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## EDITORIAL

**Good afternoon** and welcome back to Rylands Way for this FTL Futbol Hellenic League fixture against **Cricklade Town**. A warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Cricklade who have made the short journey for the game. We hope they will join us in the bar after the game for some beer and sandwiches.

When Cricklade defeated us 1-0 back at the beginning of September few would have predicted that the Bassett side would go on such a long unbeaten run. To go 16 games without suffering a defeat in the league is no mean feat and Dave and the lads should be congratulated on such an achievement. It is not quite the best run in the Club's history yet, that coming in Season 1987-88 when the side went 18 league games before eventually losing, but it is certainly one of the best run of results in the Club's history. Well done lads and hopefully you can extract revenge today for that earlier defeat and extend the run further. The race for promotion is turning into a four horse race between Purton, Slimbridge, Cheltenham Saracens and ourselves, with Headington and Easington as outsiders. There are a lot of points still to be won and lost but it does look like the promoted teams will come from the current top four. Ironically, with the two likely promoted teams from the East Division having lights, third place may not be good enough this season unless Purton finish in the top two.

In terms of content in this week's programme, Dave reports on the excellent run and further new and potential signings in his **From The Dugout** column. The **From The Archives** series focuses on that **1987-88 Season**, when Mick Woolford's side achieved that record run and also secured promotion into the Hellenic League.

The **Youth Section in Focus** features games from the past two weeks which has seen the Under 18C side progress into the semi-finals of the Wiltshire Youth Cup. Unfortunately in the league cups our sides have not fared so well with last year's cup winning Under 10 side being knocked out last Sunday. Hopefully they will, however, go on to now win their league without the distraction of the cup. **Under 18** manager reports two further victories in the Wiltshire Under 18 Floodlit League that has taken his side to the top of the league.

In his **Footy Nut Column**, Steve Hale catches up on all that is happening in the local football scene and confesses to giving consideration to applying for the Malmesbury job following the resignations of Kenny Regan and Lee Marshall.

The programme features the latest edition of **Touchline**, the Club's newsletter and also an open **letter from the Club Chairman** looking for help with the running of the Club. The First Team player featured this week in the **Player Profile** is youngster **Fraser Joyce**. The new **WBTFC Dream Team** feature sees Life Member Roger Williamson commit his all time WBTFC XI to paper. Interestingly he has selected himself which will no doubt cause discussion on the Rylands Way terraces! He also selected my younger brother which has also caused discussion in the Smedley family ranks and also gave me an excuse to include an embarrassingly picture of a very young Scoop with his uncle. 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. Just send me an email using the address on Page 2.

Enjoy the game and here is to three more points today for that promotion chase. With QPR at home today I will not be here for this game but would like to think I will be celebrating a birthday double tonight with a win for both QPR and Bassett. The First Team are home again next Saturday when Launton complete with their new management team are the visitors to Rylands Way.

Best wishes

Mick



# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good afternoon, welcome to you all and to our visitors and near neighbours Cricklade Town.

I've been saddened to read about the financial difficulties being experienced by the likes of Portsmouth, West Ham and Crystal Palace – it's always disappointing to see a club struggling at whatever level. However, just how many clubs are muttering quietly "there by the grace of god", knowing that it could so easily have been them. It's often suggested that football is just a business nowadays, but it seems to me that the worst elements of business have been adopted and the best rejected. Clubs seem to be following the banking world in use of creative funding schemes secured against assets that may not materialise, i.e. future ticket sales, and borrowing far beyond their means to pay. And yet that common sense business rationale of living within your means seems to have been ignored. I recognise the need to borrow at times to invest in the future well being of the business (club), but never should the day to day operational costs (wages) be greater than the operational income (sponsorship, merchandise, gate receipts). However, things have got to the stage now that without inspired leadership from the FA, liaising and working in conjunction with the leagues, the vicious circle of desire to succeed dictating excessive borrowing will not be broken. Clubs and their management who make the change unilaterally are the sensible ones, but I suspect at the moment with the unrealistic demand for success their prudence in securing the long term future of their club will not be recognised. For this reason it's going to need regulation of some form to force a change of mentality.

A regular feature of our program has been the site designs for our relocation site, under the heading "keep the faith". We all know how long a slog it was to get through contract negotiations, scheme design, and planning, only now to be frustrated by the economic climate. However, Mark's heading is a correct one, and as I reported to the Sports Association and sport national governing bodies recently, I'm hopeful that we might at least have a program of works re-established by the summer. Meanwhile we continue with some renovation works to our existing clubhouse, the boiler works having been supported by a grant from Hills Landfill Tax Credit fund.

I have recently issued a letter to all players, officials, and youth players parents/guardians explaining the clubs need for additional volunteers to offer a few hours a month to help administer and operate the club, and the letter will be re-produced in a program shortly, if indeed not this one. Please take time to read it and get in touch if you think you can help.

Anyway, back to the game which I hope is a highly competitive local one and entertaining, but of course, with no disrespect to our visitors, it ends with a Bassett win!

Cheers – 



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# FROM THE DUGOUT

Firstly I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Cricklade Town to Ryland's Way. We hope you enjoy your short stay with us and will all join us in the bar after the game.

It has been a long time since we have played at Rylands Way on a Saturday and I am really pleased to be back at home after four straight away games. The team have been superb on their travels this season with only two defeats on our travels to date.

Our last defeat was away to Cricklade way back in September. Hopefully we can make amends for that defeat today. In some small way we should really thank Cricklade because since then we have been on a fifteen game unbeaten run which has seen us steadily climb the table.

Craig Shand will miss today's game against his old club as he is on holiday in Jamaica. Craig will be missed but with the squad we have assembled this year we should be able to cover his absence.

On that note I would like to welcome Liam Byfield to the squad. Liam is another of those versatile players who can play up front or in midfield. He had a very solid debut at North Leigh and I am looking forward to working with him over the remainder of the season.

If everything has gone to plan we should also be welcoming Kevin Coles to our ranks today. Kevin is a player who I have admired for a long time and he will be a real asset to the club in the final run in. He has verbally agreed to join us but until he signs on the dotted line anything can happen in football as we all know too well

One of the most pleasing things for me this season is the calibre of player that we are attracting to the club. They are all young in football terms so hopefully we will be able to keep them at Bassett for a few seasons yet. This is without doubt the best squad that I have assembled and if they stay together they will become a very good team over the next few years.

Our result (3-1 Win) at North Leigh was one of the best performances of the season for me. From the very first whistle it became apparent that North Leigh were going to try and bully us out of the win. But credit to the lads they stood up to everything that was thrown at them. They had five players booked and one sent off and we didn't receive a single booking. We started the game with four teenagers and I have to say with the support of their senior team mates they are really starting to mature.

*Dave*



# OPPONENTS HISTORY

## CRICKLADE TOWN FC • CLUB HISTORY

Cricklade Town FC was formed in 1897 playing Sunday Football up at the local Primary School.

Having played a lot of the early years in the Sundays Leagues and Cirencester & District Leagues, Cricklade moved into the Wiltshire League in the late 1980's, after a very successful campaign in the 2001, Cricklade were unfortunate not to gain promotion to the Hellenic League, due to the ground criteria. A move that eventually did happen in 2005, when coming 3rd in the Wiltshire Premier.



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# FROM THE ARCHIVES

# OPPONENTS PEN PICS

Top Scorers	League	WSC	GSC	Total
Damien York	18	4		22
Roger Frost	14	2		16
Paul Harrison	6	2		8
Terry Hanrahan	5	1	1	7
Tony Vines	6			6
Andy Bowden	3	1	2	6
Darren Jell	5			5
Steve Ackrill	3	1	1	5
Ian Johns	3			3
Gerry McKay	2		1	3
Mitch John	2			2
Mick Karn	2			2
Steve Thomas	2			2
Nathan Walker	2			2
Ian Chance	1			1
Unidentified	1		1	2
	75	11	6	92



## 1987-88

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

## Team Profiles Cricklade Town FC



**Alisdair Ross** Goal Keeper  
 Age 36: In his 15th Year as a player at Cricklade Town, He is a good organiser of the defence with good positional sense.



**Ben Goodey** Goal Keeper  
 Age 20 - Transferred in December from Highworth Town, a young goalkeeper with good experience.



**Gary Singh** Defence  
 Age 18 - Gary established himself as a first team regular last season, with lightning pace.



**Dane Moulden** Defence  
 Age 18 - With a few good outings with the first team last year, and a product of the reserve team, should establish himself as a regular this season, technically good for a defender.



**Gareth Davies** Defence  
 Age 24 - Gareth is new to the club this season having signed from a local club in December, an old fashioned defender that is strong in the tackle.



**Paul Fisher** Defence  
 Age 23 - His second season at Cricklade after transferring from Wootton Bassett this year, is comfortable playing anywhere across the back or middle.



**Kyle Murdoch** Defence  
 Age 21: Kyle has returned to the club after his short world travel to Magaluf, a good defender that knows a trick or two.



**Richard Blankley** Midfield  
 Age 28 - Good consistent performer, can play anywhere across midfield, and tireless worker.



**Adam O'Bree** Midfield  
 Age 27 - Adam in his third spell with the club, having played the last few seasons in the Wiltshire League this will be a big step up, but with his pace a technique this should not be a problem for the tricky winger.



**William Charman** Midfield  
 Age 18 - Came up from the reserves last season, an old head on young shoulders, good in the tackle, and works hard for the team.



**Sam Reason** Midfield  
 Age 25 - Club captain for the season, accomplished ball player, with an eye for goal.



**Peter McGunigall** Midfield  
 Age 22 - Missed too much of last season with injury, good on the ball and is comfortable at the back or anywhere across the midfield.



**Kyle Moulden** Midfield  
 Age 18 - With a few good outings with the first team last year, and a product of the reserve team, should establish himself as a regular this season, comfortable on the ball.



**Craig Ratcliffe** Midfield  
 Age 28 - Ratz has been with the club for 5 years, a determined little terrier in the centre of the park, was a bit part of the club getting promotion to the Hellenic League.



**Steven Winchcombe** Forward  
 Age 25 - A striker that has played at a good level with Supermarine, in his second spell with Cricklade Town, scores goals, and bring other into the game.



**Aaron Maximen** Forward  
 Age 21 - New to the squad this season, having signed from Marlborough Town, a big striker with great technical ability.



**Reece Guillever** Forward  
 Age 18 - Having played a couple of first team games last season, quick strong and knows how to finish, will look to make sure he has a shirt each week.



**Max Leslie** Forward  
 Age 27 - Max returns after a couple of seasons away from the club. can play anywhere across the middle of up front, technically very good.



**Graham Jackson** Manager  
 "Jacko" is now in his sixth season at Cricklade. Steered the club to promotion to the Hellenic League. Has a wealth of experience and a very good knowledge of the local football scene.

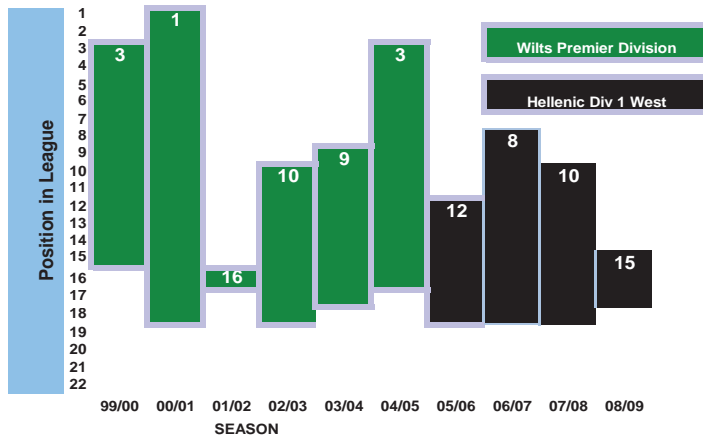


**Steve Charman** Asst. Manager  
 Stepped up from Reserve Team Manager last season, looks to bring the younger players through.

# TODAY'S VISITORS

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## CRICKLADE TOWN - LAST 10 YEARS



Season	Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Position
1999/00	P	28	20	3	5	77	34	65	3 out of 15
2000/01	P	34	23	6	5	104	42	75	1 out of 18
2001/02	P	30	4	4	22	44	87	16	16 out of 16
2002/03	P	34	13	8	13	59	59	47	10 out of 18
2003/04	P	32	12	8	12	73	63	44	9 out of 17
2004/05	P	30	20	3	7	83	35	63	3 out of 16
2005/06	1W	34	13	5	16	55	67	44	12 out of 18
2006/07	1W	34	15	4	15	51	56	49	8 out of 18
2007/08	1W	34	16	6	12	63	56	54	10 out of 18
2008/09	1W	32	7	3	22	50	97	24	15 out of 17

### Current Form (Last Five Games)

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers
13-Feb-10	Slimbridge (A)	L 0 - 2	
12-Dec-09	Trowbridge (H)	L 2 - 3	Winchcombe 2
5-Dec-09	Tytherington (H)	L 1 - 3	Reason
7-Nov-09	North Leigh Res (A)	L 2 - 3	Reason 2
31-Oct-09	Pegasus Jun (A) (Cup)	L 0 - 5	

### Record v Wootton Bassett Town - Last 4 Seasons plus this seasons fixture

Season	H/A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Points Ratio
2005/06	H	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	
2005/06	A	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	
2006/07	H	1	1	0	0	3	2	3	
2006/07	A	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	
2007/08	H	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	
2007/08	A	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
2008/09	H	1	0	0	1	3	5	0	
2008/09	A	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	
2009/10	H	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>66.7%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>59.3%</b>

Nickname	"Crick"
Club Secretary	Mick Walker
Record Gate	170 v Trowbridge Town (03/04)
Best Gate - 2008/9	72 v Wootton Bassett Town
Average Attendance 2008/9	34
Top Scorer - 2008/9	Steve Winchcombe - 18 Goals

### Home Goalscorers

Aldbourne Park	W 3 - 0	Johns, John, York
Amesbury	W 1 - 0	Bowden
Bemerton	W 2 - 0	Frost, Harrison
Calne Town	W 6 - 0	York 2, Harrison 2, Ackrill, McKay
Chippenham Town	L 1 - 2	Jell
Corsham	W 4 - 0	York 2, Hanrahan, Harrison
Dunbar Wills	W 4 - 1	Frost 2, York, Hanrahan
Ferndale	D 1 - 1	Vines
Laverstock & Ford	W 4 - 1	Bowden, York, Harrison, Vines
Old Manor	W 3 - 2	Frost 2, McKay
Oldacre	W 2 - 0	York, Frost
Pewsey Vale	D 0 - 0	
Pinehurst	W 7 - 1	Karn 2, Thomas 2, Vines, York, Jell
Plessey Sports	W 4 - 1	Jell 3, York
Sanford	W 3 - 1	York 2, Frost

### Away Goalscorers

Aldbourne Park	D 1 - 1	?
Amesbury	W 2 - 0	Johns, York
Bemerton	L 0 - 1	
Calne Town	D 2 - 2	Frost, Hanrahan
Chippenham Town	W 2 - 0	Frost, Vines
Corsham	W 2 - 1?	Frost, Bowden
Dunbar Wills	D 1 - 1	Chance
Ferndale	L 2 - 3	York, Vines
Laverstock & Ford	W 7 - 0	York 3, Frost 2, Vines, Harrison
Old Manor	D 1 - 1	John
Oldacre	W 2 - 1	Johns, Hanrahan
Pewsey Vale	W 2 - 0	Walker, Frost
Pinehurst	W 4 - 0	Ackrill 2, Hanrahan, Walker
Plessey Sports	D 2 - 2	York, Frost
Sanford	L 0 - 2	

### Wilts Senior Cup

Prelim	v Corsham Town (H)	W 3 - 0	Frost, York, Bowden
1st Rnd	v Bemerton Ath (H)	D 2 - 2 (aet)	Harrison, Hanrahan
1st Rnd R	v Bemerton Ath (A)	W 1 - 0	Frost
2nd Rnd	v Supermarine (H)	D 1 - 1 (aet)	York
2nd Rnd R	v Supermarine (A)	W 1 - 0	York
Semi-Fin	v Bromham (A)	W 3 - 1	York, Harrison, Ackrill
Final	v Purton	L 0 - 1	

### Ghia Senior Cup

1st Rnd	v Old Manor (H)	W 2 - 1 (aet)	Bowden
2nd Rnd	v Avebury (H)	W 2 - 0	Hanrahan, Bowden
3rd Rnd	v Sanford (A)	L 2 - 3	Ackrill, McKay



“Wootton Bassett Town became County League Division 1 champions for the first time on Saturday by winning 2-0 at Amesbury, while Ferndale were being held to a 1-1 draw at home by Aldbourne Park. The new champions still have one outstanding game and are now five points ahead of Ferndale who have two games in hand [Ed: for younger readers in those days you only got two points for a win]. Wootton Bassett's championship gave them the first half of the coveted County League and Cup double. They get the chance to complete it on Saturday when they play Purton in the Wiltshire Senior Cup Final. They gained their win at Amesbury in a dramatic way by scoring through Ian Johns in the last minute of the first half and through Damien York two minutes from the end of the match.”

Fittingly, the league campaign finished at home against relegation bound Pinehurst. With one eye perhaps on the Senior Cup final in a couple of days time, Bassett trailed by a goal at the break. However, a pair each for Mike Karns and Steve Thomas and further strikes from Vines, York and Jell meant the season finished with Bassett on seventh heaven.

However, the double – and the club's first ever county cup triumph – alluded Woolford's side, with a solitary Tim Mills goals securing victory for Hellenic League Purton in the showcase at Chippenham Town's Hardenhuish Park. The game was summed up in the Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May edition of the Evening Advertiser:

“A second half goal by Tim Mills against Wootton Bassett proved enough to make Purton winners of the Wiltshire Senior Cup on Saturday. It was their fifth Senior Cup success and kept up their record of never losing in the final. Mills goal, a terrific 45 yard free kick direct to the top corner of the net was the highlight of a derby game between neighbouring clubs who never allowed each other time to manoeuvre. As a result the game took place mostly in midfield with few scoring chances being created. The cup was presented by Mr Frank Peart, President of the Wiltshire FA who, by coincidence, was a member of the last previous Purton team to win the trophy.”

The Wootton Bassett Town team for the Final was:

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

However, Bassett would have the opportunity to exact revenge for the defeat the following season, for promotion to the Hellenic League had been secured. Now, the Rylands Way outfit would be plying their trade at the highest level of the football pyramid since their establishment back in 1882.

The final league table for the season and results and scorers for games played are shown below.

## Wiltshire County League - Division 1 - 1987-1988

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>
2	Ferndale	30	16	9	5	56	32	41
3	Amesbury	30	15	8	7	67	46	38
4	Bemerton	30	16	5	9	53	45	37
5	Old Manor	30	12	13	5	65	53	37
6	Pewsey Vale	30	12	11	7	46	35	35
7	Sanford	30	12	10	8	42	31	34
8	Plessey Sports	30	10	12	8	55	53	32
9	Aldboune Park	30	8	13	9	46	40	29
10	Oldacre	30	11	7	12	45	41	29
11	Dunbar Wills	30	10	6	14	54	65	26
12	Laverstock & Ford	30	10	4	16	46	69	24
13	Chippenham Town	30	7	9	14	37	44	23
14	Calne Town	30	6	6	18	39	72	18
15	Corsham	30	4	9	17	27	63	17
16	Pinehurst	30	4	7	19	25	75	15

## Throwaway Bassett spared embarrassment

Stones Lane, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 v Cricklade, Won 5-3

**Dave Turner was once again seething with his Bassett side for failing to play a full 90 minutes, despite them putting five past Cricklade Town, securing a much needed league victory.**

And the Bassett boss was certainly in the right to do so as he saw his side throwaway a four goal lead in the final twenty five minutes, allowing Cricklade to come within a goal of tying the game before a Steve Yeardley penalty put the game to bed with four minutes to go.

However, the game should have been dead after Ryan Banks added the fourth just before the hour mark. Even before that point the score should have reached cricket-like proportions were it not for some poor finishing coupled with a fine display in between the sticks by Elliott Jackson.

Sean Terry got the ball rolling with under three minutes gone as he narrowly beat the offside trap before firing in at the second attempt after initially being denied by Jackson.

Buoyed with the confidence produced by the early goal, Bassett proceeded to batter their opposition, but failed to find the net again until half an hour was on the clock.

During that fruitless spell, Yeardley and Craig Shand both produced the best of Jackson; Liam Edmundson provided impressive in his first start at right back provided sumptuous crosses that travelled across the face of goal without being turned in; and Terry twice failed to hit the target despite being in a favourable position.

It was left to Richie Carter to double the advantage as he gambled first to the ball after Jackson failed to hang onto a Lee Moulton corner, prodding home from close range.

The keeper made up twice for his gaffe though before the break, denying both Terry and Shand with composed saves despite having the odds stacked against him after the two forwards continued to frequently get past the last man with ease.

A minute before half time though Terry was able to grab his second thanks to man of the match Lee Moulton. The youngster had a fine game, providing numerous testing crosses from his left wing position as well as deft through balls that cut open the defence.

It was the latter which afforded Terry another one-on-one opportunity and this time he made no mistake with a true striker's finish.

Just before the hour, Banks put away his first of the season, slotting home with a first time shot after Terry unselfishly cut the ball back from the byline. At first the ball evaded its intended target substitute Harry Hambridge but Banks cleverly continued his run to ensure the ball was put away.

Things quickly turned ugly though, partly thanks to an enforced change following an injury to Shaun Carter, which prompted Turner to shuffle things about and go with a back three.

Almost immediately Bassett were caught short at the back and forced into conceding a free kick, which found its way onto the bar and off the back of an unfortunate Stewart Thompson. In a mad scramble for the ball Richard Blankley was able to get there first to poke the ball just over the line.

Then with ten minutes to go the ball was carelessly given away in midfield and, after a surging run, Sam Reason was brought down in the box by Richie Carter. The midfielder stepped up to the spot and emphatically fired home against his former club.

Two minutes later, Moulton was caught out by a cross-field ball allowing Paul O'Connell the time to apply a superb finish from 15 yards, much to the anger of the Bassett bench.

But Terry was felled in the box shortly after and Yeardley made no mistake from 12 yards, ending his recent drought from that distance.

**Man of the Match: Lee Moulton extremely impressive out on the left wing as he linked up well with the front two, supplying them with countless quality balls.**

**Scoop Rating: 6/10 Bassett were dominant but should never have let a four goal lead be reduced to just a single one. A performance like that next week would no doubt result in elimination from the FA Vase, which is something nobody at the club wants.**

# PLAYER PROFILE

# FROM THE ARCHIVES



Personal	
<b>Name:</b>	Fraser Joyce
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Swindon
<b>Occupation:</b>	Administrator
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Single
<b>Nickname:</b>	Joycee
Football	
<b>Position:</b>	Midfield
<b>No. of Seasons at Bassett:</b>	1 month
<b>Previous Clubs:</b>	Shrivenham
<b>Make of Boots:</b>	Nike
<b>Star Player You Play Like:</b>	James Milner
<b>Footballing Idols:</b>	Harry Kewell
<b>Team Supported:</b>	Leeds
<b>Team You Despise Most:</b>	Chelsea
<b>Best Ground Ever Played At:</b>	Weirfield
<b>Best Player Ever Played With</b>	Chris Allen
<b>Best Player Ever Played Against</b>	Dale Lewis
Teammates	
<b>Most Skilful:</b>	Ryan Thomas
<b>Hardman:</b>	Chris Oram
<b>Biggest Joker:</b>	Sam Collier
<b>Biggest Fashion Disaster:</b>	Craig Shand
<b>Most Intelligent:</b>	Liam Edmondson
<b>Thickest:</b>	Craig Shand
<b>Vainest:</b>	James Turner
<b>Least Likely to Score on a Night Out:</b>	Craig Shand
Off the Field	
<b>Hobbies:</b>	Betting
<b>Car Driven:</b>	Peugot 106
<b>Favourite Music:</b>	Snow Patrol
<b>Favourite Film:</b>	Avitar
<b>Favourite TV Show:</b>	Take Me Out
<b>Favourite Nightspot:</b>	Sir Dans
<b>Favourite Drink:</b>	Vodka & Coke
<b>Chinese or Indian?:</b>	Indian
<b>Pub or Club?:</b>	Club
<b>Beach Resort or City Break?:</b>	Beach resort
<b>Blonde or Brunette?:</b>	Both
<b>Person in the World You Would Most Like to Meet:</b>	Megan Fo

## Fraser Joyce

This was to be the game that opened the New Year, and it seemed Bassett were still suffering from a hangover. A pair of missed open goal chances meant the game was not finished off and had to go to a replay after York's early second half effort was all the home side could muster. A week later, York was on target again, scoring what proved to be the only goal of the game five minutes before the break to send Bassett into the semi-finals and earn the tag as favourites to lift the County trophy, something which the club had still failed to ever do.

The typically miserable weather meant the first league game of 1988 was played on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Bemerton. Goals from Frost and Harrison gave Bassett a 2-0 to win to lift them into second, three points behind Old Manor with an astonishing *nine* games in hand. However, at home to title rivals Ferndale the following week it looked as though their near neighbours were going to inflict the first defeat of the season upon Bassett until a headed goal from Vines in the dying stages meant the points were shared. The get out of jail free card was played again a week later, this time at Old Manor where Mitchell John's first of the season, coming with just thirty seconds left, proved more than timely. This drop in form did not come at a good time either because the Senior Cup semi final came a week later against Division Two upstarts Bromham, who were eager for the upset. However, after seeing an early lead cancelled out, Bassett ran out 3-1 winners to put themselves in the final, thus making them favourites for both the prestigious county double according to many in Wiltshire.

Despite having such a heavy weight thrust upon their shoulders, Bassett did not seem to wilt though, continuing their undefeated streak with a 6-0 demolition job of Calne at Rylands Way. York and Harrison provided two each that day, with Ackrill and McKay the other protagonists. The victory meant Bassett now had gone thirty games in all competitions without defeat. However, in the Ghia Senior Cup third round, Sanford made sure the streak went no further and dashed any hopes of a treble with a 3-2 victory. Ironically, it was Sanford who were the last team to have put more goals past Bassett than they conceded!

A new unbeaten run was quickly established with a 2-0 home win against Oldacre, who were enjoying a reasonable year having won Division Two a season prior. York and Frost provided the pair of goals on the day, whilst former Bassett player Danny Groom missed a penalty for the visitors. The win meant Bassett were the only unbeaten team left in any of the four County League divisions. A 4-1 win over Laverstock a week later pushed the side up into second before defeat was finally tasted in the league in a dramatic contest with Ferndale under the lights at the County Ground extension. The Evening Advertiser of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1988 carried the following report:

"The one remaining unbeaten certificate in the Wiltshire County League vanished last night when Wootton Bassett, visiting Ferndale in Division 1, were defeated 3-2 in a game of thrills. Ferndale set Bassett a stiff task when Steve Slattery headed on John Freeth's centre for Ian Black to score, and he added a second goal shortly afterwards. But Bassett responded splendidly to reduce their deficit before the interval with a 43<sup>rd</sup> minute goal by Damien York. They pressurised Ferndale early in the second half to get a deserved 58<sup>th</sup> equaliser through Tony Vines, but the issue was settled in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute with a winner by Ferndale's Glen Benson."

Bassett then failed to score for the first time all season, going down to a solitary goal at Bemerton. Furthermore, it allowed Ferndale to sneak to within a point, having played two more games. This was to prove the beginning of the worst spell of the season for Woolford's side as Dunbar Wills held them to a 1-1 draw a week later, Ian Chance scoring for Bassett. At home to Chippenham, despite Darren Jell giving Bassett a half time lead, the game was lost by the odd goal in three. Still, three points separated Bassett from the summit with seven games in hand over both Bemerton and Old Manor, who had already finished their allotted fixtures – something seemingly unimaginable given that April had only just begun!

Bassett then gained a 4-1 home win against Plessey Sports, courtesy of a Jell hat-trick and a strike from York. A disappointing goalless draw at Pewsey meant Woolford's side finally got back on top of the table, albeit on goal difference. However, the disappointing form continued with a 2-0 midweek reverse at bogey side Sanford, leaving Bassett and Ferndale level pegging and both with four games remaining. Under the headline of 'Leaders Beaten', the Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1988 edition of the Evening Advertiser carried the following summary of the game:

"Sanford put spice into the final stage of the race for the Wiltshire County League Division One title last night by defeating current leaders Wootton Bassett 2-0 at home. They went in front with a first-half goal by Kelvin Heard, and the same player sealed the issue with another goal in the second half. Bassett's lead over rivals Ferndale is now only two points with both having four more games in front of them."

The unimaginable now seemed entirely possible. Having been in the hunt for an unprecedented treble, it was now plausible Mick Woolford's side were going to finish the season empty handed. Showing the splendid resolve they had displayed for most of the season though, the title was wrapped up with four wins on the bounce to conclude the year. It began with a slice of fortune and drama as a last minute winner from Ian Johns gave Bassett the win by the odd goal in three at mid-table Oldacre after Hanrahan's early goal had been cancelled out. The penultimate home game of the season against Aldbourne was less dramatic, with Johns, Mitchell John and York securing a comfortable 3-0 win that put Bassett ahead by four having played one more thanks to Ferndale's Ghia Senior Cup engagements. A 2-0 win at Amesbury, coupled with a surprising 1-1 draw for Ferndale against Aldbourne then sealed the crown. The Wiltshire Gazette and Herald contained the following report on the title win:

## Season 1987-88 ☐ You Win Again

### What was going on in the world

*A week prior to the beginning of the season, the Berkshire town of Hungerford is hit by tragedy as Michael Ryan shoots and kills 16 people before turning his gun on himself on the afternoon of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Three months later, 31 are killed as a result of a fire at Kings Cross underground station. In the world of music, August sees Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up knock Michael Jackson from top spot. Come the end of the season, dance act S'Express are topping the charts. Liverpool lose just twice all season to win Division One from Manchester United as a 17-year old Alan Shearer makes his debut for Southampton. Meanwhile, in Division Two Swindon Town finish 12<sup>th</sup>. The Crazy Gang of Wimbledon cause arguably the biggest upset in FA Cup history by defeating Liverpool 1-0 in the final. With English clubs still banned from Europe, PSV Eindhoven beat Benfica on penalties to lift the European Cup. To cap off a fine year for Dutch football, Ruud Gullit lifts the Euro '88 trophy as Marco van Basten scores one of the greatest goals ever. In March 1988, the one pound note is removed from circulation.*

Picking up from where they left off a season before, Wootton Bassett Town hit the ground running hard to start the 1987/88 season, which was to be their final year in the Wiltshire County League. Adding to their unbeaten streak, Bassett struck 13 goals in their opening three games, conceding just one in reply. The year opened with a statement of Mick Woolford's side's intent as they brushed aside Dunbar Wills, a side formed out of the amalgamation of the Allied Dunbar and Wills teams, by four goals to one at Rylands Way. The deadly duo of Roger Frost and Damien York combined for three of the goals, the former bagging a brace, whilst Terry Hanrahan provided the other. Four days later, a tricky trip to Chippenham Town Reserves was comfortably negotiated, with Frost and Tony Vines providing the only goals of the game. Newly promoted Laverstock & Ford were then given a rude awakening on their own patch when Bassett ran out 7-0 winners, York – with a hat-trick – and Frost – scorer of another brace – again doing the majority of the damage, with the veteran Vines and Paul Harrison completing the rout.

September began though with Bassett dropping their first points of the season in a surprising 2-2 draw at Calne thanks to a last minute equaliser from the hosts after Frost and Hanrahan had combined to give the visitors the lead. In a close encounter with the much fancied Amesbury it was back to winning way thanks to an Andy Bowden penalty before another draw, this time at recently promoted Aldbourne Park. With this dip in form after a rampant spell in August, it was arguably a relief that the second month of the campaign finished with the distraction of the Ghia Senior Cup. In a difficult tie against Old Manor – runners up in the previous season – a disputed penalty from Bowden gave Bassett the win by the odd goal in three.

Another tough test awaited the team though to begin October, with Wootton Bassett pitted against the only other remaining unbeaten side, Pewsey. However, goals from Nathan Walker and Frost ensured Bassett left with the victory ahead of a rematch with Old Manor at Rylands Way. It looked as though it wasn't going to be Bassett's day, when they went into half time 2-1 down, but come the final whistle, another Frost two-timer and a strike from Gerry McKay meant the two points went to the home side. There was further home joy a week later when Sanford were defeated 3-1, with the Evening Advertiser reporting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1987 that:

"Saturday turned out to be a bonus day for Division 1 leaders Wootton Bassett when they won and the best any of the four teams immediately below could do was draw. Bassett's win was by 3-1 at home against Sanford. They scored first through Roger Frost with Sanford equalising from a penalty by Mick Casey just before half time. Two second half goals by Damien York gave the leaders their 3-1 win that increased their lead at the top to three points."

However, this lead was reduced a week later when Plessey Sports held Bassett to a 2-2 away draw. York and Frost were again the saviours, both scoring in the final minutes to ensure the leaders escaped with a point and their unbeaten run still intact. The following two weeks were taken up by cup commitments, and Bassett ensured they were still involved in both County and League knockout competitions, following a 3-0 home win over Corsham in the former and a 2-0 triumph over Avebury in the latter – both games saw Bowden once again find the back of the net from the spot! The return to league action saw Bassett venture to Corsham, and goals from Frost and yet another Bowden penalty ensured a 2-1 win. As the only team in the top five to win on the day, Woolford's team were sitting pretty on top, three points clear of Ferndale, who did however possess a game in hand. A convincing 4-0 triumph at strugglers Pinehurst finished off November, with the game conspicuous for the lack of goals coming from either Frost or York. On target that day was Steve Ackrill with two, alongside Hanrahan and Walker.

Thanks to cup contests and the lack of fixtures scheduled over the Christmas period, Bassett played just one league match in December, that being a resounding 4-0 home win against Corsham, in which York further added to his already impressive total with two goals. Before that game though, Bassett had struggled to see off Bemerton in the Wiltshire Senior Cup. At Rylands Way, Harrison and Hanrahan had given the home side a commanding lead before the Salisbury-based side hit back to force a replay. This result – against a side riding high in the league - was strangely described by the Swindon Advertiser as a 'shock', but any possible embarrassment was spared thanks to Frost's winner just before the break in the replay to set up a juicy quarter final tie with Hellenic League side Supermarine.

There seems to be a lot of things going wrong in the world of football at present starting at the top level with the problems that Portsmouth have encountered all the way through to Chester City in the Blue Square Conference failing to show at Forest Green Rovers last week as the players wouldn't board the team coach as they hadn't been paid for 3 months. Then it goes down through the leagues with clubs in the Zamaretto league having points docked for being in administration and through into the Hellenic league with many clubs cutting their budgets. Over the past few seasons the likes of Highworth, Fairford, Pewsey Vale, Carterton, Witney have all paid decent budgets out to players yet now as it stands Pewsey have dropped out of the Hellenic into the Wilts league and now the only team locally at Hellenic level paying anything at all is Shrivenham and that's only about £20 per man. Some people will say that's a good thing and now players will play for a manager or a club they like, rather than for the money and they may be right. However I also think different problems are occurring which may come down to money or society itself it's hard to say but players attitudes are definitely in general getting worse.

I always said to myself when I played and I heard older players talking about days gone by and how it was better and this or that happened that I didn't want to become an 'old git' and talk about my day like that but I have certainly fallen into that mode with things I see and things I hear from managers at Hellenic and Toolstation league level and even in the Zamaretto league. The goings on at Malmesbury and having spoken to Chunky (Lee Marshall) this week he told me a few stories of how players let him and Kenny Regan down the night before or on the day of a game with lame excuses and who then got the hump that they were on the bench the next game. Players quitting by sending the manager a text, not even having the balls to tell him face to face or over the phone. One story I was told of how a game was called off at 5.30pm so the manager told the players they would train instead and all of a sudden 5 texts came through within minutes of how they were stuck at work or had a cold (yet would of obviously been there had it been a game). I am now part of the coaching staff at Zamaretto league side Cirencester Town and it's a good setup where the players get looked after with training kit provided, towels and even pants provided for them on match days and hot food laid on for them even after training and it's good but I haven't ruled out becoming a manager once again as there is a buzz trying to outwit the opposition with your formation or your tactics or a set piece you have worked on. I must admit I did think about looking at the vacant Malmesbury Vics job but some of the things you hear and know go on does make you question whether it's worth the hassle. The players attitudes in the Zamaretto is not perfect but it's definitely much much better than the current attitudes in the Hellenic and Toolstation which is disappointing. I guess we are not all the same but I never wanted to miss a single game and as much as I wasn't always the best trainer in terms of fitness I rarely missed a training session either, I even got married on a Friday so that I could play on the Saturday (probably why I'm divorced now mind!) Into my coaching/management career in the years I have been doing it I have only ever missed one game and that because I was in Italy on a works trip and when it was arranged there was no fixture but Wantage who I was with at the time drew in the cup and had a midweek replay, that asides I've never missed a game or wanted to. These days it doesn't bother players but the ironic thing is they still think they have every right to start the next game.

In the Hellenic Premier Reading Town who have been long time leaders of the division and done fantastically well have now hit their rough patch having lost 3 games in the last 6 weeks and with the calibre and experience of the players that Almondsbury Town boss Richard Thompson is signing I truly believe that Almondsbury will pip Reading Town to the title but it will go to the wire. Near the bottom Malmesbury and Fairford are in for a relegation battle and with the poor form Shrivenham are showing they may well get sucked into that dogfight.

In the Hellenic Div One it's developing into a great battle at the top and at one point I thought it was a two horse race between Slimbridge and Purton but credit to both Cheltenham Saracens and Wootton Bassett for gaining good form and only 3 points separates the top 4 sides. Onto the game today and a local derby between Wootton Bassett and Cricklade and I must admit there are a couple of players in the Cricklade side I have a lot of time for in the Moulden twins Dane and Kyle who played for me for two years in the Forest Green Rovers scheme I run. Both real characters on and off the pitch and I always knew that however they were playing be it good or bad they would always give me everything they had and wouldn't shirk a challenge, they have that desire to win and don't like losing and looking at our current batch I wish a few more players in the 16-18 year old bracket had that mentality. Also a quick mention for forward Reece Gilliver another player I had on our scheme, he has pace to burn and has 7 goals in 11 games in his first season in senior football and if he keeps progressing he could be one to watch. With no disrespect to Cricklade intended all three of these lads should be looking to step up a division and improve themselves.

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## V Letcombe (A)

### Turner's men re-Joyce at late winner

Bassett Road, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010



**A powerful header from Fraser Joyce in the dying minutes gave Wootton Bassett Town a vitally important 2-1 victory at Letcombe.**

The win leaves Bassett just three points off the summit of Hellenic League Division One West and come the season end these three points could mean the difference between promotion and another season in Division One West.

A goalless first half was uninspiring as the two teams looked like they were playing a pre-season friendly and manager Dave Turner described it as one of the worst performances he had seen from his team during his half time team talk. Indeed a few expletives were to be overheard as he gave the team an Alex Ferguson "hair dryer" style talking to at the break. The game had not been helped by some erratic officiating, with both sides being on the wrong end of some strange decisions, and this was to also continue in the second half.

The half time talk seemed to do the trick in terms of instilling some fighting spirit in the side as Wootton Bassett came out looking like a side who wanted the points. After some sustained pressure defender Chris Oram gave the visitors the lead on 51 minutes, firing in from a corner which had only been partially cleared. From then on it was all one way traffic but unfortunately Wootton Bassett were made to pay for a series of missed chances. There appeared no danger when Luke Sharps, with the ball at his feet, had the chance to clear but instead looked to play the ball inside but it went straight to a Letcombe player who fed an excellent ball in to Pete Horswell who fired in to equalise. Totally against the run of play but the goal inspired the young Letcombe side who then began to create a series of chances and keeper Stewart Thompson had to be alert to prevent Letcombe going ahead.

However, Joyce – in only his second appearance for the club since signing from Shrivenham – powerfully met a near post corner in the final minute to emphatically deliver what could prove to be a goal of huge significance as the final stretch begins in earnest.

In fairness, it was harsh on Letcombe, who as ever put up a spirited performance. But defeat for them meant their home hoodoo against Rylands Way's finest continued – since their relegation to Division One West, Bassett have won five of six encounters when visiting Letcombe.



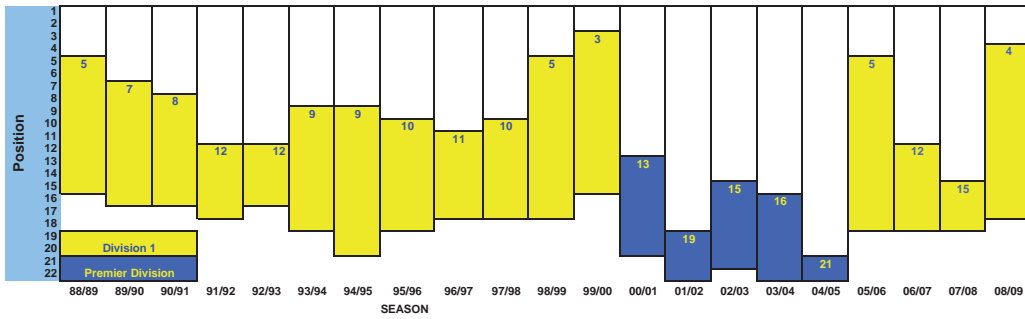
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1931/32	Calne & District League Champions
1933/34	Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
1934/35	Calne & District League Champions
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1935/36	Calne & District League Champions
	Calne & District League Cup 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
1998/99	Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
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# BASSETT'S HELLENIC RECORD

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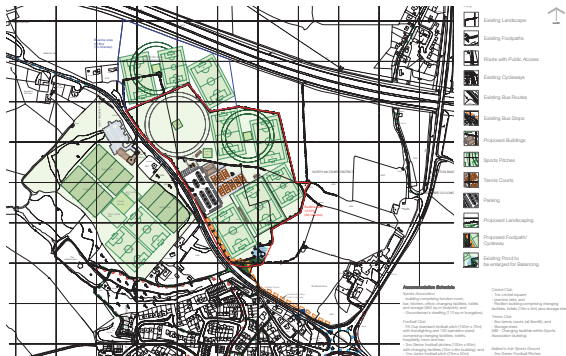
## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 21 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE



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	20	13	5	2	51	23	44	3 out of 16
<b>Total</b>		<b>736</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>981</b>	
			<b>37.2%</b>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>40.8%</b>				



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



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

After losing heavily to top of the table St Nicholas, Bassett ladies have been able to bounce back to winning ways with 2 wins in the league and also progress to the semi final of the Wilts cup. All of these games played away.

The first of the wins came in league action away at Stoke Lane Res. Our first ever visit to Stoke Lane in Bristol, saw the ladies come from behind twice in the first half. Bassett first equalizer by Rachel Hawkins was a fine strike on the run just inside the Stoke Lane box, which gave the Stoke Lane keeper no chance. The second equalizer was from Amy Longo, a driving run down the right with an angled finish into the top left hand corner of the net. Second half was all Bassett, having Stoke lane penned in their own half for long periods of the half. The break through for Bassett came from Longo again, who outpaced the Stoke Lane defence to a through ball and was able to toe poke the ball past the oncoming keeper. The game was made safe when Megan James tapped home a corner at close range.

Full time 4-2 Bassett  
The next game on the road was against Bradford Town in the Wilts cup, again Bassett ladies needed to come from behind twice in the first half. Yazz Sprat and Amy Longo were the scorers for Bassett in a very even first half. The second was end to end stuff early on, with both keepers making some fine saves to keep the score level. The turning point was a fine strike from the edge of the box from Aly Lyons, this seemed to deflate Bradford and that allowed Bassett to see the game out and also able to add to the final score, Longo grabbing her second of the game.

Full Time 4-2 Bassett  
Bassett Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> win on the road at Quedgeley Wanderers after a month plus break, was a fortunate win against 9 players with Quedgeley taking a 2 goal lead in the first half. Bassett struggled against the 9 players and had to rely on long range strikes from Katie Bonser and Amy Longo to go in level at the break. The second half Bassett were able to get ahead after only 5 minuets through Yazz Sprat from close range after good work from Longo. Bassett were able to increase their lead mid way through the half when Longo headed home from a corner. With Bassett still not playing well Quedgeley scored a 3<sup>rd</sup> to put some late pressure on Bassett, Bassett held on only making the game safe with Sprat scoring her second on full time.  
Full time 5-3 Bassett



### 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	McFadzeon 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		

### Gloucestershire County Womens League

#### Division 3 League Table as at 14th February 2010

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
St Nicholas Ladies	8	8	0	0	58	1	57	24
<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>
Cirencester Town Reserves	10	6	0	4	26	25	1	18
Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	10	2	1	7	30	34	-4	7
Gloucester City Reserves	9	3	0	6	21	48	-27	5
AEK Boco Reserves	9	1	1	7	14	57	-43	4



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# WBTFC FIRST TEAM PEN PICS



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



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



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.

# FOOTBALL PYRAMID 2009/10

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

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

# PICTURE GALLERY



**New signing Liam Byfield at North Leigh**

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Lee Smith			
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Boot Room Chatter

7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### FTL FUTBOL Premier Division

Almondsbury Town's title challenge continued apace with a 2-1 win over Flackwell Heath. The Heathens went ahead in the second half through Lee Thompson but Lee Jefferies and that man Sahr Kabba were on hand to save the day for the Almonds. Ardley United went down to Highworth Town, who won impressively in their mid-week encounter with Shrivenham, by the only goal of the game courtesy of Matt Bennett. Bicester Town's mini-revival was brought to a sudden halt by high flyers Witney United who won in a canter with goals coming from Gary Wickens, Andy Younie and an Anny Odhiambo pair. Pegasus Juniors were looking to bounce back from their humiliating home defeat at the hands of Bicester Town, against Binfield, but despite going into the break 1-0 up through Anthony Robbins, succumbed to a second half brace from Ryan Millward. Fellow strugglers Carterton and Ascot United battled it out to a 3-3 draw in an entertaining encounter which saw Miles Martin with two and Kevin Lewis score for Carterton whilst Sam McIntyre, Anthony Long and Calvin Thomas replied for the Yellamen. Hook Norton's relegation battle took a positive turn with a fine 2-1 win over Fairford Town. Dave Buckwell and Pete Moulder had given Hooky a 2-0 cushion before Pete Griffiths was able to reply for the visitors. Marlow United's excellent mid-week win over Kidlington did not help them in their game against title chasers, Shortwood United. Despite scoring three times through Adam Harman, twice and Andy Nicol, they managed to ship half a dozen courtesy of a Matt Collins four-timer, Andy Hoskins and Matt Green. Shrivenham's worrying losing run continued at the hands of Oxford City Nomads who went into a 2-0 lead through Ian Roper and Ollie Lynch before new signing, Alex Green was able to reply with a late consolation effort. Championship chasers Wantage Town overcame the impressive Kidlington with a late Rich Guy effort to secure the points.

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### FTL FUTBOL Division One (West)

Clanfield hosted high flyers Headington Amateurs and managed a creditable victory thanks to first half strikes from Eddie Everett and Karl Dickinson. Rock bottom Launton Sports faced title challengers, Slimbridge and duly went down by 4-1. On target for the Swans were Lewis Wilton with a hat-trick and Marvin Roberts, with John Moore replying for the Sports. Letcombe went down 2-1 to the improving Wootton Bassett Town. Chris Oram gave Bassett the lead early in the second period only to see Pete Horswell reply for the home side but Fraser Joyce popped up with the winner in the final minutes. Lydney Town went down 2-0 to Easington Sports, thanks to second half efforts from Greg Shawyer and Steve Howkins. Tytherington Rocks lost by the only goal of the game against North Leigh Reserves when Lee Keyes slotted home the winner in the second period. Lowly Winterbourne United were no match for form side Cheltenham Saracens, conceding three times without reply courtesy of Jamie Hammond with two and goal machine Ian Surcombe.

### FTL FUTBOL Division One (East)

Lowly Didcot Town Reserves could not stop Chalfont Wasps who won with the only goal of the game scored in the second half by the inevitable Fred Trip. Eton Wick scraped a draw with basement club Penn & Tylers Green. Richard Knight gave the visitors an early lead but Jon Britcher rescued a point for the Wick with his reply. Finchampstead took a first half lead in their game against Rayners Lane through Pat Selby, but had to settle for a point after Dean Ryan's second half reply. Kintbury Rangers went down 2-0 to new league leaders, Wokingham & Emmbrook thanks to Richard Bland and Nick Bateman. High flyers Milton United lost to an unpredictable Holyport by the odd goal in seven in an entertaining fixture at the Heights. On target for the Oxfordshire outfit were Ryan Williams, Liam Thorne and Ben Dunk and for the Villagers, Arron Lennon, Lee Hoskins and Jamie Handscomb with a brace. Strugglers Newbury held Chinnor to a 2-2 draw, both goals coming from the boot of Luke Ramos. Woodley Town registered a great win over high flying Henley Town with a Tom Williams late second half strike separating the two sides.

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### Cup of mixed fortunes for youths

Only three youth sides remain in their respective North Wilts League cup competitions after a mixed week of fortunes.

After the under 15s booked themselves a quarter final date with Bemerton Heath with a 5-1 midweek victory over Greenmeadow Youth B, the under 14s repeated that trick with a resounding 10-2 victory away to Division Three Marlborough Town Youth. Daniel Pretlove with four and James Richardson, who netted a hat-trick led the way, while further strikes from Alex Baker, Cormac Brady and Jake Evans completed the rout. Their reward was a home date with Croft Juniors A in the last eight.

The under 18 Cs □ a week after booking their place in the semi finals of the County Cup □ surprisingly crashed out of the league knockout competition, losing 5-2 away to Castle Combe Colts, a side Bassett had previously beaten in the county competition. The under 18 Bs will look to go one better next week when they face a difficult trip to Division One frontrunners FC Chippenham.

In the under 10s quarter final, Bassett A lost 3-1 to ASC Youth, the side they beat in last year's final. Scorer for the visitors □ who lost their first game of the season - was Euan Burke.

Both under 13s sides were involved in league action, and both came away with points. A solid performance from the B team secured a 2-2 draw with GESS, while a brace from Max Passingham helped the A team to all three points as they defeated Swindon Robins by the odd goal in seven. Oliver Lowkis and Craig McLaughlin completed the scoring.

The under 11s held Ramsbury to a 1-1 draw, giving themselves more breathing room as they look to avoid getting sucked into a relegation battle.

At mini soccer level, the under 9 As cruel luck continued as they were beaten 3-2 for the second consecutive week, this time to second placed FC Abbeymeads B. Meanwhile, the under 10 Bs were the latest team to receive the wrath of runaway Division Three leaders Greenmeadow Youth, who ran out 11-0 winners.





Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

## Under 18Cs into the County Cup Final Four

The Wootton Bassett Town C are now ninety minutes away from a place in the final of the Wiltshire County Youth Cup after disposing of Bradford Town by three goals to one in their quarter final tie. The visitors had absolutely no answers for Bassett, who raced into a two goal half time lead thanks to strikes from Brad Hooper and Sam Farr.

A further goal shortly after the break from Eddie Herbert wrapped the game up, and although Bradford eventually got on the score sheet, it was nowhere near enough. Danny Groom's side join FC Chippenham Youth, Pewsey Vale and holders Salisbury City in the semi final hat.

Elsewhere, the under 18 A side were certainly not favourites going into their match with second place Liden Community. However, they recorded a highly impressive 3-0 victory to move into fifth.

A four timer from Tyler Fitchett fired the under 10 A team six points clear at the top of Division Two as helped his side negotiate a tricky trip to Shrivenham & Watchfield with relative ease. Leading 3-2 at the break, Bassett pulled away after half time to eventually win 6-3. The rout was finished off with goals from Zachary Bunce and Euan Burke.

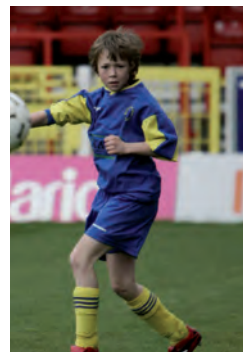
The B team on the other hand made it three games in a row in which they have conceded four goals, this time against second from bottom Penhill Allstars. However, Bassett could not repeat last week's trick of scoring four themselves, and were only able to muster half that amount with goals from Matthew Nicholls and Declan Cox.

The under 9 A team suffered another agonizing defeat, this time against Highworth Juniors T, who won 3-2 and leapfrogged Bassett in the table. Under 9 Division Four leaders Stratton Youth proved too powerful for the B team, who - despite finding the back of the net three times - shipped seven. Joe Mitchell was Bassett's top marksman with a brace.

Poor luck continues to bedevil the under 11 side, who were defeated 3-1 at Marlborough Town Youth.

Playing for the first time since early December, the under 13 A side were unsurprisingly rusty in their cup encounter at fellow Division One side Greenmeadow Youth A as they wound up losing 3-1. The B team returned to league action for the first time since November with a visit to Swindon Robins and were well beaten by four goals to one to remain in the bottom two.

The under 15s were on the receiving end of a 3-0 defeat at home to Cirencester Town to push them further down the table in what is a highly congested Division One, whilst the under 16s remain without a win after they were beaten 2-0 at home by third-placed Ferndale Rodbourne.



## Hellenic League

### Bulletin Board

#### Club Officer Availability

**Didcot Town** □ **Secretary: Pat Horsman** will not be available from Jan 25th to Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact during this period is Steve Clare [stclare@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stclare@tiscali.co.uk) Tel No - 07767 480553

**Woodley Town:** Change of location for after-match Hospitality to the 'Earley Home Guard Club'□

#### Amendments to Handbook Details:

#### Referee Details:

#### Additions

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### Player Misconduct to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Thankfully there has been some football played in the past couple of weeks after five weeks with little progress on the playing front.

Listed below are the overall reported misconduct stats for all matches played in Hellenic Competitions to last Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January with the exception of reports still awaiting receipt from a few referees.

I have listed the current stats for this season and also last season. However, to allow a view on the compatibility of last season against this season one needs to be aware of the percentage of the season's matches played – these are:

	Played	%	Played	%
	550	51.31	567	54.52%
	2009-2010		2008-2009	
Division	Cautions	Sent Off	Cautions	Sent Off
Premier	900	79	881	71
One West	297	23	362	24
One East	413	34	457	42
Reserve	429	35	385	31
Veterans	23	1	11	0
Totals	2062	172	2096	168

This season the percentage played is 3.21% less than at the same time last season. Therefore projecting a 3.21% upturn on this season would increase the current season's totals to:

**Cautions 2062 + 66 = 2128**  
**Sent Off 172 + 5 = 177**

Overall not a great deal of change throughout the Hellenic League, but with any statistics you can make of them what you wish. This asks the question is the FA Respect Program working?

### Registered Players □ to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Division	Registered	Transferred	Total
Premier	1205	80	1285
One West	932	52	984
One East	995	37	1032
Reserves	203	16	219
Veterans	494	1	495
TOTALS	3829	186	4015

### Transfers □ Period from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February

Alex	Green	Wootton Bassett Tn	Shrivenham
Shaun	Wimble	Wootton Bassett Tn	Shrivenham
Sean	Webb	Wantage Town	Letcombe
Luke	Stone	Wantage Town	Letcombe
Blaine	Fitzgerald	Shrivenham	Highworth

### The Roving Reporter Reports on Almondsbury Town 2-1 Flackwell Heath

With the top four opening a gap in the league table, Flackwell Heath needed a result at Almondsbury if they wanted to put in their own title challenge. The Almonds attacked from the start and held sway but the Heathens somehow kept them at bay. Ross Stearn on the right and Sahr Kabba down the middle were giving the Heathens all sorts of problems but keeper Sam Southerden was in good form and up to the challenge. Towards the end of the half the Heathens worked their way into the game but despite some good moves, were unable to create any scoring opportunities. Despite the numerous shots the Almonds got in over the first half, the game finished all square at the break.

The second half opened with the Heathens showing determination in their attacks and following an early corner the Almonds failed to clear the ball and it was put back into the area where Lee Thompson turned on it and hit it into the net for the opening score. Four minutes later an Almonds' kick into the Heathens' area was half cleared and Lee Jefferies ran onto the ball and hit it into the corner of the net for the equaliser. Shortly afterwards a clearance over the top saw Sahr Kabba race away with the ball, lob the oncoming keeper and coolly tap it into the net to give the Almonds the lead. The Heathens then pressed for the equaliser and it was the Almonds' defence's turn to shine, but the Almonds always looked dangerous on the break. In the end the Almonds held on and gained three valuable points on leaders, Reading Town who did not play today.



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Boot Room Chatter

14<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### FTL FUTBOL Premier Division

Almondsbury Town closed the gap at the top to just SEVEN points and also have three games in hand on leaders Reading Town who suffered a 1-0 loss at home to Ardley United. A 77<sup>th</sup> minute strike from Neil Lazarus inflicted a second loss in four games on Reading Town whilst goals from Aaron Blakemore and Dale Peckham either side of a reply from Oxford City Nomads Ben Moses saw the Bristol side ease closer to their promotion rivals. Shortwood United were involved in Glos' County Cup action beating Oldland Abbotonians's 5-0 and this allowed Kidlington to move up to 4<sup>th</sup> place following a 4-1 win against Oxfordshire neighbours Carterton. Adam Lovegrove opened the scoring with Mark Baker adding two more before the break. Jordan Parker netted the fourth and Mike Duerden scored the visitor's consolation.

Abingdon Town won the 'Teapot' Challenge beating Shrivenham 3-0 with Mark Simms converting a penalty in each half, Alex Mott scored the third five minutes from time. Ascot United made it two wins in four days beating Flackwell Heath 5-3. Bicester Town lost to three first half goals from visitor's Highworth Town with Tom Cole, Steve Robinson and Craig Curtis scoring. Binfield left Fairford Town with three points after securing a 2-1 win thanks to an 85<sup>th</sup> minute goal from Tim Walsh after James Skinner has equalised a 10<sup>th</sup> minute opener from Binfield's Scott Williams. Pegasus Junior's overwhelmed Hook Norton 6-1, Mark Smith and Cory Hyde netted twice.

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### FTL FUTBOL Division One (West)

A new management team took over at Launton Sports in the past week and they travelled to Trowbridge Town with eighteen consecutive defeats this season. Two second half goals from Tarrick Yachou looked to be pushing Sports towards defeat number 19 but with five minutes remaining Lewis McGowan netted and the fight-back was on. As the final whistle drew close Matt Green netted a 90<sup>th</sup> minute equaliser to secure Launton's first point of the season.

Although the top two both won Purton assumed top spot with an 11-0 win at Cirencester United. There were hat tricks for Ashley Gooch and Warren Fuller, Paul Day and Jonny Coole weighed in with two each and Tom Cadden netted as well. Two goals from Marvin Roberts saw Slimbridge beat Cricklade Town 2-0 and keep up their promotion challenge. Cheltenham Saracens maintained third spot with a 2-1 win at home to Clanfield who took the lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> minute but goals from Sam Slender and Jamie Hammond won the game. Wootton Bassett Town are just a point behind in 4<sup>th</sup> place after a 3-1 win at North Leigh Reserves and have games in hand.

Easington Sports went down 5-0 at home to Winterbourne United and Letcombe had a good 4-1 home win against Tytherington Rocks with Paul Roberts and Adam Pendle both scoring twice.

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## 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
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 Bolton or Tottenham Hotspur (H)	
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 Shildon	A	
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

Almonsbury 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	3 - 1
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	7 - 2
Witney United	v	Letcombe	8 - 1

### Second Round

Ardley	v	Fairford	3 - 1
Eton Wick	v	Abingdon Town	
Holyport	v	Almondsbury Town	1 - 1, 4-5 pens
Marlow United	v	Slimbridge	1 - 4
Oxford City Nomads	v	Wantage Town	
Reading Town	v	Pegasus Juniors	1 - 0
Shortwood United	v	Shrivenham	
Witney United	v	Woodley Town	



### FTL FUTBOL Division One (East)

With Wokingham & Emmbrook in Reading Senior Cup action Thame United had the opportunity to go top but blew the chance with a 2-2 draw at home to Didcot Town Reserves. Luke White put Didcot ahead before the break and Nik Rhodes leveled on the hour but ten minutes later Harry Halls put the visitor's ahead again. Thame equalised for the second time with eight minutes to play when Adam Rhodes found the net. A 4-1 win for Woodley Town at Chalfont Wasps moved them to 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their debut season, but it is very tight after the five point gap from the top two. Holyport are now 4<sup>th</sup> after a 3-1 win at home to Rayners Lane, it was 1-1 at the break but goals in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute from Jamie Handsome and Lewis driver two minutes from time got the win. Milton United are level on points winning 2-1 at Finchampstead and just a point behind in 6<sup>th</sup> place are Henley Town who drew 1-1 at home to Farnborough Res' South Kilburn drew 1-1 at home to Penn & Tylers Green and Chinnor beat Kintbury Rangers 4-1 with Gary Marshal netting twice.

#### Bulletin Board

#### Club Officer Availability

**Finchampstead** Match Secretary **Richard Whitchurch-Bennett** 21<sup>st</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March Contact Secretary **Nick Markham** – details as Handbook.

#### Amendments to Handbook Details: Clubs

**Milton United:** Ken Shaw has stepped down as CHAIRMAN

#### Referee Details:

**Amendments List TWO**  
**Mark Walker** – New Mobile No: 07565 716905

#### Registered Players to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Division	Registered	Transferred	Total
Premier	1218	84	1302
One West	948	53	1001
One East	1002	38	1040
Reserves	207	18	225
Veterans	498	1	499
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3873</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>4067</b>

#### Transfers Period from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February

Dale	Crowie	Kidlington	Abingdon Utd
Stuart	Johnson	Eton Wick	Chalfont Wasps
James	Faulkner	Abingdon United	Oxford City Nom
Richard	Stevenson	Cirencester Utd	Cheltenham Sar
Thomas	Hayday	Oxford City Nom	Bicester Town
Craig	Parson	Cirencester Utd	Cricklade Tn
Kuris	Sharkey	Malmesbury Vic's	Shrivenham
Matthew	Jenkins	Bicester Town	Launton Sports
Danny	Wallington	Cirencester Town	Slimbridge

### WEB MASTER AWARDS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Web Master, Patrick Horsman has reported on the club submissions for the second quarter of the incentive package to encourage clubs to keep their Program details up to date. Also included in the Web Master Incentive package was submission of Match Reports together with regular reports on club news & happenings.

The second period under scrutiny ended on 31<sup>st</sup> January and the results from that period are detailed below with the TOP FIVE in each Division for period ONE & TWO. Unfortunately a number of clubs have failed to support this funded initiative with a number of clubs not making any submission of Match Reports, Club News or updated their Match Program Player Details at all;

#### THREE PREMIER Division Clubs SIX ONE EAST Division Clubs FIVE ONE WEST Division Clubs

The winners of each Divisional award in the THREE periods; Aug to Oct, Nov to Jan & Feb to April in each Division will receive club funding to the level of £125 for each period. This, in itself equates to £1125 and on top of this there are seasonal achievement awards that should bring the total funding to approx £2000.

**You have to be in it to win it**

PREMIER DIVISION		TOP FIVE	
Quarter ONE		Quarter TWO	
Kidlington £125	77	Kidlington £250	30
Witney United	69	Witney United	26
Marlow United	68	Shrivenham	24
Shortwood United	61	Ardley United	23
Wantage Town	59	Shortwood United	20

ONE EAST		TOP FIVE	
Quarter ONE		Quarter TWO	
Milton Utd £125	57	Holyport £125	17
Holyport	56	Chalfont Wasps	16
Finchampstead	52	Milton United	15
Thame United	49	Finchampstead	8
Chinnor	46	Woodley Town	7

ONE WEST		TOP FIVE	
Quarter ONE		Quarter TWO	
Letcombe £125	63	Purton £125	31
Cricklade Town	57	Wootton Bassett	18
Purton	55	Cricklade Town	17
Headington Amat'	54	Letcombe	16
Tytherington Rock	51	Clanfield	13

# TOUCHLINE

WBTFC Newsletter Volume 6, January 2010

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

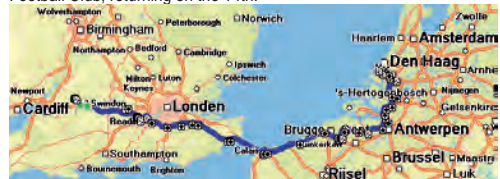
Focussing on the reserves, Simon Paish and Simon Packer have come into senior management and are in a transition period. Their remit is to play and develop a very young team, introducing them to senior football. Although the league position is not good I am delighted with their efforts and I am sure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

After 6 weeks of inactivity caused by the extreme wintry weather the lads kicked off their 2010 fixtures with a pleasing 4-3 away win at Amesbury. The break looked to have taken its toll on the lads as a very sluggish start saw us 2-0 down after 20 minutes. A few choice words kick started the lads into action and after then it was all one way traffic which saw us score three times before the break through Brad Hooper (2) and Kane Lever to see us lead 3-2 at half time. Shortly after half time we extended our lead through a great strike by Sam Farr and despite conceding a late consolation goal we held on for a deserved three points.

The next fixture away at Calne proved to be much more comfortable and we played some excellent football to win 5-0. 15 year old Brad Hooper added to his double against Amesbury with another brace ,Danny Hale with the pick of the five being Ellis's first goal which finished off a fantastic team move from back to front without a Calne player touching the ball. The result also saw the lads go top on goal difference and it is no more than they deserve so far for their fantastic attitude, effort and ability. Let's hope the situation is the same at the end of the season which will be a fantastic achievement.

After Wednesday's game away at Chippenham which will have been played by the time you read these notes the lads then have a run of 4 consecutive homes games on Thursday nights at Rylands starting with Bemerton on the 25th Feb

Cheers

Danny



Wootton Bassett Town Under 18 Wiltshire County Floodlit League

Date	Opponents	H/A	K-off	L 1 - 2	Paish
10/09/2009	Chard Town (FAYC)	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
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	Hooper 2, Lever, Farr
04/02/2010	Calne Town	A	19:30	W 5 - 0	Hooper 2, Ellis 2, Hale
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		
18/03/2010	Calne Town	H	19:30		
TBA	Bradford Town	A	19:30		
TBA	Pewsey Vale	H	19:30		
TBA	Melksham Town	A	19:30		

Wiltshire Under 18 Floodlit League Table as at 14th February 2010

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1 Wootton Bassett Town	12	8	2	2	13	26
2 Pewsey Vale	11	8	2	1	12	26
3 Bradford Town	9	6	2	1	24	20
4 Chippenham Town	8	5	2	1	13	17
5 Bemerton HH	10	4	2	4	14	14
6 Swindon Supermarine FC	9	4	2	3	3	14
7 Shrewton Utd	13	4	2	7	-21	14
8 Melksham Town	6	3	0	3	-2	9
9 Amesbury Town	10	1	2	7	-8	5
10 Calne Town	12	1	2	9	-27	5
11 Corsham Town	10	0	4	6	-21	4



## 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	6-Feb-10 Hungerford Town Res	A	League	L 1 - 5	Spencer
Sat	13-Feb-10 Cheltenham Saras Res	H	League	L 0 - 1	
Tue	14-Feb-10 Henley Town Res	H	Cup	L 1 - 6	Smith
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		
Sat	6-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		

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**Ladies & Girls:** All three Bassett sides have started this season well, with the U13 girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> place while both the U16 & ladies sides sit 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cheltenham Saracens	15:00
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cricklade Town	15:00
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Launton Sports	15:00
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Clanfield	15:00
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> 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)









## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Dear Club Player, Official or Youth Members parents/guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of Wootton Bassett Town Football Club, and for playing your part in the club being awarded Community Club of the Year by the Wiltshire FA in 2009. The award I believe is recognition for the way we as a club try to provide football playing, coaching and volunteering opportunities to as many of our community as we can in essence recognition for what you all do week in week out. Our Development Plan aims to build on what we have achieved so far, notably with exciting development in our links with schools and extending of our Community Football offering.

However, we can only continue to offer the broad community offering we do by sharing the workload amongst many of us. We have a strong organisational structure, but with the growth really do need further volunteers to come forward and provide just a few hours a month, with the club providing the structure and guidelines for that work. Assistance is required in many ways in yes, coaching of our teams is of course important, but perhaps you can help by seeking grant support for the club, seeking sponsors and advertisers, helping to manage the bookings for pitches and training, or helping to manage the database of players and officials. Help and training will also be provided as required.

One of the problems we are finding as a club is that we are not effectively communicating to you all, for instance our newsletter, Touchline, does not always get circulated to all. To help with the communication and administration of the club we plan to develop a database of the registration details for players and officials currently we simply pass on completed registration forms to the leagues. With your agreement we would like to store this data, including email addresses if available, in order that we can ensure club communications reach all, and also to assist us in any formal correspondence that may be necessary.

Please do consider whether you might be able to give a few hours to help the club run there really is a wide variety of ways to assist and if you think you can please approach a coach or official related to your team.

Kind Regards,

Paul Harrison, Chairman

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## V Cheltenham Saracens (H)

### Hard Earned Point as Bassett Stop Cheltenham Goal Machine

Cheltenham Saracens came to Rylands Way on the back of two wins in which they had scored a massive 26 goals. Having dropped more points than Bassett the visitors attacked from the off knowing that for them a victory was an imperative. It was no surprise when Cheltenham took the lead Ian Surcombe pouncing after Sam Collier had failed to clear. However, seven minutes later Wootton Bassett were on level terms when Craig Shand (pictured below right) scored a fine individual goal when the ball fell to him on the edge of the box. He kept his cool as he rounded the Cheltenham keeper and slotted the ball into the net. The game remained tight for the remainder of the half although it was the visitors who had the bulk of the possession but the Wootton Bassett defence superbly marshalled by Jon Holloway (pictured below left) kept them out.

The second half remained a tight affair but it was Wootton Bassett who created the best chance of the game in the last ten minutes. Following a flowing move the ball was crossed to Ryan Banks in space and with just the keeper to beat but a fine diving save at the feet of Banks from the Cheltenham keeper denied Wootton Bassett all three points. Had Bassett scored it would have been hard on an excellent young Cheltenham side who had attacked from the off but found they had fired all their bullets in the previous two games and had to make do with a share of the spoils. Having already won at Cheltenham the result was definitely more appreciated by Wootton Bassett who now know that if they win their games in hand they can put breathing space between themselves and their opponents in the promotion race.





# WBTFC DREAM TEAM

this week selected by Roger Williamson

# Hellenic Fixtures



# Hellenic League

## FIXTURES

Paul Comer

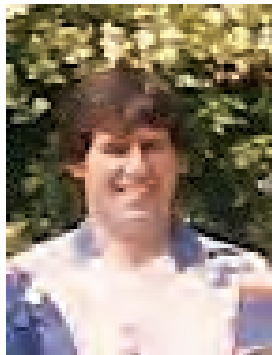
Roger Williamson      John Small      Jeffrey Glasscoo      Tony Vines

Les Trute      Derek Chambers      Graham Smedley      Dougie Gee

Brian Ewen      Gary Dixon

Subs:  
Phil Keep      Roger Smith      Tony Titcombe

Managers - Bob Malkin/Pete Clarke  
Coach - Roger Unwin



Roger's team has been selected from players who played in the late 1970's and early 1980's.

### Pictures

Left: Gary Dixon  
Centre: Graham Smedley with a very young Scoop  
Right: Phil Keep and Seppy Glasscoo

Saturday 20 February	
<b>Premier Division</b>	
Almondsbury Tn	Marlow Utd
Bicester Tn	Kidlington
Binfield	Shortwood Utd
Flackwell Heath	Pegasus Juniors
Hook Norton	Abingdon Tn
Oxford City Nom	Fairford Tn
Reading Tn	Highworth Tn
Shrivenham	Carterton
Wantage Tn	Old Woodstock Tn
Witney Utd	Ascot Utd
<b>Division One West</b>	
Cheltenham Sar's	Purton
Cirencester Utd	Letcombe
Clanfield	Trowbridge Tn
Easington Sports	Tytherington R'ks
Launton Sports	Headington Amat's
Winterbourne Utd	Lydney Tn
Wootton Bassett Tn	Cricklade Tn
<b>Division One East</b>	
Farnborough Res	Eton Wick
Holyport	Didcot Tn Res
Kintbury Rang's	Finchampstead
Milton Utd	Newbury
Rayners Lane	Chalfont Wasps
South Kilburn	Thame Utd
Wokingham & Em'	Henley Tn
Woodley Tn	Penn & Tylers Grn
<b>Reserve Division One</b>	
Abingdon Tn	Wootton Bassett T
Fairford Tn	Hungerford Tn
Henley Tn	Carterton
Highworth Tn	Ardley Utd
Kidlington	Binfield
Swindon S'marine	Cheltenham Sar's
<b>Reserve Division Two West</b>	
Cricklade Tn	Hook Norton
Old Woodstock Tn	Cirencester Tn

Reserve Division Two East		
Ascot Utd	Chinnor	
Penn & Tylers Green	Chalfont Wasps	
Thame Utd	Holyport	
<b>Berks &amp; Bucks Junior Cup 5th Rd</b>		
Alpha Arms Acad's	Eton Wick	
East Hendred	Newbury	
Highmoor Ibis Res	Letcombe Res	
<b>Reading Junior Cup - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>		
Cookham Dean Res	Finchampstead	
<b>Tuesday 23 February</b>		
<b>Bluefin Ins' Brokers Challenge Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>		
Shortwood Utd	v Shrivenham	
Witney Utd	v Woodley Tn	
<b>Premier Division</b>		
Ardley Utd	v Binfield	
Flackwell Heath	v Marlow Utd	
Highworth Tn	v Oxford City Nom	
Kidlington	v Wantage Tn	
Pegasus Juniors	v Almondsbury Tn	
<b>Division One West</b>		
North Leigh Res	Clanfield	
<b>Division One East</b>		
Didcot Tn Res	v Chinnor	
<b>Reserve Division One</b>		
Fairford Tn	v Abingdon Tn	
Henley Tn	v Kidlington	
Wantage Tn	v Finchampstead	
<b>Reserve Division Two West</b>		
Clanfield	v Hook Norton	
<b>Wednesday 24 February</b>		
<b>Hellenic Lge Vet's Cup Group A</b>		
Carterton	v Chipping Norton	Carterton
Stonefield	v Chinnor	Ardley
<b>Hellenic Lge Vet's Cup Group B</b>		
Goring Utd	v Bampton Tn	Milton
Watlington	v Ducklington	Abingdon
<b>Hellenic Lge Vet's Cup Group C</b>		
Brize Norton	v O.C.C. Vets	Witney U
Old Hooky	v Kidlington	C.Norton

# 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	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	D1-1	46	Thompson	Holloway	Edmondson	Philpott	Oram	Collier	Turner	Joyce	Bown	Shand (1)	Banks	Thomas	Guthrie	Sharps
6-Feb	Letcombe	A	W2-1	60	Thompson	Bowden	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram (1)	Collier	Turner	Joyce (1)	Bown	Shand	Banks	Thomas	Philpott	
13-Feb	North Leigh Res	A	W3-1	22	Thompson	Bowden	Sharps	Edmondson	Oram	Collier (2)	Turner	Joyce	Thomas	Shand (1)	Banks	Adams	Byfield	
17-Feb	Clanfield	A	W3-0	46	Thompson	Bowden	Holloway(1)	Edmondson	Oram	Collier (2)	Turner	Joyce	Bown	Shand	Banks	Adams	Byfield	Thomas
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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