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EDITORIAL

Good evening and welcome back to Rylands Way for this FTL Futbol Hellenic League fixture against **Cheltenham Saracens**. Hopefully the weather has improved allowing the game to go ahead following the dreadful weather that resulted in a couple of weekends where there was a complete wipe out of the Hellenic programme. Interestingly one of those weekends did not see a complete country wide wipe out, as one non-league fixture did get played in the country, with Cornwall side St Stephens Borough playing Edgcombe. In what was a good advert for their 3G Astrotruf pitch they may have regretted bothering as they lost 3-2!

A warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Cheltenham who have made the relatively short journey for the game. We hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some beer and sandwiches.

It seems a long time since we last had a home game and a match day programme (21st November to be precise). Sometimes it is easier if the home games come thick and fast in terms of programme production. In recognition of this the League have kindly given us five home games in a row once we finish our next three games, all of which are on the road after today! Whatever happened to symmetrical fixture scheduling?

In terms of content in this week's programme, Dave reports on a number of further new signings in his **From The Dugout** column and also comments on the excellent league run which has continued after the enforced break. Looking at what else is contained in the programme today; the **From The Archives** series focuses on the **1938-39 Season**. This was to be the final season for a while as football was put on hold with the outbreak of war.

The **Youth Section in Focus** features games from both December and January for our youth section sides and continued good form from the Under 18C and Under 10A sides. **Bryan Wood** reports on a heavy defeat for the Ladies side against league leaders St Nicholas. **Under 18** manager reports on yet another win and a fine run of form that sees the Floodlit Team in 2nd spot in the league.

In his **Footy Nut Column**, Steve Hale reports on a disappointing week for his own personal position in local football with his sacking from Thatcham Town and also comments on the financial difficulties being experienced by near neighbours Highworth Town.

The programme features the latest edition of **Touchline**, the Club's newsletter. The First Team player featured this week in the **Player Profile** is youngster **Ryan Thomas**. The new **WBTFC Dream Team** feature sees Secretary Rod Carter commit his all time WBTFC XI to paper. Given the length of time Rod has been at the Club there would certainly have been a lot of players to choose from and there are a number included from the 1980's. From the current squad, only Shaun Terry features and there is also a place for PD. I hope you enjoy seeing who is featured in these Dream Teams and I would welcome all submissions, be they from club officials, players or supporters.

Today is another big game and the lads will be looking to extend that unbeaten league run to put us into the promotion places. As ever your support is appreciated and let's cheer the lads to three more points. Since the last home game the League have made the decision to cancel the Supplementary Cup for the second consecutive season. A very sensible decision in most people's opinion, although Jacko at Cricklade thought otherwise.

Finally on behalf of the Club I would like to wish all our supporters, players and officials a Prosperous New Year.

Mark



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good evening, welcome to you all and to our visitors from Cheltenham Saracens.

Well, it's obviously been some time since my last article, but I trust you all had a peaceful and fun filled festive period, and hope that the cold spell did not cause you issues. It seems we got the boiler works within the clubhouse finished just in time, and prior to the 'big freeze', such that the players and officials can once again enjoy showering facilities within the main changing rooms, and not have to use those in the cricket pavilion. However, we do thank the cricket club for allowing use of those during these works, and thank the clubs and officials that visited us during that time for their understanding of the interim arrangements. The clubhouse renovation works has now moved onto the next stage, with replacement and relocation of the toilets within the clubhouse ongoing. This will allow works to commence in March in renovating and extending the bar area.

In a previous Chat I reported that we had unfortunately withdrawn one of our youth sides from their league. However, I'm delighted to say that this did not in the end prove necessary and that parents have come forward for this team and another under threat, to ensure that football opportunities for the lads at those age groups will continue.

Such problems are often the catalyst for discussion of the merits of running a club the size of ours, aiming to provide football for as many of the community as possible, or whether to keep small and focus on providing football for a specific section of the community. I'm sure all those on our Club Executive have had moments like I have when you wish for a simpler life. However, at the end of the day our club is the representative football body for our community Town, and in a day and age when the educational system does not provide the sporting development it once perhaps did, it is incumbent on us to facilitate football opportunities for as many of the community as we can. Indeed, whilst the size of the club can lead to problems, there are significant benefits, both of a football nature (i.e. developing players to represent the Town at senior level) and of a social responsibility nature (i.e. providing youth with positive social interaction in a team environment). We should take pride in what we are as a club, but also continue to look to develop further despite the challenges that brings. We can though only continue to meet and grow the football opportunities we provide if we can share the workload and not overload any individuals, and to that end further volunteers to help with the clubs activities would be very welcome. If you think you can help in any way (the roles are many and varied, not simply coaching of the teams) then please don't hesitate to contact me and help in maintaining and growing our clubs offering to its community.

Anyway, back to the game which I hope is one to warm us up after that cold snap, and here's to a Bassett win.

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FROM THE DUGOUT

Today we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Cheltenham Saracens to Ryland Way. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and will all join us in the bar after the game for a sandwich and a drink.

Until Saturday it had been nearly six weeks since we last played. It was great to get a game played after such a long break and the away win at Winterbourne on Saturday was very pleasing. Looking forward to tonight's fixture, if this game is anything like the game at their ground you should be in for a good game this evening which could go either way.

Due to the bad weather it has been a while since I have had the opportunity to put pen to paper and keep you all informed of all our comings and goings (the last home fixture was back on 21st November). So here goes Firstly Andrew Philpott has joined us on loan until the end of the season. He can play either as a centre forward or left side of midfield. This was going to be a short term loan but Mark Collier has kindly agreed to a season long loan.

Also on board is Craig Shand. Craig is a player who I have admired for a long time and again can play in a number of positions. I am sure he will be a great addition to our squad.

Andy Brien rejoined us from Wroughton but has now moved on to Shrivenham after a very short stay at Rylands Way.

Another addition to our squad is Matty Bown and if his debut at Cheltenham is anything to go by he will soon become a firm favourite at Ryland Way. Matty can play anywhere across the middle of the park. In the last two weeks I have also added Fraser Joyce to the squad. Fraser is another youngster (only 18) who I have known for many years from my time in youth football. He is strong and direct with a great touch.

At the time of writing these notes we are on a twelve match unbeaten league run. The lads have been in superb form since we last lost away to Cricklade way back in September. I am not one for making predictions and I am certainly not getting carried away with our current form. All we can do is approach each game with the same attitude as we are showing at present and over the season we will end up where we deserve.

At the start of the season I said we would need to give this team time to gel because we let a lot of first team players leave who we believed were not committed to this club. That was a risk on my part and so far it has paid off in my opinion. We have introduced at least nine new players who are definitely committed to this club and they are a real pleasure to work with. At some stage we might go through a sticky patch and if that happens that is when we are going to need your continued support.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the lads and myself to congratulate Kara on the birth of her first child. Mother and son are doing well. Not to sure how Roger is coping but I am sure he will be fine once he gets used to being called granddad. We all look forward to seeing Kara over the coming weeks.

Dave



OPPONENTS HISTORY

CHELTENHAM SARACENS FC • CLUB HISTORY

Formed in 1964 as part of a multi-sport club, they joined the Cheltenham League Division 5. Gradually the section grew in strength and were soon running two sides in the Cheltenham League, two in the Stroud & District, two Sunday teams and several youth teams.

In 1986 the club was elected to the Hellenic League and stayed in Division 1 until they were promoted to the Premier Division in 1999/2000 with the second team also winning the Reserve Section. After two years in the Premier the team were relegated back to Division 1 in 2001/2002.

The club has now a strong base to move forward with four senior teams on Saturdays and 11 junior teams with ages 6-18.

With the improvements to the St. Peters Ground now completed the club is now looking to move forward and hope for promotion to the Premier Division.

The club has established a link with the University of Gloucestershire as their community club and are able to use the facilities of their sports grounds. In addition football scholarships are available for outstanding young players.

Honours

- GFA Primary Challenge Cup Winner 1971/1972
- Minor Charity Cup Winner 1990/1991
- Cheltenham League Division 5 Winner 1990/1991
- GFA Senior Amateur Cup Winner 1991/1992
- Hellenic League Division 1 Winner 1999/2000
- Hellenic League Reserve Section Winner 1999/2000



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Home	Goalscorers	
Calne & Harris Utd	D 3 - 3	Brown, Dunford, Embling
Devizes Town	L 1 - 4	Brown
Frome Town	W 5 - 2	Hunt 3, Embling, Munns
Melksham Town	W 3 - 1	Arthurs 2, Adkins
Pewsey YMCA	D 2 - 2	Embling, Sawyer
Purton	D 2 - 2	Adkins, Bartlett
R.E. Corsham	W 5 - 0	Fisher 2, Bowles, Pearce, Brown
RAF Boscombe Down	W 5 - 0	Longbottom, Arthurs, Gleed, Bartlett, OG
Spencer Moulton	L 0 - 3	
Swindon Corinthians	D 1 - 1	Own Goal
Swindon Victoria	L 1 - 2	Hunt
Warminster Town	W 4 - 0	Brown 4
Westbury United	L 2 - 4	Adkins, Fisher
Wilts Mental Hospital	L 0 - 3	

Away	Goalscorers	
Calne & Harris Utd	L 3 - 4	Arthurs, ?, ?
Devizes Town	L 1 - 7	Davis
Frome Town	W 3 - 2	Fisher 2, Davis
Melksham Town	L 0 - 3	
Pewsey YMCA	L 1 - 7	Ody
Purton	L 0 - 5	
R.E. Corsham	L 1 - 3	Embling
RAF Boscombe Down	D 1 - 1	Brown
Spencer Moulton	L 1 - 7	Embling
Swindon Corinthians	L 1 - 5	Sawyer
Swindon Victoria	L 0 - 1	
Warminster Town	W 7 - 3	Fisher 4, Adkins 2, Bartlett
Westbury United	L 0 - 5	
Wilts Mental Hospital	L 1 - 4	

Played 29th April 193!

Played 6th May 1939

Top Scorers	League	Cup	Total
Fisher	9		9
Brown	8		8
Embling	5	1	6
Adkins	5		5
Arthurs	4		4
Hunt	4		4
Bartlett	3		3
Sawyer	2	1	3
Davis	2		2
Own Goals	2		2
Munns	1		1
Gleed	1		1
Pearce	1		1
Ody	1		1
Longbottom	1		1
Dunford	1		1
Bowles	1		1
To be identified	3	1	4
	<u>54</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>57</u>

FA Cup

Prelim v Wilts Mental Hosp'l (A) L 0 - 6

FA Amateur Cup

Prelim v Frome Town (A) L 2 - 7 Embling, Sawyer

Wiltshire Senior Cup

1st Rnd v 5th Tank Corps (H) L 0 - 5

W.B. Challenge Cup

Final v Fairford Town (A) L 1 - 2

OPPONENTS PEN PICS

Team Profiles Cheltenham Saracens FC



Ryan Betteridge Goal Keeper

Great shot stopper and good talker who leads from the back. He's always one of the team's most consistent performers and was last year's Players' player of the year.



Chris Pates Defence

Tall, elegant central defender or left back. Bags of potential but needs that bit of self belief which a run in the 1st will give.



Sam Slender Defence

Very little gets past him, can play on the left or in the middle. Was called up from the Reserves mid-season last term and was so impressive he made left-back his own playing 18 times and scoring once.



Ryan Smith Defence

Tough tackling defender who never gives up and always give 100% for the team. One from last year's successful Youth Team and Reserves' player of the Season.



Joe Bermingham Defence

Still only 20 and improving every year, great energy, he covers ever blade of grass on the pitch. Made himself a regular last year playing 29 times.



Danny Nelmes Defence

Great attitude and technically very good. He is new to this Club year but wants to be a regular in the 1st team



Dan Harvey Defence

Tough tackling strong experienced defender and good talker, something the club has missed in the last few seasons. New to the Club this year but definitely an asset.



Gary McLean Defence

Attacking full-back, great feet and good passer of the ball, another good addition to the squad.



Ryan Oldham Midfield

Returning to the Club following a season away he'll be an asset and will slip back into midfield comfortably.



Luke Tovey Midfield

Great left foot. Bags of energy and he gives the team encouragement on and off the pitch, he'll pop up with that important winner as well.



Jamie Bish Midfield

Great asset as he can play in Midfield or anywhere across the back. Broke into the 1st team last season and stayed there playing 33 times.



Matt Masling Midfield

18 year old with potential and with a bit of self belief he could be a regular, plays as defensive mid fielder or at the back. Last year's Youth Player of the Year



Leigh Rayson Midfield

Loads of energy, tough tackling mid fielder with an eye for goal. Had an injury hit season last year but is fighting fit this time round



Marcus Finch Midfield

Tenacious mid fielder, bags of energy, excellent passer and Manager's player last season. Still only 22, he is aiming to score a few more than his tally of 2 last year.



Tom Russell Midfield

New to the Club from Cirencester Academy, Tom has a great left foot, can play anywhere down the left side and will score a goal or two.



Jack Oldham Midfield

Only 17 and one from the current Youth Team, he punches above his weight and particularly his height, capable of that sublime defence splitting pass



Nick Jones Forward

Very strong and aggressive forward who is looking to boost the team's firepower in the goal department.



Sonnie Burrows Forward

Both last year's Youth and Reserves top scorer. Broke into the 1st team last season but could be a regular this term - a natural goal scorer



Joe Tustain Forward

Leads from the front and Club Captain, Joe is very strong, great touch and scores bags of goals. Last year's top scorer, he aims to repeat that this year.



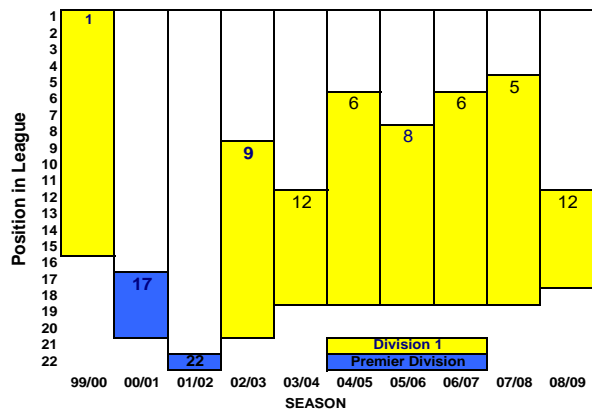
Jamie Witter Forward

Another new addition to this year's squad, Jamie is a smart and clever finisher, we look to him for goals.

TODAY'S VISITORS

FROM THE ARCHIVES

CHELTENHAM SARACENS- LAST 10 YEARS IN HELLENIC LEAGUE



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/00	1	28	23	2	3	61	20	71	1 out of 15
2000/01	P	39	9	5	24	31	76	32	17 out of 20
2001/02	P	42	3	9	30	30	126	18	22 out of 22
2002/03	1W	38	13	12	13	61	54	51	9 out of 20
2003/04	1W	34	11	8	15	47	53	41	12 out of 18
2004/05	1W	34	17	6	1	69	44	57	6 out of 18
2005/06	1W	34	14	12	8	54	40	54	8 out of 18
2006/07	1W	34	14	10	10	57	45	52	6 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	18	9	7	89	33	63	5 out of 18
2008/09	1W	32	10	7	15	52	63	37	12 out of 17

Current Form (Last Five Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
30-Jan-10	Launton Sports (H)	W 12 - 0	Surcombe 6, OG, Hammond 2, Oldham, Harvey, Bermingham
26-Dec-09	Cirencester Utd (H)	W 14 - 0	Hammond 8, Surcombe 5, Tovey
12-Dec-09	W. Bassett Town (H)	L 0 - 1	
5-Dec-09	Easington Sports (H)	W 5 - 1	Surcombe 3, Slender, Hammond
28-Nov-09	Almondsbury (A)	L 0 - 4	

Record v Wootton Bassett Town - Last 4 Seasons plus earlier fixture

Season	H/A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Points Ratio
2005/06	H	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
2005/06	A	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	
2006/07	H	1	1	0	0	6	0	3	
2006/07	A	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
2007/08	H	1	1	0	0	4	0	3	
2007/08	A	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	
2008/09	H	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	
2008/09	A	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
2009/10	H	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Total	H	5	3	1	1	12	2	10	66.7%
Total	A	4	1	0	3	5	6	3	25.0%
Total		9	4	1	4	17	8	13	48.1%

Nickname	Sara's
Secretary	Bob Attwood (01242 515855)
Website	www.cheltenham-saracens.com
Record Gate	327 v Harrow Hill - Aug 03
Best Gate - 2008/9	47 v Tytherington Rocks
Average Attendance 2008/9	35
Top Scorer - 2008/9	Joe Tustain - 17 Goals

This was followed by a stunning first half performance against bottom of the table Boscombe Down when all five goals in a 5-0 win came in the first 45 minutes courtesy of five different scorers. On target were Longbottom, Arthurs, Gleed, Bartlett and the last coming via a Boscombe player putting into his own net.

26th April 1939 saw champions elect Westbury United visit Wootton Bassett needing a win to secure the league title. Wootton Bassett Town were missing key players Gleed and Hall and Westbury left Wootton Bassett with their third successive title secured thanks to a 4-2 win, Akins and Fisher with the Bassett goals. Wootton Bassett completed their league fixtures with two away games at Calne & Harris and Wilts Mental Hospital, losing 4-3 at Calne and 4-1 at Devizes against the Mental Hospital. Wootton Bassett ended the season in 12th place out of 15 teams in what had been a tough season which saw just 7 wins in 28 games.

As well as the First Team a Reserve Team/ Youth Team was entered into the Swindon Borough League during the season with much success. As well as finishing 5th in the League the side also won the Brotherhood Cup, defeating Shaw in the final. Most of the goals from the young side were provided by Bowden, Pearce and Woolford.

The final league Wiltshire League Division 1 table for the season and results and scorers (where known) for games played are shown below:

Wiltshire League Division 1 - 1938-1939

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Westbury United	28	21	3	4	126	42	45
2	Devizes Town	28	20	3	5	154	59	43
3	Purton	28	16	3	9	93	57	35
4	Pewsey YMCA	28	15	5	8	99	75	35
5	Wilts Mental Hospital	28	17	1	10	77	64	35
6	Melksham Town	28	16	2	10	107	66	34
7	Spencer Moulton	28	13	8	7	92	58	34
8	Swindon Corinthians	28	11	10	7	83	65	32
9	Swindon Victoria	28	12	2	14	82	94	26
10	Calne & Harris Utd	28	10	5	13	62	84	25
11	R.E. Corsham	28	8	4	16	62	105	20
12	Wootton Bassett Town	28	7	5	16	54	84	19
13	Frome Town	28	6	4	18	52	114	16
14	Warminster Town	28	5	3	20	50	147	13
15	RAF Boscombe Down	28	2	4	22	38	114	8

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received a fixed sum of £2 from each club per season as an acknowledgment and to cover expenses and this method of payment will continue until the ten years are up.☒

Meanwhile on the day this report was being read by the men of Swindon and surrounding towns and villages, Wootton Bassett Town were losing 3-1 at Royal Engineers Corsham, Embling with the consolation goal. The poor away form continued the following week with a 3-0 defeat at Melksham in a tough start to the New Year, the team had still to win a game away from home all season. The team then went without a league fixture for almost a month, presumably as a result of bad weather. When the team did return to action the away day blues continued as they took a battering at Devizes Town, losing 7-1 with the solitary goal being scored by Davis. Things were not much better at home as a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Spencer Moulton followed.

Saturday 4th March 1939 was a day of celebration for Wootton Bassett Town Football Club as they finally secured that first away win of the season. On a day when the Club were forced to postpone their Reserve Team game against Cricklade Road Prims to field a side, the long suffering supporters who made the journey would have feared the worse as Wootton Bassett found themselves 2-0 down at home time against fellow strugglers Warminster Town. However, a rousing second half saw goals from Fisher (4), Adkins (2) and Bartlett give Wootton Bassett a 7-3 win over Warminster. Inspired by this first away win the team repeated the feat the following week, winning 3-2 away at Frome Town, Fisher with two goals and Davis with one. The Football Pink of 18th March 1939 carried the following short report:

☒Wootton Bassett are the shock team of the Wiltshire League. After sacrificing many home points they caused a big surprise a fortnight ago by winning at Warminster by 7 goals to 3. While last Saturday they went over the border to Frome and won by the odd goal in five. Bassett's victory at Frome was a creditable one. As the final score would suggest the game was evenly contested. Both sides scored twice in the opening half. Fisher (2) and Davis scored for Bassett. Fisher has found the net six times in the last two months.☒

Fisher's rich vein of goal scoring form continued the following week back in Wootton Bassett when he bagged another brace in a 5-0 win over Royal, Engineers Corsham. The winning run was brought to an end by the visit of Wilts Mental Hospital who left Wootton Bassett with both points following a 3-0 win.

April began with a visit to bottom of the table RAF Boscombe Down and Wootton Bassett returned with a point courtesy of a Bobbie Brown goal in a 1-1 draw. On the same day the Football Pink carried a story offering congratulations to Mr A.W. Coleman, a member of the Wootton Bassett Town committee on his appointment as a Wiltshire Cup Final linesman. The final was between Purton and Swindon Corinthians and attracted a crowd of 3,702 to the County Ground in game which was won by Purton 2-1. After winning the cup final on the Saturday, Purton then met Wootton Bassett on the Monday, with a 2-2 draw resulting. On target for Wootton Bassett were Adkins and Bartlett. The Football Pink carried the following report on the game:

☒Game was easily the best seen at Wootton Bassett this season and Bassett who have struggled hard throughout the season with only a moderate amount of success are to be congratulated on securing a division of points against a team undefeated for 20 weeks. Play throughout was very even, Lane scored for Purton at the end of 20 minutes and Adkins put the scores level at the end of half an hour. Snook gave Purton the lead again just before the interval but midway through the second half Bartlett equalised. In the closing stages Purton put forth every effort, but the home team, which included several reserves, maintained their hold on the game.☒

The good form was carried over into the next game at home to Melksham as goals from Arthurs (2) and Adkins secured a 3-1 win. The good run was ended by a midweek defeat at home to title chasing Devizes Town. The visitors led 2-1 with five minutes to go but netted two further goals in the dark☒ to give them what was reported as a flattering win. Bob Brown scored the Wootton Bassett goal from the penalty spot.

Bassett Hall In First Win in Four

Rylands Way, 2nd September 2006 v Cheltenham Saracens (Won 1-0)

Nathan Hall's second goal of the season midway through the first half was enough for Wootton Bassett Town to end their winless skid as they edged out Cheltenham Saracens.

Having not won since the third game of the year, Bassett needed to get their season back on track and did so, despite producing only a couple clear cut opportunities and riding a small wave of luck in the second half. Miscommunication between Lee Beavis and John Haines should have gifted Cheltenham the lead with eight minutes gone but Brendon Quinn struck wide after being forced away from goal by Haines.

A minute later Hall found the post for the home side after John Magani had twisted his way past two defenders and unselfishly squared to Hall who was lurching just inside the box. A flowing move that started from inside their own half created Bassett's winner in the 25th minute. After stroking the ball around deep in the left hand corner, Rich Gee's through ball was raced onto by Magani. Magani cut back from the byline to Hall who stroked the ball home from ten yards. The game continued to be a midfield battle with only a few half chances being created as Bassett saw out the first half with relatively little trouble.

The second half was much the same as the first – nondescript as both sides battled in the winds. With just under an hour gone Haines pulled off a dramatic diving save as he managed to get a hand to Leigh Rayson's header from six yards. The ball then fell to Alex Moxey but he blasted over when he should have done better. Bassett began to look nervous as the clock winded down – the introductions of Jon Davis and Mark King meant both had to get themselves into the game which allowed the visitors to apply more pressure. However this pressure could only generate one more chance and it was a very lucky chance at that with two minutes remaining. Chris Palmer's free kick from inside his own half was straight at Haines who let the ball bounce, forcing him to have to adjust to the ball and tip it onto the bar. Mike Wilce pounced on the rebound but shot over from close range at the far post.

It wasn't the most convincing victory but the three points are all that matters as Bassett finally put an end to their barren run.

Scoop's Man of the Match: Andy Hallett – composed at the back and his pass began the move that created Hall's decisive goal.

Scoop Rating: 6/10 – Did enough for the victory, edging a midfield battle where chances were few and far between.

PLAYER PROFILE

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Personal	
Name:	Ryan Thomas
Date of Birth:	
Place of Birth:	Swindon
Occupation:	Pro Gambler
Marital Status:	Single
Nickname:	Ry
Football	
Position:	Right/Left Midfield
No. of Seasons at Bassett:	1
Previous Clubs:	Cirencester Academy
Make of Boots:	Adidas/Nike
Star Player You Play Like:	Arshavin
Footballing Idols:	Steve Thomas
Team Supported:	Swindon
Team You Despise Most:	Bristol Rovers
Best Ground Ever Played At:	Stadium of Light
Best Player Ever Played With	James Guthrie
Best Player Ever Played Against	James Turner
Teammates	
Most Skilful:	Ryan Banks
Hardman:	Chris Oram
Biggest Joker:	Sam Collier
Biggest Fashion Disaster:	Jimmer's flip flops
Most Intelligent:	Steve Groom - A*'s all over the place
Thickest:	Frankie Hunt
Vainest:	Groomy - right picture when he's at the mirror
Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:	Dave Millaci's struggling with no ID
Off the Field	
Hobbies:	Accumulators
Car Driven:	Fiesta
Favourite Music:	ryTunes
Favourite Film:	Batman
Favourite TV Show:	The Inbetweeners/My Wife & Kids
Favourite Nightspot:	Spot
Favourite Drink:	Kopparburg Summer Fruits
Chinese or Indian?:	Chinese
Pub or Club?:	Pub then Club
Beach Resort or City Break?:	City Break
Blonde or Brunette?:	Brunette
Person in the World You Would Most Like to Meet:	Jay Z - top boy!

Ryan Thomas

"The juniors were playing their first match of the season. Their goals were obtained by Woolford (3), Pearce (2) and Pickett. A word of praise is due to Bert Hacker, a 15 year old lad who, at short notice, kept goal. He showed promise. Of the half-backs, Ivor Ody, in the centre did well. He has height and should develop into a useful pivot. The forward line created a surprise. Pearce, who figured at outside left was the pick. He is still in his teens but has rendered good service to the Wiltshire League eleven. Pickett who hails from Broad Town should make a capable centre forward. Two of Woolford's goals were scored from the penalty spot. A. Arthurs who should have kept goal was ill."

Another big cup fixture the following week in the national FA Amateur Cup but again a similar result as Wootton Bassett lost 2-7 away at Frome Town in a game played in heavy rain. Five down at the break Bassett rallied second half with Embling and Sawyer scoring. It was specifically noted in the Swindon Football Pink that Wootton Bassett's share of the gate after deducting expenses amounted to more than £4. The cup defeat was followed by a narrow home defeat in the League, Wootton Bassett losing 1-2 to rivals Swindon Victoria. Hunt scored the goal for Wootton Bassett and Victoria keeper Thompson apparently played a blinder to deny Bassett.

A clear demonstration of the advantage of playing at home in a period when transport was difficult was provided the following week when Wootton Bassett gained revenge for the cup defeat by beating Frome Town at home in the Wiltshire League by 5 goals to 2. The win came courtesy of a hat-trick from Hunt with Embling and Munns scoring the other goals. Back down to earth with a bump the following week when they lost 1-7 away at Spencer Moulton. The home advantage point was again highlighted in back to back fixtures against Pewsey YMCA. In the home fixture Wootton Bassett came back from 2-0 down to draw. Embling missed a first half penalty but made up for it just before the break when he pulled one back. Sawyer fired in the equaliser. It was, however, a disappointed Wootton Bassett that returned from the away game two weeks later. With Drury, Embling, Fry and Sawyer all unable to make the journey, Wootton Bassett went down 1-7, the solitary goal being scored by Ivor Ody playing in the senior side for the first time.

An interesting feature of the reports of the era was that the team was not selected by a team manager but by a selection committee. Given that football is a matter of opinions you can just imagine those selection meetings taking place in smoked filled rooms and going on into the early hours as the committee sought to get consensus as to what the team would be come Saturday.

On Christmas Eve, Wootton Bassett played away at Purton on a pitch covered in heavy snow. It was reported that despite the difficult conditions good football was played but the weather had taken its toll on the crowd for the big local derby. Purton won the match 5-0. The two sides were scheduled to meet in the return fixture on the following Monday but the game fell victim to the snow. Wootton Bassett played their next game on New Years Eve going down 1-0 to Swindon Victoria. They opened 1939 with a 1-1 draw with Swindon Corinthians on 7th January. The Bassett goal was scored by Corinthians defender Newman who turned a shot by Pearce into his own goal. Pike equalised for Corinthians in the second half.

In researching the reports for this season it was interesting to note in the Football Pink of 14th January 1939 a feature on the compilation of the fixtures for the Football League. In an era when computer software that schedule your fixtures was some 60 years from being developed, leagues had to rely on manual systems for the preparation of the fixture list. The Pink article read as follows:

"The late Mr C.E. Sutcliffe's scheme of compiling the Football League fixtures will be carried on. The fixtures were the late Football League presidents copyright and will go on being prepared to his formula as about three years ago the League entered into an agreement with Mr Sutcliffe and his only surviving son, Harold, to the effect that the methods employed should continue for ten years from that date. Afterwards the copyright will pass to the Football League and fixture making may then be done at the Leagues offices, unless a new arrangement is made. Mr Sutcliffe

Season 1938-39 ☞ The Evil That Men Do

What was going on in the world

Igor Sikorsky invents the first successful helicopter. The first commercial flight across the Atlantic is made by Pan Am and Neville Chamberlain makes his "Peace for Our Time" speech with reference to the Munich Agreement. Twelve months later Germany invades Poland and World War II commences. Everton win the First Division Championship whilst Portsmouth are easy 4-1 winners in the FA Cup final and go on to hold the trophy for seven years due to the war.

It was traditional for each of the local clubs to include a pre-season write-up in the first edition of the Swindon Football Pink of the season. Season 1938-39 was no different and whilst the world outside was not an optimistic place the pre-season report for Wootton Bassett Town was full of hope for a much better season. The Football Pink of 27th August 1938 carried the following write-up under the headline ☞New Talent at Wootton Bassett ☞ nearly 40 players have been signed☞:

☞Wootton Bassett Town who made history early in the present century, faded out for some years so far as Senior football was concerned and survived with an eleven first in the Swindon & District League and then in the Calne competition. Eventually there was a revival of interest. A side was elected to the Wiltshire Division II and then two seasons ago was given Division I status. Although the teams position in the table at the end of last season was not a good one, the club is financially sound and it has been decided that the first XI shall again compete in the FA Amateur and Wilts Cup competitions and the Wilts League.

An effort is being made to run a team in the Swindon Borough League. The Club has been accorded excellent support by the townspeople who last season contributed £20 (about £3,500 based on relative average earnings at 2007) in donations and with such splendid backing the committee are making every effort to strengthen the team for the coming campaign.

In addition to nearly all last season's players, Secretary P.E. Stone has secured the signatures of E.A.R. Palmer and A. Arthurs, goalkeepers who have played for Swindon Town Reserves and Purton respectively, H. Moore (Frome Town), A.E. March (Army), P.J. Hunt (who has played for Reading Reserves, Bath City and Wroughton), H.C.W. Sawyer (Swindon Victoria), G. Bond and A.E.W. Bowles (Ferndale Athletic), W.E. Gunter (Swindon Rangers), F. Beasant (Shaw) and a number of juniors. Thus with nearly 40 players signed on the club anticipates a much more successful season. The playing field is in perfect condition. The Club is fortunate in having Mr D. Bell as president, while Messrs F.W. Leighfield and H.W. Boulter, who in their earlier years played in Wiltshire League football (about 30 years ago) are an asset to the committee.☞

The season definitely started well with the Town winning 4-0 at home against Warminster Town. ☞Bobbie☞ Brown opened the scoring on 17 minutes and the same player scored again on 36 minutes and fired in two more in the second half to complete the Bobbie Brown show. The match report noted that he had moved from right half to centre forward at the last minute in place of R.G. Hunt, a good piece of work by the ☞selection committee☞ who in those days selected the team rather than a modern day manager as we have today. It was also noted that debuts were given to March at right back, Palmer the keeper, former Western League player Moore at centre half and Bert Bowles, an 18 year old at left half. Whilst a native of Wootton Bassett, as noted in the report above he had been playing for Ferndale Athletic.

The winning run did not continue as Wootton Bassett lost the following week 5-0 against reigning champions Westbury United. There then followed what appears to be the Club's first ever appearance in the FA Cup. Unfortunately it was not to be a successful cup run as Wootton Bassett lost 6-0 away at Devizes against Wiltshire Mental Hospital. On the same day the 2nd team won their Swindon Borough League fixture against Swindon North Leaze by 6-2, Woolford (3), Pearce (2) and Pickett with the Wootton Bassett goals. The Swindon Football Pink, showing its comprehensive coverage of local football, even included a match report on the youngsters game, with the following being reported:

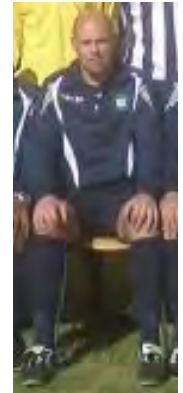
There are a couple of sayings in football such as *"a week is a long time in football"* and *"no mates in football"* and both of these sayings I have found to be true both from a personal point of view and for one of the areas local clubs in the week before Christmas.

On a personal front I have found this season somewhat harder due to the amount of coaching I have on and despite my 100% passion for the game at times this season I have lost some of my enthusiasm that I had last season and it has been a grind for me. I have so much coaching work on now and I have found myself rushing around from either my Forest Green coaching or Swindon coaching to get to Thatcham games or training and hardly spending anytime at home but despite this I have never missed a single training session or game since I joined Thatcham. At the end of the season the manager Gary Ackling has said he is stepping upstairs into some other role and he wanted me to take on the manager's job, however I told him quite a while ago that I wasn't interested in that. There are a couple of people within the club that I have no time for and cannot see the club moving forwards while they are there and I just had no inclination to want to work with them but what I wanted to do was complete my job by finishing up at the end of the season and have two full seasons Southern League football on my CV. That changed in an instant straight after our game against North Leigh when Gary decided to sack me! He stated that he didn't feel that we were working as well together this season and that as I didn't want the job at the end of the season he was going to bring in someone new to take over my role with a view to taking it on from him next season.....to say I was shocked would be putting it mildly and even more so, the players were gobsmacked as I had a great relationship with them. The real knife in the back was when I found out the next day that Paul Hunt was taking over and he was actually in the crowd during that North Leigh game and it was obvious he had been lined up well in advance of my sacking. I had bust a gut to get all the way to Taunton on the Saturday and do the North Leigh game on the Tuesday when my sacking was planned all along. I have no issue with Paul though, I get on fine with him and he just wants to get back into management so that's fair enough but the way Gary who I thought was my mate handled it has taught me the valuable lesson that there are no friends in football and we all have to look after ourselves. I had previously considered stepping down as I do have so much on but I felt I owed it to him to see the season and job through, how wrong I was as it turned out.

Down the road at Highworth the club has found itself in financial chaos allegedly due to an individual who has been involved in a very responsible position at the club for sometime. I won't actually name him but I think most people locally in the game know who is rumoured to have left Highworth in a mess. There have been many figures banded about as to how much had allegedly been lost from the club but I don't think even they know at this stage potentially how much it is. It must be soul destroying for many of the people at the club as like most clubs they have a small band of very hardworking people who work tirelessly to provide football and do the best that they can. The playing budget has been pulled and the players are now playing for nothing and it will be interesting to see if that has any affect on their squad. This season it possibly may not, though in the past it probably would have done but we have now reached the stage that Shrivenham seem to be the only club in the Swindon area now paying their players so the money that players have chased in the past seems to have dried up.

Having more free time has allowed me to get out and watch a couple of games and on my first free Saturday with the likes of Swindon Town, Chippenham and Swindon Supermarine all away I decided to watch Melksham v Bideford. Bideford are top of the Toolstation League and Melksham obviously a localish club and they have a few players that I have played with in the past so thought I'd have a little look. I must say having been away from the Toolstation league for the last 18 months I was surprised how poor it looked. Bideford have for years been a really good side but I was very disappointed in them and despite them winning comfortably it probably helped that Melksham didn't put up much of a fight. Ironically this week I had a text from Melksham manager and former Bassett lad Wayne Thorne asking me if I was interested in going over and helping him and his brother Gary out there. On the following Tuesday night I watched Chippenhams FA Trophy replay with Zamaretto Midland side Arlesey Town and they eventually won through 2-0 to seal another 5K to the clubs coffers and take their winnings to £14,300 and a long away trip to Conference side Gateshead. It was a pulsating game in fairness to Arlesey and they can consider themselves unlucky not to have got through themselves as Chippenham keeper Chris Snoddy made some great saves firstly at 0-0 and then at 1-0 up to keep them out and allow Chippenham to progress.

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Bassett roll over Rocks

Rylands Way, 21st November 2009

Neither visitors Tytherington Rocks nor the driving rain could put an end to Wootton Bassett Town's unbeaten streak as they romped to a 4-1 victory over the Bristol-based side, despite falling behind.

And it was something of a freak of nature that caught 'keeper Stewart Thompson out as he was beaten by a goal kick from his opposite number.

However, from there on out it was all Bassett.

Andy Philpott – on his home debut – scored two goals either side of half time, his second in particular being one of quality, and if he can continue to reproduce such form he will be more than an adequate replacement for the recently departed Alex Green.

Sam Collier then propelled himself up the top scorers chart with a quick fire brace in the latter stages of the game to move him back up to five for the season after his strikes against Harrow Hill were wiped from the record following their withdrawal.

Victory moved Bassett from seventh into fifth thanks to Easington Sports and Letcombe not being in league action. What's more, Dave Turner's side still have two games in hand over those two sides meaning they are finely poised to put distance between themselves and those behind them in the coming weeks.

Without a defeat in the league since the rather forgettable loss at Cricklade at the beginning of September, momentum in the league is being gathered at a fast pace.

Shand provides immediate impact

Barton Recreation Ground, 28th November 2009

Pressure has often gotten the better of Wootton Bassett Town in recent seasons, but this year has been a different story as Dave Turner's charges continue to appear all but immune to its negative aspects.

And their 3-2 victory at third-placed Headington Amateurs, who in their past two games have beaten both Slimbridge and Letcombe at home, was testament to that.

Sitting six points behind their in-form Oxfordshire hosts with two games in hand, a first league defeat since September would have set Bassett back hugely in their attempt to claw their way back into promotion contention.

Yet, a resolute performance meant that they completed an impressive double over their opposition for the year, in turn lifting themselves into fourth and into a prime position to take third spot from its current occupiers.

The damage was done thanks to a brace from Craig Shand in his first game back with the club following his transfer from Cricklade Town.

His previous club had the grace to waive the seven day notice of approach in order for him to participate in this game, and boy will Turner be thankful for their action.

However, Cricklade's willingness to let him go is puzzling. Shand was harshly criticised by former boss Graham Jackson in a press release issued to the Hellenic League website, stating that he won't be missed. Yet, he is a player who can be relied upon to produce an impact.

In a limited spell at Rylands Way last season, he earned an FA Cup replay with a late goal at Flackwell Heath before singlehandedly turning the FA Vase encounter at Buckingham Athletic on its head, which initiated Bassett's longest ever run in that competition.

And he provided the spark yet again at Headington, netting two decisive goals, which - along with a strike courtesy of a home defender – lifted his side to victory by the odd goal in five.



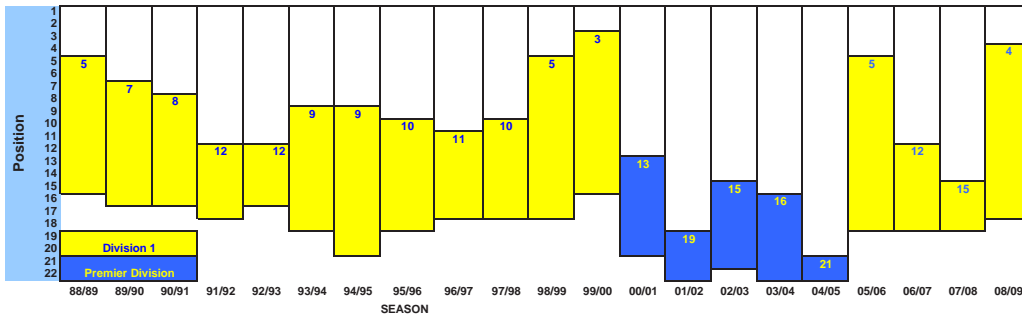
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- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
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- 1935/36 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Runners-up
- 1938/39 Brotherhood Cup 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
- 1982/83 Wiltshire County League Division 4 Runners-up
- 1983/84 Wiltshire County League Ghia Senior Cup Winners
- 1984/85 Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions
- Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Runners-up
- 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
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- Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions



BASSETT'S HELLENIC RECORD

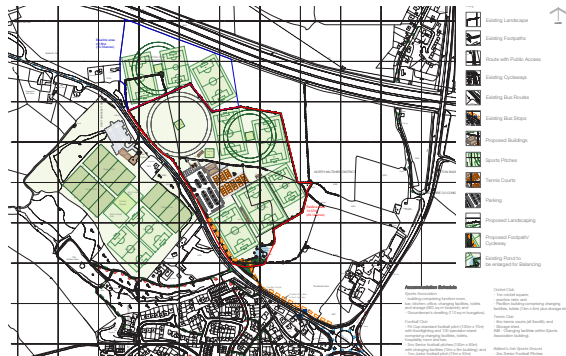
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WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 21 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE



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	16	10	4	2	42	20	34	4 out of 16
Total		732	271	161	300	1,084	1,164	971	
			37.0%	22.0%	41.0%				

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....**

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies Fixtures Season 2009-10

Date	Opponents	H/A
Sun 06 Sep	Cirencester Town Reserves	H W 3 - 0 Longo, Bonser, McFadzean
Sun 13 Sep	Gloucester City Reserves	A W 7 - 4 McFadzean 4, Lyons 2, Bonser
Sun 20 Sep	St Nicholas	H L 1 - 3 McFadzean
Sun 27 Sep	Quedgeley Wanderers	A W 5 - 3 Walker 3, Burke, Longo
Sun 04 Oct	Stoke Lane Reserves	H W/O Awarded to W.Bassett
Sun 11 Oct	AEK Boco Reserves	A W 6 - 0 Spratt 3, Longo 2, Hawkins
Sun 01 Nov	Cirencester Town Reserves	A L 0 - 3
Sun 08 Nov	Gloucester City Reserves	H W 11 - 0 McFadzean 3, Bonser 2, Hawkins 2, Longo 2, Burke, Warner
Sun 22 Nov	St Nicholas	A L 0 - 8
Sun 06 Dec	Stoke Lane Reserves	A W 4 - 2 Longo 2, James, Hawkins
Sun 24 Jan	Quedgeley Wanderers	A W 5 - 3 Spratt 2, Longo 2, Bonser
Sun 07 Feb	Mitcheldean Ladies (Cup)	H
Sun 14 Feb	Cirencester Town Reserves	H
Sun 14 Mar	Stoke Lane Reserves	A
Sun 21 Mar	St Nicholas	H
Sun 28 Mar	Quedgeley Wanderers	H
Sun 04 Apr	AEK Boco Reserves	H
Sun 18 Apr	Gloucester City Reserves	H
Sun 09 May	AEK Boco Reserves	H



St. Nicholas Ladies V Wootton Bassett Town

After all the rain during the week leading up to this game it was indeed a great surprise to find the game on, the pitch was in perfect condition even after the game the pitch was still fine.

Gloucestershire County Womens Football League Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 St Nicholas Ladies	9	9	0	0	54	1	53	27
2 Wootton Bassett Town	11	8	0	3	42	26	16	24
3 Cirencester Town Reserves	10	7	0	3	25	22	3	21
4 Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	10	3	0	7	25	30	-5	9
5 Gloucester City Reserves	10	3	0	7	21	48	-27	7
6 AEK Boco Reserves	9	2	0	7	14	53	-39	6
7 Stoke Lane Reserves	9	2	0	7	8	9	-1	7

The game started with Bassett choosing to change ends and play with the very strong wind at their backs. Credit to St. Nicholas playing against the wind was no trouble to them, they were camped in the Bassett half most of the time playing some fine flowing football and at half time were comfortable 3-0 up

The second half was to be a test of character that most of the Bassett side failed to pass. On reflection we conceded the game well before the driving rain and hail came, with the score already at 4 or 5 we were guilty of not working hard enough for the team and each other. The second half should have been about pride and attitude. The football played by the home side was good and they showed the killer instinct in front of goal, With Leah Blanchard in goal being exposed far too much. The final score 8-0 could have been more, on the day our opponents were stronger all over the pitch not just in body but in mind.

Full time 8-0 St Nicholas Ladies

Player of the game Samantha Wood

Team Leah Blanchard capt, Becky Gammon, Megan James, Lauren Walker, Samantha Wood, Amy Longo, Kate Bonser, Charlotte Burk, Amie Smith, Rachel Hawkins, Joni Warner, Jenna McFadzean

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.



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.



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.



Craig Bowden Defence
Cultured player still in his teenage years who has looked more than capable of holding his own at this level in pre-season matches.



Andy Brien Midfield
Former player from our Premier League days. Started last season with Bassett making four appearances before transferring away. Re-joins club from Wiltshire League side Wroughton.



Shaun Wimble Midfield
Recent signing from Swindon Supermarine. Experienced at a higher level where he has previously played for Yeovil, Fulham, Swindon Town, Oxford City and Cirencester 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.



Ryan Thomas Midfield
Skilful youngster who joins us from Cirencester Town Academy. Previously with Swindon Town and son of former Wootton Bassett legend Steve Thomas.



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.



Andy Philpott Midfield
Signed on loan from Swindon Supermarine. Can play up front or in midfield. Previously with Hungerford, Shrivenham and Purton. Started with two goals against Tytherington.



Jon Holloway Midfield
Tough tackling player who has played at higher level for Swindon Town, Gloucester City, Bath City, Worcester City, Forest Green Rovers, Redditch United and Merthyr Tydfil.



Phil Tearle Forward
Another product of the Clubs Youth policy who played 30 First Team games last season, scoring 8 times including a hat-trick at Letcombe.



Craig Shand Forward
Played for Bassett last season with four goals in seven appearances. Recently re-signed from Cricklade Town. Pacy and skilful striker previously with Hungerford.



Mitch Wyatt Forward
Much travelled striker who has performed for Wantage Town and Highworth Town in the Hellenic Premier. Has also played for Purton and Swindon Supermarine.



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 (Zamaretto 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 (Zamaretto League) Division One Midlands	Southern Football League (Zamaretto 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 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 Wealden 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



George Bartlett v Carterton Reserves

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Stewart Thompson	Whole kit sponsored by Arctic Services - Tel: 01793 848502		
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Hellenic League

FTL FUTBOL Division One (West)

Still with no league points, Launton Sports were looking to have a change of fortune against fellow strugglers, Winterbourne United but were outplayed, losing by 4-1 thanks to strikes from Sam Vile with a pair, Scott Cameron and Jimmy Potts. Sports' consolation came from Lee Durrant.

Letcombe went ahead through Pete Horswell but North Leigh's Lee Keyes with a penalty and Ben Hutter claimed the points for the visitors though the referee was perhaps the busiest man on the park issuing eight Yellow Cards and a subsequent Red following a second Yellow to North Leigh's Kieran Davies.

Tytherington Rocks hosted table-toppers, Purton and did well to claim a point after going into an early lead through Dan Thorp. Marcus Hall's second half effort for the visitors ensured the draw.

FTL Futbol Division One (East)

Chalfont Wasps drew with South Kilburn Marcus Fearon put the visitors into the lead early in the 2nd half but Liam O'Neill quickly replied for the Wasps. Chinnor took on Didcot Town Reserves and after going down to Paul Powell's early effort, claimed an unlikely point with Darren Peverill's last ditch reply. Woodley Town travelled to Eton Wick and came home with the points thanks to goals from Carl Davies with two penalties, Luke Williams and Dan Jewell. Wick's solitary reply came from Alex Gibson. Farnborough Reserves were lucky to claim a point at Finchampstead when Billy Wilson hit a last minute equalizer. Ben Knight gave the Finches a first half lead but Mike King replied for the Hampshire outfit just after the break. Tom Hopper put the Finches back into the lead but this was not going to be enough to secure the result.

Milton United were easy winners over strugglers, Penn & Tylers Green thanks to an Ian Concannon brace and singles from Jonny Summers and Ryan Williams.

Rayners Lane hosted high-flyers, Thame United and were given a lesson in goal-scoring courtesy of Adam Rhodes, Aaron Rogers, Stuart Barr and Stuart Braun

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

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Amendments to Handbook Details:

Member Clubs

Eton Wick - Secretary Kevin Rhodes assumes responsibility for editing & producing match day program

Flackwell Heath □ **Secretary: Geoff Turner** assumes secretary role – Tel & e-mail as handbook. Address 27 ALLANSON ROAD MARLOW SL71LE

Holyport - Secretary Graham Broom new mobile no 07702 369708 (Also registered Club Contact No)

Hook Norton Chairman □ **Mike Barlow** HOME E-Mail mikebarlow43@yahoo.co.uk

Referee Details:

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Registered Players □ to 22nd January 2010

Division	Registered	Transferred	Total
Premier	1186	76	1262
One West	922	48	970
One East	981	36	1017
	202	14	216
Veterans	488		488
TOTALS	3779	174	3953

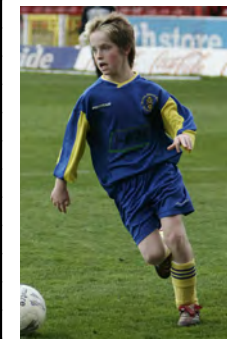
Transfers □ Period from 17th to 22nd January 2010

Ben	Dunk	Ascot United	Milton United
Ben	Ralphs	Chalfont Wasps	Didcot Town
Mark	Peters	Malmesbury Vics	Shrivenham
Fraser	Joyce	Shrivenham	Wootton Bass' T
Ian	Concannon	Didcot Town	Milton United
Adam	Miller	Shrivenham	Highworth
Adrian	Roper	Malmesbury Vics	Purton

Youth Section Results

Sunday 24th January 2010

U18A	v Amesbury Sports (Cup)	H	W 3 - 2	Pitts, Paish, Tasker
U18B	v Marlborough Town	H	W 5 - 2	Topping 4, Newman
U18C	v Castle Combe Colts (CC)	H	W 4 - 2	
U16	v Old Town Utd	A	L 2 - 3	Cressey, Bancroft
U15	v Ferndale Rodbourne	H	L 2 - 9	
U14	v Stratton Youth	H	W 2 - 1	Richardson, Amos
U13A	v Chiseldon	A	P - P	
U13B	v ASC Youth	A	P - P	
U11	v Shaw A	A	L 2 - 3	Hoad 2
U10A	v Lydiard Youth B	A	D 1 - 1	Fitchett
U10B	v Ramsbury	A	L 0 - 4	
U9A	v Stratton Juniors B	A	L 1 - 7	Gough
U9B	v Marlborough Town	A	W 6 - 3	Mitchell 4, Stacey, OG



The Under 18A side made it through to the Quarter Finals of the League Cup with a narrow 3-2 win over Amesbury Sports, Kyle Pitts, Jack Paish and James Tasker firing the goals. Adam Topping was the star of the show for the Under 18B side as they defeated Marlborough Town 5-2, Topping helping himself to four goals. The Under 18C side made it through to the Quarter Finals of the County Cup where they will meet Bradford Town. Goals from Bradley Bancroft and Aidan Cressey were not enough for the Under 16's as they went down 3-2 at Old Town United. The U15's have been saved by folding with manager Adi Amos being replaced by Terry Embling. Unfortunately the first game for the new regime was against the best side in the league, Ferndale Rodbourne, Wootton Bassett losing 9-2. Tyler Amos bagged one of the goals in the Under 14's 2-1 home win over Stratton Youth, a win that lifted the side up the table. The Under 10A side dropped two points when they could only draw with Lydiard Youth B, Tyler Fitchett with the goal. The Under 9B side had an excellent 6-3 win over Marlborough Town. Joe Mitchell was the star with four goals for Bassett.

Youth Section Results

Sunday 31st January 2010

U18A	v Amesbury Sports	A	P - P	
U18B	v FC Chippenham (Cup)	H	P - P	
U18C	v Bradford Town (CC)			
U16	v Tetbury Town	H	P - P	
U15	v Greenmeadow Yth B	H	P - P	
U14	v Marlborough Town (Cup)	A		
U13A	v Wootton Bassett Town B	A	P - P	
U13B	v Wootton Bassett Town A	H	P - P	
U10A	v Hungerford T (Cup)	A	W 3 - 2	Burke 2, Hulbert
U10B	v Lambourn Sports	A	D 4 - 4	Statten 3, Cox
U9A	v Penhill Knights	H	P - P	
U9B	v Shrivenham & Watchfld	H	P - P	



The only sides who played and whose results were in at the time of going to print were the two Under 10 sides. Both were involved in close encounters. The A side needed extra time to defeat Hungerford Town in the cup, two goals for Euan Burke and one for Beckham Hulbert in the 3-2 win. George Statten fired a hat-trick in the B sides 4-4 draw with Shrivenham & Watchfield, Declan Cox with the other goal.

Improbable comeback puts under 18 Cs back on top

Trailing 4-1 at home to Tetbury Town with time not on their side at all, the under 18 C team produced a stirring comeback to secure an unimaginable victory by the odd goal in nine to put them back on top of Division Two.

Youth Section Results				
Sunday 29th November 2009				
U18A	Amesbury Sports	A	P - P	
U18B	Stratton Youth	H	W 3 - 1	Smith, Matthews, Stevens
U18C	Tetbury Town	H	W 5 - 4	Alli, Hale, Farr, Ellis, Hillerby
U16	Tetbury Town	H	P - P	Bassett unable to field a side
U14	Ferndale Rodbourne	A	W 3 - 2	Amos, Paish, Richardson
U13A	Trowbridge Town A	A	P - P	
U13B	Melksham Town A	H	P - P	
U11	Ferndale Rodbourne	H	L 1 - 2	Hoad
U10A	Wroughton Youth A	A	P - P	
U10B	Highworth Town Jun	H	P - P	
U9A	Broad Town	H	W 4 - 0	Gough 2, Morley, Bell
U9B	Purton Youth	A	L 2 - 6	Mills, Mitchell

A Danny Hale goal looked as though it would be meaningless as a woeful defensive display had Bassett seemingly on the verge of their second defeat of the year. But a Jack Ellis goal offered hope before Ben Hillerby, Robbie Ali and captain Sam Farr all netted to fathom a win out of nowhere.

There was further success at under 18 level as the B team recorded just their second win of the year with a 3-1 home victory over mid-table rivals Stratton Youth. Bassett's protagonists were Jordan Matthews, Josh Smith and Oli Stevens.

The under 14s also notched their second win of the year, and for the second week in a row took three points from Ferndale Rodbourne. After last week's game between the two was awarded in Bassett's favour with Bassett leading 1-0 when Ferndale decided they did not want to play anymore, this time around the game was completed and goals from Tyler Amos, Joe Paish and James Richardson secured a 3-2 away win.

The under 11s came up on the losing end of an extremely tight battle with second-place Ferndale Rodbourne B. An Oliver Hoad strike was not enough as a second half goal scraped a 2-1 win for the visitors.

The mini soccer action saw the under 9 A team remain hot on the tail of Division Two leaders Swindon Rangers B with a convincing 4-0 victory against Broad Town Colts. Harrison Gough led the way with a brace, with Joe Morley and Cameron Bell also finding the net.

The B team, on the other hand, were defeated 6-2 at Division Three leaders Purton Youth B. Ashley Mills and Joe Mitchell found the back of the net for the visitors.

Weekend 12th/13th December 2009

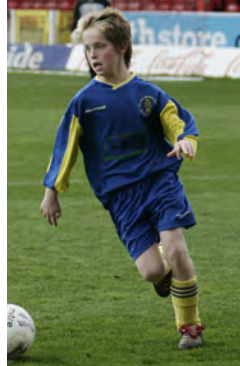
Under 16 Girls Dominate Trowbridge to Move on Top

The Wootton Bassett Town under 16 girls team produced a sterling performance to dispose of Trowbridge Town, moving to the top of the league in the process. Bassett raced into a 4-0 half time lead, before adding a fifth early in the second half. The two goals scored by their opponents proved to be mere consolation as Bassett held out for a superb victory. Jess Roffey led the way with a hat-trick and Megan Tidy chipped in with a brace. The game is the third and final of the year between the two sides is was sweet revenge for Bassett, who had twice been on the wrong of 4-1 defeats to the south Wiltshire side earlier in the season. Trowbridge is now in second place and do have two games in hand with just three points to make up though, but the runners-up spot is all but secured now for Bassett.

The under 13 girls side suffered only their second defeat of the season, losing 3-1 at FC Chippenham Youth, but remain well positioned in third place.

There were a number of successes in the North Wilts Youth & Minor League. The B team were the only under 18 side in action this weekend and were involved in arguably the most entertaining game of the weekend, winning a 7-5 thriller away to basement side GOAN. Adam Topping led the way with a hat-trick, followed closely by Jordan Matthews who bagged himself a brace. Phil Parson and Oli Stevens were also on target. The under 11s also scored freely, racking up an 8-1 home victory against struggling Wanborough Juniors. The under 10 A team remain unbeaten at the top of Division Two after a 3-1 victory away to Croft Juniors A. The home side led at half time, but a second half Euan Burke brace and a Tyler Fitchett goal meant Bassett went home with the three points. The B team won by the same score at home to Blunsdon Colts B. Declan Coffey, Declan Cox and James Evans were the protagonists. The win moves Bassett above Blunsdon into eighth and extends their unbeaten streak in the league to four as they continue to recover from a sluggish start.

The under 9 B team won convincingly at Cricklade Youth, running out 10-2 winners to remain within touching distance of the leading sides. There was less luck for the A team who were defeated 4-2 at home by Ashton Keynes, meaning they slip to fourth. Another team beginning to pick things up are the under 14s, who held Highworth Town Juniors H - one of the early frontrunners - to a share of the points. On the scoresheet for Bassett was Josh Way with his fifth of the season. The under 15s and 16s both suffered heavy defeats. The former fell 5-1 away to Bemerton Heath Harlequins, who recorded their first win of the season, whilst the latter remain pointless after a 7-1 defeat to last season beaten cup finalists, AFC Barbury.



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Boot Room Chatter

31st January 2010

FTL FUTBOL Premier Division

Ascot United's worrying league form was boosted by a well earned 2-2 draw with Oxford City Nomads. The Nomads were quickly into their stride, scoring twice through an own goal and Tommy Hayday, but second half efforts from Andy Lunn and Jeff Lamb saved the day for the Berkshire outfit. Both Fairford Town and Marlow United were looking to notch up a first win since early November in this fixture but predictably settled for the draw. Niall Hodgkins scored twice for Fairford in the opening minutes but Ollie and James Flint evened up the scores with their second half strikes. Flackwell Heath extended Malmesbury Victoria's miserable league form with a comfortable win thanks to a goal in each half from Lee Thompson and Paul Shone. Highworth Town were unlucky to come away with nothing after conceding a late goal to title challengers, Almondsbury Town's Nick Dunn. The very impressive Kidlington took on an unpredictable Shrivenham side and despite going into the break one down from a Ben Carter strike, claimed the points after second half replies from Luke Holden and Mark Baker. Old Woodstock Town had the unenviable task of hosting league leaders Reading Town and although they held out until the break, strikes from Mike Buck and Mark Hughes settled the result in Reading's favour. Pegasus Juniors got the shock of the day when they were hammered at home 6-1 by basement side Bicester Town. Mike Spaul put the Foxhunters into an early lead but Anthony Robbins soon replied for Peggy. There then followed a second half rout with goals from Kyle McCoy with two, Chris Johnson, Dan Green and John Umney to bring the welcome points to the Oxfordshire side. Shortwood United were looking to keep their championship challenge alive against lowly Carterton and were lucky to come through 1-0 thanks to a first half Craig Cole strike in an entertaining fixture. Second placed Wantage Town had to settle for a point against a very good Witney United outfit. Ben Thompson gave the Blanketmen the lead at the interval but Dan Keen was on hand to rescue the game for the Alfredians late in the second period.

FTL FUTBOL Division One (West)

Launton Sports were totally overwhelmed at a rampant Cheltenham Saracens, shipping a dozen goals without reply. On target for the Saras were Ian Surcombe with a double hat-trick, Jamie Hammond with a brace, Jack Oldham, Joe Bermingham, Dan Harvey and an own goal to round off proceedings. Letcombe overcame Trowbridge Town by the only goal through Mark Denny in a closely fought encounter. Table toppers Purton were up against the impressive Headington Amateurs and after an end-to-end crowd pleaser the game ended in a draw with each side scoring four times. On target for the Redhouse side were old stager Paul Day with two, Lee Bowen and Warren Fuller and for the "As", Ollie Zaja and Shaun Jacobs with a hat-trick. Winterbourne United's unravelling season continued with a 1-0 loss at the hands of Wootton Bassett Town. The game was settled by Matty Bown's first half effort.

FTL FUTBOL Division One (East)

Chinnor hosted league leaders Wokingham & Emmbrook and after going behind to Rich Bland's second half effort, did well to rescue a point with Gary Marshall's late reply. Struggling Didcot Town Reserves lost out to Finchampstead in front of the lowest gate of the day after second half efforts from Junior Arquimbau and Pat Selby. Eton Wick were turned over by Chalfont Wasps who scored through Fred Trip, James Felstead and Liam O'Neill. Holyport's Arron Lennon and Dan Rapley wrapped up the points against South Kilburn with their second half efforts. Woodley Town's mini revival continued at Kintbury Rangers after a fine 6-1 win. With honours even at the break thanks to Chris Hatton for the visitors and Paul Thomas for the home side, a second half drubbing ensued thanks to Jamie Fairchild, Luke Williams and a Carl Davies hat-trick.

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Hellenic League

The Roving Reporter Reports on Highworth Town 0-1 Almondsbury Town

Highworth Town took on league title contenders Almondsbury Town on a pitch with a soft surface but frozen underneath. Play was end-to-end with both sides moving the ball around despite the tricky surface. Half chances came at both ends though Highworth's new keeper, Adam Miller coped well with the more difficult ones. Halfway through the half, Aaron Blakemore sent Miller full length to save then Sahr Kabba went clear but Miller somehow stretched to grab the ball as Kabba tried to round him. In the 34th minute a tackle on the half-way line caught Paul Chenoweth's ankle and play was held up for 35 minutes while an ambulance was called. The second half play remained even until halfway through when Kabba found Nick Dunn free to lob Miller who despite getting a hand to the ball could not prevent it from finding the net for the only goal of the game. Right at the end Matty Bennett almost equalised when his shot was just scrambled round the post by keeper Stuart Jones. An entertaining and eventful game finished with three valuable points for the Almonds and the hope that Paul Chenoweth will make a quick and full recovery from his injury.

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Amendments to Handbook Details: Member Clubs

Highworth Town □ Member Clubs are advised, once again, that **CLIVE WEBB** is no longer involved in the administration of the club. **Mike Markham** has assumed the post of **MATCH SECRETARY** for the remainder of the season as is listed on the **HL Web Site**.

Newbury FC □ **Secretary Dave Leno** - Another Move to; 6 Grassmead, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG19 4FP
Tel: 01635 878689, No change to E-mail.

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07733 090005 (B & M)

Amendments **List ONE**
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Registered Players □ to 29th January 2010

Division	Registered	Transferred	Total
Premier	1196	78	1274
One West	925	50	975
One East	986	37	1023
Reserve.s	200	16	216
Veterans	488	1	489
TOTALS	3795	182	3977

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Transfers □ Period from 24th to 29th January 2010

Jamie	MacDonagh	Letcombe	Carterton
James	Standen	Hook Norton	Easington Spts
Kenny	Taylor	Hungerford Town	Newbury
George	Brewer	Henley Town	Milton United
Craig	Whitbread	Swindon S'marine	Shrivenham
Craig	Robinson	Easington Sports	Ardley United
Tim	Bowley	Oxford City	Watlington Tn
Alan	Webb	Malmesbury Vics	Purton

COLIN Calls Time on Refereeing

An E-mail was received in the League Office on Thursday from Veteran Flag Waver Colin Gould

It is with deep regret that I have to let you know that I have finally decided to hang up my boots and whistle.

I shall miss running the line for a while until I get used to the idea. I must say that I had a damn good spell at it, and managed to keep going for a lot longer than I ever thought I would when I started. I would like to thank you for originally adding me to The Hellenic list, and for continuing to send me appointments over the last twenty seasons or so. I thoroughly enjoyed every single one even when it was cold and wet.

I do hope that I did never let you down, although, through a lack of good communication, I did miss a couple of appointments. Also, I remember being appointed to a representative game and I was taken ill when travelling to it. Luckily, by that time, the mobile phone had been invented, and I could let somebody know. What a boon eh...when we could keep continually in touch. Additionally, over the last few years, the 'Sat Nav' came into being, and I could find any football ground in the country! I remember fondly the times in the past when me and the missus had to pack a picnic midweek and set forth to find the Saturday football ground. We had some great days out around Hereford, Ross and Cinderford. My missus used to enjoy going into the Forest of Dean to show me the way around because she lived at Coleford in the past!

I do hope you find enough new referees to cover for the likes of me retiring from the scene. It was a treat to have known and met you, and to have represented the FA and Hellenic League on the field. Again many thanks. All the best for the future,

Colin L Gould

It was a pleasure to know Colin, he is one of the game's characters. I wish him, on behalf of the Hellenic family a long and happy retirement from officiating.



FA CUP

THE ROAD TO £750 FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	Prize Money
15-Aug-09	Extra Preliminary Round	v Westbury United (H)	D 2 - 2
18-Aug-09	Extra Preliminary Round -Rep	v Westbury United (A)	W 3 - 2 £750
29-Aug-09	Preliminary Round	v Brockenhurst (H)	L 0 - 1
12-Sep-09	First Qualifying Round	v Bishops Cleeve (A)	
26-Sep-09	Second Qualifying Round	v Weymouth (H)	
10-Oct-09	Third Qualifying Round	v Bath City (H)	
24-Oct-09	Fourth Qualifying Round	v AFC Totton (H)	
7-Nov-09	First Round	v Grimsby Town (A)	
28-Nov-09	Second Round	v Forest Green Rovers (H)	
2-Jan-10	Third Round	v Notts County (A)	
23-Jan-10	Fourth Round	v Wigan Athletic (H)	
13-Feb-10	Fifth Round	v Fulham (A)	
6-Mar-10	Quarter Final	v	
10-Apr-10	Semi-Final	v	
15-May-10	Final	v	

FA VASE

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

Date	Round	Opponents	Result	Prize Money
5-Sep-09	First Round Qualifying	v Hamble ASSC	H L 2 - 3	
19-Sep-09	Second Round Qualifying	v Milton United	H	
3-Oct-09	First Round Proper	v Utd Services Portsmouth	A	
14-Nov-09	Second Round Proper	v Eastbourne United	A	
5-Dec-09	Third Round Proper	v Poole Town	H	
16-Jan-10	Fourth Round Proper	v Whitley Bay	A	
6-Feb-10	Fifth Round Proper	v Chertsey Town	A	
27-Feb-10	Sixth Round Proper	v		
27-Mar-10	Semi-final	v		
9-May-10	Final winners	v		

Preliminary Round

Abingdon Town	v	Malmesbury Victoria	1 - 0
Ascot United	v	Launton Sports	1 - 0
Bicester Town	v	Trowbridge Town	0 - 2
Binfield	v	Slimbridge	1 - 6
Chalfont Wasps	v	Headington Amat's	1 - 5
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Penn & Tylers Green	1 - 0
Cirencester United	v	Pegasus Junior's	0 - 6
Clanfield	v	Cricklade Town	0 - 2
Eton Wick	v	Kintbury Rangers	5 - 0
Fairford Town	v	Hardwicke AFC	w/over
Farnborough Res	v	Chinnor	2 - 0
Finchampstead	v	Highworth Town	3 - 1
Harrow Hill	v	Milton United	1 - 0
Holyport	v	North Leigh Res	w/over
Kidlington	v	Thame United	5 - 1
Letcombe	v	Tytherington Rocks	3 - 2
Marlow United	v	Newbury	3 - 1
Prestwood	v	Oxford City Nomads	0 - 10
Purton	v	Winterbourne United	1 - 1 (4-3 pens)
Reading Town	v	Flackwell Heath	1 - 1 (7-6 pens)
Shrivenham	v	Henley Town	2 - 2 (4-2 pens)
South Kilburn	v	Rayners Lane	1 - 3
Wantage Town	v	Lydney Town	1 - 0
Wokingham & Emmbrook	v	Hook Norton	3 - 0
Woodley Town	v	Didcot Town Res	3 - 1
Wootton Bassett Town	v	Easington Sports	0 - 1

First Round

Almondsbury Town	v	Cheltenham Sara	4 - 0
Ardley United	v	Harrow Hill	Home win
Ascot United	v	Reading Town	1 - 5
Carterton	v	Woodley Town	1 - 2
Pegasus Juniors	v	Cricklade Town	5 - 0
Eton Wick	v	Headington Amateurs	
Finchampstead	v	Slimbridge	4 - 5 aet
Holyport	v	Easington Sports	4 - 1
Kidlington	v	Abingdon Town	0 - 1
Marlow United	v	Farnborough Res	3 - 3, 4 - 2 pens
Oxford City Nomads	v	Rayners Lane	2 - 0
Purton	v	Fairford	0 - 2
Shortwood United	v	Trowbridge Town	4 - 1
Shrivenham	v	Old Woodstock Town	4 - 2
Wantage Town	v	Wokingham & Emm	
Witney United	v	Letcombe	8 - 1

Second Round

Ardley	v	Fairford	
Eton Wick or Headington Am	v	Abingdon Town	
Holyport	v	Almondsbury Town	1 - 1, 4-5 pens
Marlow United	v	Slimbridge	
Oxford City Nomads	v	Wantage Town or Wokingham & Emb.	
Reading Town	v	Pegasus Juniors	1 - 0
Shortwood United	v	Shrivenham	
Witney United	v	Woodley Town	



FEBRUARY FIXTURES

Monday 1 February			
Division One East			
Milton Utd		Thame Utd	
Tuesday 2 February			
Bluefin Ins' Brokers Challenge Cup 2nd Rd			
Ardley Utd		Fairford Tn	
Premier Division			
Bicester Tn		Carterton	
Highworth Tn		Shrivenham	
Malmesbury Vic		Wantage Tn	
Marlow Utd		Kidlington	
Witney Utd		Abingdon Tn	
Division One West			
Wootton Bassett Tn		Cheltenham Sar's	
Glos FA Challenge Trophy 3rd Round			
Shortwood Utd		Longwell Green Sp	
Oxfordshire Intermediate Cup 4th Rd			
Henley Town		AFC Hinksey	
Wednesday 3 February			
Reserve Division One			
Binfield		Finchampstead	
Hellenic Lge Vet's Cup Group A			
Chipping Norton OB		Chinnor	C. Norton
Hellenic Lge Vet's Cup Group B			
Shrivenham		Watlington	Shriv
Hellenic Lge Vet's Cup Group C			
Brize Norton		Kidlington	Witney
O C C Vet's		Old Hooky	Ardley U
Hellenic Lge Vet's Cup Group D			
Oxford City		Witney Royals	Ox City
Thursday 4 February			
Southern Combination Cup 1st Round			
Reading Town		v	Dorking
Saturday 6 February			
Premier Division			
Almondsbury Tn		Flackwell Heath	
Ardley Utd		Highworth Tn	
Bicester Town		Witney United	
Binfield		Pegasus Juniors	

Carterton		Ascot Utd	
Hook Norton		Fairford Tn	
Malmesbury Vic		Old Woodstock Tn	
Marlow Utd	v	Shortwood Utd	
Shrivenham	v	Oxford City Nom's	
Wantage Tn	v	Kidlington	
Division One West			
Clanfield	v	Headington Amat's	
Launton Sports	v	Slimbridge	
Letcombe	v	Wootton Bassett T	
Lydney Tn	v	Easington Sports	
Trowbridge Tn	v	Cricklade Tn	
Tytherington Rocks	v	North Leigh Res	
Winterbourne Utd	v	Cheltenham Sar's	
Division One East			
Didcot Tn Res	v	Chalfont Wasps	
Eton Wick	v	Penn & Tylers Grn	
Finchampstead	v	Rayners Lane	
Kintbury Rang's	v	Wokingham & Em'	
Milton Utd	v	Holyport	
Newbury	v	Chinnor	
Woodley Tn	v	Henley Tn	
Reserve Division One			
Abingdon Tn	v	Kidlington	
Cheltenham Sar's	v	Wantage Tn	
Finchampstead	v	Ardley Utd	DHG
Henley Tn	v	Binfield	
Highworth Tn	v	Swindon S'marine	
Hungerford Tn	v	Wootton Bassett T	
Reserve Division Two West			
Cirencester Utd	v	Hook Norton	
Cricklade Tn	v	Clanfield	
Easington Sports	v	Launton Sports	
Old Woodstock Tn	v	Letcombe	
Witney Utd	v	Shrivenham	
Reserve Division Two East			
Ascot Utd	v	Thatcham Tn	
Chinnor	v	Holyport	
Penn & Tylers Grn	v	Newbury	

TOUCHLINE

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Welcome: Well, with such a prolonged cold snap, preceded by wet pitches, it seems like some time since our teams were out there on the park. And indeed it may well be a few weeks yet before games re-commence in anger. This of course leads to fixture congestion, and spare a thought for the league fixture secretary's who must really be up against it. Of course, it's happened before, and will no doubt do so again, but it is likely to mean a very busy March and April.

However, despite that, your club continues to operate, and I'm delighted to introduce this latest edition of our in house newsletter. We've hopefully covered all areas of club activity, but please do contact if you have any questions regarding club operations. We are though concerned that Touchline does not get distributed to all our members, and the current weather will not help in that, so please do pass copies on should you be aware of that problem and feedback to us so we can ensure better distribution next time. Paul H - Chairman

Senior teams: A very Happy New Year, I hope you all enjoyed the Xmas and New Year festivities and are refreshed ready for the run in to the end of the season.

I must take this opportunity to mention some good news. Firstly our congratulations to Kara (our physio) and Ben Gregory on the birth of their baby son, we look forward to Kara's return early in the New Year, and secondly to Amy Tye who has passed her physio exam and is now the youngest physio in the Hellenic league.

On the football front the 1st team is sitting in 4th place and has now been unbeaten in 10 games. The next few games will be critical and whilst we will only look at the short term we are hoping that a good Jan and Feb will put us firmly in promotion contention. Certainly morale within the team is high as those who attended the xmas bash with the team dressing in fancy dress (including management) would have seen.

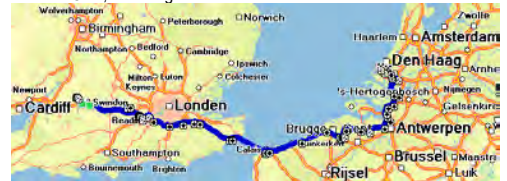
Focussing on the reserves, Simon Paish and Simon Packer have come into senior management and are in a transition period. Their remit is to play and develop a very young team, introducing them to senior football. Although the league position is not good I am delighted with their efforts and I am sure that this will be rewarded in the latter part of the season and into next.

The under 18s floodlit are doing remarkably well considering the age of the team (I am sure we must be the youngest team in the league) and I know that Danny is extremely proud, as we all our, in their performances. The much required refurbishment work has now been started and I have now made the decision that the end of season presentation will be held at Ryland's way this year. This will allow much need income into the Association. As always, please support the senior section, bring along the kids and let them enjoy local football – it MAY SURPRISE YOU!!!!

Chris Jones – Section Head of Senior Football

WBSA: Work has commenced on redecorating the interior of the club house, old heating systems have been replaced, and work has started on moving toilets to make room for the bar extension. We hope to have all this complete by end of May this year so please pay a visit when you have some free time to take a look at progress. Our aim is to improve the environment to attract families, but also to add a lick of paint to make a more welcoming environment.

Youth teams: On April 9th 2010 the club will undertake the 22nd Holland Tour when we visit our friends at Gravenzandse SV Football Club, returning on the 14th.



This trip will be the reverse of last years visit to England by the Dutch during which the club played host to 45 youngsters and 15 adults. This year we shall be taking around 40 players between the ages of 12 & 16 along with 14 adults all of whom will be staying with Dutch families. When the idea of the exchange visits between WBTFC & Gravenzandse was realised the prospect of finding host families and organising their trip whilst in the UK is not to be underestimated. On this occasion the club and the parents of the players really excelled. Our Dutch visitors were overwhelmed with the welcome that they received and the hospitality offered to them. My mind goes back to the party that we had at Ryland's Way. We had meetings to sort out things such as the football tournament and some entertainment but Pete's suggestion of the pig roast was inspired, it truly was a great evening. We did such a good job in fixing together a random collection of gazebos and tents that we were later asked if the 'marquee' was for hire.



Next April's trip will undoubtedly be another great success. This won't be down to luck or good fortune but because people such as Pete Yeardeley and Chris Kirkland put so much effort into making it what has become one of the highlights of our season. For a small club to arrange for its players to play football abroad year after year is quite a tribute to everyone concerned, but without the support of the players and their families it couldn't happen. For further information about the trip please drop a note to Nigel Deane through our web site: [\(click here\)](#).

Nigel Deane – Deputy Section Head of Youth Football

Despite a very frustrating few weeks which saw three home games postponed due to bad weather the lads continued their good form in the only home game to survive the weather to gain a 2-2 draw against a strong Chippenham team. Overall the result was probably a fair reflection of the game although it could have been better as we squandered a 2-0 half time lead with goals from Sam Farr and George Bartlett before letting Chippenham grab a point in the closing minutes of the game.

Wiltshire County Under 18 League						
As at 31 January 2010						
	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Pewsey Vale	11	8	2	1	12	26
2 Wootton Bassett Town	11	7	2	2	8	23
3 Bradford Town	9	6	2	1	24	20
4 Chippenham Town	7	5	1	1	13	16
5 Bemerton HH	10	4	2	4	14	14
6 Swindon Supermarine FC	9	4	2	3	3	14
7 Shrewton Utd	11	4	0	7	-21	12
8 Melksham Town	6	3	0	3	-2	9
9 Amesbury Town	10	1	2	7	-8	5
10 Calne Town	11	1	2	8	-22	5
11 Corsham Town	9	0	3	6	-21	3

After a four week break because of the weather we played Shrewton away on a freezing cold night on December 17th and emerged victorious with a superb 2-0 win to avenge our earlier home defeat by the same score in September. In icy and difficult conditions the boys put on a superb display of passing football and thoroughly deserved to win with goals from Sam Farr (his third in three successive matches) and Danny Hale.

We had a six week break until the 28th January, mainly due to the weather but the break did not affect us as we won 4-3 away at Amesbury. At the halfway stage of the season we have a very healthy 23 points out of a possible 33 having extended our unbeaten run to 8 games which I think is tremendous for such a new and young team.

Wootton Bassett Town Under 18 Wiltshire County Floodlit League						
Date	Opponents	H/A	K-off			
10/09/2009	Chard Town (FAVC)	H	19:30	L 1 - 2	Paish	
17/09/2009	Melksham Town	H	19:30	W 2 - 1	Hale, Farr	
24/09/2009	Shrewton Utd	H	19:30	L 0 - 2		
01/10/2009	Pewsey Vale	A	19:30	L 1 - 2	Herbert	
08/10/2009	Swindon Supermarine	A	19:30	W 3 - 2	Hale 2, Shepherd	
14/10/2009	Corsham Town	A	19:30	D 1 - 1	Hale	
22/10/2009	Amesbury Town	H	19:30	W 3 - 0	Shepherd, Bartlett, OG	
29/10/2009	Bemerton Heath H	A	19:30	W 2 - 0	Ali, Ellis	
05/11/2009	Bradford Town	H	19:30	W 2 - 1	Farr, Hale	
12/11/2009	Calne Town	H	19:30	P - P		
19/11/2009	Chippenham Town	H	19:30	D 2 - 2	Bartlett, Farr	
16/12/2009	Shrewton Utd	A	19:30	W 2 - 0	Farr, Hale	
28/01/2010	Amesbury Town	A	19:30	W 4 - 3		
04/02/2010	Calne Town	A	19:30			
10/02/2010	Melksham Town	A	19:30			
17/02/2010	Chippenham Town	A	19:30			
25/02/2010	Bemerton Heath H	H	19:30			
04/03/2010	Swindon Supermarine	H	19:30			
11/03/2010	Corsham Town	H	19:30			
TBA	Bradford Town	A	19:30			
TBA	Pewsey Vale	H	19:30			

Danny



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

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers/Kick-off
Sat	5-Sep-09 Kidlington Res	A	League	D 2 - 2	Millaci, Drewitt
Wed	9-Sep-09 Swindon Supermarine	A	League	L 0 - 5	
Sat	12-Sep-09 Abingdon Town Res	H	League	W 3 - 0	Millaci 2, Mepham
Sat	19-Sep-09 Abingdon Utd Res	A	League	L 0 - 1	
Tue	22-Sep-09 Fairford Res	H	League	L 1 - 2	Dixon
Sat	26-Sep-09 Henley Town Res	A	League	L 1 - 4	Own goal
Sat	3-Oct-09 Wantage Town Res	H	League	W 6 - 1	Tearle 2, Hunt 2, Field, Hawthorne
Sat	10-Oct-09 Binfield Res	A	League	L 1 - 2	Tasker
Tue	20-Oct-09 Highworth Town Res	A	League	L 1 - 3	Green
Sat	24-Oct-09 Abingdon Utd Res	H	League	L 2 - 3	Mepham, Ackrill
Tue	27-Oct-09 Finchampstead Res	H	League	D 1 - 1	Spencer
Sat	7-Nov-09 Carterton Res	A	League	L 1 - 4	Millaci
Sat	21-Nov-09 Ardley Res	A	League	D 3 - 3	L.Smith 2, Spencer
Sat	12-Dec-09 Highworth Town Res	H	League	L 1 - 2	Spencer
Tue	15-Dec-09 Fairford Res	A	League	L 0 - 2	
Sat	23-Jan-10 Rayners Lane	H	Cup	W 4 - 3	Spencer 3, Smith
Sat	30-Jan-10 Kidlington Res	H	League	P - P	
Sat	6-Feb-10 Hungerford Town Res	A	League		
Sat	13-Feb-10 Cheltenham Saras Res	H	League		
Sat	20-Feb-10 Abingdon Town Res	A	League		
Sat	27-Feb-10 Cheltenham Saras Res	A	League		
Tue	2-Mar-10 Swindon Supermarine	H	League		
Tue	9-Mar-10 Wantage Town Res	A	League		
Sat	13-Mar-10 Carterton Res	H	League		
Sat	20-Mar-10 Henley Town Res	H	League		
Sat	27-Mar-10 Finchampstead Res	A	League		
Sat	3-Apr-10 Ardley Res	H	League		
Mon	5-Apr-10 Hungerford Town Res	H	League		
Tue	13-Apr-10 Binfield Res	H	League		

Reserve Team		Appearances - Season 2009-10	
	Apps	Goals	
1	Kyle Pitts	15	
2	Allan Hawthorne	14	1
3	Sam Mepham	11	2
4	Jack Paish	11	
5	Kevin Ackrill	10	1
6	Kevin Scott	10	
7	Phil Tearle	10	2
8	Dan Aitken	8	
9	Lee Smith	7	3
10	Chris Doyle	7	
11	Kelvin Spencer	7	
12	Matthew Brunton	6	
13	Tyron Connelly	6	
14	Craig Kelly	6	
15	David Millaci	6	4
16	Steven Pleass	6	
17	Kris Worley	5	
18	James Tasker	5	1
19	Sam Jackson	5	
20	Ryan Thomas	5	
21	Daniel Jones	4	
22	Simon Randlesome	4	
23	George Drewitt	3	1
24	Sam Lawro	3	
25	Dean Wason	3	
26	Mitch Wyatt	3	
27	James Smith	3	
28	Gareth Morris	3	
29	Ryan Caven	2	
30	Scott Large	2	
31	Stewart Thompson	2	
32	Kane Lever	2	
33	Craig Dixon	1	1
34	Sam Collier	1	
35	Craig Bowden	1	
36	Sean Gray	1	
37	Frankie Hunt	1	2
38	Adam Field	1	1
39	Alex Green	1	1
40	Marcus Hall	1	
41	Jon Holloway	1	
42	Luke Sharps	1	
43	Craig Shand	1	
44	James Turner	1	
45	Liam Edmondson	1	
46	Steve Groom	1	

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Ladies & Girls: All three Bassett sides have started this season well, with the U13 girls in 3rd place while both the U16 & ladies sides sit 2nd in their respective leagues. With these three sides now looking very stable my attention moves back to getting an U11 or U10 girls team up and running, and I have now targeted late January or early February taster session on Saturday mornings at Ballards Ash. Again anyone interested in helping run a team or could help put the word out about girls football for school years 5 & 6 can contact me via the club website www.WBTFC.CO.UK using the "contact us" button on the top right hand side of the club home page or ([click here](#)).

I don't believe it: With so many games now falling foul to the wet weather, how reassuring it was that at least your training is safe on the all weather astro pitch. Well not any more as just the other week when we all got to training to find gates locked and a note on the gate saying training cancelled due to astro being flooded. And so the old saying to be used now is,

It never rains but pours

Bryan Wood "Woody" – Section Head of Ladies & Girls

www.wbtfc.co.uk: I guess with any club which relies on volunteers it's difficult to keep a web site up to date. However WBTFC.co.uk has taken some significant steps forward. The site now holds an extensive club history which is ever expanding as new information comes to light, also recently, links into disabled football through the development page tab as well as the latest team fixtures for all our clubs teams which are updated weekly. I also encourage you to take a look at the "The 'Noughties'" page which makes an interesting read. We have also placed a message board against each age group which is accessible by any web browser or smart phone offering team selection and the latest team / coaching news. All of the above would not be possible without the commitment from Mark, Scott and Stuart Smedley who update and manage the site so regularly, please take a look when you have some free time.

January's Joke: A full back with a reputation for being a really hard man on the pitch was sent off during a match. Returning to the changing room, he had a terrible leg.

It was covered in cuts and bruises and had a massive gash from the top of the thigh to the knee. He had no idea whose it was!

Club development: The club will be taking a further step forward in 2010, for the first time WBTFC have formally entered into agreements with local schools to provide football coaching as part of the Wiltshire Council School Sports Partnership (SSP) as well as the WCFA School Club Link. Delivery will be run and managed on the back of, what is becoming a very successful, Community Football program. I can also communicate changes within the Wilts County FA Football Development team, Barry Stephens has decided to take early retirement and has been replaced by Miss Emma Small who is now the Football Development manager. Also, Kirsty Brammer has decided to move to "England Hockey" and has been replaced by Mr Stephen Neale as the County Development Manager. We are looking forward to working closely with Emma and Stephen as we move forward.

The WCFA have been driving Age Appropriate coaching, WBTFC very much support this new style, to date we have had very positive feedback from those who have attended. If you would like to find out more [click here](#) or take a look at the WCFA web site, www.wiltshirefa.com. I can confirm that last quarter's objectives have been completed bar the completion of the development plan update, at the time of writing this article this has now been completed and issued. Our objectives for the next quarter consist of: 1) Complete the football development update 2) Draft Managers Booklet, 3) Complete the link between Community Football and local schools 4) Arrange meetings with the new appointments at WCFA.

Andy Walduck – Club Development Officer

Relocation Update: The relocation of our Sports Association from Rylands Way to land opposite Ballards Ash continues to be frustrated by the economic climate. However it is a case of when rather than if, and with the prospect of 3 full size pitches and 2 mini-pitches at the new site it will allow our development plans for the club to continue and most importantly bring us all playing together on one site. It is hoped that as the economy and housing market continue to recover that progress on the relocation will re-start by the end of 2010.

Andy Walduck, WBTFC Relocation Rep

Sponsor Focus: C.S Building Services Ltd has been supporting WBTFC for many years in fact one of the partners, Steve Twine, has played for our club. Steve is a local lad and is also known for his support of the Town's Cricket Club, but he finds the time, through the winter, to watch 1st team football and is one of our top 3 club sponsors. WBTFC would like to take this opportunity to formally thank C.S Building Services for their continued support.

C.S Building Services focus on both large projects such as extensions or loft conversions, and home improvements, or smaller projects like garage conversions, building internal walls, groundwork and preparation, carpentry and joinery. C.S Building Services are a local business so please ask Steve for a quote for your building works.

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What's On? "Weather Permitting!"

First team home games		
Sat 16 th Jan	Cheltenham Saracens	15:00
Sat 20 th Feb	Cricklade Town	15:00
Sat 27 th Feb	Launton Sports	15:00
Sat 6 th Mar	Clanfield	15:00
Tue 16 th Mar	Trowbridge Town	19:30

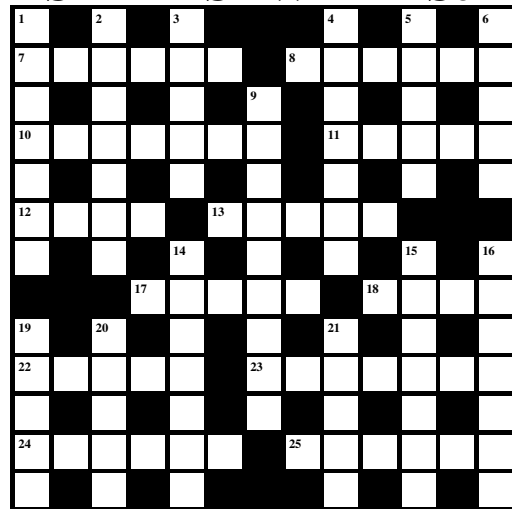


"Monday night"

5pm – 6pm: Reception & Year 1 – Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
6pm - 7pm: Years 2 – Year 4 - Lime Kiln Sports Hall.
Years 5 - Year 7 – W.B. School Astro turf, Holiday club will be run in the Feb half term. Please call Matt to book your space before you look to attend (07859 794621)



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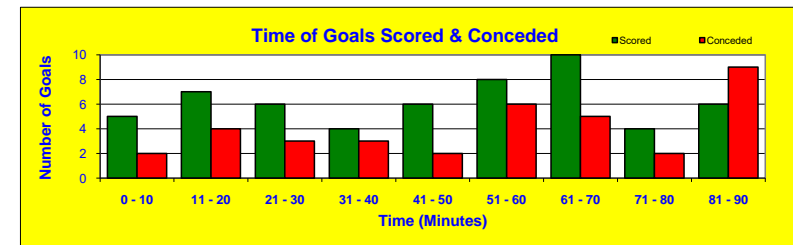
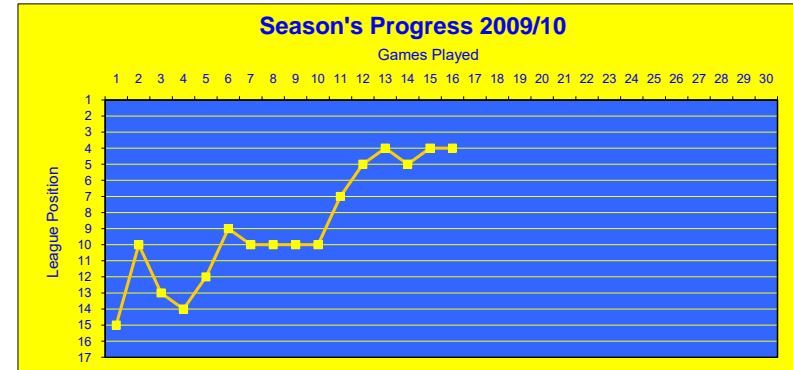
ACROSS

- 7 From Man Utd to Real to Marseilles (6)
- 8 Bolton defender called up for England's World Cup qualifiers (6)
- 10 Everton's promising teenager at the back or in midfield (7)
- 11 England's tenth highest international goalscorer (5)
- 12 Motor racing legend who recently turned 80 (4)
- 13 Matthew ____, Boro's promising young centre back (5)
- 17 Ex Derby and WBA (amongst others) keeper now on loan at Darlington (5)
- 18 Sent off in their 3-1 defeat by Wigan (4)
- 22 This Town recently dispensed with Mick Harford's services as manager (5)
- 23 Sacked with John Barnes at Tranmere (7)
- 24 This Road was one of the eight Euro 96 venues (6)
- 25 Preston's manager (6)

DOWN

- 1 Derby County's nickname (3,4)
- 2 Hull legend recently sacked with Todd at Darlington (7)
- 3 Mexico's national soccer Stadium (5)
- 4 Nii ____, Ghanaian child prodigy who Big Ron signed for both Villa and Coventry (7)
- 5 Serie A's Rossoneri (5)
- 6 Jason ____, British Touring Car champ who co-presents Channel 5's Fifth Gear (5)
- 9 Beefy's South African mate who played 79 Tests for England (5,4)
- 14 Big money close season signing yet to play for Villa (7)
- 15 Watford's US centre back and captain (7)
- 16 Laurent ____, French right back once of Chelsea, Newcastle and Man City (7)
- 19 The ___ of Cardiff, Auckland and Bedford (5)
- 20 Scored a late equalizer against Ireland in World Cup qualifying (5)
- 21 Youngest player to have played 300 Premier League games (5)

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE



Appearances 2009/10	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 James Turner	22	1	23	1
2 Sam Collier	21	2	23	8
3 Ryan Banks	22	2	22	7
4 Liam Edmondson	19	2	21	1
5 Terry Adams	20	0	20	4
6 Stewart Thompson	20	0	20	-
7 Alex Green	18	0	18	9
8 Chris Oram	18	0	18	2
9 Steve Groom	16	1	17	-
10 Craig Bowden	12	3	15	-
11 Ryan Thomas	2	11	13	1
12 Mitch Wyatt	7	5	12	4
13 Luke Sharps	11	0	11	-
14 Adam Field	6	5	11	4
15 Sam Mepham	5	4	9	-
16 Marcus Hall	7	0	7	-
17 Frankie Hunt	5	1	6	1
18 Alan Blake	3	3	6	-
19 Jon Holloway	2	4	6	2
20 Kevin Scott	4	0	4	-
21 Andy Brien	4	0	4	1
22 Andrew Philpott	4	0	4	2
23 Craig Shand	4	0	4	-
24 Sean Bailey	2	0	2	1
25 Matt Bown	2	0	2	2
26 Sam English	1	1	2	-
27 David Millaci	2	0	2	-
28 Kyle Pitts	2	0	2	-
29 Lee Smith	2	0	2	-
30 Max Etheridge	2	0	2	-
31 Rob Dean	1	0	1	-
32 James Tasker	1	0	1	-
33 Gavin Thomas	1	0	1	1
34 George Drewitt	1	0	1	-
35 James Guthrie	1	0	1	-
36 Alan Hawthorne	1	0	1	-
37 Shaun Wimble	1	0	1	-
38 Fraser Joyce	1	0	1	-
39 Chris Doyle	1	0	1	-
40 Phil Tearle	1	0	1	1
41 Craig Kelly	1	0	1	-
Own Goals	-	-	-	1

Last Season	
Total	Goals
8	1
-	-
44	8
38	-
-	-
46	-
-	-
43	2
-	-
-	-
-	-
41	-
3	-
1	-
-	-
-	-
8	-
1	-
1	-
4	-
7	4
7	1
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-	-
-	-
19	1
-	-



FIXTURES & RESULTS SEASON 2009/10

FTL FUTBOL HELLENIC LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE WEST

Cheltn' m Saracens	Ciren Utd	Clanfield	Cricklade Town	Easington Sports	Harrow Hill	Head'tn Amats	Launton Sports	Letcombe	Lydney Town	North Leigh	Purton	Slimbrid	Trowbr Town	Tyth'n Rocks	Wint'erb	Wootton Bassett
	14-0	13-Feb	2-3	5-1		17-Mar	12-0	03-Apr	1-1	1-1	20-Feb	2-2	06-Mar	2-0	20-Mar	0-1
05-Apr		1-2	14-Apr	10-Apr	1-1	0-5	3-1	20-Feb	0-5	1-1	13-Feb	TBA	20-Apr	06-Mar	17-Apr	1-1
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5-5	7-0	17-Apr		0-2		3-0	8-0	27-Feb	TBA	27-Mar	20-Mar	13-Mar	2-3	1-3	07-Apr	1-0
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13-Mar	03-Apr	0-1	3-1	06-Feb	2-0	0-2	5-0	3-4		6-0	30-Mar	05-Apr	13-Apr	0-3	2-0	2-2
3-5	16-Mar	TBA	3-2	1-3		0-2	10-Apr	1-1	20-Mar		13-Mar	24-Apr	0-0	3-0	27-Feb	13-Feb
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17-Apr	8-1	27-Mar	13-Feb	0-1		TBA	3-0	1-0	4-0	0-0	2-2		2-1	1-1	2-0	2-0
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06-Feb	8-0	1-2	5-0	1-3		06-Mar	13-Mar	0-3	20-Feb	4-3	0-5	0-3	10-Apr	13-Apr		0-1
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LEAGUE TABLES



Hellenic League

FTL Futbol Hellenic Division One West Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Purton	18	12	5	1	56	29	+27	41
2. Slimbridge	18	11	5	2	45	13	+32	38
3. Cheltenham Saracens	19	10	5	4	65	29	+36	35
4. Wootton Bassett Town	16	10	4	2	42	20	+22	34
5. Headington Amateurs	17	10	3	4	47	31	+16	33
6. Easington Sports	16	9	0	7	27	26	+1	27
7. Letcombe	18	8	2	8	37	30	+7	26
8. Lydney Town	16	7	3	6	34	27	+7	24
9. Tytherington Rocks	17	6	6	5	28	23	+5	24
10. Clanfield	17	8	0	9	28	34	-6	24
11. North Leigh Reserves	18	5	5	8	28	34	-6	20
12. Cricklade Town	13	6	1	6	35	27	+8	19
13. Trowbridge Town	14	5	1	8	20	24	-4	16
14. Winterbourne United	16	4	0	12	30	40	-10	12
15. Cirencester United	16	1	2	13	12	74	-62	5
16. Launton Sports	17	0	0	17	6	79	-73	0

FTL Futbol Hellenic Reserve Division One Table

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Hungerford Town	16	12	2	2	41	22	+19	38
2. Fairford Town	15	9	2	4	39	25	+14	29
3. Highworth Town	14	9	2	3	33	21	+12	29
4. Henley Town	14	8	4	2	33	20	+13	28
5. Kidlington	12	7	3	2	34	20	+14	24
6. Finchampstead	12	6	1	5	25	20	+5	19
7. Wantage Town	15	6	1	8	35	35	+0	19
8. Abingdon United	13	6	1	6	21	24	-3	19
9. Ardley United	16	5	4	7	28	37	-9	19
10. Binfield	13	6	0	7	24	32	-8	18
11. Carterton	15	5	2	8	28	35	-7	17
12. Abingdon Town	15	4	3	8	21	30	-9	15
13. Swindon Supermarine	13	3	1	9	19	31	-12	10
14. Cheltenham Saracens	14	3	1	10	21	38	-17	10
15. Wootton Bassett Town	15	2	3	10	23	35	-12	9



Hellenic League

WILTSHIRE SENIOR COUNTY CUP SEASON 2009-10

First Round

Pewsey Vale	v	Shrewton United	2 - 7
Purton	v	New College	3 - 0
Devizes Town	v	Cricklade Town	4 - 3
Corsham Town	v	Westside FC	10 - 1
Malmesbury Vics	v	Wroughton	3 - 1
Trowbridge Town	v	Amesbury Town	1 - 0
Downton	v	KC's	2 - 0
Calne Town	v	FC Chippenham Youth	3 - 2
Marlborough Town	v	Westbury United	2 - 1

Second Round

Malmesbury Vics	v	Devizes Town	2 - 1
Malborough Town	v	Highworth Town	0 - 4
Melksham Town	v	Trowbridge Town	2 - 1
Purton	v	Lavestock & Ford	3 - 4
Shrewton	v	Wootton Bassett Town	4 - 3
Calne Town*	v	Bradford Town	2 - 2
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Downton	4 - 1 aet
Warminster Town	v	Corsham Town	1 - 2

* won on penalties

Quarter Finals

Laverstock & Ford	v	Highworth Town	3 - 2 aet
Corsham Town	v	Bemerton Heath Harl	2 - 3 aet
Malmesbury Vics	v	Melksham Town	
Shrewton	v	Calne Town	0 - 3

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Lydney leave it late to deny Bassett

Lydney Recreation Ground, 5th December 2009

The Lydney result means that three in times in the past five games, Bassett have seen a two goal cushion evaporate. Against Easington, Bassett led by the same margin, before allowing their opposition back in, but that day a controversial penalty call secured all three points. Then at Shrewton in the County Cup a 3-1 half time lead was turned on its head by the Western League outfit, who stormed to a win by the odd goal in seven.

Still, the result did not do any real damage to the side's attempt to snatch third place from Headington. A win next week in what will be a crunch fixture at fourth place Cheltenham Saracens would mean Bassett leapfrog them, whilst maintaining two games in hand. And the aforementioned Headington are a mere point in front having played a game more. **Wootton Bassett Town's unbeaten run in Hellenic League Division One West may have extended into double figures, but they could only muster a point at Lydney Town despite leading by two goals going into the final moments of the game.**

A defence worn out by having to play on an extremely heavy pitch could not withstand the hosts' late onslaught, meaning that Dave Turner's side lost the chance to eat into Slimbridge and Purton's advantage at the top of the table after their draw as well as to climb into third.

Goals either side of half time from Andy Brien and Sam Collier, who dispatched his from the penalty spot, made it seem as though Bassett were on course to do the double over their opponents, but it was not to be so.

The conditions ultimately played a part in this, but not being able to maintain leads has become something of a habit in recent weeks.

Bown does the business

Parkside Avenue, 30th January 2010

A solitary first half strike from Matty Bown was enough for Wootton Bassett Town to extend their unbeaten league streak to twelve games against struggling Winterbourne United.

Playing for the first time since December 12th, it would be expected that Bassett would suffer from having to endure such a frustratingly long layoff. And given that their hosts had polished off their scoring boots in a 4-1 rout of Launton Sports a week ago, a tough game was always in the offing despite Winterbourne surprisingly languishing in second from bottom.

However, Dave Turner's side went about the game with the same professionalism and maturity they have displayed throughout the season so far, and – even with Craig Shand missing a penalty – had enough to come away with a vital three points.

Victory coupled with Headington's draw with Purton lifts Bassett into fourth. And with Slimbridge inactive, Turner's team are just four points off second place with two games in hand as they continue to breathe down the neck of the season's early pace setters.

Still though, a trick four game run lies ahead with the visit of free scoring Cheltenham Saracens – who have netted 26 goals in their previous two games – to Rylands Way on Tuesday for a crucial contest before three away games on the spin at Letcombe, North Leigh Reserves and Clanfield.

WBTFC DREAM TEAM

this week selected by Rod Carter

1 Mark Ayres

2 Mitch John

5 Paul Davis

4 John Small

3 Paul Harper

6 Dominic Machell

8 Gerry McKay

7 Gary Bartlett

10 Dominic Franklin

9 Shaun Terry

11 Roger Frost

(pictured below left)

(pictured below right)

Subs:

12 Alan Wilson

14 Doug Gee

15 Graham Large



Picture Special



Top: First Team fancy dress Christmas Event

Bottom: Team photo from 1970 featuring one of our Youth Team managers, who is also the father of a First Team player plus there is the father of another First Team player - can you spot them?

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. SEASON 2009-10 FIRST TEAM FIXTURES, RESULTS, TEAMS & SCORERS

Date	Opponents	H/A	R	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	
15-Aug	Westbury United (FAC - Ex Prelim)	H	D2-2	64	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Field (1)	Banks (1)	Wyatt	Millaci	Bowden	
18-Aug	Westbury United (FAC - Ex Prelim Replay)	A	W3-2	70	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green (1)	Field (1)	Banks	Wyatt (1)	Millaci	Edmondson	
22-Aug	Slimbridge	A	L0-2	59	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hunt	Green	Field	Banks	Wyatt	Bowden		
25-Aug	Headington Amateurs	H	W 6-1	57	Thompson	Bowden	Sharps	Adams(2)	Oram(1)	Collier	Turner	Hunt	Green	Wyatt (1)	Banks(2)	Field	Holloway	Edmondson	
29-Aug	Brockenhurst (FAC - Prelim)	H	L0-1	70	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Bowden	Turner	Hunt	Green	Wyatt	Banks	Field	Holloway	Collier	
31-Aug	Purton	H	D2-2	120	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Dean	Oram	Thompson	Collier	Turner(1)	Hunt	Green	Field	Banks	R.Thomas	Holloway(1)	English
5-Sep	Hamble ASSC (FAV - QR1)	H	L2-3	68	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Field(1)	Bowden	R.Thomas	Holloway	Hunt(1)	
8-Sep	Ardley United (F/L)	A	L1-2	46	Scott	Tasker	Bowden	Edmondson	Mephram	Collier	G.Thomas(1)	Drewitt	English	Blake	Hawthorne	Turner	Kelly		
12-Sep	Cricklade Town	A	L0-1	62	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Edmondson	Green	Field	Banks	R.Thomas	Bowden		
16-Sep	Harrow Hill	A	W3-1	34	Scott	Bowden	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Hunt	Turner	Edmondson	Green	Guthrie	Banks (1)	Collier(2)	Mephram		
19-Sep	Lydney	H	W5-0	48	Scott	Bowden	Sharps	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Edmondson	Green (2)	R.Thomas (1)	Banks	Groom	Field (1)	Mephram	
26-Sep	Easington Sports (BIBCC Prelim)	H	L0-1	49	Scott	Groom	Thomas	Adams	Oram	Collier	Turner	Edmondson	Green	Wyatt	Banks	Field	Blake		
3-Oct	Cirencester United	A	D1-1	26	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Adams	Edmondson	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Wyatt (1)	Banks	R.Thomas	Etheridge	Blake	
10-Oct	Cirencester United	H	W4-1	34	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Hall	Green (3)	Wyatt	Banks	Field	Mephram	Blake	
17-Oct	Letcombe	H	D2-2	78	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Blake	Collier	Turner	Hall	Green	Wyatt	Banks (1)	R.Thomas	Mephram	Pitts	
24-Oct	Trowbridge Town	A	W4-1	68	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Hall	Green	Bowden	Banks (2)	Tearle (1)	Smith		
31-Oct	North Leigh Res	H	W4-2	52	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram (1)	Collier	Turner	Holloway (1)	Green (1)	Bailey (1)	Banks	Wyatt	Smith	Pitts	
7-Nov	Easington Sports	H	W3-2	43	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson(1)	Adams (1)	Blake	Collier	Turner	Wimble	Green (1)	Bowden	Banks	Wyatt	Thomas		
14-Nov	Shrewton (CC2)	A	L3-4	42	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams (1)	Mephram	Collier	Turner	Wyatt (1)	Green (1)	Philpott	Banks	Doyle	Thomas		
21-Nov	Tytherington Rocks	H	W4-1	48	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (2)	Turner	Brien	Mephram	Philpott (2)	Banks	Thomas			
28-Nov	Headington Amateurs	A	W3-2	28	Thompson	Groom	Edmondson	Adams	Mephram	Collier	Turner	Brien	Holloway	Philpott	Banks	Thomas	Shand (2)		
5-Dec	Lydney Town	A	D2-2	37	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier (1)	Turner	Brien (1)	Mephram	Shand	Banks	Thomas			
12-Dec	Cheltenham Saracens	A	W1-0	25	Thompson	Bowden	Edmondson	Adams	Oram	Collier	Bailey	Brien	Bown (1)	Shand	Banks	Etheridge			
30-Jan	Winterbourne United	A	W1-0	35	Thompson	Groom	Sharps	Philpott	Oram	Joyce	Turner	Edmondson	Bown (1)	Shand	Banks	Thomas			
2-Feb	Cheltenham Saracens	H																	
6-Feb	Letcombe	A																	
13-Feb	North Leigh Res	A																	
17-Feb	Clanfield	A																	
20-Feb	Cricklade Town	H																	
27-Feb	Launton Sports	H																	
6-Mar	Clanfield	H																	
16-Mar	Trowbridge Town	H																	
23-Mar	Winterbourne United	H																	
27-Mar	Purton	A																	
3-Apr	Easington Sports	A																	
10-Apr	Slimbridge	H																	
17-Apr	Launton Sports	A																	
24-Apr	Tytherington Rocks	A																	

FAC - FA Cup, F/L - Floodlight Cup, FAV - FA Vase, CC - County Cup, BIBCC - Challenge Cup, SC - Supplementary Cup

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