CARRY THE NAME OF THE FTL FUTBOL Hellenic League within the text. .

### Ground Hop 2009

The August Bank Holiday weekend sees the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ground Hop staged by the FTL FUTBOL Hellenic League take place. Once again this season's 'HOP' is being staged in conjunction with the Welsh Hop, now in its 8<sup>th</sup> season. The weekend starts in South Wales on Friday evening 28<sup>th</sup> August with an evening match followed by four matches on Saturday. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> the 'HOP' moves into the Hellenic territory with the matches below staged:

Almondsbury Town	v	Malmesbury Vic's (subject to FA Cup result on 15 <sup>th</sup> August)	Kick Off - 11AM
Newbury	v	Kintbury Rangers	Kick Off - 2.30PM
Ascot United	v	Old Woodstock Town	Kick Off - 6.15PM

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August sees the 'HOP' take in a further three matches:

Chalfont Wasps	v	Penn & Tylers Green	Kick Off - 11.00AM
South Kilburn	v	Rayners Lane	Kick Off - 2.30PM
Flackwell Heath	v	Oxford City Nomads	Kick Off - 6.030PM

Full details and booking forms can be obtained from Chris Berezai, 'HOP Administrator'

45 Walton Street, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 1PB e-mail [groundhopuk@yahoo.com](mailto:groundhopuk@yahoo.com)

Clubs and individuals are invited to submit news items of interest for possible inclusion in Boot Room Chatter. Please send your items to Brian King, General Manager, 7 Stoneleigh Drive, Carterton, Oxon, OX18 1EE. Please send contributions by E-mail to: [office@hellenicleague.co.uk](mailto:office@hellenicleague.co.uk)

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### Under 11

Chris Smith will manage the Under 11's this season as the team embark on their first season of the full size game in Division Two of the North Wilts and District League. They open up with a trip to Ferndale Rodbourne A, not the easiest place to visit to open your season, and follow that up with home fixtures against Shaw A and Marlborough Town.

### Under 10

The Club will again be running two sides at Under 10. Former First Team Manager Paul Burke will be hoping his cup winning side will also achieve league honours this season and win Division Two of the Under 10 league. The A side open up with two home fixtures against Highworth Town Juniors and Lydiard Youth. This is followed by a visit to Hungerford Town A on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

The B side will be competing in Division Three and open up with an away game at Ferndale Rodbourne and then two weeks last host Ramsbury at Rylands Way.

### Under 9

There are two sides also at this age group with Nigel Simmons in charge of the A side (pictured below) who will compete in Division Three. They open up with a home game against Wroughton Youth before travelling to Swindon Rangers B. The B side will compete in Division Four. Rob Mitchell's side travel to Liden Community for their first fixture before hosting Marlborough Town on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Under 8

Martin Young is in charge of the Under 8 side who kick-off away to Highworth Town in the West Division before meeting Hungerford at home.

Best of luck to all the Club's Youth sides in their season ahead. Hopefully the success of recent seasons will continue.





Whilst the First Team kick-off their games at the beginning of August the Youth Section gets going on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The boys' sides will once again be playing in the North Wilts & District League whilst the Girls sides will be playing in the Wiltshire County Women's & Girls League. Last season was a very successful one with the Club winning league titles at Under 12 and Under 16; finish runners up at Under 15 and Under 18, as well as making four cup finals, with the Under 9's winning their league cup. The Club's sides will once again be looking to repeat this success.

## Under 18

The Club will be running three sides at Under 18. The "A" side managed by Dan Molloy and Simon Paish will be looking to build on last season's runners-up spot in Division Two by making a challenge for the league title. Last season's Under 16's will take their place in Division Two and will be playing up an age Group as the "B" side under the management of Innes Miles. The third team will in effect be playing up two years being predominantly an Under 16 side. Last season Danny Groom's side were champions of the Under 16 Division 2, despite playing a year up and also made the cup final.

Early fixtures see the "A" side open up against Ferndale Rodbourne away from home before entertaining Blunsdon Colts at Ballards Ash. The "B" side open with two away fixtures at Marlborough Town and Old Town United before meeting Leckhampstead at home on 20<sup>th</sup> September. The "C" side by contrast open with two home fixtures against Wroughton Youth and Marlborough Town.

## Under 16

Derek Edgington's Under 16 side will look to go one better than last season's runners up spot but having been promoted to the top division things are likely to be a lot tougher this time round and realistically the objective will be to consolidate in the top division. An opening day visit to FC Abbey Meads is followed by a midweek home fixture at Ballards Ash against AFC Barbury and then home again on the Sunday against FC Chippenham.

## Under 15

Last season was the first time this side were unable to win any trophies and they will be looking to bounce back immediately. Once again their league is likely to be a three horse race involving Wootton Bassett Town, Greenmeadow and Ferndale Rodbourne. With less fixtures with only nine teams in the division, Adi Amos' side will be looking to augment their fixtures with a good run in the County Cup. Wootton Bassett kick-off with a tricky away fixture against Cirencester Town and follow this up with a home fixture against Highworth Town.

## Under 14

Last season a fixture pile up was to cost Andy Amos' side any silverware. With just ten sides in the top division this time round Wootton Bassett Town will be hoping to achieve a top two finish with nearest rivals again expected to be Wroughton and Wickham Wanderers. An away fixture against Highworth Town is followed by a home fixture with Liden Community.

## Under 13

The Club will field two sides at Under 13, both of whom will be in the top division as a result of the "B" side winning their league last season. Dave Terry's "A" side kick-off against one of the top sides, Chisledon and follow this up with a midweek trip to Liden Community. The "B" side do not have a game on the opening day but in midweek host Greenmeadow Youth A before travelling to Stratton Juniors.



## Bulletin Board

### Holiday's & Non-Availability

**Highworth Town - Secretary – Claire Haines**

Friday 31st July to Friday 14th August,  
Contact is Clive Webb

**Kidlington - Match Secretary Steve Harris**

15th August - 1st September inclusive. Contact  
during this period is Secretary David Platt.

**Old Woodstock Tn - Secretary – Louise Jordan**

11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August; 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Sept  
Contact Ted Saxton

**Rayners Lane – Chairman – Richard Mitchell**

7<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Main contact is Tony Pratt. E-  
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**Wootton Bassett Town - Secretary – Rod Carter**  
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## Amendments to Handbook Details:

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**Milton United - Club Secretary**

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## Why Midweek?

For the second season running the Hellenic League will start with a series of midweek fixtures in week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> August. Once again there has been no adverse comment from member clubs; however, again there has been much speculation as to the reasons for such a start. The answer is straightforward and serves member clubs well. The traditional start date for the Hellenic League has traditionally been the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in AUGUST. This again conflicts with the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup which can be financially lucrative for clubs at Step 5 & 6 of the National League System. Twenty Two member clubs will play in the Extra Preliminary Round and hopefully they will be prepared to face their first FA Cup tie on 15<sup>th</sup> August having played a competitive match in the preceding midweek.

## Registrations & Transfers

With over 1100 players already registered the League Registration Officer is working hard to ensure all submitted Registrations are dealt with before the big kick off. Following the League's pre-season meeting with Club Officers over 500 more registrations were handed in for action, most have been processed. A further 200 plus have arrived in the past TWO DAYS and await processing. No doubt the registered number will have reached 1500 before kick off time on the 10<sup>th</sup> August. There have been requests for Transfer documentation already and at the time of writing we are still in JULY. Details of any transfers will be included in future copies of the BRC.

A further reminder for clubs regarding FAXED Registrations. They are only acceptable as late registrations and MUST be supported by a hard copy registration form within FIVE DAYS of the FAX submission. The best way is to use the Web Site Electronic Template



## Hellenic League

### FIXTURES

<b>Monday 10 August</b>			
<b>Division One East</b>			
Milton United	v	Prestwood	
<b>Tuesday 11 August</b>			
<b>Premier Division</b>			
Ardley United	v	Abingdon Town	
Carterton	v	Kidlington	
Flackwell Heath	v	Fairford Town	
Highworth Town	v	Binfield	
Malmesbury Vic	v	Pegasus Juniors	
Oxford City Nom	v	Marlow United	
Reading Town	v	Hook Norton	
Shortwood United	v	Witney United	
Wantage Town	v	Almondsbury Town	
<b>Division One West</b>			
Cricklade Town	v	Headington Amat	
Launton Sports	v	North Leigh Res	
Lydney Town	v	Tytherington Rocks	
Trowbridge Town	v	Purton	
Wootton Bassett Tn	v	Hardwicke AFC	
<b>Division One East</b>			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Rayners Lane	
Didcot Town Res	v	Holyport	
Henley Town	v	South Kilburn	
Kintbury Rangers	v	Chinnor	
Newbury	v	Finchampstead	
Thame United	v	Farnborough Res	
Wokingham & Emmb	v	Penn & Tylers Grn	
<b>Wednesday 12 August</b>			
<b>Premier Division</b>			
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Ascot United	
Shrivenham	v	Bicester Town	
<b>Division One West</b>			
Cirencester United	v	Harrow Hill	
Clanfield	v	Cheltenham Sara	
Letcombe	v	Easington Sports	
Slimbridge	v	Winterbourne Utd	
<b>Saturday 15 August</b>			
<b>F.A.Cup Extra Preliminary Rd</b>			

Almondsbury Town	v	Longwell Green Sports	
Ardley United	v	Witney United	
Bicester Town	v	Dunstable Town	
Binfield	v	Colliers Wood United	
Bournemouth	v	Highworth Town	
Brading Town	v	Fairford Town	
Carterton	v	Bristol Manor Farm	
Deviestown	v	Shrivenham	
Flackwell Heath	v	Welwyn Garden City	
Hamble ASSC	v	Wantage Town	
Kidlington	v	Abingdon Town	
Lylington Town	v	Harrow Hill	
Lydney Town	v	Totton & Eling	
Marlow United	v	Hallen	
Milton United	v	Corsham Town	
Pegasus Juniors	v	Ellesmere Rangers	
Reading Town	v	Melksham Town	
Shortwood United	v	Blackfield & Langley	
Thame United	v	Bedford	
Wootton Bassett Tn	v	Westbury United	
<b>Premier Division</b>			
Malmesbury Vic	v	Ascot United	
<b>Division One West</b>			
Cheltenham Sara	v	Cricklade Town	
Clanfield	v	Cirencester United	
Easington Sports	v	Trowbridge Town	
Headington Amateurs	v	Winterbourne Utd	
Launton Sports	v	Hardwicke AFC	
North Leigh Res	v	Tytherington Rocks	
Purton	v	Slimbridge	
<b>Division One East</b>			
Chalfont Wasps	v	Kintbury Rangers	
Farnborough Res	v	Chinnor	
Henley Town	v	Prestwood	
Newbury	v	Holyport	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Finchampstead	
Rayners Lane	v	Eton Wick	
South Kilburn	v	Didcot Town Res	
Wokingham & Emmb	v	Woodley Town	



## FA CUP

### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	Result	Prize Money
15-Aug-09	Extra Preliminary Round	Westbury United	H	£750
29-Aug-09	Preliminary Round			£1,500
12-Sep-09	First Qualifying Round			£3,000
26-Sep-09	Second Qualifying Round			£4,500
10-Oct-09	Third Qualifying Round			£7,500
24-Oct-09	Fourth Qualifying Round			£12,500
7-Nov-09	First Round			£18,000
28-Nov-09	Second Round			£27,000
2-Jan-10	Third Round			£67,500
23-Jan-10	Fourth Round			£90,000
13-Feb-10	Fifth Round			£180,000
6-Mar-10	Quarter Final			£360,000
10-Apr-10	Semi-Final			£900,000
15-May-10	Final			£1,800,000

## FA VASE

### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	Result	Prize Money
5-Sep-09	First Round Qualifying	Hamble ASSC	H	£800
19-Sep-09	Second Round Qualifying			£900
3-Oct-09	First Round Proper			£1,000
14-Nov-09	Second Round Proper			£1,200
5-Dec-09	Third Round Proper			£1,300
16-Jan-10	Fourth Round Proper			£1,500
6-Feb-10	Fifth Round Proper			£2,000
27-Feb-10	Sixth Round Proper			£5,000
27-Mar-10	Semi-final			£7,000
9-May-10	Final winners			£20,000



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## Preliminary Round

Abingdon Town	v	Malmesbury Victoria
Ascot United	v	Launton Sports
Bicester Town	v	Trowbridge Town
Binfield	v	Slimbridge
Chalfont Wasps	v	Headington Amat's
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Penn & Tylers Green
Cirencester United	v	Pegasus Junior's
Clanfield	v	Cricklade Town
Eton Wick	v	Kintbury Rangers
Fairford Town	v	Hardwicke AFC
Farnborough Res	v	Chinnor
Finchampstead	v	Highworth Town
Harrow Hill	v	Milton United
Holyport	v	North Leigh Res
Kidlington	v	Thame United
Letcombe	v	Tytherington Rocks
Marlow United	v	Newbury
Prestwood	v	Oxford City Nomads
Purton	v	Winterbourne United
Reading Town	v	Flackwell Heath
Shrivenham	v	Henley Town
South Kilburn	v	Rayners Lane
Wantage Town	v	Lydney Town
Wokingham & Emmbrook	v	Hook Norton
Woodley Town	v	Didcot Town Res
<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	v	Easington Sports

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## Preliminary Round

Almondsbury Town	v	Harrow Hill
Ardley United	v	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>
Bicester Town	v	Slimbridge
Didcot Town Res	v	Holyport
Malmesbury Victoria	v	Thatcham Town
Reading Town	v	Oxford City Nomads

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14.BARTHEZ 15.HORNETS 16.FERRARI 19.ESSEX 20.ELGIN 21.GORAM

# HELLENIC BULLETIN



## Hellenic League

<b>Monday 17 August</b>		
Binfield	v	Oxford City Nom
<b>Tuesday 18 August</b>		
<b>Premier Division</b>		
Abingdon Town	v	Shortwood Utd
Bicester Town	v	Ascot United
Fairford Town	v	Reading Town
Flackwell Heath	v	Old Woodstock Tn
Highworth Town	v	Ardley United
Kidlington	v	Malmesbury Vic
Wantage Town	v	Carterton
Witney United	v	Marlow United
<b>Division One West</b>		
Easington Sports	v	Clanfield
Hardwicke AFC	v	Winterbourne Utd
Headington Amat	v	Launton Sports
Trowbridge Town	v	Wootton Bassett Tn
<b>Division One East</b>		
Chinnor	v	Woodley Town
Didcot Town Res	v	Henley Town
Farnborough Res	v	Wokingham & Emmb
Holyport	v	Milton United
Kintbury Rangers	v	Thame United
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Newbury
Prestwood	v	Eton Wick
Rayners Lane	v	Finchampstead
South Kilburn	v	Chalfont Wasps
<b>Wednesday 19 August</b>		
<b>Premier Division</b>		
Almondsbury Town	v	Pegasus Juniors
Shrivenham	v	Hook Norton
<b>Division One West</b>		
Cheltenham Sara	v	Lydney Town
Harrow Hill	v	Slimbridge
Letcombe	v	Cricklade Town
Purton	v	North Leigh Res
Tytherington Rocks	v	Cirencester Utd
<b>Saturday 22 August</b>		
<b>Premier Division</b>		
Abingdon Town	v	Ascot United
Ardley United	v	Almondsbury Tn

Carterton	v	Reading Town
Malmesbury Vic	v	Bicester Town
Marlow United	v	Fairford Town
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Highworth Town
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Rayners Lane	v	Farnborough Res
South Kilburn	v	Kintbury Rangers
Thame United	v	Woodley Town
Wokingham & Emmb	v	Prestwood
<b>Presidents Reserve Cup Group D</b>		
Chalfont Wasps	v	Holyport
<b>Reserves Division One</b>		
Hungerford Town	v	Wantage Town
<b>Monday 24 August</b>		
<b>Premier Division</b>		
Binfield	v	Hook Norton
<b>Division One East</b>		
Milton United	v	Wokingham & Emmb

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# TOUCHLINE

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**Welcome:** Wow, what a busy few months it has been, with the exchange visit with SVGravezande, our annual tour to Holland, the clubs end of season awards and the annual six a side tournament. Oh yes, and County Ground cup final appearances for 4 of our youth teams. I think it's fair to say that all these activities served to round the season off well. And so, having had the briefest of moments to draw breath we prepare for another season, and again with excitement and trepidation at what we hope to achieve. Chris, Pete and Bryan, update below on plans for their sections. At a club level the bringing of Community Soccer under the WBTFC offers great opportunity for broadening our offering to the community. We also hope this year to work with the Sports Association and other clubs to allow Ryland's Way to be used for more matches, and to improve the look and feel of the clubhouse. There will be more on the seasons objectives in September, in the meantime enjoy the Summer. Paul H - Chairman

**Senior teams:** Not sure if we have had much of a break but amazingly the new season is nearly upon us. Pre-season training starts on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> and the new season starts w/c 10<sup>th</sup> August. After knocking on the door of promotion last season we are very optimistic for the coming season, I am sure we will see new faces coming into the senior section and we wish them all well. Danny Groom has agreed to manage the Under 18s with Ken Turner working alongside myself on specific projects; Mike Hartley and Dave Turner will manage the Reserves and 1<sup>st</sup> Team respectively. The closed season has continued with good integration from senior players attending the junior presentation days and a great effort from all senior members at the annual 6-a-side which was good fun (even though I smelt like a burger for 2 days after). Rod and Steve have worked like trojans in maintaining the pitch and for the 1<sup>st</sup> time we have spent £2k to ensure that more matches can be played with the aim that Ryland's can be enjoyed by all age groups. I have also requested two junior teams to play a half time mini game at the friendlies against Supermarine and Swindon Town. I hope our junior lads attend our preseason games as the support is very welcome. I will up date you on pre season at the next Touchline but any one who feels they would like to come and assist please come and ask I will always find things for you to do.

Chris Jones – Section Head of Senior Football

## Rob Woodhouse:

All at the club were hit hard by the sudden and untimely death late May of Rob Woodhouse, manager of our under 9b side. It was clear from the attendance and touching eulogy's at Rob's funeral that he is a great loss to the Wootton Bassett community, and all the club would like to pay tribute to Rob and the work he put into ensuring so many young people could enjoy sport and scouting. He will be sadly missed, and we are discussing the most appropriate way for the club to remember Rob on an ongoing basis. In the meantime our heartfelt thoughts go out to Rob's family.

**Youth teams:** Although we are approaching mid summer you may well think that football has been put to one side for a well earned break. No such luck!!! This is well and truly the time of year for a never ending round of meetings, AGMs, training courses etc as we gear up for next season "Good job we do this for fun!" Two events of significance took place over the past month or so, the first being our end of season youth awards. Thanks must be extended to all the senior managers and players who gave up their time to present individual honours to all age groups. I would also like to extend my gratitude to those players and parents who attended thus offering support and recognition to all the registered players representing the club over the past season. Secondly in early June we held our 9<sup>th</sup> annual six aside tournament. Although entry numbers were down this year, and we also did not have our customary heat wave, the event was another great success. In my opinion this event really does unify all sections of the club culminating with the sight of both the past and present chairmen of the club dressed like "yellow gnomes" whilst acting as car park stewards! **Many thanks** must be extended to all those managers, players and yes, **PARENTS** too! who offered their services at some point over the weekend. Special tribute must be paid to Gill Gascoigne and Erk for organising the whole event. Following the excellent Claire Smedley in the role as Youth secretary is not an easy task, but I believe Gill has grown from strength to strength and the section is indebted for her valued contribution. Regarding the "sixes" some debate was raised regarding the inclusion of centre of excellence players by some clubs. This is something that as a club we will look at for next year. My personal opinion is that the professional clubs must issue clear and concise instruction to their registered players to avoid confusion. In all my years in football (too many to count now!) this has always happened and I see no wrong in youngsters aged 8 to 14 being denied the opportunity of playing summer tournaments with their mates without "pressure to perform". After all it was only some 6 years ago that Theo Walcott played in a six a side tournament in Newbury and I can imagine the joy (and tales!!) some of his opponents now reflect on. Obviously these are my personal views, and as a club we will now seek council and guidance prior to formatting next year's event (that should keep the lawyers happy!!!) Enjoy the remaining summer months in preparation to another season ahead with the wind, mud, rain etc...don't you just love it? I should mention that photos of all our awards, sixes etc are now available on the [www.wbtfc.co.uk](http://www.wbtfc.co.uk) website. Thanks to our Youth section clubman of the year TED QUEZANI for his photo services throughout the year.

Pete Yeardley – Section Head of Youth Football

The Under 18 Floodlit side are under new management for Season 2009/10 with former Wootton Bassett Town legend Danny Groom (pictured below) taking over the reins from Ken Turner.

The Under 18 team will again compete in the Wiltshire County Floodlit League which sees 11 teams entered for Season 2009/10. Highworth Town and Devizes Town have not entered sides this time around but for the first time teams from Swindon Supermarine and Bradford Town have joined the league. Wootton Bassett Town kick-off their fixtures with a home tie in the FA Youth Cup against Chard Town on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The league programme then kicks off the following week with a home game against Melksham Town. The full list of fixtures are shown below:

## Wootton Bassett Town Under 18 Wiltshire County Floodlit League

Date	Oppenents	H/A	K-off
10/09/2009	Chard Town (FAYC)	H	19:30
17/09/2009	Melksham Town	H	19:30
24/09/2009	Shrewton Utd	H	19:30
01/10/2009	Pewsey Vale	A	19:30
08/10/2009	Swindon Supermarine	A	19:30
14/10/2009	Corsham Town	A	19:30
22/10/2009	Amesbury Town	H	19:30
29/10/2009	Bemerton Heath H	A	19:30
05/11/2009	Bradford Town	H	19:30
11/11/2009	Calne Town	A	19:30
19/11/2009	Chippenham Town	H	19:30
03/12/2009	Corsham Town	H	19:30
10/12/2009	Swindon Supermarine	H	19:30
16/12/2009	Shrewton Utd	A	19:30
14/01/2010	Pewsey Vale	H	19:30
20/01/2010	Melksham Town	A	19:30
28/01/2010	Amesbury Town	A	19:30
01/02/2010	Chippenham Town	A	19:30
11/02/2010	Bemerton Heath H	H	19:30
18/02/2010	Calne Town	H	19:30
23/02/2010	Bradford Town	A	19:30





## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2009/10 RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	K.O.	Result
Sat	5-Sep-09 Kidlington Res	A	League		
Wed	9-Sep-09 Swindon Supermarine	A	League		
Sat	12-Sep-09 Abingdon Town Res	H	League		
Sat	19-Sep-09 Abingdon Utd Res	A	League		
Tue	22-Sep-09 Fairford Res	H	League		
Sat	26-Sep-09 Henley Town Res	A	League		
Sat	3-Oct-09 Wantage Town Res	H	League		
Sat	10-Oct-09 Binfield Res	A	League		
Tue	20-Oct-09 Highworth Town Res	A	League		
Sat	24-Oct-09 Abingdon Utd Res	H	League		
Tue	27-Oct-09 Finchampstead Res	A	League		

Despite finishing bottom of the league last season the Reserves remain in the top division which is good news in terms of fixtures. This season the team will be managed by Simon Paish who will be tasked with bleeding youngsters who will be good enough to make the step up into First Team football in due course. After two seasons where multiple players have been used in the Reserve Team and very few players have moved between the First Team and Reserve Team the Club are confident that under Simon's stewardship this will change and a more integrated Senior Section will be achieved. As with the First Team, the Reserves have plenty of fixtures to kick-off the season as can be seen from the fixture list above.

This season fixtures for the Reserves will be published on a month by month basis as the League attempts to avoid the big gaps between fixtures that have occurred in recent seasons.

## CHAIRMAN'S RESERVES CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2009-10

### Preliminary Round

Abingdon United	v	Easington Sports
Ardley United	v	Prestwood
Cirencester Town	v	Abingdon Town
Cirencester United	v	Cricklade Town
Swindon Supermarine	v	Hook Norton
Thame United	v	Finchampstead

Wootton Bassett Town along with 25 other clubs have a bye into the First Round

**Woman's & Girls:** Both teams played in the Wilts women's and girls league, at U15 in 11 a side and finished fourth from top and have showed good progress under the stewardship of Mark and Johnny. The girls have taken well to Johnny and his ideas in training. The girls have won the fair play award in their division a great achievement. The U12 also won their division fair play award and credit to both teams in how they represented themselves and the club this past season. The U12 finished the season in 6th place in the mid table position having managed to make the championship league after the first round of games, thus playing all the top half of teams a second time. Both girls teams are actively looking for new players to add to their small playing squads. The aim now is to increase not just the number of girls playing for the club, but add to the managing/coaching staff, it is hoped by developing both areas we can have many more teams at different age groups. A ladies senior team will be running next season that will give the girls a chance to carry on playing for the club when adults. Not something that can happen over night without volunteers, so any one looking to start a girl's team, can contact me through the club website using the contact us link on the right side of the home page.

Bryan Wood "Woody" – Section Head of Woman's & Girls

### Respect & Let's Kick Racism Out of Football:

With the new 2009/10 season fast approaching it's a good time to send out a reminder about the respect campaign, please check out the online video at [www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect.aspx](http://www.thefa.com/Leagues/Respect.aspx) Also there is drive around kicking out racism at all levels of the game, supported by the PFA. This is specifically focused at grassroots and amateur levels to tackle racial abuse and harassment in parks football, please find the time to look at [www.kickitout.org/1.php](http://www.kickitout.org/1.php)

**Club development:** I assumed that through the closed season the workload would drop off a touch, but as Pete has already commented on, this has not the case and we are as busy as ever behind the scenes. You have seen already that Bryan Wood "Woody" has taken the role as Section Head of Woman's and Girls football, we wish him every success in his new role. This will offer dedicated focus on an area which needs to grow with our club. For some time we have been looking to fulfil the role of Football Development officer, we have decided to share the responsibilities around the club with activities being coordinated through Pete. Our links into local schools have matured with formal links which will be established through the summer, meetings will continue to flush out the detail. A formal partnership has now been established with Community Football, this will help drive both U8 boys and girls into the youth sections of the club. Football should be for all, this includes the disabled, WBTF will be looking to formulate a formal relationship through WCFA and STFC which we will offer support through raising awareness of Football for the Disabled in our local community. Football development comes in many forms, and for me to see mixed English and Dutch youth teams playing football on a Sunday afternoon tops it for me. What a great exchange program, I have seen some, but not all, of the thanks and the praise which has been fourth coming. I would like to thank Pete and Nigel and all other members of the club who made this a success, and would also like to say "thank you" to all the WBTFC parents who hosted Dutch players. Our objectives for the next quarter consist of: 1) Launch Community Football, 2) Establish the FDO activities, 3) Look at the introduction of U20 / U17 / U18 teams, 4) Complete the web site development, messages boards & links into Disabled football, 5) Host Woman's & Girls football meeting, agree objectives, 6) Commence with the re work of the development plan for the 2009/10 season.

Andy Walduck – Club Development Officer

### Community Soccer has a new look:

With WBTFC now supporting football in the Community I'm please to announce the creation of Community Football which will replace what was Community Soccer, a small change in the name, but big differences behind the scenes. Community Football will now provide feeds into our youth section as well as offer presence into local schools and will be supported by the football club. It's going to be a great combination going forward. Our launch date is scheduled for July please watch out for our communication.

I began working for Community Soccer aged 15 as an assistant coach on the holiday courses and Monday night sessions at Noremarsch School and the Lime Kiln Leisure Centre, it was my first experience as a coach and started me off on my eventual career path. I progressed to taking my own groups as one of the senior coaches until I was 20. I also worked alongside Andy Amos with a very successful Wootton Bassett Town F.C. youth side winning a number of competitions including becoming the first ever Wootton Bassett Town team to win the County Cup. After leaving WBTFC in November 2006 to pursue other avenues, I'm very happy to be returning back to the Community Team and to Wootton Bassett Town F.C. and to be able to again give something back to the community in which I grew up and have been a part of.

Matt Laurence - Head Coach Community Football

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### What's On?

1 <sup>st</sup> Team Pre season Home games			
Tues	14/7	Rylands Way	19:30 Carterton Town
Sat	18/7	Rylands Way	11:00 Supermarine
Sat	25/7	Rylands Way	11:00 Melksham
Sat	1/8	Rylands Way	10:30 Wroughton
Tues	4/8	Rylands Way	19:30 Swindon Town

Community Football Launch - July Date TBA









