

# Wootton Bassett Town F.C.

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Home Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Steve	Allison		
2	Stephen	Yearley		
3	Lee	Stevens		
4	Shaun	Carter		
5	Adam	Corcoran		
6	Dan	Lardner		
7	Jordan	Roberts		
8	Sam	Ockwell		
9	Levi	Cox		
10	Ryan	Stanners		
11	Fraser	Joyce		
12	Tyler	Sheppard		
14	Dennis	Sorrenti		
15	Mani	Randhawa		
16	Kyle	Rigley		
17	Jonny	Aitkenhead		
18	Curtis	Meare		
19	Jason	Milhench		
20	Callum	Parsons		
21	Richie	Miles		
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Visitors Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Ryan	Betteridge		
2	Stuart	Davies		
3	Andy	Crosskey		
4	Ryan	Clark		
5	Rob	Joynes		
6	Luke	Finch		
7	Jordan	Bryan		
8	Mike	Oliver		
9	Carl	Griffiths		
10	Jamie	Hammond		
11	Connor	Trotman		
12	Leroy	O'Diero		
14	Ashley	Hill		
15	Ryan	Young		
16	Tom	Lennox		
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**Dugout Team**  
**Manager:** Jeff Roberts  
**Assistant:** Drew Youngsam

**Dugout Team**  
**Manager:** Sean Bryan  
**Assistant:** Chris Palmer

**Match Officials**  
**Referee:**  T. Blanch  
**Assist. Ref (Red Flag):** B. Harris  
**Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):**  K. Iles

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 Sat 15-Mar-14 v Bracknell Town (Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division) k-off 3.00pm  
 Sat 29-Mar-14 v Flackwell Heath (Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division) k-off 3.00pm

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**Dave Turner**  
1961 - 2014



Uhsport Hellenic Football League  
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**Wootton Bassett Town v Cheltenham Saracens**  
 Wednesday 5th March 2014, kick-off 7.45 pm  
 at Corinium Stadium, Home of Cirencester Town FC

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I am still trying to come to terms with the devastating news that former manager

**Dave Turner** passed away. Dave was a similar age to myself and looked after himself with cycling as well as his football activities. When we played his Shrivenham side back in January he was in fine form. There was good banter between him and the Bassett officials, players and fans at the game and the whole game was played in a great spirit showing that, despite the parting of the ways, we were all still good friends. For him to then suffer a heart attack at such a young age and in such apparent good health is just so hard to comprehend. The thoughts of everyone at the Club at this very sad time are with his wife Trisha and sons Alex and James.

The numerous heartfelt eulogies that were included in the Swindon Advertiser show how highly regarded and respected Dave was in local football circles, by opposition managers, journalists and many others involved in local football. In today's programme I have included many of these tributes to Dave in an extended "Press Cuttings" section. The journalists at the Advertiser certainly ensured Dave has been given a fitting send off.

Dave joined as manager the year after I stepped down as Chairman, Chris Jones, a close friend of many years, bringing him to the Club. I knew Dave from his AFC Barbury days in youth football and also recalled playing against him many years ago for Wootton Bassett Sports. That said I didn't know him that well to talk to but did know that his Pewsey side had always been well organised and difficult to beat. I was

hoping he would bring those traits to Bassett and I was not to be disappointed.

In his 5 years at the Club Dave was to become probably the most successful manager at Wootton Bassett Town since Mick Woolford. Twice Dave achieved promotion to the Premier League from Division One West and also took the Club the furthest it has ever gone in the FA Cup and FA Vase.

Dave's first season saw Bassett reach the FA Vase second round, the Wiltshire Senior Cup semi-finals and narrowly miss out on promotion from Hellenic League Division One West, finishing fourth. The goal of restoring Bassett's place in the Hellenic League Premier Division was fulfilled a year later in some style. Dave's team lost just three league games all season and finished level on points with champions Slimbridge.

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It was testament to Dave's strong sense of loyalty that he decided to stay at Wootton Bassett, despite the drop in divisions. And it was also this quality which enabled him to put together a core group of players who would stick with him – a rare achievement in non-league football nowadays, especially given the total absence of any budget.

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fifth. But there would be no denying them a return to the Premier Division in Dave's final, record breaking year with the club. Not only did the team achieve another runners-up finish in Division One West in 2012/13, but FA Cup wins against Calne Town, Hamworthy United and Highworth Town that will live long in the memory secured a place in the Second Qualifying round. The reward was a trip to Conference South Dorchester Town, a game which saw Bassett perform admirably.

In the summer, after five great seasons with Bassett, Dave moved onto Shrivenham to embark on a new project, which he sadly will not be able to complete. There's no doubt though that his team will continue to play in a similar style to all Dave Turner teams: hard working, tough to beat and with a great team spirit. These qualities were certainly in evidence when we met his Shrivenham side a few weeks ago.

A great, passionate personality who achieved numerous fantastic highs with Bassett and enriched the local non league football scene, Dave will be sorely missed by all of us at Wootton Bassett. I would like to think that the clubs he has managed will seek to keep his memory alive by having annual games in his honour, a three-way pre-season competition between Pewsey, Shrivenham and Wootton Bassett being one possible idea. I would certainly be happy to donate a cup for such a competition.

**A Warm Welcome** to our visitors this evening from **Cheltenham Saracens** for this UHlsport Hellenic

# Editorial & WBTFC News

League Premier Division fixture.

The two sides have met on many occasions previously although the last encounter between the two sides (excluding the abandoned game earlier this season) was way back in Season 2009-10. That day a goal from Craig Shand gave us a share of the points at Rylands Way. Indeed the last 4 encounters between the two sides have been close affairs with a draw in Season 2008-9 away at Cheltenham courtesy of a Craig Wall goal. The other two games have seen narrow 1-0 wins for Wootton Bassett, Paul Hunt scoring the winner in Season 2008-9 at Rylands Way and Matt Bown netting in the 1-0 win at Cheltenham the following season. Prior to that Cheltenham had won the previous 4 fixtures scoring at least 4 goals each time and in one case thrashing us 6-0. Back in the days when Pete Yeardeley was in charge we tended to get the better of Cheltenham but then in the Paul Burke era it was Cheltenham who had the upper hand with those high scoring wins.

This season Cheltenham currently sit in 15<sup>th</sup> place in the table with 8 wins from their opening 22 league fixtures. They have drawn 1 and lost 13. They are 5 points behind us but they have 4 games in hand. With those games to play it is important that we win today to extend the gap.

Cheltenham will probably field a young side keen to impress their new manager.

## Oxford City & Discipline Record

After such a long break we finally had some action a week last Saturday and our unbeaten run of 8 games was brought to an abrupt end. By all accounts those that went said we looked like a side that had not played for a long time. The 2-0 defeat was disappointing, as was the number of bookings we picked up with Lee Stevens seeing red after a second yellow. With two technical area infringements added to our discipline record during January we are in danger of ending the season above Highmoor Ibis in the discipline table. This can't be the fault of the referees every week and we need to take a long hard look at ourselves and go out with the aim of improving the discipline record before the season is over. The Committee cannot and should not allow this to continue.

## League Website

Some interesting articles have been published on the Uhlsport Hellenic Website in recent weeks. The first was about Club's needing to get approval before making press statements about league matters and rulings. This is believed to have been directed at Malmesbury for the comments in the Swindon Advertiser about their game with Purton which the two clubs had looked to re-arrange to Purton. I can see both sides of the story here but all clubs are keen to play games however they can now. A more recent article was about Step 6 ground grading requirements. Looking at what has been published it seems the league has just one more year of two divisions at Step 6.

Looking at what is in the **Programme today** the article from the journalists from the Non-League Paper is provided by Matt Badcock on the subject of postponed games and the impact they have on groundsmen and programme editors.

Jeff looks back at the Shrivvenham and Oxford games in the **Dugout Chat** column and there is also a **match report** from the **Shrivvenham** and **Holyport** games.

In addition this programme contains the usual **picture quiz** to keep you amused at half time. In This week there are fewer pictures to identify but two answers are required for each picture as well as the usual connections to find.

There is an **action shot** of Ryan Stanners and Adam Corcoran away at Reading Town. The player profile today is returning midfielder **Fraser Joyce**.

The **"Football was better in my day"** feature, looking back at football from the 1970's and 1980's this week focuses on **Divisions with Proper names**.

Finally, a big thank you again to Cirencester Town for the use of their ground. Hopefully the weather has improved allowing the game to go ahead.

Enjoy the match and hopefully we can celebrate three more points.

Mark

Cover Photo: Dave Turner



# Press Cuttings

## Swindon Advertiser

### Bassett boss Roberts predicts big things

Monday 13th January 2014

Wootton Bassett Town boss Jeff Roberts believes recent additions have strengthened his squad to such an extent that next season they can compete for Hellenic Premier Division honours. Speaking after watching his side beat Shrivvenham 2-1 in the local derby at Barrington Park on Saturday, he praised the performance of his side depleted by injuries.

"We had three out today," he said. "With a number of others carrying knocks. It's pleasing that players will do that for the team, but it can cause bigger problems in the future."

New signing Mani Randhawa, who has joined from Swindon Supermarine, made his first start alongside midfielder Sam Ockwell in central defence, while Denis Sorrenti covered the left back position, vacant due to Adam Corcoran's injury and Roberts was pleased with his makeshift back four.

"I was impressed with Mani today," said Roberts. "He looked good, he looked calm and he's a very good signing for us. We've put Ocky at the back for three or four games now and he's done very well, Mani's gone in there not fully fit.

"Denis has gone across to left back because Adam's been out and he's been outstanding for us. Shaun (Carter) was on the bench today because Mani wasn't 100 per cent so, Shaun's shoulder is still bad, but he said he'd sit on the bench and if we needed to put him on, we would have."

Randhawa joins a squad that is not lacking in quality according to Roberts and his Southern League class is far from unparalleled.

"We've probably got about five in there already that could play at Southern League level, so it's a good squad we're getting together."

Bassett's win, secured with the final touch of the game, extends their run of league games without defeat to eight games, last losing a league fixture in mid-November. Their run of festive form has relieved the pressure on Roberts, who took the reigns in the summer, and could have been forgiven for looking nervously over his shoulder at the relegation positions before Christmas. Town now sit 13th in the table, 15 points ahead of second bottom Abingdon United, with two games in hand.

"It's another win today and that closes the gap with those ahead of us," he said. "This year is more for consolidation and then next season might be our season."

Roberts confirmed that tricky winger Callum Parsons has agreed to join the Rylands Way side from Hellenic League Division One West team Fairford Town and could feature when Flackwell Heath visit Wiltshire next Saturday.

## Non-League Paper

### He Set Out Plans Right to the End

Sunday 9th February 2014

Tributes have been paid to Shrivvenham boss Dave Turner after he suddenly passed away on Tuesday morning – just hours after planning the club's future. Turner, 52, became manager of the Hellenic Premier club in the summer after five years in charge at Wootton Bassett Town.

Also a former Pewsey Vale boss and Swindon Town fan, he was a keen cyclist and had been at a meeting discussing plans for next season on Monday evening prior to his death at 12.30 am on Tuesday following a heart attack.

"We only got to know him over the past eight months since he came to the club but he was a true, honest gentleman," said club secretary Andy Timbrell. "One thing everybody respected about Dave was that he would never beat around the bush and always told it how it was.

"He loved football to be played in the right way. We don't have a playing budget and it shows how much Dave was liked that players would join us instead of clubs who would offer them money.

"We were with him for four hours on Monday night having a manager's meeting and he seemed right as rain discussing next season. It was devastating news."

Wednesday's Hellenic League Cup third round game against Wantage was postponed but players still met up as a mark of respect. The club held a race night yesterday, after their match at home to Abingdon United was called off, which included a toast to Turner who is survived by his wife Trisha and sons Alex, 24, and James, 22, who plays for Shrivvy. And despite not always getting on with officials, Timbrell says it shows the measure of the man that he was well liked by all.

"I've had loads of emails from Hellenic League referees saying how sorry they are and what an honest bloke he was", added Timbrell. "If they had a good game, he'd tell them and he'd definitely do the same if they had a bad one! Shrivvenham have lost a very good manager but our hearts go out to his family."

## WBFC Website

It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of former manager Dave Turner early this morning. Dave, who managed

Bassett between 2008 and 2013 before moving to Shrivvenham, had an extremely successful spell at Rylands Way, with his stewardship delivering numerous moments that will live long in the memory of all at the club.

After joining from Pewsey Vale in the summer of 2008, his first season saw Bassett reach the FA Vase second round, the Wiltshire Senior Cup semi-finals and narrowly miss out on promotion from Hellenic League Division One West, finishing fourth.

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Our thoughts at this difficult time are with his wife Trisha and sons James and Alex.

# Dugout Chat

Good evening and welcome to the management team, players and supporters of Cheltenham Saracens, who have travelled to the Corinium Stadium today for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture. We hope you will join us in the bar after the game.

The two sides have yet to complete a game against each other this season. The game away at Cheltenham was abandoned due to the weather. Since that date the Cheltenham Manager Gerry Oldham has stepped down and they now have a new man in charge. Having played just 2 games in December and one in January I am sure Cheltenham will be hoping today's game goes ahead.

Like everyone else we were shocked to hear the news that Shrivvenham Manager Dave Turner had passed away. We know Dave was a popular figure here at Wootton Bassett having achieved much success at Bassett. Having read the pieces in the local paper Dave was also clearly a highly respected figure throughout local football circles. Our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time. No doubt we will take the opportunity today to remember Dave in the traditional way prior to kick-off.

It seems such a long time since we played a home game due to this awful weather and we should now be very grateful for the scheduling of fixtures by the league in the first half of the season else we would be facing a heavy backlog of games to fit in. However, if this bad weather continues we still could face that prospect.

Since we last wrote a programme feature we have played 3 games. We defeated Holyport easily in our last game at the Corinium. We should have won by more missing from the spot and conceding two sloppy goals at the end. The Shrivvenham game was a typical local derby game with the added spice of the connection between the Shrivvenham management team and a number of their players with Wootton Bassett. After being on the end of some

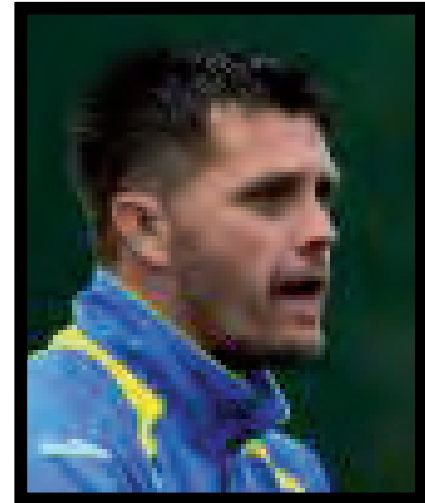
bad luck at times this season how sweet it was to win the game in injury time. Special mention to Fraser Joyce for his performance at Shrivvenham. He came in from the Reserves against Newbury on Boxing Day when we were short and had a great game. He would have retained his place if he had been available for the Holyport game but unfortunately was away. He returned at Shrivvenham and was exceptional, his work rate was just first class. Sam Ockwell also played well at centre half establishing a good understanding with new signing Mani Randhawa. As a result it means we now have a lot of competition for places at the back, with Adam Corcoran, Lee Stevens and Shaun Carter to come back in. Dennis Sorrenti also did well at Shrivvenham.

Levi Cox took his goal well in injury time and some of our link up play involving Levi, Ryan and Jordan in the second half was a pleasure to watch. All we need now is to find someone who can take penalties as the miss from Lardy made it 4 missed penalties in a row!

We finally got to play again after a 6 week break due to the bad weather at Oxford City Nomads. We were very disappointed with our overall performance and expect better given the quality of the players we have now assembled. We were second best all game and we will be looking for a dramatic improvement this evening. We were also disappointed with picking up so many bookings again and we have to improve our discipline record. You would have thought the players would have learnt by now that it is pointless arguing with referees they are not going to change their mind over a decision.

Enjoy the game, give the lads plenty of support as we look to get back to winning ways and see you in the bar afterwards.

Jeff & Drew



# Opponents - History

## Cheltenham Saracens FC • Club History

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

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

After two years in the Premier the team were relegated back to Division 1 in 2001/2002. Season 2011/12 promotion back to the Premier division was achieved, and we hope for a long stay.

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

With the improvements to Petersfield Park on-going the future looks bright for the Club.

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



### Honours

- GFA Primary Challenge Cup Winner 1971/1972
- Minor Charity Cup Winner 1990/1991
- Cheltenham League Division 5 Winner 1990/1991
- GFA Senior Amateur Cup Winner 1991/1992
- Hellenic League Division 1 Winner 1999/2000
- Hellenic League Reserve Section Winner 1999/2000
- Cheltenham League Division 4 Winners 2009/2010
- Cheltenham Minor Charity Cup Winners 2009/2010



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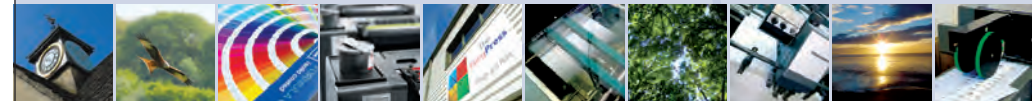
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# Opponents Pen Pics

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First Round		
<b>Ardley United</b>	8 - 0	Malmesbury Vic's
<b>Ascot United</b>	7 - 1	Newbury
Bracknell Town	2 - 2	<b>Binfield (4 - 5 Pens)</b>
<b>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp</b>	4 - 2	North Leigh
<b>Carterton</b>	2 - 0	Didcot Town
Chalfont Wasps	0 - 2	<b>Easington Sports</b>
Clanfield	2 - 3	<b>Abingdon United</b>
Cricklade Town (withdrew)		<b>Cheltenham Saracens</b>
Headington Amat's	0 - 2	<b>Purton</b>
<b>Highworth Town</b>	3 - 1	Oxford City Nomads
Hook Norton	2 - 4	<b>Kidlington</b>
<b>Lydney Town</b>	5 - 2	Wootton Bassett Town
<b>Maidenhead United</b>	5 - 4	Holyport
<b>Milton United</b>	1 - 0	Thame United
Old Woodstock Town	1 - 4	<b>Abingdon Town</b>
Reading Town	0 - 2	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>
<b>Shrivenham</b>	3 - 0	Wokingham & Emmbrook
<b>Tuffley Rovers</b>	3 - 0	Chinnor
<b>Wantage Town</b>	4 - 2	Fairford Town
Woodley Town	1 - 3	<b>Tytherington Rocks</b>

Second Round		
<b>AFC Hinksey</b>	2 - 0	Burnham
<b>Ascot United</b>	4 - 0	Kidlington
Beverbrook	1 - 3	<b>Purton</b>
<b>Easington Sports</b>	3 - 1	Abingdon Town
Finchampstead	3 - 5	<b>Flackwell Heath</b>
Highmoor Ibis	2 - 4	<b>Tytherington Rocks</b>
Letcombe	1 - 5	<b>Cirencester Town Devel't</b>
Lydney Town	1 - 3	<b>Shortwood Utd Res</b>
<b>Milton United (7-6 pens)</b>	1 - 1	Cheltenham Saracens
Tuffley Rovers	2 - 3	<b>Wantage Town</b>
Carterton	0 - 4	<b>Abingdon United</b>
New College Swindon	1 - 3	<b>Rayners Lane</b>
Penn & Tylers Green	0 - 2	<b>Ardley United</b>
Brimscombe & Thrupp	0 - 1	<b>Highworth Town</b>
<b>Shrivenham</b>	4 - 3	Maidenhead United
Henley Town	0 - 1	Binfield

Third Round		
AFC Hinksey	3 - 3	<b>Abingdon United (2-3 on pens)</b>
Ardley United	v	Cirencester Town Development
Easington Sports	v	Rayners Lane
Flackwell Heath	1 - 1	<b>Highworth Town (3-4 on pens)</b>
Milton United	0 - 1	<b>Shortwood United</b>
Purton	1 - 4	<b>Ascot United</b>
Shrivenham	0 - 1	<b>Wantage Town</b>
<b>Tytherington Rocks</b>	2 - 0	Binfield



## Team Profiles Cheltenham Saracens FC



**Ryan Betteridge** Goal Keeper  
Age 33. Experienced goalkeeper having played for the club for many seasons.



**Peter Davis** Goal Keeper  
Age 20. From Gloucester City competent young keeper



**Luke Finch** Defence  
Age 19. Full Back Product of Youth team played last season for Bristol Academy



**Jack Oldham** Defence  
Age 21. Small, but aggressive player. Ex Aston Villa youth and product of club youth team.



**Rob Joynes** Defence  
Age 28. Strong central defender signed from local football.



**Mike Oliver** Defence  
Age 22. Third season with the club following a move from Bishops Cleeve.



**Ryan Clark** Defence  
Age 22. Stylish defender signed from Bishops Cleeve.



**Joe Donaghue** Defence  
Age 21. Talented left sided player with attacking flair. Product of the youth team.



**Leigh Rayson** Midfield  
Age 26. Uncompromising player and always in the action. Product of the youth team.



**Mike Rhodes** Midfield  
Age 30. Likes to score goals from mid-field. Rejoined the club after a spell with Bishops Cleeve.



**Lee Bolger** Midfield  
Age 29. Hard working midfield player signed from local football.



**Matt Young** Forward  
Age 24. Forward signed from local football.



**Sonny Burrows** Forward  
Age 22. Product of youth team returned after in spell in local football



**Sean McKeon** Forward  
Age 27. Well known striker in the Hellenic League but lives in Cheltenham.



**Jamie Hammond** Forward  
Age 25. Prolific goal scorer with a good reputation in the league.



**Paul Fahy** Forward  
Age 20. Forward signed from Gloucester City.



**Josh Swales** Forward  
Age 19. Joined the club season 2012/13 after being released by Cheltenham Town.



**Jordan Bryan** Forward  
Age 19. Skilful player who likes to attack and score goals. Member of the successful County Youth Team. Product of the youth team



**Elliott Kennedy** Forward  
Age 22. Returned to the club after a season with Bishops Cleeve. Very quick forward with an eye for goal. Product of Club Youth team.



**Dan Harvey** Fitness Coach

# Today's Opponents

# Pyramid Step 5 & Hellenic Prem Map

## Cheltenham Saracens

<b>Formed:</b>	1964
<b>Nickname:</b>	Sara's
<b>Chairman:</b>	Brian Dix
<b>Secretary:</b>	Debbie Organ,

<b>Ground:</b>	Petersfield Park, Tewkesbury Road, GL51 9DY
<b>Tel:</b>	01242 584134
<b>Manager:</b>	Sean Bryan
<b>Capacity:</b>	Not known
<b>Seats:</b>	Yes
<b>Colours:</b>	All Navy Shirts, Shorts & Socks

**Ground Directions:** Follow directions into Cheltenham following signs for railway station. At Station roundabout take Gloucester Road, in a Northerly direction for approx 2 miles. Turn left at lights past Tesco entrance onto Tewkesbury Road, follow road past 'The Range' store over railway bridge. Take 1st left and then 1st left again, then left into service road into car park

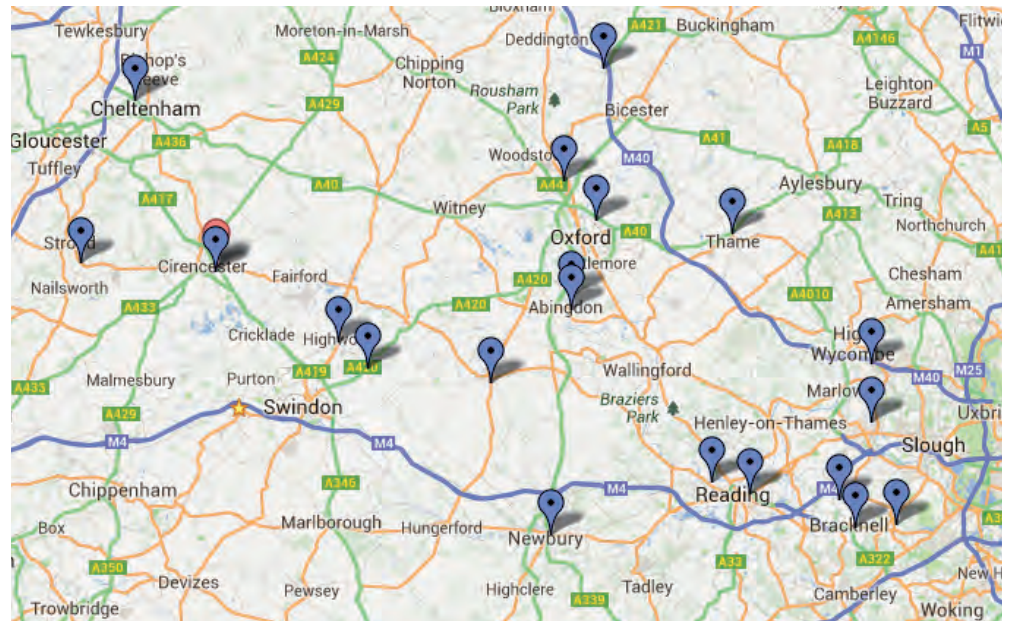
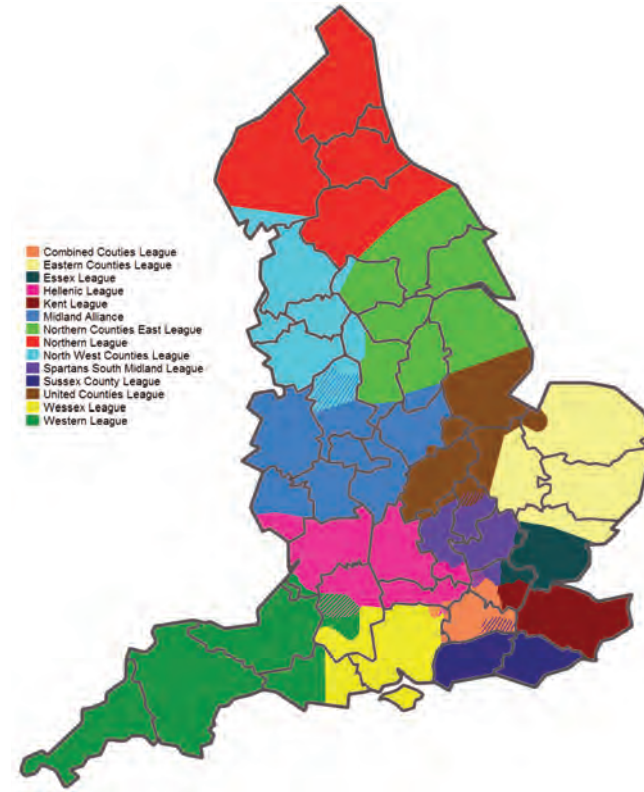


**Hellenic League Premier**                      **Hellenic Division 1 West**

League Performance - Last Seven Seasons										
Season	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
<b>Position in League</b>	13th	6th	8th	6th	5th	12th	4th	3rd	15th	11th
<b>Top Scorer</b>	R.Constantine 10	R.Constantine 11	A.Crosskey 8	A. Sherlock 33	A.Sherlock 38	J.Tustain 18	J.Hammond 40	J.Hammond 20	J.Hammond 17	E.Moore 34
<b>Average Crowd</b>	Not known	42	35	35	34	35	27	31	33	34
<b>Total Crowd</b>	Not known	710	602	589	543	556	406	438	657	615
<b>F.A. Cup</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>F.A. Vase</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1st Qual Rnd	2nd Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	1st Round

Current Form (Last Six Games)		
Date	Opponents	Result
22-Feb-14	Bracknell Town (H)	L 1 - 3
18-Jan-14	Newbury (A)	L 1 - 2
14-Dec-13	Highmoor Ibis (A)	L 0 - 2
7-Dec-13	Flackwell Heath (H)	L 0 - 5
27-Nov-13	Abingdon United (H)	W 2 - 1
20-Nov-13	Wantage Town (H)	L 1 - 6

v Wootton Bassett Town (Last Six Games)		
Date	Fixture & Result	
2-Feb-10	Wootton Bassett 1 Cheltenham Saracens 1	
12-Dec-09	Cheltenham Saracens 0 Wootton Bassett 1	
8-Apr-09	Cheltenham Saracens 1 Wootton Bassett 1	
31-Mar-09	Wootton Bassett 1 Cheltenham Saracens 0	
22-Mar-08	Wootton Bassett 1 Cheltenham Saracens 4	
19-Feb-08	Wootton Bassett 1 Cheltenham Saracens 4	





Step <sup>1</sup>	League/Division					
1 (B)	Conference National (24 clubs) <i>(Blue Square Bet 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: 4 clubs.					
2 (B)	Conference North (22 clubs) <i>(Blue Square Bet North)</i>			Conference South (22 clubs) <i>(Blue Square Bet South)</i>		
	Promoted to Conference National: <i>Champions of each division;</i> <i>the winners of a 2nd-5th playoff in each division will also be promoted.</i> Relegated to Step 3 leagues: 3 clubs from each division.					
3 (C)	Northern Prem. League (24 clubs) <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Premier Division		Southern League (24 clubs) <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Premier Division		Isthmian League (24 clubs) <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: 4 clubs from each league.					
4 (D) <sup>2</sup>	Northern Premier League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One North	Northern Premier League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One South	Southern Football League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One Midlands	Southern Football League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One South & West	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League)</i> Division One South	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League)</i> Division One North
	*All divisions of 22 clubs except Isthmian League divisions which have 24 teams in each 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: 2 clubs from each league.					
5 (F)	Combined Counties League Premier Division   Eastern Counties League Premier Division   Essex Senior League   <b>Hellenic League Premier Division</b>   Kent League Premier Division   Midland Football Alliance   Northern Counties East League Premier Division   Northern League Division One   North West Counties League Premier   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.</i> Clubs must have applied to the Football Association for promotion to Step Four for the 2014/15 season by 31 December 2013, must then pass ground grading requirements (Grade E by 31 March 2014), and must finish in the top two places in their league to be eligible for promotion. If there are more clubs applying for promotion than places available, priority is given to champion clubs of the respective leagues. Relegated: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with Step 6 leagues, as approved by the FA.</i>					
6 (G)	Combined Counties League Division One   East Midlands Counties League   Eastern Counties League Division One   <b>Hellenic League Division One East</b>   <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 One   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 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   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.					

- Notes
1. Relevant FA Ground Grading requirement shown under each Step number.
  2. At Step 4 FA Ground Grading category E is required for clubs seeking promotion from Step Five. Clubs have to achieve Category D no later than 31 March in the season following promotion.

## Wootton Bassett Town FC • Club History

Wootton Bassett Town formed in 1882 and are one of the oldest Clubs in Wiltshire. Bassett's early success came in the Wiltshire Senior Cup, making the final in both 1902-3 and 1903-4, losing to Warminster 3-1 in a replay before going down 3-0 to Swindon Town the following season. Bassett folded for a period pre World War 1 before re-forming in the Calne & District League. After finishing runners-up in 1930-31 they went one better the following year winning the championship. A short unsuccessful spell in the Swindon & District League saw the team return to the Calne League where they were champions again in 1934-35.



Having won the Calne League for the second time Bassett moved up into Wiltshire League Division 2. Promotion was achieved in the first season and the team remained in the top division until the start of World War II. After the war Bassett recommenced in the County Senior League but struggled. In 1956-57 a reorganisation of football in Wiltshire saw the creation of a Premier Division and Bassett found themselves in the second tier. Season 1958-59 saw the first title secured when Bassett finished top of Division 1. Back in the top tier the highest place finish was 8th in Season 1967-68. Then, following another reorganisation, Bassett found themselves in the Wiltshire Combination where they were to remain until 1976-77 when the current Wiltshire County Football League was formed. The second season in the new league saw Bassett relegated but they were to bounce straight back in 1978-79 when they finished runners-up. Unfortunately momentum could not be maintained and they were immediately relegated to Division 2 where they remained for 5 seasons. A second league title was secured in 1984-85 when Bassett were promoted back to Division 1. This time the team were able to hold their own and after finishing 6th and 4th they then achieved their greatest success in 1987-88 when they won the Division 1 title, elevating the Club into the Hellenic League, where they have remained since.

Throughout their first eleven seasons Bassett kept a steady mid table position. In 1999-2000 they finished 3rd in Division One West and gained promotion to the Hellenic top flight. First season in the Premier resulted in a respectable twelfth position and a County Cup triumph. The next season they made the first round of the FA Vase but just avoided relegation. The next two seasons saw Bassett finish mid table but the following season they were relegated, this after making their first venture into the FA Cup since 1950-51. Bassett missed immediate promotion back to the Premier by one point in 2005-06 and went close again in 2008-09, finishing fourth. Meanwhile Bassett became the first club in Wiltshire to be awarded Charter Community Club status by the FA. Promotion back to the Premier Division was secured at the end of 2009-10 as Bassett finished level on points with champions Slimbridge.



Bassett finished in a credible 15th place in their first season back in the Premier. However, they harshly found themselves demoted back to Division One West on a ground grading technicality, despite an appeal to the FA against the decision. In the circumstances manager Dave Turner did well to steer his side to 5th place the following season after such heartbreak. Last season Wootton Bassett were never out of the top 3 as they marched towards promotion, finishing in 2nd place. In addition they had a fantastic run in the FA Cup reaching the 2nd Qualifying Round for the first time where they put up a spirited performance against Conference South side Dorchester Town. At the end of the season manager Dave Turner decided he had taken the team as far as he could and left after a successful 5 years in charge. In his place have come the former Calne Town management duo of Jeff Roberts and former Bassett player Drew Youngsam.

As Bassett enter their 3rd period in the Premier the new management team will be looking to consolidate in the top division at a time when the Club has to play games at Cirencester Town whilst the new ground is built at Ballards Ash.

**Wootton Bassett Town are currently at Step 5 in the Football Pyramid**

# Reserves in focus



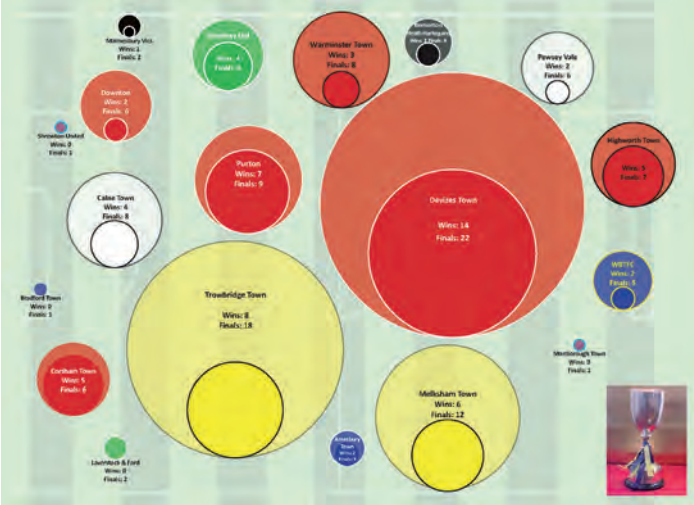
# Wilts Senior Cup History

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB						
SEASON 2013-14 RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES - UHLSPORT HELLENIC LEAGUE DIVISION TWO WEST						
Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers	
Sat	7-Sep-13 Highworth Town	H	League	W 2 - 1	Shepherd, Clark	
Sat	21-Sep-13 Cirencester Town Dev	A	League	L 2 - 3	Drewitt 2	
Sat	28-Sep-13 Hook Norton	H	League	D 1 - 1	Nicholson	
Sat	12-Oct-13 Beversbrook	H	League	W 5 - 0	Smith 3, English, Lovell	
Sat	19-Oct-13 Wantage Town	H	League	L 0 - 1		
Sat	26-Oct-13 Wantage Town	H	Cup - Rnd 2	D 1 - 1	Chatwin	
Sat	16-Nov-13 Oxford City Nomads	H	League	W 2 - 0	Lovell, Matthews	
Sat	23-Nov-13 Fairford Town	A	League	L 0 - 2		
Sat	30-Nov-13 Shrivenham	H	League	D 1 - 1	Drewitt	
Tue	3-Dec-13 Wantage Town	A	League	W 2 - 0	Dixon, Matthews	
Sat	14-Dec-13 Old Woodstock Town	H	League	W 2 - 1	Clark, Joyce	
Sat	11-Jan-14 Highworth Town	A	League	D 1 - 1	Clark	
Sat	25-Jan-14 Old Woodstock Town	A	Pres Cup 1	W 1 - 0	Joyce	
Sat	22-Feb-14 Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	League	W 4 - 0	Brown, Clark, English, Matthews	
Tue	25-Feb-14 Cirencester Town Dev	H	League	W 4 - 3	Cox 2, Rigley, Stevens	
Tue	4-Mar-14 Fairford Town	H	League			
Sat	8-Mar-14 Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	League			
Tue	11-Mar-14 Cheltenham Saracens	H	League			
Thur	20-Mar-14 Oxford City Nomads	A	League			
Sat	22-Mar-14 Old Woodstock Town	A	League			
Sat	29-Mar-14 Hook Norton	A	League			
Sat	5-Apr-14 Cheltenham Saracens	A	League			
Sat	12-Apr-14 Shrivenham	A	League			
Mon	21-Apr-14 Beversbrook	A	League			



Wiltshire Senior Cup Season Winners	Runners-Up
1886-87 Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1887-88 Swindon Town	Swindon Temperance
1888-89 Swindon Town	Swindon Temperance
1889-90 Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1890-91 Swindon Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1891-92 Swindon Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1892-93 Swindon Athletic	Trowbridge Town
1893-94 Swindon Wanderers	Calne
1894-95 Trowbridge Town	Calne
1895-96 Swindon Town Reserves	West Swindon
1895-96 Trowbridge Town	West Swindon
1896-97 Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1897-98 Trowbridge Town	Swindon Victoria
1898-99 Swindon Victoria	Dezives Town
1899-00 Chippenham Town	Dezives Town
1900-01 Warminster Town	Even Swindon United
1901-02 Chippenham Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1902-03 Warminster Town	Wootton Bassett Town
1903-04 Swindon Town Reserves	Wootton Bassett Town
1904-05 Melksham Town	Swindon Haydon St W
1905-06 Salisbury City	Swindon Haydon St W
1906-07 Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1907-08 Dezives Town	Trowbridge Town
1908-09	Swindon Town Reserves Cup held by President
1908-09	Trowbridge Town
1909-10 Salisbury City	Warminster Town
1910-11 Warminster Town	Salisbury City
1911-12 38th Brigade RFA	Calne
1912-13 Calne Town	Trowbridge Town
1913-14 3rd Wilts Regiment	Chippenham Town
1919-20 Swindon Town	Salisbury City
1920-21 Swindon Victoria	Stratton Reform
1921-22 Trowbridge Town	Chippenham Town
1922-23 Salisbury City	Dezives Town
1923-24 Spencers	Swindon Victoria
1924-25 Chippenham Town	Swindon Victoria
1925-26 Trowbridge Town	1st Batt. Wilts Regiment
1926-27 Chippenham Town	Warminster Town
1927-28 Swindon Corinthians	Chippenham Town
1928-29 Chippenham Town	Swindon Corinthians
1929-30 Garrard Athletic	Trowbridge Town
1930-31 Chippenham Town	Swindon Corinthians
1931-32 Westbury United	Swindon Victoria
1932-33 Westbury United	Warminster Town
1933-34 Trowbridge Town	Westbury United
1934-35 Swindon Corinthians	Swindon Victoria
1935-36 Swindon Corinthians	Swindon Corinthians
1936-37 Swindon Victoria	Salisbury Corinthians
1937-38 Trowbridge Town	1st Survey Coy R.A.
1938-39 Purton	Swindon Corinthians
1945-46 Salisbury Corinthians	Chippenham Town
1946-47 Swindon GWR Corinthians	Pewsey Vale
1947-48 Westbury United	Swindon BR Corinthians
1948-49 Purton	Calne & Harris United
1949-50 Dezives Town	Salisbury City
1950-51 Purton	Bulford United
1951-52 Westbury United	Bulford United
1952-53 Pinehurst YC	Swindon Victoria
1953-54 Pinehurst YC	Warminster Town
1954-55 Purton	Bulford United
1955-56 Swindon Victoria	Downton FC
1956-57 Dezives Town	Swindon B.R.
1957-58 Dezives Town	Melksham Town
1958-59 Dezives Town	Swindon B.R.
1959-60 Pinehurst	Dezives Town
1960-61 Dezives Town	Pinehurst
1961-62 Dezives Town	Malmesbury
1962-63 Dezives Town	Highworth Town
1963-64 Highworth Town	Westbury Unitrd
1964-65 Pinehurst	Chippenham Town
1965-66 Dezives Town	Altboume
1966-67 Pinehurst	Dezives Town
1967-68 Dezives Town	Melksham Town
1968-69 Chippenham Town	Melksham Town
1969-70 Melksham Town	Dezives Town
1970-71 Dezives Town	Pinehurst
1971-72 Dezives Town	Sanford Youth
1972-73 Highworth Town	Dezives Town
1973-74 Dezives Town	Park
1974-75 Chippenham Town	Vickers
1975-76 Pinehurst	Dezives Town
1976-77 Corsham Town	Park
1977-78 Melksham Town	Avon Bradford
1978-79 Dezives Town	Ferndale Athletic
1979-80 Downton FC	Park

Wiltshire Senior Cup Season Winners	Runners-Up
1980-81 Downton FC	Tisbury United
1981-82 Avebury	Melksham Town
1982-83 Penhill	Chippenham Town
1983-84 Amesbury Town	Penhill
1984-85 Calne Town	Supermarine
1985-86 Supermarine	Penhill
1986-87 Penhill	Bemerton Athletic
1987-88 Purton	Wootton Bassett Town
1988-89 Purton	Highworth Town
1989-90 Swindon Athletic	Pewsey Vale
1989-90 Swindon Athletic	Swindon Athletic
1991-92 Wollen Sports	Downton FC
1992-93 Bemerton Heath Harl.	Wollen Sports
1993-94 Amesbury Town	Swindon Supermarine
1994-95 Purton	Downton FC
1995-96 Highworth Town	Amesbury Town
1996-97 Corsham Town	Marlborough Town
1997-98 Highworth Town	Purton
1998-99 Wootton Bassett Town	Pewsey Vale
1999-00 Pewsey Vale	Purton
2000-01 Wootton Bassett Town	Shrewton United
2001-02 Malmesbury Victoria	Pewsey Vale
2002-03 Melksham Town	Trowbridge Town
2003-04 Trowbridge Town	Corsham Town
2004-05 Corsham Town	Bemerton Heath Harl.
2005-06 Corsham Town	Melksham Town
2006-07 Corsham Town	Melksham Town
2007-08 Melksham Town	Laverstock & Ford
2008-09 Highworth Town	Warminster Town
2009-10 Calne Town	Laverstock & Ford
2010-11 Bemerton Heath Harl.	Bradford Town
2011-12 Calne Town	Bemerton Heath Harl.
2012-13 Melksham Town	Downton FC



Wiltshire Senior Cup List of Cup Winners	Wins
Dezives Town	14
Swindon Town	9
Chippenham Town	8
Trowbridge Town	8
Purton	7
Melksham Town	6
Corsham Town	5
Highworth Town	5
Calne Town (& Harris Utd)	4
Pinehurst	4
Swindon Victoria	4
Westbury United	4
Salisbury City (old club)	3
Swindon Corinthians	3
Warminster Town	3
Amesbury	2
Bemerton Heath Harl.	2
Downton FC	2
Penhill	2
Pewsey Vale	2
Pinehurst YC	2
Swindon Athletic	2



2013-2014 Season											
UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division Two (West)											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
1 Cirencester Town 'Dev'	14	10	3	1	48	21	33				
2 Oxford City Nomads 'Dev'	16	10	1	5	66	26	31				
3 Wantage Town Reserves	13	10	1	2	36	16	31				
4 Wootton Bassett Town Res	13	7	3	3	26	14	24				
5 Hook Norton Reserves	11	6	4	1	25	7	22				
6 Brimscombe & Thrupp Reserves	10	5	0	5	25	24	15				
7 Beversbrook	12	4	2	6	25	34	14				
8 Highworth Town Reserves	12	4	1	7	20	35	13				
9 Cheltenham Saracens Reserves	13	4	3	6	20	25	12				
10 Shrivenham Reserves	9	2	2	5	14	32	8				
11 Old Woodstock Town Reserves	15	2	1	12	14	58	7				
12 Fairford Town Reserves	14	1	1	12	16	43	4				

THE CHAIRMAN'S HELLENIC LEAGUE RESERVES CHALLENGE CUP SEASON 2013-14				
First Round				
Bracknell Town	1 - 2	Shrivenham		
Brimscombe & Thrupp	0 - 1	Hook Norton		
Cirencester Town Dev'	3 - 1	Highworth Town		
Cricklade Town	L - W	Cheltenham Saracens		
Finchampstead	0 - 6	Wantage Town		
Holyport	W - L	Letcombe		
Penn & Tylers Green	4 - 1	Ascot United		
Wokingham & Emm'	1 - 2	Oxford City Nomads D		
Second Round				
Chinnor	2 - 3	Rayners Lane		
Old Woodstock Town	0 - 5	Chalfont Wasps		
Oxford City Nomads	2 - 0	Binfield		
Wootton Bassett Town	1 - 1	Wantage Town (4-5 on pens)		
Cheltenham Saracens	2 - 5	Fairford Town		
Holyport	4 - 2	Penn & Tylers Green		
Shrivenham	6 - 2	Cirencester Town Dev		
Hook Norton (4 - 3 on pens)	1 - 1	Thame United		
Quarter Finals				
Fairford Town	0	3	Oxford City Nomads	
Chalfont Wasps	v		Rayners Lane	
Shrivenham	0	3	Wantage Town	
Holyport	v		Hook Norton	
Semi Finals				
	v			
	v			
	v			
	v			
Final				
	v			

THE PRESIDENT'S HELLENIC LEAGUE RESERVES SUPPLEMENTARY CUP SEASON 2013-14											
First Round											
Ascot United	2	1	Binfield								
Bracknell Town			Finchampstead								
Cheltenham Saracens			Highworth Town								
Chinnor			Wokingham & Emmbrook								
Old Woodstock Town	0	1	Wootton Bassett Town								
Cirencester Town Dev	4	0	Brimscombe & Thrupp								
Quarter Finals											
	v										
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	v										
Semi Finals											
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	v										
Final											
	v										

# Wiltshire Senior Cup



## WILTSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR CUP SEASON 2013-14

First Round		
Bradford Town	8 - 1	Supermarine Sports FC
Calne Town	1 - 2	Purton
Devizes Town	7 - 1	Amesbury Town
Downton	W - L	Vale of Pewsey
FC Chippenham	1 - 5	Mere Town FC
Highworth Town	8 - 0	Malmesbury Vics
Ludgershall Sports	1 - 2	New College Swindon
Marlborough Town	0 - 3	Chippenham Park FC
Shrewton United	4 - 3	Laverstock & Ford
SKS Blyskawica FC	0 - 3	Trowbridge Town
Warminster Town	1 - 2	Southbrook
Westbury United	0 - 1	Melksham Town
Wilts Calne Town	1 - 5	Pewsey Vale
Wroughton	1 - 8	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Wootton Bassett Town		Bye
Corsham Town		Bye

Second Round		
Chippenham Park	0 - 2	Purton
Highworth Town	2 - 0	Devizes Town
Mere Town	0 - 2	Corsham Town
New College Swindon	1 - 8	Pewsey Vale
Shrewton United	0 - 4	Melksham Town
Southbrook FC	0 - 2	Downton
Trowbridge Town	0 - 5	Bradford Town
Wootton Bassett Town	2 v 3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Quarter Finals		
Bradford Town	1 - 0	Pewsey Vale
Melksham Town	3 - 2	Highworth Town
Downton	1 - 3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Corsham Town	1 - 2	Purton

Semi Finals		
Purton	v	Melksham
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Bradford Town

Final		



The Wiltshire Senior Cup was first competed for back in 1896-97 when Swindon Town were the winners. The Town have gone on to win the competition nine times, including the first six years of the competition. With their progress in the professional game it is a long time since Swindon Town have competed in the Cup. Wootton Bassett Town's first success in the competition was to come at the turn of the century when they made the final in 1902-03, losing to Warminster Town. Wootton Bassett made the final again the following season doing down to Swindon Town Reserves in the final. It would be 84 years before Wootton Bassett would grace the final of the competition again when in 1987-88 they made the final to this time lose against near neighbours Purton. Wootton Bassett Town finally won the cup in 1998-99 when they defeated Pewsey Vale in the final. This success was repeated two seasons later with a win over Shrewton United. Since this win the best the Bassett faithful have had is a couple of semi-final appearances. Last season Wootton Bassett Town went out in the Second Round, losing 3-0 away at Westbury United. The competition was won by Melksham Town, despite having been knocked out in the quarter final only to be re-instated due to their opponents Bradford Town playing an ineligible player. Melksham made the most of their second chance.

In the final the game ended 0-0 after 90 minutes against Downton but two extra time goals gave Melksham the cup for the 6<sup>th</sup> time.

# Wilts League Development Side



## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

### SEASON 2013-14 DEVELOPMENT TEAM FIXTURES - WILTS COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat 17-Aug-13	Intel FC	A	League	W 5 - 3	Petrie 2, Algar, Blackford, Kitchin
Sat 31-Aug-13	Wroughton Reserves	H	League	W 6 - 2	Petrie 2, King 2, Kitchin, Turner
Sat 7-Sep-13	Sarum Youth	A	League	W 7 - 3	Petrie 3, King 2, Kitchin, Algar
Sat 14-Sep-13	Melksham Town Res	A	League	W 6 - 3	Petrie 2, King 2, Kitchin 2
Sat 21-Sep-13	Malmesbury Vics Res	H	League	W 5 - 1	Petrie 2, Carter, King, Kitchin
Sat 28-Sep-13	Sarum Youth	H	League	W 5 - 0	King 2, Blackford, Petrie, Kitchin
Sat 5-Oct-13	Blunsdon	A	League	W 6 - 2	Petrie 3, Algar, Kitchin, Taylor
Sat 12-Oct-13	Marlborough Town Res	H	League	W 6 - 0	King 4, Kitchin, Taylor
Sat 19-Oct-13	Wroughton Reserves	A	League	L 3 - 4	Petrie 2, Covey
Sat 26-Oct-13	Melksham Town Res	H	League	L 0 - 5	
Sat 2-Nov-13	Wroughton Reserves	H	League	W 5 - 1	Guppy 2, King, Petrie, Terry
Sat 16-Nov-13	Intel FC	A	League	L 1 - 3	King
Sat 23-Nov-13	Sarum Youth	H	League	D 3 - 3	Petrie 2, King
Sat 30-Nov-13	Melksham Town Res	H	League	L 1 - 2	Petrie
Sat 7-Dec-13	Malmesbury Vics Res	H	League	L 1 - 4	
Sat 14-Dec-13	Blunsdon	A	League	W 5 - 2	Terry 4, King
Sat 11-Jan-14	Malmesbury Vics Res	A	Cup	L 2 - 5	Petrie 2
Sat 1-Feb-14	Sarum Youth	A	League	W 4 - 1	Petrie 3, Terry
Sat 8-Mar-14	Malmesbury Vics Res	A	League		
Sat 15-Mar-14	Wroughton Res	A	League		
Sat 22-Mar-14	Intel FC	H	League		
Sat 29-Mar-14	Blunsdon	H	League		
Sat	Malmesbury Vics Res	A	League		
Sat	Melksham Town Res	A	League		
Sat	Intel FC	H	League		
Sat	Blunsdon	H	League		

### Top Goalscorers

L. Petrie	26
D. King	17
M. Kitchin	9
S. Terry	6
R. Algar	3
T. Blackford	2
L. Taylor	2
A. Guppy	2
L. Carter	1
A. Turner	1
J. Covey	1

### Wiltshire County League Division 1 League Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Intel FC	17	11	2	4	65	34	35
2 Melksham Town FC Res	13	11	1	1	51	16	34
3 Wootton Bassett Town Dev	16	10	1	5	62	40	31
4 Malmesbury Victoria FC Res	16	8	1	7	63	37	22
5 Sarum Youth Seniors FC	17	4	5	8	38	55	17
6 Wroughton FC Res	18	5	1	12	44	71	16
7 Blunsdon FC	15	1	1	13	19	89	4

Marlborough Town FC Res record expunged

# Match Reports

## Sublime Stanners inspires six goal onslaught

Corinnum Stadium, 28th December 2013

He may have missed out on a hat trick by scuffing a penalty straight at the Holyport 'keeper, but by that point of the game Ryan Stanners had already inflicted enough damage. With two goals, an assist and a performance that left the visiting defence dizzy, the youngster inspired his Wootton Bassett Town team to an emphatic 6-2 win that lifted them to 13th in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

Really the margin of victory should have been greater, with Stanners' spot kick miss following Levi Cox's earlier failure to convert from twelve yards, while the two goals shipped should have been cut out.

But to focus too much on that would be to needlessly nitpick for this was Bassett's best offensive display all season.

Two early chances that went begging suggested the course the game would take. Two minutes in Cox cut back for Jordan Roberts who curled his left foot shot onto the bar. Jason Milhench then found himself in behind the Holyport defence, but rather than shoot he sought to square for Cox, who stretched for the ball yet was just unable to connect.

The inevitable opener eventually came on the quarter hour mark. From deep on the right wing, Roberts whipped a cross into what appeared to be an empty box. Milhench, charging forward from his position wide out left, was able to catch up with the flight of the ball and produced a composed first time finish from ten yards that beat George Legg.

It took time for Bassett to extend the lead. In the meantime Milhench struck inches over with a half volley, while a brief scare was survived when Ryan Tye's corner was headed onto the bar.

With seven minutes to go until half time though, a flowing move brought Stanners his first of the game and

grabbed the first of three further goals before the break.

He helped initiate the attack, taking a pass from Milhench before feeding his teammate with a through ball into the left corner. That was then played into the box for Cox, who, with his back to goal, set back for Stanners to drive home from the edge of the box with a shot that left 'keeper Legg rooted to the spot.

Stanners turned creator moments later as a finely worked free kick undid Holyport. Isolating himself with Tyler Sheppard on the right edge of the area, he took Sam Ockwell's pass into his feet before playing Sheppard in with an exquisite reverse pass. With just the 'keeper to beat, Sheppard made no mistake as he picked out the bottom left corner.

Foiled once by a set piece move, Holyport fell for a similar routine on the stroke of half time to put the games result beyond doubt. This time Stanners stationed himself alone on the right side of the box and from Lee Stevens' pass he rolled his marker before curling low into the bottom left corner.

The onslaught continued following the restart. On 50 minutes Milhench blasted a ferocious 25 yard free kick into the top left corner to make it five.

It should have been six when a penalty was harshly awarded for handball but Cox, going for power, sent the ball careering over the bar and back towards Wiltshire.

Ockwell secured the half dozen on the hour mark. A short corner was played to Steve Yeardley who teased a cross to the far post where the unmarked midfielder headed easily past Legg from close range.

With their goal difference at this point out of negative figures, Bassett should have been finished the game with a plus sign in front of that figure. On 66 minutes Stanners was brought down in the box and, looking to complete his hat trick, came forward to take the penalty. But he rolled a weak effort that Legg comfortably held diving to his right.

An underhit Adam Corcoran back pass then allowed Holyport to grab a goal. Steve Deverall beat Steve

Allison to the loose ball, rounded the 'keeper and curled a shot from a tight angle around Stevens and Corcoran, who had both got back onto the line, into the opposite corner.

With a chance to re-establish a six goal advantage, Aaron Stevens found the woodwork when he found himself one-on-one with Legg.

At the other end, Holyport added another in the final minute. Henry Beckett was given too much room on the edge of the box and his deflected shot was snuck in by Tye.

That final quarter hour was something of a dampener on an otherwise flawless afternoon for Bassett. But this time, with a commanding lead in their second game in 48 hours, Jeff Roberts' side had a reasonable excuse for easing up slightly with the finishing post in sight.

**Man of the Match: Ryan Stanners** – ran the show and played a big part in Bassett racking up a half dozen goals with two for himself and an assist. Holyport just couldn't cope with his clever movement off the ball and decision making and passing when in possession.



**Rating: 8/10** – the two goals conceded and two penalty misses were disappointing but Bassett were otherwise rampant and fully deserved to win by a significant margin.

# Senior Honours List

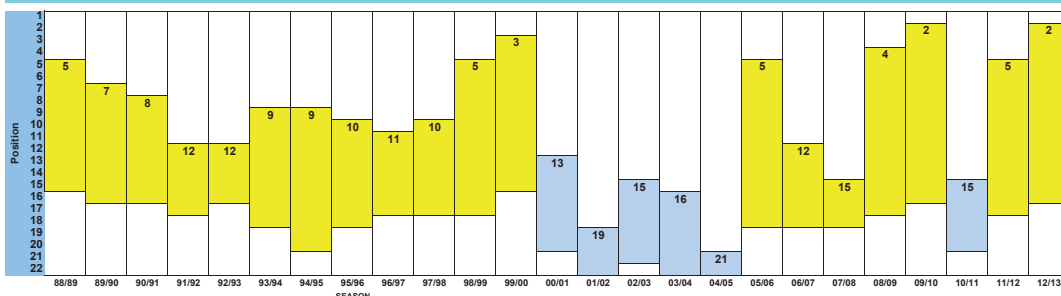
- 1902/03 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1902/03 Advertiser Cup Runners-up
- 1903/04 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1905/06 Wiltshire County League Runners-up
- 1930/31 Calne & District League Runners-up
- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1934/35 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Winners
- 1935/36 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Runners-up
- 1938/39 Brotherhood Cup Winners
- 1953/54 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1957/58 Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions
- 1958/59 Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions
- 1978/79 Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up
- Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners
- 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
- 2000/01 Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
- Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions
- 2009/10 Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up
- 2012/13 Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up
- Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up



# WBTFC Hellenic Record

# Ladies Section In Focus

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 25 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE

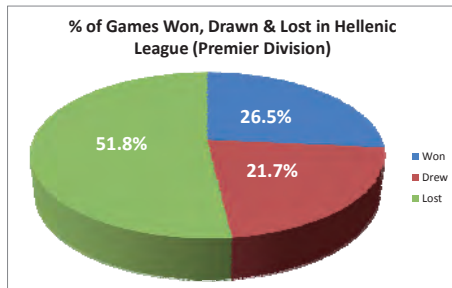
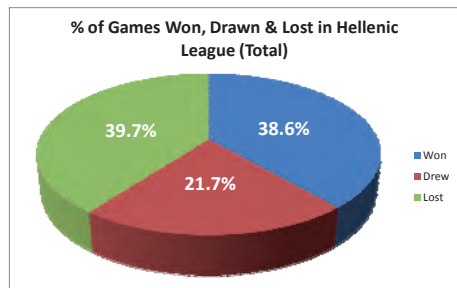


Season	Div	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York 25
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent/Darren Jell
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18	Kevin Maloney	Scott Vincent
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17	Kevin Maloney	Ian Curtis/Gary Ashford 8
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart/Peter Dearlove 10
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart
2000/01	P	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart 25
2001/02	P	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22	Pete Yeardley	Mark Vaughan 14
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 9
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 16
2004/05	P	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardley /Chris Jones	Matty Bennett 10
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett 12
2006/07	1W	32	13	5	14	60	59	44	11 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett/Steve Yeardley 11
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	33	15 out of 18	Paul Burke	Richie Saunders 12
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	31	60	4 out of 17	Dave Turner	Shaun Terry 26
2009/10	1W	30	20	7	3	74	34	67	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 22
2010/11	P	42	13	7	22	55	87	46	15 out of 22	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 26
2011/12	1W	32	15	7	10	69	47	52	5 out of 17	Dave Turner	Matt Bown 18
2012/13	1W	30	22	3	5	75	40	66	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Mark Barnes
2013/14	P	26	7	9	10	45	48	30	14 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Jordan Roberts & Levi Cox 8
<b>Total</b>		<b>876</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>1,198</b>			
			<b>38.6%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>						

Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2012/13	299 v Highworth Town (FA Cup)
Average Hellenic Attendance 2012/13	52.9 (11/12 = 63.6)
Top Scorer - 2012/13	Mark Barnes - 32 Goals
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (31/1/1945)

Division 1

Premier Division



## Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2013-14

### Division One Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers
15-Sep-13	Cheltenham CS	H	FA Cup	W 1 - 0	Wood
22-Sep-13	Bristol Ladies Union	A	FA Cup	L 0 - 11	
29-Sep-13	Cheltenham Spa CS	H	League	W 1 - 0	Oakes
6-Oct-13	Quedgeley Wanderers	H	League	W 6 - 1	Ball 2, Bogg 2, Holland 2
13-Oct-13	Oldland Abbotonians	A	League	L 1 - 5	Bogg
27-Oct-13	Dursley Town	H	League	D 1 - 1	Ball
3-Nov-13	Longlevens Greyhounds	A	League	L 2 - 4	Bogg 2
8-Nov-13	Cheltenham CS	A	League	L 0 - 3	
24-Nov-13	Longwell Green	H	League	L 1 - 2	Edwards
1-Dec-13	AEK Boco Ladies	A	League	D 2 - 2	Bogg 2
8-Dec-13	Bristol & West	H	League	D 1 - 1	Wood
15-Dec-13	Cheltenham Spa CS	A	League	W 4 - 1	Ball, Bogg, Elson, Harper
23-Feb-14	Highworth Town	H	WCC QF	W 4 - 0	Bogg 2, Ball 2
9-Mar-14	Longwell Green	A	League		
16-Mar-14	Bristol & West	A	League		
23-Mar-14	AEK Boco Ladies	H	League		
30-Mar-14	Marlborough Town Ladies	A	WCC SF		
6-Apr-14	Oldland Abbotonians	H	League		
13-Apr-14	Quedgeley Wanderers	A	League		
20-Apr-14	Cheltenham CS	H	League		
27-Apr-14	Longlevens Greyhounds	H	League		
4-May-14	Dursley Town	A	League		
	TBA Longlevens/Cheltenham CS	A	L Cup		

## Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2013-14

### Division One League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Cheltenham Civil Service	14	14	0	0	65	4	42
2 Oldland Abbotonians	13	8	3	2	42	16	27
3 Bristol & West	12	7	1	4	13	14	22
4 Cheltenham Spa CS Ladies	12	6	0	6	26	25	18
5 Longwell Green	12	4	3	5	21	26	18
6 Longlevens Greyhounds	12	4	4	4	28	19	16
7 Dursley Town	14	5	3	6	34	38	15
<b>8 Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>
9 AEK Boco Ladies	12	1	3	8	25	33	6
10 Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	13	0	0	13	2	84	-9

## Wootton Bassett Town Ladies

### League Appearances & Goals up to 21st December 2013

	Apps	As Sub	Goals
Emily Bogg	10	0	8
Katy Edwards	10	1	0
Laura Jefferies	10	0	0
Sophie Harper	10	0	1
Sarah Humphries	9	0	0
Jenny Galvin	9	1	0
Isabelle Di Piero	8	0	0
Zoe Holland	8	6	2
Laura Ball	8	0	4
Samantha Wood	8	0	0
Alisha Elson	7	4	1
Gabrielle Bicknell	7	1	0
Mandy Cook	6	1	0
Kelli Oakes	6	1	1
Felicity Talbot	5	5	0
Rachel Buchanan	5	1	0
Lorna Newton	3	3	0
Emma Skinner	3	1	0
Megan Tidy	2	1	0
April Polden	2	0	0
Shannon Furey	1	1	0



# WBTFC First Team Pen Pics

# On The Road With The Lads

## Team Profiles Wootton Bassett Town FC



**Steve Allison** Goal Keeper  
Highly rated goalkeeper who joins from Western League Calne Town for whom he made 36 league appearances last season.



**Adam Corcoran** Defence  
Now in his third season with Bassett having joined from Calne Town. Formed excellent defensive partnership with Shaun Carter and gives 100% every game.



**Steve Yeardley** Defence  
Bassett lad with over 300 appearances for the club despite three seasons at Highworth Town. Battling midfield player with tremendous energy and fans' favourite.



**Jonny Aitkenhead** Defence  
Product of Bassett's youth section but has been playing in the Hellenic Premier Division with both Shrivenham and Highworth for past four seasons.



**Shaun Carter** Defence  
Strong centre back who plays with his heart on his sleeve. At the end of last season had played over 150 games for the club.



**Tyler Sheppard** Midfield  
Another product of Bassett's youth section. Former Swindon Town Centre of Excellence player who then joined Yeovil Town. Previously with Highworth Town and Calne Town.



**Sam Packer** Midfield  
Returning to the Club from Cirencester Town. Hard working and talented midfielder player who made 22 appearances for the Club in season 2010-11 scoring twice.



**Kyle Rigley** Midfield  
Strong physical centre midfielder player who joins us from Calne Town where he previously played under Jeff and Drew. Product of Ferndale Rodbourne youth set up.



**Sam Ockwell** Midfield  
Versatile youngster formerly with Cricklade Town who will be looking to secure a regular starting position this season in the Wootton Bassett First Team.



**Lee Stevens** Midfield  
Former England Schoolboys and Swindon Supermarine player with a lot of experience at Step 5 including with Calne Town, AFC Totton and Highworth Town.



**Dan Lardner** Midfield  
Experienced midfielder player who joins the Club from Western League Corsham Town. Previously played for Jeff Roberts at Calne Town.



**Jordan Roberts** Midfield  
Former Swindon Town youth player who has also played for Chippenham Town and Calne Town. Currently also with Southern League Swindon Supermarine on a dual registration.



**Ryan Stanners** Midfield  
Extremely skilful player and a key part of the New College squad over the past three seasons. Also made one appearance for Swindon Supermarine in 2012/13.



**Jason Milhench** Forward  
Lively striker with pace who joins the Club from the Wiltshire League. Scored two goals on his debut against Reading Town in September.



**Aaron Stevens** Forward  
Played in same WBTFC Youth Section side as Jonny Aitkenhead. Played for Purton last season when back from University. Strong skilful player. Brother of Lee.



**Shaun Terry** Forward  
Veteran now in the twilight of his career. Wootton Bassett lad who made his name at Hungerford and Highworth Town. Scored 16 goals last season from 32 appearances.



**Levi Cox** Forward  
Top scorer at Calne Town last season with 18 goals from 37 league appearances and will be looking to lead the line for Bassett this season.



**Sam Collier** Forward  
Powerful, strong in the air and with an eye for goal, re-joins Bassett after two and seasons away with Abingdon United and Cirencester in Southern League.



**Drew Youngsam** Asst. Manager  
Former Wootton Bassett player who was joint manager with Jeff Roberts at Calne Town and part of the management team that had Wiltshire Senior Cup success.







**Jeff Roberts** Manager  
Previously with Calne Town. In 2011-12 narrowly missed out on promotion but led his side to semi-final of the Les Phillips Cup and won the Wiltshire Senior Cup.

The table below shows the addresses of all the grounds we will be visiting in 2013/14. This includes the postcode to enter into your Sat Nav. A rough estimate of the distance from Wootton Bassett is also shown.

Total away travel = **1,706** miles (2012-13: 850 miles)

Average away game travel (return journey) = **89.8** miles (2012-13: 57 miles)

Team	Address	Postcode	Distance (Miles)
Abingdon Town	 Culham Road, Abingdon	OX14 3HP	46
Abingdon United	 Northcourt Rd Abingdon, Oxfordshire	OX14 1PL	46
Ardley United	 The Playing Fields, Oxford Road, Ardley	OX27 7NZ	52
Ascot United	 Ascot Racecourse, Car Park 10, Winkfield Road, Ascot	SL5 7RA	59
Binfield	 Hill Farm Lane, Binfield	RG42 5NR	56
Bracknell Town	 Bracknell Town FC. Larges Lane, Bracknell	RG12 9AN	56
Brimcombe & Thrupp	 'The Meadow', London Road Brimcombe, Stroud	GL5 2SH	27
Cheltenham Saracens	 Petersfield Park Tewkesbury Road	GL51 9DY	44
Flackwell Heath	 Wilks Park, Magpie Lane, Heath End Road, Flackwell H	HP10 9EA	68
Highmoor Ibis	 Palmer Park Stadium Wokingham Road Reading	RG6 1LF	45
Highworth Town	 Elm Recreation Ground, Highworth	SN6 7DD	12
Holyport	 Summerleaze Village	SL6 8SP	60
Kidlington	 Yarnton Road, Kidlington	OX5 1AT	43
Newbury Town	 Faraday Road Newbury	RG14 2AD	31
Oxford City Nomads	 Court Place Farm Stadium, Marsh Lane, Oxford	OX3 0NQ	54
Reading Town	 Scours Lane, Tilehurst, Reading	RG30 6AY	43
Shrivenham	 The Recreation Ground, Shrivenham	SN6 8BJ	16
Thame United	 The ASM Stadium, Meadow View Park, Tythrop Wa, Thame	OX9 3RN	64
Wantage Town	 Alfredian Park, Manor Road, Wantage	OX12 8DW	31



# Fantasy Football

## WBTFC FANTASY LEAGUE SEASON 2013-14 - CURRENT TABLE AS AT 2 March 2014

After the success of the previous three seasons' competitions, Wootton Bassett Town will once again be running a Fantasy Football League for 2013/14. It is available for all to enter and there are prizes to be won with two cases of Peroni to the winner (if over 18) with a suitable alternative prize for a winner under 18.

This year's competition has attracted a record 36 entrants.

The new leader is 2010-11 champion Josh Dimond. Former player Craig Kent is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

No change at the other end of the table as Pete Kemp and Andy Tye occupy the bottom two positions.

The two Manager of the Month awards so far this season have gone to Steven Humphrey (August) and Club Treasurer Dave Topping (September).

### Previous winners:

2012/13 – Sam Lawro (Top of the Perch -19)

2011/12 – Sam Lawro (19- Top Of Your Perch)

2010/11 – Josh Dimond (Liquidation FC)

		Week	Total
1 The DT's	David Topping	57	1,577
2 Cupid Punts	Michael Case	65	1,567
3 Coventry United	Josh Coventry	60	1,559
4 AFC Clown Meat	Phillip Forster	71	1,554
5 BounceBackAbility FC	Ali Wood	71	1,545
6 Hairy Strikers XI	JACK HOLDER	67	1,522
7 Rhys' army	rhys holdsworth	57	1,515
8 Translator required	Josh Dimond	46	1,513
9 Viva Ken Barlow....	SJ Lawro	45	1,513
10 Woking Rangers	Mark Smedley	59	1,480
11 Monster XI	Ryan Carter	48	1,479
12 Liam's Legends	Liam Edmondson	70	1,463
13 Scouting For Goals	Sophie Wood	45	1,419
14 1. FC Eintüten	Stuart Smedley	25	1,410
15 Baileys Boys	Sean Bailey	20	1,405
16 The Gammon Hams	Becky Gammon	53	1,392
17 Rock Bottom	Scott Smedley	66	1,381
18 Sexy Army FC	Ryan Gillie	61	1,380
19 Kids R Utd	Paul Gillie	38	1,371
20 GOFFY'S GREEN ARMY	Harrison Gough	50	1,356
21 woody woodpecker	bryan wood	60	1,348
22 Barn Door Banjo	James Holloway	25	1,344
23 Dench	oliver sinclair	57	1,340
24 chivvy's army	Malcolm Chivers	60	1,335
25 CKFC	CRAIG KENT	64	1,303
26 Dixonators Devils	JOE DIXON	31	1,301
27 San Antonio Gooners	Steven Humphrey	45	1,287
28 Enter team name	Jonny Aitkenhead	34	1,265
29 Invictus	luke jones	33	1,262
30 United We Stand	Simon Jones	52	1,260
31 Moore of the goals!!	George Staten	43	1,224
32 AFC McAvennie	Tim Elliott	25	1,218
33 BassettBlues	Samantha Wood	17	1,199
34 Ivory Toast	Charlie Humphreys	35	1,150
35 TekkerSlovakia	James Evans	27	1,081
36 Tyson' 11	Andy Tye	27	1,013
37 Kempdon town	Pete Kemp	32	975

August Manager of the Month - Steven Humphrey  
September Manager of the Month - David Topping  
October Manager of the Month - Jack Holder  
November Manager of the Month - Sam Lawro  
December Manager of the Month - Philip Forster  
January Manager of the Month - Malcolm Chivers  
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Carterton		New College Swindon
Chalfont Wasps	3 - 1	Newbury
Cheltenham Saracens	2 - 1	Tuffley Rovers
Chinnor	4 - 1	Woodley Town
Fairford Town	2 - 3	Oxford City Nomads
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## Season 2013-14

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Hellenic League Premier Season 13-14	Abingdon Town	Abingdon Utd	Ardley Utd	Ascot Utd	Binfield	Bracknell Town	Brimscombe & Thrupp	Cheltenham Saracens	Flackwell Heath	Highmoor Ibis	Highworth Town	Holyport	Kidlington	Newbury	Oxford City Nomads	Reading Town	Shrivenham	Thame Utd	Wantage Town	W.Bassett Town
Abingdon Town		21-Apr 1-1	19-Apr 1-1	08-Apr 1-1	08-Apr 1-1	1-3	0-3	1-4	1-4	1-1	25-Mar 1-3	01-Apr 1-1	1-4	1-1	01-Apr 1-1	18-Mar 1-1	22-Mar 2-2	TBA	15-Apr	
Abingdon Utd	2-0		1-4	0-5	0-3	1-4	0-4	1-4	0-5	12-Apr 2-6	1-2	1-1	2-5	0-2	2-3	3-2	2-2	08-Mar 4-3		
Ardley Utd	1-1	4-0		2-2	18-Mar 3-1	08-Mar 2-1	3-0	2-0	4-4	5-1	2-0	5-1	4-1	2-1	3-2	21-Apr 3-0	3-0	1-1		
Ascot Utd	29-Mar 4-1	15-Apr			25-Mar 3-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	8-0	19-Apr 3-1	12-Apr 1-2	22-Mar 4-0	05-Apr 1-1					
Binfield	7-0	3-2	0-3	0-1		21-Apr 0-1	08-Mar 1-0	2-1	19-Apr 22-Mar 3-2	2-3	12-Apr 1-1	2-1	1-0							
Bracknell Town	08-Mar 19-Apr	TBA	0-5	0-2		22-Mar 2-1	2-0	1-2	01-Apr 2-2	0-2	3-3	15-Apr 01-Jan	05-Apr 0-4	0-1	4-1					
Brimscombe & Thrupp	5-3	0-1	25-Mar 2-4	15-Mar 2-1				01-Apr 12-Apr	1-2	3-4	2-0	0-5	4-0	1-2	05-Apr 15-Apr	2-4	1-8	19-Apr		
Cheltenham Saracens	2-1	2-1	0-6	15-Mar 2-1	1-3	21-Apr			0-5	0-4	12-Mar 19-Apr	09-Apr 2-1	3-1	22-Mar 2-1	16-Apr 1-6	12-Apr				
Flackwell Heath	3-0	3-0	15-Mar 0-4	1-1	0-0	0-3	2-2		21-Apr 4-0	08-Apr 9-0	22-Mar 4-1	1-0	5-3	0-2	19-Apr 1-1					
Highmoor Ibis	5-0	3-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	1-0	2-0	1-0		05-Apr 3-0	1-2	17-Mar 2-1	1-0	08-Mar 15-Mar	1-2	2-2			
Highworth Town	5-0	1-0	22-Mar 08-Mar	1-1	1-0	1-2	29-Mar 4-3	1-1		7-0	18-Mar 4-0	0-2	1-0	21-Apr 1-0	15-Apr 1-1					
Holyport	5-2	25-Mar 1-3	21-Apr 05-Apr	1-4	29-Mar TBA	1-4	0-2	1-2		11-Mar 3-2	18-Mar 0-1	3-2	1-4	12-Apr 08-Mar						
Kidlington	15-Mar 3-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	22-Feb 05-Apr 15-Apr	3-2	1-2	04-Mar		4-2	1-4	2-1	25-Mar 1-1	0-1	2-3				
Newbury	12-Apr 3-1	01-Apr 2-4	15-Apr 0-3	0-2	2-1	1-7	2-3	3-2	3-3	08-Mar	3-2	1-2	4-5	1-1	1-1	2-2				
Oxford City Nomads	8-0	15-Mar 4-3	2-2	0-1	4-5	03-Apr 26-Mar	2-0	22-Mar 4-1	5-1	21-Apr 05-Apr		0-5	4-2	1-2	0-4	2-0				
Reading Town	1-0	1-0	08-Apr 1-1	11-Mar 3-0	0-0	1-0	08-Mar 19-Apr	15-Mar 01-Apr	0-1	2-1	0-3		29-Mar 1-0	0-3	2-1					
Shrivenham	7-1	01-Apr 0-2	1-4	TBA 3-1	4-4	23-Apr 1-1	1-5	1-3	0-3	2-0	2-1	1-1	1-4		0-1	15-Mar 1-2				
Thame United	3-0	4-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	0-1	08-Apr 3-1	0-0	04-Mar 0-2	2-0	29-Mar 3-1	3-2	2-2	1-2		0-3	05-Apr			
Wantage Town	10-2	08-Apr 0-1	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	4-3	01-Apr 25-Mar	3-1	3-0	22-Mar 5-1	0-3	21-Apr 2-1	4-0						
W.Bassett Town	3-1	2-3	1-2	09-Apr 1-0	15-Mar 2-1	05-Mar 29-Mar	2-2	1-2	1-2	6-2	TBA 23-Apr	0-1	4-4	3-0	2-2	0-4				

## Cox steers Bassett to dramatic derby victory

Barrington Park, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014

In the most dramatic fashion, Levi Cox ensured Wootton Bassett extended their unbeaten league streak to eight games with a 2-1 victory as his exquisite stoppage time flick decided the outcome of a local derby with Shrivenham that, for long periods, had hung on a knife edge.

Seconds earlier, Fraser Joyce came within inches of winning the game, but saw his low shot parried just around the post by home stopper Louie La Touche.

missed from twelve yards in the past two games, Dan Lardner stepped up to take the penalty. He sent La Touche the wrong way, but found the left post with a kick that lacked conviction.

Carrying on Bassett's recent spot kick woes, it was the fourth penalty in a row that Bassett have missed. The hosts almost punished their visitors further for failing to take advantage of that opportunity. Recovering possession on the right after his corner had only been half cleared, former Bassett midfielder Matt Bown cut inside and slammed a left-footed effort across goal and narrowly wide.

Another Bown long range effort soon tested Allison, who could not hold onto the shot, the ball eventually being scrambled clear.

Disjointed in the middle of the park – playmaker Roberts was clearly suffering from a lingering injury, Bassett struggled to piece together penetrative attacks. And the best opportunities they could muster for the rest of the period were merely half chances, Stanners curling over from range and Randhawa heading over from a Tyler Sheppard corner that La Touche had come to claim and missed.

The break seemed to do Bassett some good. No longer was it Bown pulling the strings in midfield, as Lardner and Roberts became more prominent. It would be the latter who helped set up the equaliser too on 55 minutes.

Receiving a Stanners pass into feet deep in Shrivenham territory, Roberts found space and curled a low left-footer towards the bottom corner. An outstretched La Touche clawed the ball away, only to find left winger Sheppard follow up and tap in from an angle.

That goal really opened the game up as play shifted from end to end. With midfield legs tiring, that potentially left the previously untried Bassett back four exposed. But Randhawa and Sam Ockwell, his makeshift partner in central defence, expertly marshalled matters. Ockwell in particular performed superbly.

This solidity enabled Bassett to attack with more purpose, and as

the game grew ever older it was they who carved out the better chances.

After twisting and turning for what seemed an eternity, Cox eventually found room to shoot from range with just over quarter of an hour to go, but he could only sting La Touche's palms.

Minutes later Steve Yeardley picked out an unmarked Stanners with a cross. However, the forward's touch on this rare occasion let him down. With five minutes left, Roberts rose to redirect Kyle Rigley' corner back across goal. With no teammate gambling to turn it home, the Shrivenham defence were able to breathe a sigh of relief.

They initially felt they could do so again when La Touche gloved Joyce's one-on-one effort around the post, the hard working midfielder not getting the reward he deserved for the clever run inside from the left he had made to race onto Stanners' clipped through ball.

Yet Shrivenham's repeated sighs of relief soon turned into gasps of anguish, as around them Bassett's exulted celebrations feted Cox's fine winner.

**Man of the Match: Fraser Joyce** – made the most of another opportunity to step up from the Reserves to the first team. Joyce has always been a player you can rely on for maximum effort. And he supplied that along with a performance of much quality out on the wing.

**Rating: 6/10** – winning local derbies is always a great feeling, this one even more so considering how late the winner came and that victory extends the gap between Bassett and Shrivenham to nine points. Nevertheless, Jeff Roberts' team were disjointed for long periods, squandered another penalty and were overall slightly fortunate to come away with the points.

2013-2014 Season							
UHLSPORT Hellenic League							
Premier Division							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Ardley United	27	19	6	2	72	26	63
2 Wantage Town	24	18	2	4	65	24	56
3 Highmoor Ibis	28	17	6	5	57	31	57
4 Ascot United	27	15	9	3	71	28	54
5 Highworth Town	26	15	5	6	59	39	50
6 Reading Town	27	14	5	8	41	31	47
7 Thame United	30	13	8	9	48	42	47
8 Oxford City Nomads	28	14	2	12	64	51	44
9 Flackwell Heath	28	12	6	10	62	37	42
10 Kidlington	23	12	4	7	41	35	40
11 Binfield	23	10	5	8	35	26	35
12 Brimscombe & Thrupp	24	10	3	11	46	41	33
13 Bracknell Town	28	9	4	15	42	55	31
14 <b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>30</b>
15 <b>Cheltenham Saracens</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>25</b>
16 Shrivenham	25	6	3	16	45	63	21
17 Newbury	29	5	6	18	48	82	21
18 Holyport	24	6	2	16	33	72	20
19 Abingdon United	30	5	2	23	34	88	17
20 Abingdon Town	25	0	6	19	20	89	6

2013-2014 Season							
UHLSPORT Hellenic League							
Division One (West)							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Tytherington Rocks	22	15	6	1	63	18	51
2 Fairford Town	22	13	3	6	55	28	42
3 Shortwood United	21	14	2	5	61	23	44
4 Clanfield	23	12	2	9	47	33	38
5 Lydney Town	15	11	1	3	34	14	34
6 Purton	20	11	1	8	50	33	34
7 Tuffley Rovers	20	10	3	7	35	31	33
8 Easington Sports	19	9	4	6	34	30	28
9 North Leigh United	19	7	3	9	41	41	24
10 Hook Norton	19	7	3	9	30	33	24
11 New College Swindon	17	6	3	8	23	34	21
12 Malmesbury Victoria	15	4	1	10	14	31	13
13 Carterton	17	3	2	12	19	55	11
14 Old Woodstock Town	22	2	5	15	60	11	
15 Letcombe	19	1	1	17	12	77	4

2013-2014 Season							
UHLSPORT Hellenic League							
Division One (East)							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 AFC Hinksey	18	14	1	3	64	23	43
2 Milton United	18	13	2	3	42	16	41
3 Headington Amateurs	19	11	5	3	43	26	38
4 Wokingham & Emmbrook	18	10	3	5	43	38	33
5 Rayners Lane	21	9	4	8	42	43	31
6 Burnham	19	9	1	9	32	42	28
7 Penn & Tylers Green	16	8	3	5	47	31	27
8 Henley Town	18	8	2	8	39	38	26
9 Chinnor	16	8	1	7	44	28	25
10 Chalfont Wasps	16	6	2	8	26	33	20
11 Maidenhead United	16	5	2	9	33	44	17
12 Didcot Town	20	5	1	14	37	58	16
13 Finchampstead	19	4	0	15	39	47	12
14 Woodley Town	18	2	1	15	16	8	7



On the quarter hour mark the visitors should have been level. A Stanners ball over the top of the defence set Cox free and he was bundled over in the box following a clumsy Scott Scanlon challenge. With both Cox and Stanners having



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# F.A. Competitions

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21-Sep-13	Second Round Qualifying	v Odd Down	A	L 0 - 7	£800
19-Oct-13	First Round Proper	v Bishops Sutton	A		£900
16-Nov-13	Second Round Proper	v Moneyfields	H		£1,200
7-Dec-13	Third Round Proper	v Bitton	H		£1,500
18-Jan-14	Fourth Round Proper	v Hadleigh United	H		£2,000
15-Feb-14	Fifth Round Proper	v Wisbech Town	H		£2,500
8-Mar-14	Sixth Round Proper	v Sholing	A		£4,500
29-Mar-14	Semi-final	v	Two legs		£6,000
10-May-14	Final winners	v	Wembley		£25,000
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Date	Round	Opponents			Prize Money
17-Aug-13	Extra Preliminary Round	v Totton & Eling	H	L 0 - 2	£1,500
31-Aug-13	Preliminary Round	v Sholing FC	H		£1,925
14-Sep-13	First Qualifying Round	v AFC Totton	H		£3,000
28-Sep-13	Second Qualifying Round	v Clevedon Town	A		£4,500
12-Oct-13	Third Qualifying Round	v Hartley Wintney	A		£7,500
26-Oct-13	Fourth Qualifying Round	v Daventry Town	H		£12,500
9-Nov-13	First Round	v Chesterfield	A		£18,000
7-Dec-13	Second Round	v Southend United	H		£27,000
4-Jan-14	Third Round	v Millwall	H		£67,500
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15-Feb-14	Fifth Round	v Brighton	A		£180,000
8-Mar-14	Sixth Round	v Sunderland	H		£360,000
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And our Saturday afternoons throughout the winter are in their hands. Often they'll be at the ground earlier than anyone else, surveying the damage of the previous evening's rainfall and grafting to get it playable.

### Postponed Games

4<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
Matt Badcock

Then when the game is on, they might have to listen to managers, players and fans slag it off. It's a cruel business.

Programme editors must share their frustration. Getting the thoughts of the chairman, speaking to the manager and interviewing a player all takes time.

Then they have to update all the stats, get the profiles from the visiting club and find some nice pictures.

Each page is then forensically proofed for misplaced apostrophes and misspelt names before sending it across to the printers – all with the rain lashing down outside.

When the game gets postponed, they have to start a lot of it again for the rearranged fixture in two months. Who knows, this programme column may never see the light of day (for the best some might say).

Yes, the best groundsman and programme editors are recognised with awards come the end of the season. But next time a game is off, spare them a thought.

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Already there is talk of four-game weeks, season extensions and allowing players to play with armbands (and we haven't even had the annual snow dump yet!).

All in all it's a great bloody pain. But let's put aside the fixture pile-up, the tired legs of footballers, let's leave the 3G argument for another day and forget the suddenly blank pages of newspapers that need filling at the last minute.

For today we are going to remember the unsung heroes of the horrible weather: Groundsmen and programme editors.

These are the hardy lot, who deserve our thoughts. And in some cases prayers.

Not many of us can know the frustration of putting in all those hours before a game, only for a referee to come along and, with the roll of a ball, call it off. Thanks

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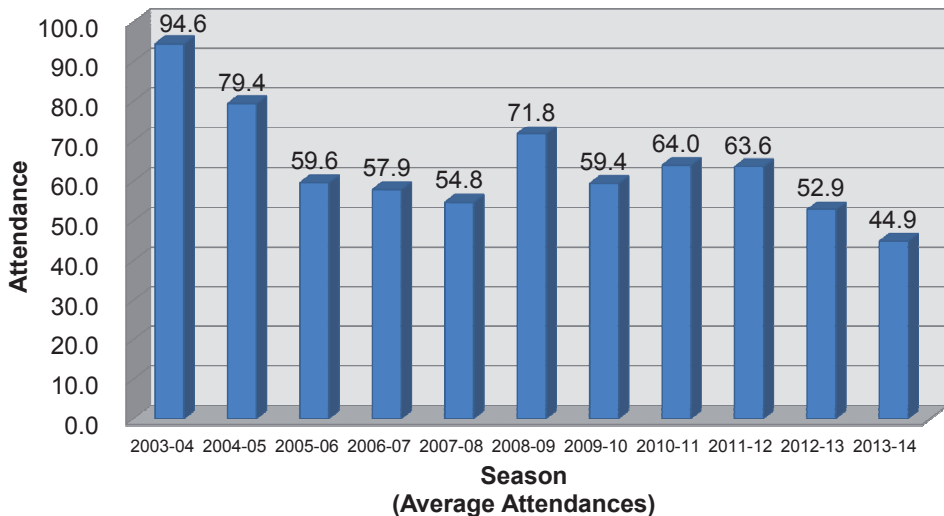
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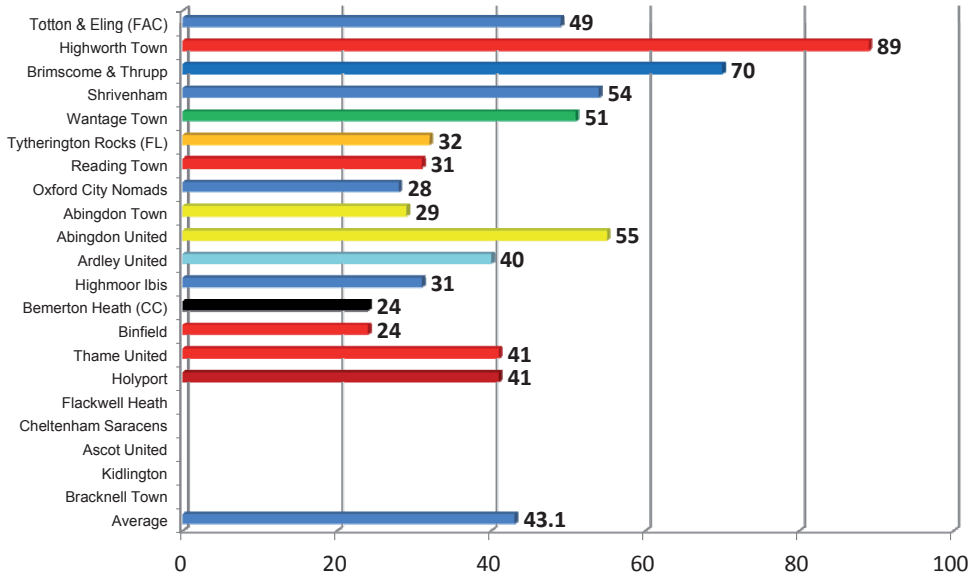
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WBTFC Attendances - Season 2013-14



## SEASON 2002-3

### Bassett's Supplementary Cup Run Continues Despite Poor Performance

Petersfield Park, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2003

Bassett Town continued their search for silverware in the RPM Records Supplementary Cup by beating Division One West outfit Cheltenham Saracens 1-0 in a scrappy game of football which wasn't helped by the pitch and surrounding area.

I was told that the first half hour was a scrappy, argy-bargy type of match and neither team really had any decent chances.

Bassett had Mark Vaughan booked in the first five minutes and Bassett 'keeper Rich Stevens pulled off a spectacular save as well.

Bassett's only real chance on goal in the first half hour was when Geoff Swatton had a decent shot blocked.

Once Scoop arrived things picked up and Bassett had a good opportunity in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute Mark Vaughan heading just over after a well worked short throw-in by Gary Ashford and Ben Gascoyne.

Three minutes later a Geoff Swatton through ball was dealt with well by the Cheltenham Saracens defence after a long Rich Stevens goal kick.

It was all Bassett for the rest of the half as Ben Gascoyne hit just over five minutes from the break before Mark Simpkins had a shot blocked from a badly cleared Bassett corner.

The score was tied after a poor first half for both teams.

Bassett started the second half on the back foot as straight after the break a Saracens cross beat Rich Stevens but went over the cross bar.

Bassett started to pick up the pace when Dave Jones volleyed from just outside the box.

Cheltenham came back onto the attack and in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute Steve Holend rifled a shot just onto the bar from a short free kick which resulted in a corner. The corner, though, was well dealt with by Rich Stevens.

Both teams were having chances and a minute later Gary Ashford's shot shaded the outside of the far post after a good ball from Geoff Swatton.

There were a lot of fisticuffs being exchanged between both teams at this point of the game and Mark Vaughan was nearly sent off for Bassett for exchanging words with an opposing player.

Both teams were having trouble finding a goal, and the best opportunity fell for Cheltenham Saracens in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute when Stu Hemsley didn't read a Cheltenham through-ball properly and miss-kicked the ball in the direction of his own net, but the resulting Cheltenham Saracens shot was put over somehow.

Bassett made a tactical change in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute bringing Nick Tooley on for Mark Vaughan.

Bassett were helped again by the woodwork in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute Cheltenham again hitting the post from the edge of the area. Bassett

brought Paul Patel on for Ben Gascoyne at that point – a defensive change.

Bassett scored what was to be the only goal of the game seven minutes later when Stu Lamont latched onto the loose ball on the edge of the six yard box following a fumbled Mark Simpkins free kick hit the post and fell loose.

Bassett made their final change to defend their lead as Danny Clayton replaced Mark Hammond. Bassett, despite making defensive changes continued to push and Geoff Swatton forced a good save from Ryan Bettridge in the Cheltenham goal.

The final few minutes were tense as Cheltenham pushed for an equaliser; heading just over a minute from time and hitting the Bassett bar in injury time.

Bassett had hung onto their lead and will face Didcot Town in an all Premiership tie in the next round of the RPM Supplementary Cup.

**Managers Man of the Match: Stu Hemsley**

**Scoop's Man of the Match: Stu Hemsley**

**Scoop Rating: 6/10 – An average performance to win the game, the pitch didn't help but still Bassett's performance was a bit under par.**

# Ryan Stanners and Adam Corocoran



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# Player Profile

## Fraser Joyce Midfield



Hard working and extremely versatile, Joyce has recently stepped up from Wootton Bassett Town's reserve team to bolster the midfield. Along with these qualities, he brings previous Hellenic League experience gained in spells in seasons past with Shrivenham and Bassett.

Joyce began his time in senior football with New College, helping them claim the Premier Division title in 2008/09. He joined Shrivenham, then under the stewardship of Mark Love, for the 2009/10 season, making 24 appearances. He moved to Rylands Way in January 2010, appearing 15 times as Bassett finished runners-up in Hellenic League Division One West. His lone goal was a vital one too, coming late in a 2-1 victory away at Letcombe.

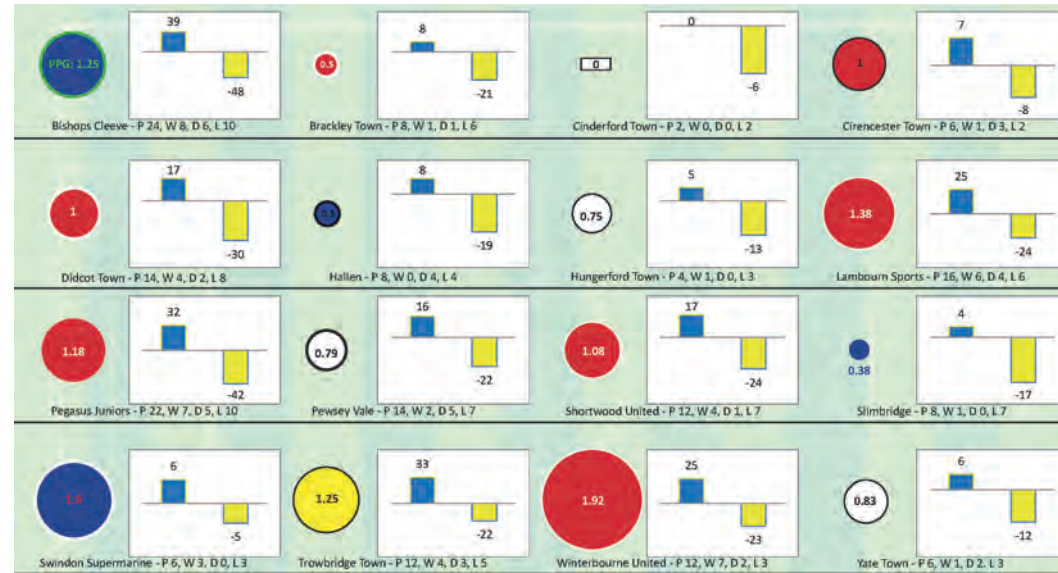
With Bassett now in the Hellenic League Premier Division, he found his opportunities limited and moved to Lambourn Sports in the North Berks League, where he enjoyed an extremely successful 2010/11 season. Scoring three times and missing just one league game, he helped Sports claim the title and promotion back to the Hellenic League. Joyce then joined Bassett again prior to this season, performing consistently and effectively in a number of games at both full back and out wide in midfield.

**2009-10: 15 appearances, 1 goal**  
**2010-11: 1 appearance**  
**2013-14: 2 appearances**

Total: 18 appearances, 1 goal



# Uhsport Hellenic League Insights



## Points per game record – former Hellenic League teams

The above graphic illustrates Bassett's record against former Hellenic League teams currently plying their trade at another level of the non league pyramid. This will look at teams who have both climbed the ladder, shifted sideways and dropped down divisions. The circles represent Bassett's points per game record against individual opponents, while the bars show goals for and goals against in those games.

The most successful side Bassett have locked horns with during their time in the Hellenic League is no doubt Brackley Town, who are now vying for promotion from the Conference North. Only once were Bassett able to defeat the Northamptonshire side, a victory which came on an August afternoon in 2002 at Rylands Way. Amazingly, Pete Yeardeley's team triumphed 2-0 despite having to play the best part of 80 minutes with forward Justin Hyde and, later, defender Luke Sharps deputising in goal after 'keeper Rich Stevens was sent off! Otherwise though, Brackley dominated their encounters with Bassett, a lone draw being the only other game when the Saints did not win.

Games with Didcot Town and Cirencester Town (both now in Southern League Division One South & West) were only slightly more fruitful, yielding a point per game on average. Against the former, six defeats in the most recent eight meetings have worsened a record which had previously been extremely respectable. Despite that barren run, Bassett can cling to the memories of a famous 3-1 away victory in 2003 under Yeardeley when then-youngsters Matty Bennett, Ben Gascoyne and John Magani tore the Railwaymen apart.

The pair of losses against Shortwood United during our last season in the Hellenic Premier makes the club's record against them appear slightly worse than it is too. Prior to that, Bassett had won four, drew one and lost five of their meetings with the Gloucestershire team.

Similarly, the most recent string of results in meetings with Bishops Cleeve fails to paint a fair picture of Bassett's record against the now Southern Leaguers. In those six games, Bassett have lost five, won one, scored just twice and conceded sixteen goals. In 24 total meetings though, the club have won eight, drawn six and lost ten games with 39 goals for and 48 against.

Against now-Wessex League Pewsey Vale and Hallen and Slimbridge – both now in the Western League, Bassett have had a torrid time with just three wins in 30 combined games against these teams. The lone victory against Slimbridge was a brilliant one during the 2009/10 promotion campaign, but losses in the other seven meetings mean Bassett average just 0.38 points per game against the Swans. The club have also netted just four goals overall against them. Without two comfortable wins in the most recent league games against Pewsey, Bassett would be left with five draws as the best results against their Wiltshire rivals. Meanwhile, four draws were the best the club could do against Hallen during the Bristol-based side's spell in the Hellenic in the mid-nineties.

Bassett's record – averaging 1.92 points per game – against their near neighbours Winterbourne United is much better with seven wins, two draws and just three losses in twelve games. Producing an average of four goals a game, contests against Winterbourne have often been the most exciting occasions in recent years.

Games against Lambourn Sports have been extremely evenly-matched, with Bassett averaging 1.38 points per game against the Berkshire team, with 25 goals for and 24 against. Between 1992 and 1994, however, Bassett did endure a six game spell without a win against them.

Finally, records against now-West Midlands League Pegasus Juniors (1.18 ppg) and Wiltshire League Trowbridge Town (1.25 ppg) have improved thanks to results in the most recent meetings. That is especially the case with the latter, who Bassett thrashed 13-1 in January 2012.





### Match Round-Up

For the fifth consecutive Saturday, the weather (see Photos below) once again decimated the Hellenic League programme with just four fixtures played, two of which were in the Premier Division. Kidlington hosted second place Highmoor Ibis and won 3-2 having raced into a three goal lead inside twenty-three minutes. Tom Castle opened the scoring for Kidlington in just twenty seconds. Tom Woodbridge doubled the advantage after eight minutes with Michael Duerden scoring Kidlington's third goal. Jordan Brown pulled a goal back for Highmoor just before half time. Mitchell Parker struck for Highmoor with just three minutes of the game remaining to complete the scoring. Thame Utd were beaten at home by Bracknell Town with Martin Bradshaw scoring the only goal of the match for Bracknell with just ten minutes remaining. The only game played in Division One East took place at The Heights, the home of Milton Utd where extensive drainage work which has taken place in recent times paid dividends with Milton beating Finchampstead 2-1 to move into second place tailing leaders AFC Hinksey who were inactive by five points. Jonny James and Patrick Howe scored for Milton with Matt Wright scoring for Finchampstead. The only other match played took place at The Court Place Farm Stadium, the home of Oxford City where Oxford city Nomads development Team playing in Division Two West beat Beversbrook 7-3 on an outlying 3G pitch.

ABINGDON TOWN

ASCOT UTD

BRACKNELL TOWN

CARTERTON FC



OXFORD CITY NOMADS



### Results

#### Saturday 1 February

##### Premier Division

Kidlington	3-2	Highmoor Ibis	ATT 88
<i>Castle 1, Woodbridge 8, Duerden 23</i>		<i>Brown 43, M Parker 87</i>	

Thame United	0-1	Bracknell Town	73
		<i>Bradshaw 80</i>	

##### Division One East

Milton United	2-1	Finchampstead	59
<i>James 23, Howe 81</i>		<i>Wright 38</i>	

##### Division Two West

Oxford City Nomads Dev	7-3	Beversbrook	
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### Match Reports

#### PREMIER DIVISION

After a relatively 'dry' week, the weekend's football was again ravaged following the heavy rain that fell for most of Friday. Just two Premier Division matches survived and both ended in draws. Highmoor Ibis in third place at the start of play took on fourth place Ascot Utd and the match ended all square at 1-1. Ray Spence gave Highmoor the lead but an own goal drew Ascot level. Highmoor's point was sufficient to move them into second place ahead of Wantage Town who were inactive. The only other match played saw Thame Utd and Reading Town fight out a 2-2 draw. Thame scored through Shannon Jesson and a Marcus Mealing penalty with Reading's goals coming from Taylor Mitchinson and James Knight.

#### DIVISION ONE WEST

Shortwood Utd moved back into second place following their 3-1 defeat of New College Swindon. Kevin Slack opened the scoring for Shortwood with further goals coming from Nick Humphreys and Craig Mills. Joe Hiscock scored for New College. Clanfield went down 1-2 at home to Tuffley Rovers who scored both of their goals in the last six minutes of the match through a Shayne Bradley penalty and a goal from Junior Mbika who is in good scoring form at the moment. Jack Allan had given Clanfield the lead a quarter of an hour from time. Purton slipped up losing 0-2 at home to Easington sports for whom Ben Milner scored very early on together with a goal from Niall Higgins. Lydney Town won 4-1 at Letcombe with Richard Kear netting a hat trick together with a goal from Josh Nelmes. James Glover scored for Letcombe from the penalty spot.

#### DIVISION ONE EAST

Milton Utd have moved within two points of leaders AFC Hinksey following a 3-2 win at near neighbours Didcot Town. Harry Dalton scored twice for Milton together with a goal from Ben Taylor. Ross McDonald and Lee Newport scored for Didcot. Rayners Lane beat Burnham 4-3. Unfortunately, the names of the scorers for Rayners Lane were not known at the time of writing. Tom Williams with two and Adam Goldie scored for Burnham. Wokingham & Embrook beat Woodley Town 4-1 with goals from James Charlton, Luke Scope, Mark O'Connell and Elliott Rushforth. Lemar Maycock scored for Woodley.

#### Hellenic Cups

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the Bluefin Sports Hellenic Challenge Cup there was very little between Flackwell Heath and Highworth Town. The match finished goalless in regulation time and 1-1 at the end of extra time with Gavin James scoring for Flackwell and Matt Horsell for Highworth. Highworth went on to win the penalty shootout 4-3 and move on into the later stages of the competition. Chalfont Wasps surprised Premier Division Newbury in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Bluefin Sports Supplementary Challenge Cup winning 3-1 with goals from Keiran webb, Daire Stack and Fred Tripp. Gary Dredge scored for Newbury.

#### County Cups

Cheltenham Saracens missed out on a place in the final of the Gloucestershire senior Cup (North) going down 1-2 to the splendidly named FC Barometrics. Penn & Tylers Green booked a place in the semi-finals of the Berks & Bucks Junior Cup with a 3-2 win over Stantonbury Social Elite, last weekend's conquerors of Chalfont Wasps.

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# Boot Room Chatter

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UHLSPORT Hellenic League



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22nd Feb 2014

## Match Round-Up

### Midweek Report

Once again very little midweek action to report on. The rain may have ceased over the last couple of days but pitches by and large remain saturated and unplayable. Three matches took place all in County Cup competitions. On Monday evening Binfield hosted Windsor in the Semi-Final of the Berks and Bucks Senior Trophy but were narrowly beaten 1-2 by their opponents. The following evening Abingdon Utd faced Reading Town in the other semi-final in the competition. Reading Town won 1-0 with a goal scored by Graham Lewis and now face Windsor in the Final. On Wednesday Evening Oxford City Nomads faced Ardley Utd in a much delayed 3<sup>rd</sup> round tie in the Oxfordshire Senior Trophy. Ardley Utd proceeded to the next round winning 2-1.

### Premier Division

At last the rain has abated! Just two postponements in the Premier Division involving the matches between Reading Town and Holyport and Abingdon Town against Highworth Town, the latter having yet to play a league game in 2014 so far. Ardley Utd remain top following an emphatic 5-1 defeat of Newbury. Ryan Brooks led the way with a hat trick together with goals from Troy Bryan and Ben Thomas. Ben Matthews scored for Newbury. Wantage Town moved back into second place on goal difference from Highmoor Ibis following a 2-1 defeat of Shrivenham. Wantage's goals came from Richard Claydon and Tom Melledew with Steve Robertson scoring for Shrivenham. Highmoor Ibis were held to a 2-2 draw at Ascot Utd. Ascot scored through Joe Grant and Andrew Dean. Highmoor scoring through Ray Spence and Mitchell Parker. Flackwell Heath put three past Abingdon Utd without reply. Flackwell scoring through Stuart Glynn, Gavin James and Jamie West. Oxford City Nomads beat Wootton Bassett Town 2-0 with Louis Joyce netting both goals. Kidlington beat Brimscombe & Thrupp 3-2 with goals from Jack Quainton, Danny Bone and a late winner from Tom Castle. Ashley Caldwell scored both goals for Brimscombe & Thrupp. Bracknell Town travelled to Cheltenham Saracens and won 3-1 with goals from Sam Barrett, Shane Cooper-Clark and Lewis Burns. Saracens scored through an own goal.

### Division One West

Tytherington Rocks remain nine points clear at the top of Division One West following a 5-0 win at Old Woodstock Town. Jack Myth scored a hat trick together with goals from Sam Taylor and Stuart Nelson. Fairford Town moved into second place by way of a 3-2 defeat of Tuffley Rovers. Dan Bailey scored twice for Fairford with Henry Traas popping up with a late winner. Tuffley's goals were scored by Shayne Bradley and Junior Mbika. The only other fixture to take place in Division One West saw North Leigh Utd win by the only goal of the match at Letcombe scored by Ryan Moore.

### Division One East

Headington Amateurs moved into joint second place in the table with Milton Utd following a 3-1 win at Finchampstead. Paul Hedger scored twice for Headington together with a goal from Tom Payne. Finchampstead scored through an own goal. The result was made all the more creditable given that Headington played 65 minutes without their regular keeper who was shown a red card. Both Milton Utd and Headington Amateurs remain five points behind leaders AFC Hinksey who were inactive. Henley Town beat Rayners Lane 2-1 with goals scored by Mitchell Cooper and Ben Clark. Chezney Cassell scored for Rayners Lane. Penn & Tylers Green beat Chinnor 3-2 with goals from Danny Jordan, Anton Bradley and Chris Hurst. Stuart Braun and Craig Faulconbridge scored for Chinnor.

### HELLENIC LEAGUE CUPS

In the Bluefin Sports Hellenic League Challenge Cup, Shortwood Utd beat Milton Utd 1-0 with a late goal scored by Will Hawes. Carterton beat New College Swindon 3-2 in the Bluefin Sports Supplementary Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round. No details of scorers were available at the time of writing. In the same competition, the result of the tie between Wokingham & Embrook and Thame Utd had still not been communicated to the Results Officer at the time of writing and therefore unable to comment! Wantage Town booked a place in the Semi Finals of the Chairmans Hellenic League Challenge Cup with a 3-0 win at Shrivenham.

### County Cups

A bad day for Chalfont Wasps saw both sides lose in Berks & Bucks Competitions. In the Intermediate Cup, Chalfont missed out on a place in the Final losing 2-1 to Aldermaston and in the Junior Cup in a much delayed tie, Chalfont went down 1-3 to Stantonbury Social Elite.

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8th Feb 2014

## Match Round-Up

Last week The Hellenic League report opened with the words 'For the Fifth consecutive Saturday'. That can now be amended to the sixth consecutive Saturday as the rain continues to fall and the wind blows. Only one game was played out of the entire Scheduled programme, the Division One West match between Old Woodstock Town and Easington Sports which ended in a goal less draw!

### Result

Saturday 8th February

Division Two West

Old Woodstock 0-0 Easington Sports

ATT

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The Swindon Advertiser reported that popular manager Dave Turner died early in the week. It is believed that the Shrivenham boss, who was in his early-50s, died of a heart attack.

### Tribute to Dave Turner

Wootton Bassett Town chairman Andy Walduck provided the following tribute to the club's former manager Dave Turner after his tragic passing away this week:

"It's with great regret that we find ourselves remembering the short life of Dave Turner. On behalf of the Wootton Bassett Town Committee, I would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Trisha, and sons, James and Alex - our thoughts are with them all at this extremely sad time.

Dave was devoted to football, giving 5 years to our club. We experienced the highs and the lows with him as our manager. At all times Dave would protect his players regardless, not frightened to confront an issue or to say his piece, only as Dave would. On occasions we would question his decision making, but nine times out of ten we were wrong and he was right. Dave was not scared to play someone new, blood them in, given them a chance; if you're good enough, age is no barrier he would say.

The FA Cup run in 2012 was a fantastic achievement for Dave and his team. I remember the excitement within him and the team as they pushed aside sides from higher leagues, taking everything in his stride, even on our day out at Dorchester Town, which was a stunning achievement, something that will stay with the club beyond my tenure. Dave's expectation on the day was not to let the club down and that was achieved. Dave's ethos was carried through as he took players to this game who got him there even though there were greater skilled players available.

When the team was not performing as he expected, Dave would be quiet in the dugout but would get his point across in the changing room at halftime - on occasions a little blue!

Dave will also be remembered for his banter in the local press, advertising the club and attempting to get a response from his opponents. There was never any malice - Dave would always share a drink with you after the game, win, lose or draw. Dave has developed many local players who will remember him for his dedication to the game and local football in general. Finally, Dave will be missed by all, specifically from within local football.

Dave added to the history of our club which will never be forgotten."

The sympathy of all involved with the Hellenic League, is extended to Dave's family.

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# Press Cuttings - Dave Turner Tributes

## Swindon Advertiser

### Non-league football boss Turner dies

Tuesday 4th February 2014

THE local non-league scene is in shock after popular manager Dave Turner died in the early hours of this morning.

It is believed that the Shrivenham boss died of a heart attack at around 12.30am. He was 52.

An enthusiastic and effervescent character, Turner took up the reins at Shrivvy in the summer following a five-year spell at Wootton Bassett.

He guided Bassett to two promotions to the Hellenic League Premier Division and took them farther than they had ever been in the FA Cup and FA Vase.

Under Turner's leadership and in his first season in charge, Bassett reached the FA Vase second round in 2008/09 where they were defeated 4-0 at 1992 winners Wimborne.

Bassett were subsequently promoted to the Hellenic League Premier Division in 2009/10, missing out on the Division One West title to Slimbridge only on goal difference.

Controversially demoted the following season after failing to meet ground grading criteria, Bassett bounced back in 2012/13 as Turner led them to second in the table behind Briorscombe & Thrupp, securing promotion.

That same campaign, Bassett achieved their best-ever run in the FA Cup, beating Calne, Hamworthy and Highworth to make it to the second qualifying round where they lost 4-0 to Conference South Dorchester.

Off the back of that success, Turner left Bassett for local rivals Shrivenham in May last year.

Turner, an ardent Swindon Town supporter, was also a former manager of Pewsey Vale.

He is survived by his wife Trisha and sons Alex, 24, and James, 22.

James is currently signed on at Shrivenham and also played for his father at Wootton Bassett.

Shrivenham's Hellenic League Challenge Cup third-round fixture at home to Wantage tomorrow night has been postponed.

Several personalities from the local football fraternity have left tributes to Turner through the Adver.

New College boss Rob Hopkins said: "Such sad news today. In football as an opposition player and manager I always

had a good craic with Dave on and off the pitch.

"A great character in all walks of life. He will be sadly missed. Thoughts go out to all his family at this very sad time.

Swindon Town Academy goalkeeping coach Steve Hale added: "I was totally shocked to hear the news of Dave's passing.

"I played a couple of games for him and coached a couple of times for him and spoke to him a number of times throughout the course of each season, helping him out on a few matters.

"Dave was a passionate football man who was also respectful and very well organised and went about his business in the right way treating people well along the way.

"Dave will be sadly missed by everybody he came into contact with. RIP Dave."

Local player Adam Collier, who was coached by Turner as a youngster, said: "Dave Turner was a true gentleman and one of the nicest blokes I have met.

"He was one of mine and my brother's first ever football coaches at Wroughton Juniors.

"I was lucky to actually work with Dave at Swindon Town FC and I'll never forget his love for the game.

"My thoughts are with Dave's family at this difficult time. RIP big man."

## Swindon Advertiser

### Tributes pour in for Turner

Wednesday 5th February 2014

TRIBUTES have been pouring in from the local non-league community following the tragic death of Shrivenham manager Dave Turner yesterday.

Turner, who has also managed Wootton Bassett Town and Pewsey Vale in the region, passed away as a result of a heart attack at around 12.30am on Tuesday.

The popular 52-year-old is survived by his wife Trisha and sons Alex, 24, and James, 22, and heartfelt messages of support for the Turner family have flooded into the Advertiser offices.

Swindon Supermarine manager Dave Webb said: "The majority of people Dave touched - in life or through sport - would say he was a real nice guy and he'll be very sadly missed.

"Everyone associated with my current club, Swindon Supermarine, has their thoughts with the people closest to him. I can't imagine what they're going through.

"In all the dealings I've had with Dave he's been a pleasure to deal with. He's a great gentleman, a lovely man, he believed in doing things properly. He had his way of doing things and always believed he did things the right way."

Webb hopes that Marine will honour Turner ahead of their Southern League Division One South & West clash with Guildford at the Webb's Wood Stadium this evening.

Meanwhile, one of Turner's biggest rivals in non-league football, Highworth Town boss John Fisher, also paid his respects.

He said: "It's a terrible shock. I had a lot of time for what he was attempted to do and he was doing a good job at Shrivenham, even though they were where they were in the league.

"I've watched them a few times in the last few weeks and they were going to turn the corner. His legacy at Shrivenham is he's left them with a side that's going places. I just wish his wife and his two boys all the best."

New College manager Rob Hopkins was also saddened by the news, saying: "He was always forthright in his opinions, he would always say it as he saw it and you had to respect him for that.

"He was one of those people who would be 100 per cent honest in everything he saw."

Paul Braithwaite, Fairford Town boss, credited Turner with easing him into his role at Cinder Lane.

He said: "You'd see he'd do whatever he could to get a result. Off the field he was always polite and very complimentary of things you try to do as a manager.

"As a bloke you couldn't have a bad word about him."

Swindon Town's academy goalkeeping coach Steve Hale added: "Dave was a passionate football man who was also respectful and very well-organised and went about his business in the right way, treating people well along the way.

"Dave will be sadly missed by everybody he came into contact with."

# Press Cuttings - Dave Turner Tributes

## Swindon Advertiser

### Community trust say goodbye to old friend

Saturday 8th February 2014

SWINDON Town Football in the Community Trust shared the sadness of the rest of the local footballing community this week following the tragic passing for former Shrivenham, Wootton Bassett and Pewsey Vale manager Dave Turner.

The Trust were keen to express in their own words their sorrow at the loss of a figurehead of the local non-league scene and released a statement to the Advertiser.

The statement reads: "The FITC Trust were deeply saddened this week, along with the football community of Swindon, by the devastating news of the premature passing of Dave Turner. "Dave was an integral member of the part-time staff working for the Trust for over 12 years. Dave was a dedicated professional member of the team, who made a huge difference to hundreds of local children who engaged with the Trust's programme on weekly soccer centres and development courses.

"For many years Dave delivered a weekly session at Ridgeway and Dorcan, with children opting to travel across Town to attend the sessions due to Dave being the lead coach.

"John Burt, father of Oliver Burt who lives in Stratton, stated: 'I travelled over to Ridgeway every Wednesday for many years so Oliver could receive the quality coaching that Dave provided. He was a truly inspirational character who got the best out of all the participants within his session. My son Oliver and myself are deeply saddened to hear the news."

"Community Trust manager Clive Maguire said: 'Dave and I were at school together from the age of nine and both grew up with a passion for the game of football. What I loved about Dave was he said it how it was and you knew where you stood with him, which I believe is a great trait in a person. "Dave was one of the most genuine and nicest people I have met over the years and I am devastated to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Trish, Alex and James."

"Marcus Cook from the STFC FITC board of trustees said: 'On behalf of the Community Trust we are truly grateful to Dave for all his professionalism and dedication on working on our behalf within the community of Swindon.

"It is so sad that someone with such an enormous character and presence is no longer with us."

## Swindon Advertiser

### Perspective

Saturday 8th February 2014

PERSPECTIVE... a word so often flung around the sporting world with reckless abandon, like a hollow cliché in a dead-end political debate. Not this week.

The last seven days have taught us, as a footballing community, the true definition of perspective – a lesson that stretches well beyond the oversimplified barriers of post-match press conferences and throwaway headlines.

This week Swindon lost a respected son and Peterborough came close to a tragedy of its own, and two very isolated, very different incidents illustrate succinctly the humanistic side of an industry which often forsakes its roots in favour of corporate spin or a sizeable payday.

On Tuesday morning I, like the rest of you, learnt of the tragic death of Dave Turner. In the grand scheme of the global juggernaut 'Football' his passing, at the age of 52, could have been marked by a cursory glance, a doffing of a cap and a moment's remembrance.

But that would have been wrong. So wrong.

Dave epitomised the grass roots face of the sport, an unmoisturised, unadvertised face that is too often masked in favour of eight-figure contracts, transfer fees reaching into the umpteenzillions and news of celebrity flings which have no relevance to society in general.

Dave Turner was a behemoth in the footballing world. He never reached idol status, he wasn't recruited to front Pepsi's latest TV initiative and, to the best of my knowledge, he never came close to signing for Real Madrid, but he inspired the children of a generation so close to him to get active, learn the love of the game and – for a couple of training sessions a week – submerge themselves in the sport he adored.

On Wednesday, in these pages, my colleague Ned Payne wrote beautifully about Dave's character. He was forthright, accessible, willing to speak his mind – base qualities which modern, professional football, overcome by its own self-obsession, has cast aside like the half-pint of milk lost at the back of the fridge.

As I scrolled through my social media accounts this week I saw dozens of tributes to a man who worked night and day to give the kids and young adults in his charge the best possible opportunity to express themselves on a football pitch. I read summaries of how he earned the money he needed to pay for Wroughton youngsters' kit, I came

across stories of one Wiltshire man making one heck of a difference.

Let's be honest, Dave's outlook is what football is really about. It's not about deadline day moves from Cardiff to Stoke, it's not about kiss-and-tell stories on the front of red-tops, it's not about pointless spats between local papers and their clubs. Purely and simply, it's about a love of the game.

When I joined the Advertiser's sportsdesk for the first time in 2009, Dave was one of the first contacts I made as a journalist. He was charming, honest and insightful. I left the Adver in 2011, returned a year later and, when I came back, he hadn't changed a jot. Frankly, I doubt he ever would have changed at all.

Men like Dave are the foundation on which community football is run. While the aspiration for greatness will always exist, the ability to inspire at a local level is a remarkable quality that can only be admired.

Swindon is poorer without him.

Within two days of Dave's passing I was reporting from London Road when a fan collapsed during Swindon Town's clash with Peterborough United.

It may have been the first leg of a contest from which the winner would earn the right to line up at Wembley but in an instant the sport became unimportant.

I will forever remember Danny Swanson catching the ball in midfield, as Posh fans chanted 'stop the game' from the home terrace. I will forever remember the silence afforded to the brilliant paramedics as they made sure the supporter in question, Ray Stratton, would live to know the final score. I will forever remember the sombre atmosphere when the players returned as the home crowd clung on to hopes and prayers for a man they'd never met.

That's what football is about. Community, togetherness of spirit, unexplained bonds. Ray lives to fight another day and that is worth celebrating more than the winning goal in next week's second leg.

Dave won't get to see his beloved Swindon Town at Wembley, should they reach next month's final, but I'm sure he'll be well represented when Peterborough visit the County Ground a week on Monday. Rest in peace, mate, and be assured you'll never be forgotten.

# Press Cuttings - Dave Turner Tributes

## Swindon Advertiser

### Bassett pay tribute to former boss

Friday 7th February 2014



WOOTTON Bassett have issued a heartfelt statement paying tribute to former manager Dave Turner.

The Shrivvenham boss died suddenly in the early hours of Tuesday morning and multiple individuals have rallied round Turner's family and friends in the wake of the tragedy, And Bassett, where Turner won two promotions and took the club further than it had ever been in the FA Cup and FA Vase, are no different.

The statement, issued by chairman Andy Walduck (pictured above), read: "It's with great regret that we find ourselves remembering the short life of Dave Turner.

"On behalf of Wootton Bassett Town committee, I would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Trisha, and sons, James and Alex. Our thoughts are with them all at this extremely sad time.

"Dave was devoted to football, giving five years to our club. We experienced the highs and the lows with him as our manager.

"At all times Dave would protect his players regardless, not frightened to confront an issue or to say his piece, only as Dave would.

"On occasions we would question his decision-making, but nine times out of 10 we were wrong and he was right. Dave was not scared to play someone new, blood them in, given them a chance. 'If you're good enough, age is no barrier', he would say.

"The FA Cup run in 2012 was a fantastic achievement for Dave and his team. I remember the excitement within him and the team as they pushed aside sides from higher leagues, taking everything in his stride, even on our day out at Dorchester Town, which was a stunning achievement, something that will stay with the club beyond my tenure.

"Dave's expectation on the day was not to let the club down and that was achieved. Dave's ethos was carried through as he took players to this game

who got him there even though there were greater-skilled players available.

"When the team was not performing as he expected, Dave would be quiet in the dugout but would get his point across in the changing room at half-time - on occasions a little blue!

"Dave will also be remembered for his banter in the local press, advertising the club and attempting to get a response from his opponents.

"There was never any malice - Dave would always share a drink with you after the game, win, lose or draw. Dave has developed many local players who will remember him for his dedication to the game and local football in general.

"Finally, Dave will be missed by all, specifically from within local football. Dave added to the history of our club which will never be forgotten."

## Swindon Advertiser

### Fisher 'always respected' his great rival Turner

Friday 7th February 2014

JOHN Fisher may have shared a friendly and at times fiery relationship with Dave Turner but the Highworth manager says it remained impossible for him not to have respected a man who held similar footballing beliefs to his own.

Former Shrivvenham, Wootton Bassett and Pewsey Vale boss Turner passed away in the early hours of Tuesday morning following a heart attack. His untimely and tragic death, at the age of 52, has left the local non-league community in a state of shock.

In paying tribute to his rival, Fisher stressed how - for all the words he and Turner exchanged on the touchline and in the press - he always had time for the late Shrivvy manager's 24/7 dedication to his job.

He said: "We had our friendly rivalries but I always had respect for what he was trying to do and what he's done. He's had some great years at Wootton Bassett, he's gone to Shrivvy and he was always upbeat and confident he could turn things round which you've got to admire in any manager.

"I had a lot of respect for him. It is a shock and brings life back into perspective. Sometimes we all get carried away with everything.

"I know it's only amateur football but sometimes people don't understand that Dave was on the same page as me - you either do it properly and that means it's a 24/7 job or you do it as an off-the-cuff job - Dave was always dedicated to his job.

"With all the stress that went with it I hope nothing was caused because of that, because it is a stressful job. People laugh but it's 24-7. You're always trying to get a team out for the weekend and players are dropping out, and Dave was always upbeat about everything he did."

Turner enjoyed great success at Bassett, where he twice won promotion to the Hellenic League Premier Division before moving on to Barrington Park, and his impact had been felt at Shrivvy, who Fisher feels have been left with a squad capable of making significant improvements after a couple of miserable campaigns.

"It's a terrible shock," said the Highworth boss. "I had a lot of time for what he was attempted to do and he was doing a good job at Shrivvenham, even though they were where they were in the league.

"I've watched them a few times in the last few weeks and they were going to turn the corner. His legacy at Shrivvenham is he's left them with a side that's going places."

Fisher offered his heartfelt support to Turner's wife, Trisha, and sons Alex, 24, and James, 22.

"I just wish his wife and his two boys all the best," continued Fisher.

"That's the worst part. It's so quick, so sudden and it's so hard for them to get their heads around it.

"It's like it's a dream, it's happened to me. All I can say is I wish his family all the best and I always remember one thing - that he was dedicated to his family and dedicated to his football. You can't ask any more of the man.

"He will be a big miss because he was a larger than life character. He was never down, he was always upbeat. We had a rivalry but it was a respectable rivalry - it wasn't because I didn't like him and he didn't like me.

"It was just the banter with what goes on in football. I know how hard he worked at Shrivvenham to get his boys there. It is a very sad loss, for family, friends, local football and the Hellenic League."

# Press Cuttings - Dave Turner Tributes

## Swindon Advertiser

### Local football mourns loss of popular boss

Wednesday 5th February 2014

FOOTBALL players, managers and coaches from across the local non-league scene paid tribute to Dave Turner yesterday following the Shrivvenham boss's untimely passing.

Luke Sharps, who played under Turner at Pewsey, Wootton Bassett and Shrivvenham, said: "I am devastated. He has been a friend of mine for 10 years, and I was his assistant manager for a time.

"I will always remember his professionalism. He was straight talking, and would always tell you how it was, which is a great attribute. He was just a top bloke and a really nice fella."

Local player Adam Collier wrote: "Dave Turner was a true gentleman and one of the nicest blokes I have met. He was one of mine and my brother's first ever coaches at Wroughton Juniors. My thoughts are with Dave's family at this difficult time."

Colleague Ed Faber said: "Dave Turner, a great big guy, full of fun and a perfect gentleman. Dave will be missed by us all. Our thoughts go out to his wife and children at this sad time."

Shaun Carter, who played under Turner at Wootton Bassett, said: "Dave helped me grow up on the football pitch and also off the pitch which is undoubtedly more important, we chatted frequently, argued and debated more than once and laughed far more than once with him also.

"I was the player he dished out his last manager's player of the year award to and I will cherish that award far more now than I have previously."

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### Ned Payne: 'The non-league circuit won't be the same'

Wednesday 5th February 2014

TWICE a week during the football season, for five years, I spoke to Dave Turner about how his team was getting on.

I can remember it striking me in the early days how pleasant he was and what an easy job it was to interview him. He quickly became one of my favourite contacts. It was a virtual guarantee that regardless of the time of day or night I rang him, I'd get an answer or an immediate call back.

Once on the phone, Dave was upbeat, straightforward and honest, and would give a full and frank answer to any question I posed. He made the process of interviewing ridiculously easy.

I will always remember that when Wootton Bassett reached the FA Cup

second qualifying round under Dave's leadership in 2012/13, he invited me to travel with the team to Dorchester in our first conversation following the draw.

When I turned up at Rylands Way first thing on the Saturday morning, he made it his mission to make sure I was at home straight away, ushering me into the club house and preparing me a cup of tea and a bacon roll, at the same time speaking of his nerves and excitement at the day ahead.

"I can relax now," he said, after handing me the mug. And off he went to see his players up for one of the biggest games in the club's history.

Aside from his personable nature, Dave was clearly a cracking manager. Twice he got Bassett promoted from Hellenic League Division One West as well as taking the club on its best-ever runs in the FA Cup and FA Vase.

It was evident that he loved working with players in training and then watching them put everything into practice on matchdays.

There were periods in the five years I knew him where Dave found his side struggling, but his passion and enthusiasm remained undimmed.

All he wanted to do was sort things out in midweek, go out on Saturday and get three points. And afterwards, we'd chew it over.

"You know I'll always speak to you, win, lose or draw," he'd often say. That was one of the many reasons why I had such respect for Dave.

For him it wasn't about taking the credit after a victory, it was just about being involved in the cut and thrust of daily life in football. He loved every minute of it. Well, Dave, I loved knowing you too mate. The non-league circuit won't be the same without you.

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### Webb hails 'gentleman and lovely man'

Thursday 5th February 2014

JUST last week, Dave Webb met up with Dave Turner to discuss local football and the Swindon Supermarine manager, like the rest of the non-league community, was shocked by the former Shrivvenham boss's untimely passing.

Webb was in regular contact with Turner to chat about players, form and upcoming fixtures, and the ex-Wootton Bassett chief's death at the age of 52, as a result of a heart attack, has stunned him as much as many others in local footballing circles.

The Marine boss paid tribute to Turner's work at Bassett, Shrivvy and Pewsey Vale and sent out his own message of support to his friend's wife, Trisha, and two sons, Alex and James.

"It's just so sad. I saw Dave last week and we spoke over the phone last week.

We have regular conversations and it's very, very sad. I just feel for his wife and his two boys and his close friends, people who know him really well," he said.

"In all the dealings I've had with Dave he's been a pleasure to deal with. He's a great gentleman, a lovely man, he believed in doing things properly. He had his way of doing things and always believed he did things the right way.

"It's just knocked me sideways. You don't expect to hear that from someone who always kept himself ticking over on the bike or in the gym.

"Like all of us he liked the finer things in life but he looked after himself as well so it's come as a massive shock to me.

"He's slightly older than me but not that many years more - and you don't expect to hear something so sad for someone so young."

Webb does not have a bad word to say about Turner, stressing that he made an impact on anyone and everyone he met in the region.

"The majority of people Dave touched - in life or through sport - would say he was a real nice guy and he'll be very sadly missed," he said. "Everyone associated with my current club, Swindon Supermarine, has their thoughts with the people closest to him. I can't imagine what they're going through.

"We'd have conversations - managers do talk - and Dave has always believed in his principles and always tried to do things professionally, whichever club he was at. Certainly he put together a good team at Bassett, Pewsey before that and he's started something at Shrivvenham.

"He'd obviously been doing a good job and players were wanting to go there and play for him, and 'I think that says it all when a player wants to play for you. That means they respect you.

"That's the thing that will remind me of Dave - the players who played with him always stayed loyal to him.

"It's terrible news, you just don't expect to hear it.

"I think the whole community will show their respects to Dave."

# Wootton Bassett Town F.C. Season 2013-14 First Team Fixtures, Results, Teams & Goal Scorers

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
10-Aug	Bracknell Town	A	L 1 - 4	82	Ellis	Bowden	Edmondson	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Sheppard	Ockwell (1)	Terry	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Kent		
14-Aug	Highworth Town	H	L 1 - 2	89	Kuczynski	Bowden	Roberts	Corcoran	<b>Carter (1)</b>	Stanners	Sheppard	Ockwell	Terry	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Cox		
17-Aug	Totton & Eling (FAC EX Prelim)	H	L 0 - 2	49	Kuczynski	Bowden	Bailey	Corcoran	Carter	K.Rigley	Sheppard	Ockwell	Terry	L.Stevens	Packer	Kent	Youngsam	Edmondson
24-Aug	Flackwell Heath	A	D 1 - 1	43	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	K.Rigley	A.Stevens	Ockwell	Worthington (1)	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Bailey		
26-Aug	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	W 2 - 1	70	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	K.Rigley	A.Stevens	Ockwell	<b>Roberts (1)</b>	<b>L.Stevens (1)</b>	A.Rigley	Terry	Packer	
31-Aug	Shrivenham	H	W 3 - 0	54	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	A.Stevens	Ockwell	<b>Roberts (1)</b>	<b>Packer (1)</b>	A.Rigley	<b>Bailey (1)</b>	Sheppard	Youngsam
4-Sep	Wantage Town	H	L 0 - 4	51	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Terry	Ockwell	Roberts	Packer	A.Rigley	Bailey	Chatwin	
07-Sep	Highmore Ibis	A	D 2 - 2	30	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	<b>Carter (1)</b>	Stanners	Terry	Ockwell	Roberts	Packer	Chatwin	Cox	Wright	
11-Sep	Tytherington Rocks (F/L 1)	H	L 1 - 3	32	Ellis	Wright	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	K.Rigley	Terry	Ockwell	Roberts	Packer	Cox	A.Rigley (1)	Youngsam	Pleass
14-Sep	Ascot United	A	D 1 - 1	62	Kuczynski	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	K.Rigley	Stanners	<b>Cox (1)</b>	Ockwell	Roberts	Packer	A.Rigley	Chatwin		
17-Sep	Kidlington	A	W 3 - 2	32	Clark	Davis	Yearley	Corcoran	<b>Chatwin (1)</b>	<b>Stanners (1)</b>	Cox	Ockwell	<b>Roberts (1)</b>	Packer	A.Rigley	Bailey		
21-Sep	Odd Down (FAV 2nd QR)	A	L 0 - 7		Clark	Chatwin	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	Packer	A.Stevens	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Bailey	Walduck	
25-Sep	Reading Town	H	D 4 - 4	31	Allison	Wright	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	<b>Cox (1)</b>	<b>Milhench (2)</b>	Ockwell	<b>Roberts (1)</b>	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Bailey	Baife	
28-Sep	Lydney Town (BICC 1)	A	L 2 - 5	62	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Wright	Carter	Cox	Chatwin	Ockwell	<b>Roberts (2)</b>	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Baife	K.Rigley	
5-Oct	Oxford City Nomads	H	L 0 - 1	28	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	Wright	Terry	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Packer	Stanners	K.Rigley	Cox
9-Oct	Abingdon Town	H	W 3 - 1	29	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	K.Rigley	<b>Milhench (1)</b>	Ockwell	<b>Cox (2)</b>	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Packer	Sheppard	Walduck
26-Oct	Reading Town	A	L 1 - 2	60	Meare	Bowden	Collier	Corcoran	K.Rigley	Stanners	Packer	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	<b>Milhench (1)</b>	Sheppard	Wright
30-Oct	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3	55	Allison	Bowden	<b>Collier (1)</b>	Brown	K.Rigley	Stanners	Packer	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	<b>Milhench (1)</b>	Carter	Sheppard	Yearley
2-Nov	Ardley United	H	L 1 - 2	40	Allison	Bowden	Collier	Brown	K.Rigley	Stanners	Packer	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Milhench	Carter	<b>Sheppard (1)</b>	Wright
11-Nov	Binfield	A	L 0 - 1	92	Allison	Bowden	Collier	Brown	Carter	Stanners	Packer	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	Corcoran	Sheppard	Wright
16-Nov	Abingdon United	A	L 3 - 4	27	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	<b>Corcoran (2)</b>	Carter	Stanners	<b>K.Rigley (1)</b>	Ockwell	Brown	Collier	Lardner	Walduck	Sorrenti	
23-Nov	Ardley United	A	D 1 - 1	45	Allison	Sheppard	<b>Collier (1)</b>	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	Cox		
27-Nov	Highmore Ibis	H	D 2 - 2	31	Allison	Sheppard	Collier	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts	<b>L.Stevens (1)</b>	Lardner	<b>Cox (1)</b>	Yearley	Milhench
30-Nov	Old Woodstock Town (SC1)	A	W 3 - 0	48	Allison	Yearley	<b>Collier (1)</b>	Corcoran	<b>Carter (1)</b>	Stanners	K.Rigley	Ockwell	<b>Roberts (1)</b>	L.Stevens	Lardner	Packer	Youngsam	
7-Dec	Bemerton Heath Harl (CC2)	H	L 2 - 3	24	Meare	Yearley	<b>Collier (1)</b>	Corcoran	Carter	<b>Cox (1)</b>	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts	Milhench	Lardner	Walduck	Sorrenti	
11-Dec	Binfield	H	W 1 - 0	24	Allison	Yearley	<b>Collier (1)</b>	Corcoran	Milhench	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley		
14-Dec	Highworth Town	A	D 1 - 1	90	Allison	Yearley	Milhench	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	<b>Cox (1)</b>	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley	Packer	Sheppard
21-Dec	Thame United	H	D 2 - 2	41	Allison	Yearley	Collier (1)	Corcoran	Milhench	Stanners	Sheppard	Ockwell	Roberts (1)	L.Stevens	Lardner			
26-Dec	Newbury	A	D 2 - 2	60	Allison	Yearley	Joyce	Sorrenti	Sheppard	<b>Stanners (2)</b>	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley	A.Stevens	
28-Dec	Holyport	H	W 6 - 2	41	Allison	Yearley	Sorrenti	Corcoran	<b>Sheppard (1)</b>	<b>Stanners (2)</b>	Cox	<b>Ockwell (1)</b>	Roberts	L.Stevens	<b>Milhench (2)</b>	Aikenhead	A.Stevens	
11-Jan	Shrivenham	A	W 2 - 1	84	Allison	Yearley	Sorrenti	Randhawa	<b>Sheppard (1)</b>	Stanners	Cox (1)	Ockwell	Roberts	Joyce	Lardner	K.Rigley		
22-Feb	Oxford City Nomads	A	L 0 - 2	35	Allison	Yearley	Parsons	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Joyce	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley	Miles	
5-Mar	Cheltenham Saracens	H																
08-Mar	Holyport	A																
11-Mar	Wantage Town	A																
15-Mar	Bracknell Town	H																
29-Mar	Flackwell Heath	H																
05-Apr	Thame United	A																
9-Apr	Ascot United	H																
12-Apr	Cheltenham Saracens	A																
15-Apr	Abingdon Town	A																
19-Apr	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A																
23-Apr	Newbury	H																
	Kidlington	H																

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

