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Home Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Steve	Allison		
2	Stephen	Yeardley		
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	Jonny	Aitkenhead		
12	Tyler	Sheppard		
14	Shaun	Terry		
15	Fraser	Joyce		
16	Kyle	Rigley		
17	Callum	Parsons		
18	Curtis	Meare		
19	Jason	Milhench		
20	Dennis	Sorrenti		
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Visitors Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Robert	Bullivant		
2	Jonathan	Case		
3	Bryan	Taylor		
4	Dan	Lake		
5	Jeff	Brown		
6	Lewis	Fogarty		
7	Gavin	James		
8	Stuart	MacLellan		
9	Adam	Dickens		
10	Lee	Thompson		
11	Mitchell	Woodward		
12	Ashleigh	James		
14	Stuart	Glynn		
15	Miles	Jones		
16	Jamal	Fox-Kharbouch		
17	Ryan	Millward		
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Dugout Team
Manager: Jeff Roberts
Assistant: Drew Youngsam

Dugout Team
Manager: Graham Malcolm
Assistant: Paul Shone

Match Officials
Referee: L. Merchant
Assist. Ref (Red Flag): R. Ashman
Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag): D. Commander

Next Home Games
 Wed 02-Apr-14 v Ascot United (Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division) k-off 7.45pm
 Wed 09-Apr-14 v Bracknell Town (Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division) k-off 7.45pm

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Uhsport Hellenic Football League
 Premier Division Season 2013-14

Wootton Bassett Town v Flackwell Heath
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 at Corinium Stadium, Home of Cirencester Town FC

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A Warm Welcome to our visitors this afternoon from Flackwell Heath for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture.

The two sides have met before on 7 occasions previously with our visitors having the better record having won 4 times against our 1 win with 2 draws.

The two sides first met in October 2007 in the League Cup when Flackwell progressed to the next round following a 5-2 win, Bassett's consolation goals coming from Shaun Terry and Phil Tearle. The two sides next met in the FA Cup in Season 2008-9 and it took a replay to decide the tie. The two sides drew 1-1 at Rylands, Craig Shand scoring for Bassett. In the return at Rylands Flackwell were comfortable winners, hitting 6 goals against a solitary Craig Shand strike for Bassett.

The solitary Wootton Bassett Town win came in the first league encounter between the two sides, Ethan Delaney scoring in a 1-0 win at Rylands Way. The sides met two further times in Season 2010-11. Flackwell won the return league game 4-0 and also won comfortably in the league cup, 5-1 the score in the cup fixture. Sam Collier scored the Bassett goal. Earlier this season the two sides fought out a 1-1 draw in the league, Rory Worthington with a late equaliser for Bassett. A match report from that game is included elsewhere in the programme.

Flackwell Heath currently sit in 8th place in the table with 15 wins from their opening 31 league fixtures. They have drawn 6 and lost 10. They are 17 points ahead of us but we

have 2 games in hand. Flackwell are on a good run of late being unbeaten in 8 games in all competitions.

Those that travelled to the away fixture will know that Flackwell are a good footballing side who attack at pace and will be tough opponents here today.

April Fixtures

After two weeks without a game we have just had our April fixtures re-scheduled and face 4 games in a week and a staggering total of 7 games in 16 days. Perhaps I was a little premature with my praise of the Fixture Secretary given our inaction over the past two weeks. Whilst I can understand no game last Saturday, with only Highmoor without a fixture, why could we not have played a game this week with Thame, Bracknell and Newbury all without midweek games?

All the amended fixtures for the First Team are shown in the centre pages. Updated fixtures are also shown in the Programme for the Reserves and Development sides.

Supplementary Cup

Those April fixtures now include a Supplementary Cup Quarter Final tie. Our reward for the win over Penn & Tylers Green is a trip to Cheltenham Saracens on Saturday 12th April, the league game having been switched to the cup and the league fixture brought forward to a Monday night.

The victory over Penn & Tylers puts us into the last 8 of a competition which is eminently winnable. There are just 5 Premier sides left in the competition and 4 have been drawn against each other in the

Quarter Final ties. The highest placed side are Oxford City Nomads who have been drawn away to Bracknell Town. The other Premier Division side are Brismcombe & Thrupp. Two sides from Division One East are through in the shape of Chalfont Wasps and Wokingham & Emmbrook. They will be joined by Maidenhead United if they defeat Division One West side Carterton in the one remaining tie from Round 3. Nothing to be frightened of in my opinion but we have drawn one of the tougher ones with that trip to Cheltenham.

Ladies Side

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies and Marlborough Town Ladies lock horns tomorrow with a place in the final of the Wiltshire County FA Women's Cup on the line. Becky Gammon's young side have had an up and down season. An inaugural FA Women's Cup victory at the start of the season has been followed by a tough second season in Gloucestershire County Women's League Division One. Currently they are fighting to escape from the relegation zone and aiming to finish in a comfortable mid-table position, which is still well within their reach.

While seeking to achieve that, their eyes are on silverware too. And a win against Marlborough - who are currently fifth in the Wiltshire Women's League - will provide them the opportunity to fight for cup honours. Swindon Spitfires or Swindon Town Ladies await in the showpiece. Bassett's semi final will take place at Marlborough's Elcot Lane, with kick off at 2pm.

Editorial & WBTFC News

Please come along and give Becky and the girls your support!

Youth Sides in Cup

Wootton Bassett Town Under 14 Blues booked their place at the County Ground with a thrilling 3-2 North Wilts League Cup semi final victory against Malmesbury Youth. A Jordan Leach brace and a Ryan Gillie strike helped Bassett through.

Bassett's reward is a date with Stanley Park Youth, their conquerors in last season's Wiltshire County Under 13 Cup final.

The Under 11 Blues fell just short in their quest to reach the County Cup semi final, losing 1-0 to Greenmeadow Youth. In a tight game that could have gone either way, the decisive goal in the second half. They suffered more semi final heartache in the North Wilts League Cup, falling to a 4-2 defeat Croft Juniors Red. Despite the defeats, they can be proud of reaching two semi finals, while they can now concentrate on cementing a top three finish in the league.

Congratulations to the Under 14 Blues, and best of luck to them in the final!

Tennis Membership

A special half year membership is being offered by Wootton Bassett Tennis Club to WBTFC playing members. Our adult team players can have membership for only £63, while youth players can have it for just £21. This is only available until 1st April, while membership would be valid from April to September. For more information please contact John Theobald on 01793 853701.

Presentation Evening

This year's Senior Section Presentation will take place on Friday 23rd May at the Sports Association Clubhouse, Rylands Way. First team, Ladies, Reserves and Development awards will be presented on the night. Further details including start time will be available closer to the date.

Looking at what is in the **Programme this afternoon** there is the usual article from a journalist from the Non-League Paper. This week it is Steve Coney on the subject of managerial changes.

Jeff looks back at the Penn & Tyler's game in the **Dugout Chat** column and there is also a **match report** from that game as well as the league fixture at Holyport.

There are 4 extra pages as we include for the first time the latest edition of the quarterly Newsletter, **Touchline**. Prepared by Press Officer Stuart Smedley Touchline includes an update from the Chairman on the relocation to Ballard's Ash plus articles from the Heads of both the Senior and Youth Sections.

In addition to Touchline this programme contains the usual **picture quiz** to keep you amused at half time. This week there are less pictures to identify in the quiz with a World Cup theme but two answers are required for each picture as well as the usual connections to find. It is the connections that are tricky this week.

There is an **action shot** from the away game against

Holyport featuring Jordan Roberts.

The player profile today is midfielder **Dan Lardner**.

There are more statistics from Stuart Smedley in the **Hellenic Insights** page.

The **"Football was better in my day"** feature, looking back at football from the 1970's and 1980's this week focuses on **Roy of the Rovers**.

As the season draws to a close the race to be the winner of our **Fantasy Football** competition heats up. It is really tight at the top with Club Treasurer Dave Topping leading by just 3 points from Michael Case. With just 45 points separating the top 6 it is the closest competition since we started. Sam Lawro looking for a 3rd straight title is back in 8th place, 80 points off the lead so it looks like we will have a new champion this season.

Finally a big thank you again to our hosts Cirencester Town for the use of their ground here today. They are certainly having a good season and remain in contention for automatic promotion and, failing that, should comfortably make the play-offs.

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

Mark

Cover Photo: Jonny Aitkenhead against Holyport.



Press Cuttings

Swindon Advertiser

Roberts satisfied with routine Bassett win

Monday 17th March 2014

JEFF Roberts was satisfied with Wootton Bassett's performance as they saw off Penn & Tylers Green 3-1 to reach the quarter-final of the Bluefin Sports Supplementary Challenge Cup.

The Division One East side hardly challenged Premier Division Bassett and only scored from a mistake by Bassett keeper Steve Allison.

Levi Cox got a double to end his recent scoring drought, with Lee Stevens getting the final goal late on.

Cox earned his first during the opening period. Winning the ball out wide the forward drove into the area and drew a foul from the Penn defender to give himself a chance from the spot - which he slotted home coolly.

Cox's second was a poacher's effort from close range late in the first half. Cox popping up in the right place to finish from a Bassett long throw that was flicked on in the box.

Stevens got Bassett's third from similar range, finding the net from six yards following a deep cross as the game neared its conclusion.

Roberts felt the result was no more than Bassett deserved but was disappointed with some of his side's play.

"They never caused us any problems really, it was quite a comfortable win that could have been five or six to be honest," Roberts told the Advertiser.

"We had a lot more time than we thought on the ball. The problem was the players were trying to do more than what they should, rather than keeping it simple.

"At times you can get dragged down to their level, making it harder than perhaps it should have been, it's just a shame we conceded really."

Roberts was pleased for Cox to get his brace and hoped the goals would rebuild some of the confidence he might have lost in his recent barren run.

"Levi hasn't scored for a while so that (performance) should give him some confidence, which he needed a bit."

The Bassett boss was careful to check any harsh words and reflect on what was a comfortable win.

"I can criticise and criticise but we did alright and we're through to the next round."

Swindon Advertiser

Shrivv boss Collier praises coach Sharps

Friday 21st March 2014

SHRIVENHAM player-manager Sam Collier has hailed the support of coach Luke Sharps as the Barrington Park side look to secure their first win in six matches.

Having taken charge following the tragic and untimely death of Dave Turner, Collier has continued to play for the club despite this being his first managerial role.

And the striker, who played in defence in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Wantage Town, says that Sharps has been 'fantastic'.

"He's like a breath of fresh air in training," Collier said. "He makes my life a lot easier and is a massive support when I'm out on the pitch.

"I'm enjoying being in charge, it is a lot tougher than I expected, but the coaching staff and the players have been fantastic."

However, Collier's fledgling managerial career has yet to taste success and he knows that Saturday's Hellenic League Premier Division trip to fourth-placed Ascot United is another tough test for his side.

"The big thing was to get our first point on Saturday against Wantage," he said. "Obviously we were disappointed not to get all three.

"But we can take that positive to Ascot, because they are another team flying high.

"The commitment and understanding from the players is great and I just hope that we can get that first win."

Despite the lack of wins for Shrivvenham, who currently sit in 16th place and only four points above the bottom two, Collier says that he is unlikely to bring in any new faces for the time being.

The club still have French striker Patrick Niame on loan from Southern League Premier Division side Chippenham Town, while Dane Moulden is available again.

However, Nathan Blackman is a doubt for the trip to Ascot with a groin problem and defender Lee Bowen is unavailable.

Ascot come into this match having not tasting defeat in 2014, their last reverse coming against Wantage on December 14.

What will be even more worrying for Collier is that their Racecourse Ground hosts tomorrow romped to a 5-1 victory at Cheltenham Saracens last weekend.

Jeff Lamb's side are nine points off leaders Ardley United having played one match less.

Meanwhile, Wootton Bassett Town are without a game this weekend.

Jeff Roberts' side currently sit in 12th place having played 29 matches, but they could slip to 14th at the weekend if results elsewhere go against them.

Bassett are next in action a week on Saturday when they entertain Flackwell Heath.

WBTFC Website

2014 Six-a-Side Tournament

After a one year hiatus, Wootton Bassett Town's youth six-a-side tournament will be returning this summer. The tournament will be held over the weekend of the 7th and 8th June at Ballard's Ash.

Building works on the rugby club's new clubhouse meant last year's event did not go ahead. But this year the competition, which in the past has attracted clubs from all corners of the country, including Scotland, Wales and Norfolk, will be back.

The following age groups will be run on the following days:

Saturday 7th June AM: U9 and U11

Saturday 7th June PM: U7 and U13

Sunday 8th June AM: U12 and U14

Sunday 8th June PM: U6, U8 and U10

Competitions for the Under 6, 7 and 8 age groups will be run on a non-competitive Festival of Football basis. All children taking part will receive a memento in recognition of their participation, while there will be an additional award for the most sporting team in each age group.

All other age groups will run on a group basis followed by a knockout stage, with trophies for the winners and runners-up in each age group.

For teams wishing to enter, there is an entry fee of £20 per team. A maximum number of two teams per club per age group will be permitted. Please download and return the application form with the relevant payment as soon as possible to secure your team's place.

The tournament will be affiliated to the Wiltshire County Football Association all teams who enter must be affiliated to their relevant county football association.

Meanwhile, the club is also looking for volunteers to help organise the event, and help preserve its status as not only one of the best in Wiltshire, but in the south west as a whole.

If you are interested, please contact Youth Section Secretary Gill Gascoigne.

Dugout Chat

Good afternoon and welcome to the management team, players and supporters of Flackwell Heath, who have travelled to the Corinrium Stadium today for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier League fixture. We hope you will join us in the bar after the game.

It was disappointing not to have a game last Saturday and also to be without a fixture in midweek. Especially as we now face 4 games in the space of a week and 8 games in the space of just 17 days!

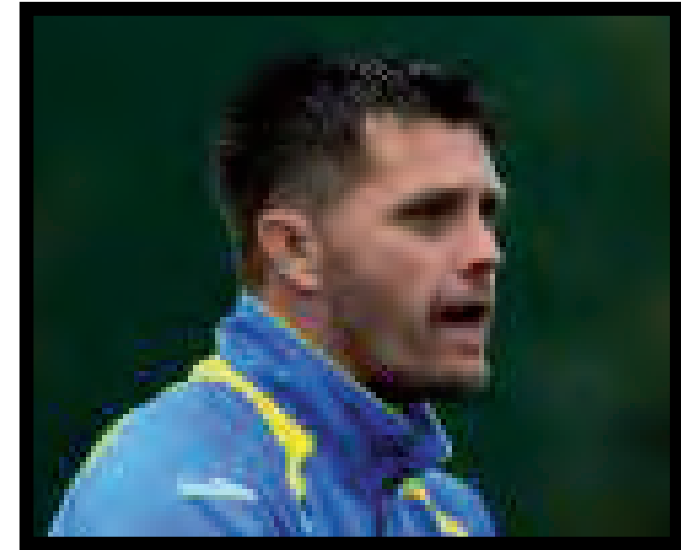
Last time out I was satisfied with our performance against Penn & Tylers Green which saw us reach the quarter-final of the Bluefin Sports Supplementary Challenge Cup.

Penn & Tylers hardly challenged us and only scored from a mistake by Steve Allison. It was good to see Levi netting a brace and it was a comfortable win in the end. The result was no more than we deserved but as I said in the Adver I was disappointed with some of our play. We did enough but could have scored a lot more with a bit more patience and application. Our reward for that victory is a trip to Cheltenham Saracens in the Quarter Final. As we saw in the recent league encounter they are a good side and recently defeated Highworth Town so we will have our work cut out but as we are just 2 games away from a cup final we will certainly be going all out for a win.

Today's game will be another tough fixture as Flackwell are one of the most improved teams in the league and are unbeaten in 8 games in all competitions.

Enjoy the game, give the lads plenty of support as we look to continue our recent good form.

Jeff



Opponents - History

Flackwell Heath FC • Club History

Flackwell Heath FC was founded in 1907 and the club joined the High Wycombe and District League for its inaugural season. The Heathens proved to be a major force in local football, having won twelve Wycombe League championship titles and the High Wycombe Senior Challenge Cup on a record twelve occasions.

In the 1950's Flackwell joined the Great Western Combination League and won this league twice before returning to the Wycombe League.

In the 1970's they continued their success and the clubhouse was built as the first stage of their rise into senior football. The clubhouse was opened in 1974. In 1975 The Heathens won the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup and the Reading Senior Cup. In 1977 the club achieved Senior status and moved up into the Hellenic League Division One. Promotion to the Premier Division was achieved at the first attempt. After five seasons in this league, during which time floodlights were installed at Wilks Park, Flackwell were elected into the Athenian League. In 1984 they joined the expanding Isthmian League. The clubs first season in this competition saw them playing in Division Two (North) and against some tough opposition they finished in a respectable eighth position. The following season Flackwell was switched to Division Two (South) where life turned out to be even tougher. At the end of season 1990-91, after finishing below mid-table, The Heathens found themselves placed in the newly formed Ryman League Division Three.

In 2002/03 Flackwell reached the 4th qualifying round of the FA Cup, losing 4-1 at home against Crawley and finished third in the newly formed Ryman League Division Two the highest position achieved to date. The Youth team also won the Allied Counties League Southern Division in this year. The High Wycombe Senior Challenge Cup for a record twelfth time in 2003/04, beating Prestwood 4-0 in the final at Adams Park, the home of Wycombe Wanderers. In season 2004/05 The Heathens reached the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the second time in three years, this time losing 3-0 at Ryman Premier Division Billericay Town and were runners-up in the Ryman League Associate Members Cup, losing 2-1 after extra time to Division Two champions Ilford on their own ground. The veterans team won the FA Umbro Sunday Cup, a feat which was repeated in 2006 and 2007. After winning the first final the lads went to The Bernabeu Stadium and played against Real Madrid veterans for the European Cup and lost by 3-1. Flackwell finished fourth in Ryman League Division Two in 2005/06, narrowly missing out on promotion. After the end of 2006/07 the FA reorganised the non-league pyramid and we were due to be relegated into the South Midlands Spartan League until Barking and East Ham United went out of business and we were given the opportunity to take their place in the Ryman Division One (North). Unfortunately we finished bottom of the league and were relegated into the Hellenic Premier Division for season 2007/08.

Byron Walton led the club in its first season back in the Hellenic League but following his resignation in January 2008 the team plummeted down the table but made a late recovery under the tutelage of Terry Glynn to finish in 9th position and also reach the final of the High Wycombe Senior Challenge Cup where they were beaten 2-1 by Chalfont Wasps. Season 2008/09 was another one full of inconsistency and Terry Glynn resigned at the end of October 2008 and was replaced by one of our former club captains, Matt Flint. Matt brought in the experienced ex-Marlow and Slough Town midfielder James Pritchard at Christmas time in the capacity of player/assistant manager along with Graham Malcolm as head coach and James took on the role of Flackwell Heath manager when Matt resigned in 2010. In his first full season James led the club to two cup finals but both were lost on penalties, the Berks and Bucks Trophy to Newport Pagnell Town and the Reading Senior Cup to Newbury. Ex-Slough Town and Yeading striker Matt Miller joined the club as joint manager at the start of 2011/12 season and the team finished the season in 4th position.

In December 2012 Graham Malcolm took over as manager and continues in this role for the current 13/14 season.



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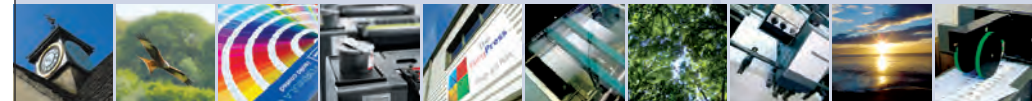


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First Round		
Ardley United	8 - 0	Malmesbury Vic's
Ascot United	7 - 1	Newbury
Bracknell Town	2 - 2	Binfield (4 - 5 Pens)
Brimscombe & Thrupp	4 - 2	North Leigh
Carterton	2 - 0	Didcot Town
Chalfont Wasps	0 - 2	Easington Sports
Clanfield	2 - 3	Abingdon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

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

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

Quarter Finals		
Abingdon United	v	Wantage Town
Ardley United	v	Tytherington Rocks
Ascot United	v	Rayners Lane
Shortwood United	1 - 2	Highworth Town

Semi Finals		
	v	
	v	
Final		
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Team Profiles Flackwell Heath FC



Robert Bullivant Goal Keeper
(Bully) a very experienced goalkeeper who has spent the last few season at Windsor FC, we are delighted to get him.



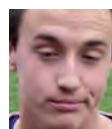
Jonathan Case Defence
A local legend who has played at the highest non-league level. He is our oldest player at 31, his energy around the club will be a great asset for us this year.



Dan Lake Defence
Is in his second year with Flackwell Heath FC and is a very reliable defender.



Zak Martin Defence
A local boy who is strong and very combative defender, in his second year with the club.



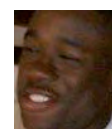
Bryan Taylor Defence
Still only 18, he is able to play as a full back and a wing back, has a cultured left foot and is expected to figure a lot this season.



Jeff Brown Defence
Second year at the club. A quality player who can play in many positions, a strong candidate for being captain of the team.



Lewis Fogarty Defence
Tough tackling defender who joined from Bracknell Town in July 2012. Good in the air and reads the game well.



Ashleigh James Defence
Recently arrived from Beaconsfield SYCOB having reached the play offs and won the Berks & Berks Cup last year - a great signing.



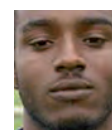
Stuart Glynn Midfield
Has come up through our very successful U16 team and will be looking to impress in the Allied Counties this year.



Hicham Bendamani Midfield
Joined from Marlow in December 2012. Represented Morocco in the Junior African Nations Cup. Combative midfielder.



Ohmar Pike Midfield
On his day, one of the best midfielders in the league, has great energy and is able to cover the ground with ease.



Elliot Derby Midfield
Has spent the last three seasons at Holmer Green FC. A cultured midfielder who will add to the competition in midfield.



Stuart MacLellan Midfield
All action midfielder who returns for a third spell with Flackwell Heath.



Sam Arkin Midfield
A new signing who has previously been at Beaconsfield SYCOB and Wealdstone FC. He has settled in very quickly.



Adam Dickens Forward
Well known around the Non-League arena having previously played at Windsor FC and Marlow FC, a good signing for the club.



Lee Thompson Forward
Predatory striker who joined Flackwell Heath in December 2009. The Heathens very own "Fox in the Box".



Mitchell Woodward Forward
Further season with Flackwell Heath. A combative midfielder with an eye for goals.



Miles Jones Forward
Was dual signed with us last season having spent the season helping Beaconsfield SYCOB to a play-off spot and winning the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup.



Gavin James Forward
Spent last year at Beaconsfield SYCOB helping them to a play-off spot and the Berks & Bucks Senior Trophy. We are delighted to have him to spearhead our attack.



Graham Malcolm Manager
UEFA 'B' qualified coach who took charge of the team after three years as head coach.

Today's Opponents

Pyramid Step 5 & Hellenic Prem Map

Flackwell Heath FC

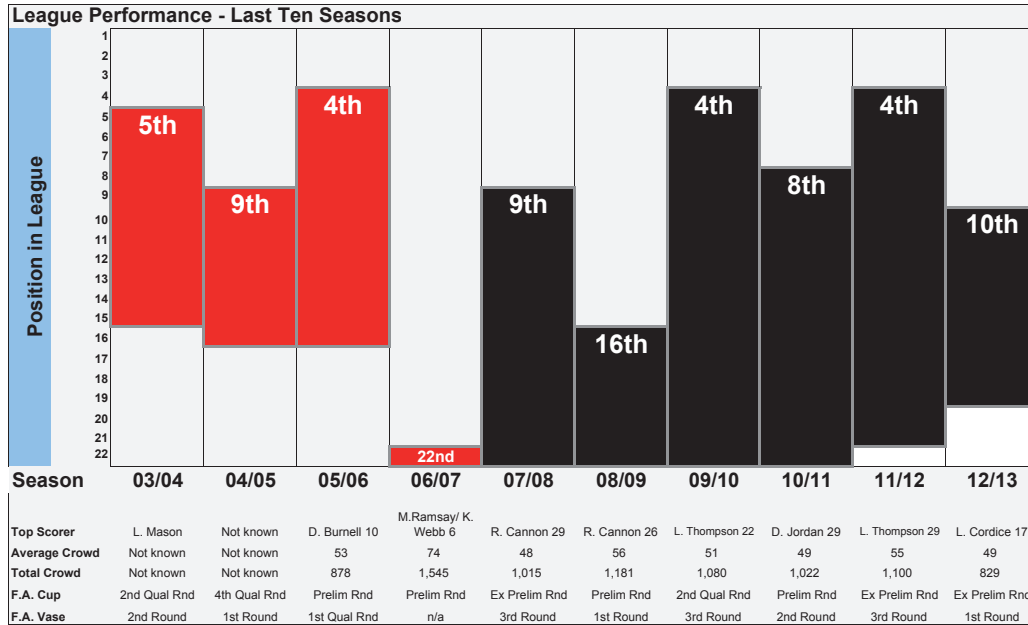
Formed: 1907
Nickname: Heathens
Chairman: Terry Glynn
Secretary: Jo Parsons

Ground: Wilks Park, Magpie Lane, Heath End Rd, Flackwell Heath, HP10 9EA
Tel: 01628 523892
Manager:
Capacity: 2,000
Seats: 150
Colours: All Red

Ground Directions: Junction 4 of M40 follow signs A404 (High Wycombe). Turn right at traffic lights halfway down Marlow Hill, signposted Flackwell Heath. Ground 3 miles on left.




Isthmian Div 2 / 1North Hellenic Premier

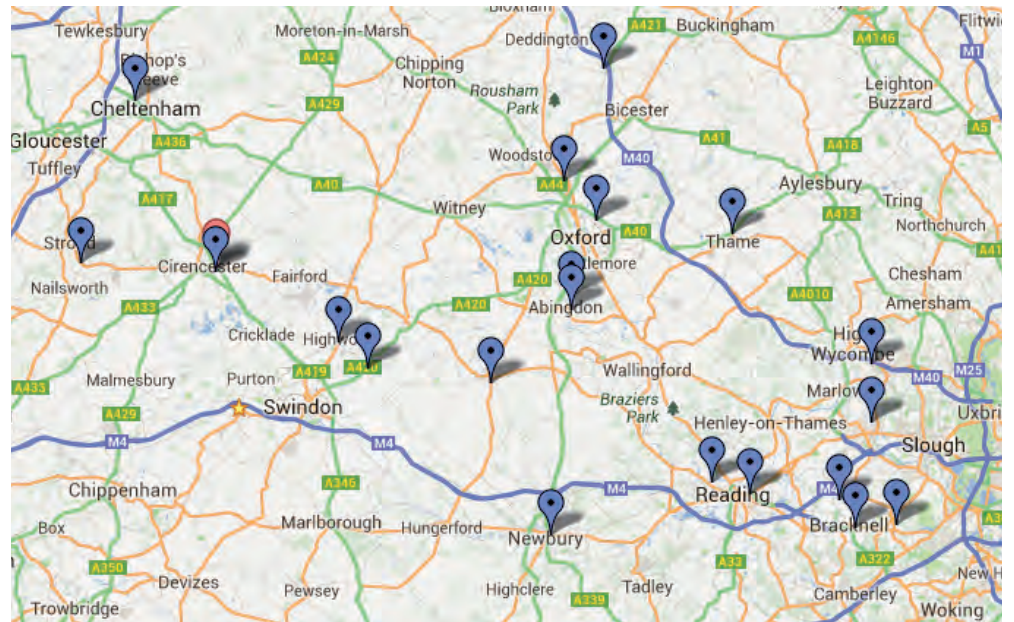
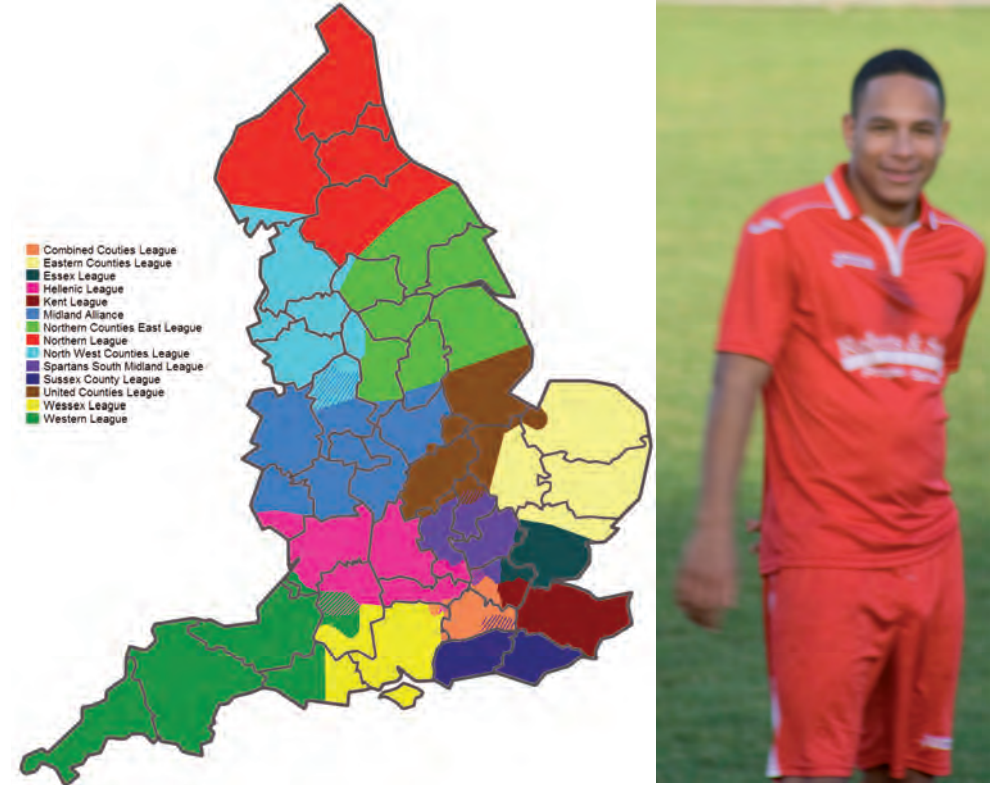


Current Form (Last Six Games)

Date	Opponents	Result
22-Mar-14	Newbury (H)	W 3 - 2
15-Mar-14	Arlesey United (H)	W 3 - 1
11-Mar-14	Thame United (H)	W 1 - 0
8-Mar-14	Reading Town (A)	W 3 - 1
1-Mar-14	Highworth Town (H)	D 1 - 1
22-Feb-14	Abingdon United (H)	W 3 - 0

v Wootton Bassett Town (Last Six Games)

Date	Fixture & Result
24-Aug-13	Flackwell Heath 4 Wootton Bassett Town 1
23-Apr-11	Flackwell Heath 4 Wootton Bassett Town 0
31-Mar-11	Flackwell Heath 5 Wootton Bassett Town 1
30-Oct-10	Wootton Bassett Town 1 Flackwell Heath 0
20-Aug-08	Wootton Bassett Town 1 Flackwell Heath 6
16-Aug-08	Flackwell Heath 1 Wootton Bassett Town 1



Step ¹	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; 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) Premier Division</i>		Southern League (24 clubs) <i>(Evo-stick League) Premier Division</i>		Isthmian League (24 clubs) <i>(Ryman League) Premier Division</i>	
	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) ²	Northern Premier League <i>(Evo-stick League) Division One North</i>	Northern Premier League <i>(Evo-stick League) Division One South</i>	Southern Football League <i>(Evo-stick League) Division One Midlands</i>	Southern Football League <i>(Evo-stick League) Division One South & West</i>	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League) Division One South</i>	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League) Division One North</i>
	*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 Hellenic League Premier Division Kent League Premier Division Midland Football Alliance Northern Counties East League Premier Division Northern League Division One North West Counties League 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 Hellenic League Division One East Hellenic League Division One West Midland Combination Premier Division Northern Counties East Division One Northern League Division Two North West Counties League Division 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	
Sat 8-Mar-14	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A	League	D 3 - 3	Smith 2, Brown	
Tue 11-Mar-14	Cheltenham Saracens	H	League	W 2 - 0	Paish, Dixon	
Sat 20-Mar-14	Oxford City Nomads	A	League	L 1 - 2	Matthews	
Sat 29-Mar-14	Hook Norton	A	League			
Sat 5-Apr-14	Thame United	H	Pres Cup 2			
Tue 8-Apr-14	Cheltenham Saracens	A	League			
Sat 12-Apr-14	Old Woodstock Town	A	League			
Sat 19-Apr-14	Shrivenham	A	League			
Mon 21-Apr-14	Beversbrook	A	League			
Sat 26-Apr-14	Fairford Town	H	League			

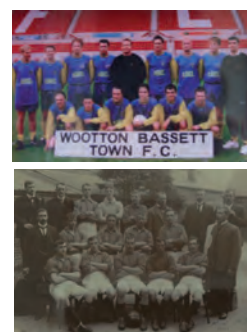
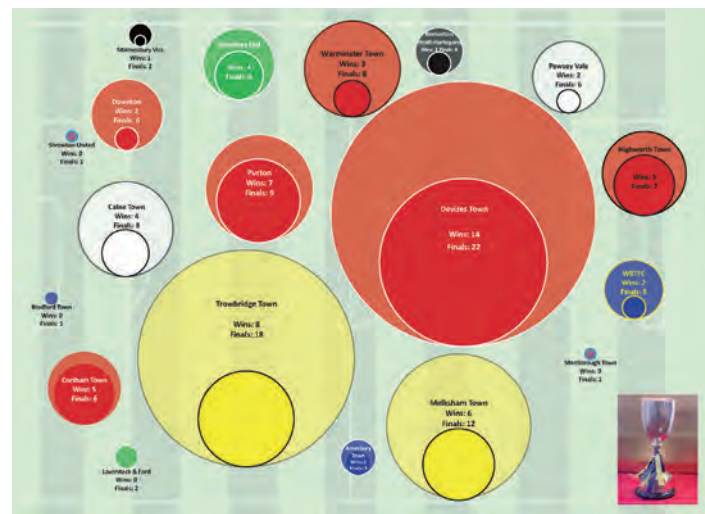
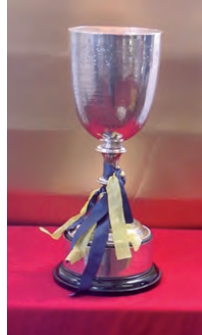
2013-2014 Season										
UHLSPORT Hellenic League										
Division Two (West)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
1 Wantage Town Reserves	18	13	2	3	47	18	41			
2 Oxford City Nomads 'Dev'	19	13	1	5	72	29	40			
3 Cirencester Town 'Dev'	16	12	3	1	59	22	39			
4 Hook Norton Reserves	16	8	5	3	31	15	29			
5 Wootton Bassett Town Res	16	8	4	4	32	19	28			
6 Brimscombe & Thrupp Reserves	14	6	2	6	32	32	20			
7 Beversbrook	14	5	2	7	28	38	17			
8 Shrivenham Reserves	14	4	2	8	20	44	14			
9 Cheltenham Saracens Reserves	17	4	4	9	24	39	13			
10 Highworth Town Reserves	15	4	1	10	24	43	13			
11 Old Woodstock Town Reserves	17	3	1	13	16	59	10			
12 Fairford Town Reserves	16	2	1	13	17	44	7			

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	0 - 1	Rayners Lane
Shrivenham	0 - 3	Wantage Town
Holyport	v	Hook Norton
Semi Finals		
	v	
	v	
Final		
	v	

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

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	Joint holders
1896-97 Swindon Town	Joint holders
1897-98 Trowbridge Town	Trowbridge Town
1898-99 Swindon Victoria	Swindon Victoria
1899-00 Chippenham Town	Devizes Town
1900-01 Warminster Town	Devizes Town
1901-02 Chippenham Town	Even Swindon United
1902-03 Warminster Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1903-04 Swindon Town Reserves	Wootton Bassett Town
1904-05 Melksham Town	Wootton Bassett Town
1905-06 Salisbury City	Swindon Haydon St W
1906-07 Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1907-08 Devizes Town	Trowbridge Town
1908-09	Swindon Town Reserves Cup held by President
1909-10 Salisbury City	Trowbridge Town
1910-11 Warminster Town	Warminster Town
1911-12 38th Brigade RFA	Salisbury City
1912-13 Calne Town	Calne
1913-14 3rd Wilts Regiment	Trowbridge Town
1919-20 Swindon Town	Chippenham Town
1920-21 Swindon Victoria	Salisbury City
1921-22 Trowbridge Town	Stratton Reform
1922-23 Salisbury City	Chippenham Town
1923-24 Spencers	Devizes Town
1924-25 Chippenham Town	Swindon Victoria
1925-26 Trowbridge Town	Swindon Victoria
1926-27 Chippenham Town	1st Batt. Wilts Regiment
1927-28 Swindon Corinthians	Chippenham Town
1928-29 Chippenham Town	Swindon Corinthians
1929-30 Garrard Athletic	Chippenham Town
1930-31 Chippenham Town	Trowbridge Town
1931-32 Westbury United	Swindon Corinthians
1932-33 Westbury United	Swindon Victoria
1933-34 Trowbridge Town	Warminster Town
1934-35 Swindon Corinthians	Westbury United
1935-36 Swindon Corinthians	Swindon Victoria
1936-37 Swindon Victoria	Swindon Corinthians
1937-38 Trowbridge Town	Salisbury Corinthians
1938-39 Purton	1st Survey Coy R.A.
1945-46 Salisbury Corinthians	Swindon Corinthians
1946-47 Swindon GWR Corinthians	Chippenham Town
1947-48 Westbury United	Pewsey Vale
1948-49 Purton	SWINDON BR CORINTHIANS
1949-50 Devizes Town	Calne & Harris United
1950-51 Purton	Salisbury City
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 Devizes Town	Swindon B.R.
1957-58 Devizes Town	Melksham Town
1958-59 Devizes Town	Swindon B.R.
1959-60 Pinehurst	Devizes Town
1960-61 Devizes Town	Pinehurst
1961-62 Devizes Town	Malmesbury
1962-63 Devizes Town	Highworth Town
1963-64 Highworth Town	Westbury United
1964-65 Pinehurst	Chippenham Town
1965-66 Devizes Town	Aldbourne
1966-67 Pinehurst	Devizes Town
1967-68 Devizes Town	Melksham Town
1968-69 Chippenham Town	Melksham Town
1969-70 Melksham Town	Devizes Town
1970-71 Devizes Town	Pinehurst
1971-72 Devizes Town	Sanford Youth
1972-73 Highworth Town	Devizes Town
1973-74 Devizes Town	Park
1974-75 Chippenham Town	Vickers
1975-76 Pinehurst	Devizes Town
1976-77 Corsham Town	Park
1977-78 Melksham Town	Avon Bradford
1978-79 Devizes 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
Devizes 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
Swindon Town Reserves	2
Wootton Bassett Town	2
38th Brigade RFA	1
3rd Wilts Regiment	1
Avebury	1
Garrard Athletic	1
Malmesbury Vic's	1
Salisbury Corinthians	1
Spencers	1
Swindon Supermarine	1
Swindon GWR Corinthians	1
Swindon Wanderers	1
Wollen Sports	1

Wiltshire Senior Cup



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 6th time.

Melksham are on to defend the Cup again this season having once again made the final following a 4-0 semi-final win over Purton. Joining them in the final are Bradford Town who won 3-0 against Bemerton Heath Harlequins in the other semi-final tie.

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 - 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	0 - 4	Melksham
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0 - 3	Bradford Town

Final		
Melksham Town	v	Bradford Town



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	L 1 - 3	Petrie
Sat 15-Mar-14	Wroughton Res	A	League	W 2 - 0	Aras, Petrie
Sat 22-Mar-14	Intel FC	H	League	W 3 - 0	King, Petrie, Read
Sat 29-Mar-14	Blunsdon	H	League		
Sat 5-Apr-14	Blunsdon	H	League		
Sat 12-Apr-14	Malmesbury Vics Res	A	League		
Sat 19-Apr-14	Intel FC	H	League		
Sat 26-Apr-14	Melksham Town Res	A	League		

Top Goalscorers

L. Petrie	29
D. King	18
M. Kitchin	9
S. Terry	6
R. Algar	3
T. Blackford	2
L. Taylor	2
A. Guppy	2
L. Carter	1
M. Aras	1
L. Read	1
A. Turner	1
J. Covey	1

Wiltshire County League Division 1 League Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Intel FC	20	13	2	5	71	38	41
2 Melksham Town FC Res	15	13	1	1	63	16	40
3 Wootton Bassett Town Dev	19	12	1	6	68	43	37
4 Malmesbury Victoria FC Res	19	10	1	8	70	41	28
5 Sarum Youth Seniors FC	19	5	5	9	43	59	20
6 Wroughton FC Res	19	4	1	14	39	75	13
7 Blunsdon FC	17	1	1	15	19	101	4

Marlborough Town FC Res record expunged

Match Reports

Cup hungry Bassett into the last eight

Corinium Stadium, 15th March 2014

It's been thirteen years since Wootton Bassett Town last tasted cup success. With a 3-1 Supplementary Cup third round victory over a battling Penn and Tylers Green they moved a step closer towards arresting that barren run, and now find themselves in the quarter finals of that competition.

A first half Levi Cox double set Jeff Roberts' team on their way and while they flirted with danger early after the restart, an emphatic Lee Stevens strike finally settled the game on 69 minutes. A late Aaron Morton consolation disappointingly then prevented Bassett from finishing the day with a clean sheet, but was arguably deserved by the visitors.

Starting quickly, Bassett came close through Sam Ockwell in the third minute as he flicked narrowly wide from Cox's near post cross.

Within two minutes though the hosts were ahead as Cox buried a penalty he won. The award appeared somewhat harsh on Penn and Tylers defender Dean Munday, who appeared to get some of the ball. But there was to be no denying the Bassett winger who sent 'keeper Matt Cannings the wrong way.

The early pressure soon petered out and allowed the visitors to establish a foothold in the game. After James Pritchard found the side netting from a tight angle, a Steve Allison spill from Jordan Gumbs' low 20 yard shot almost allowed Chris Hurst to equalise. However, Allison sprung to his feet and produced a fine parry at point blank range to preserve the advantage.

After surviving that scare, two counter attacks led to chances for Stevens at the other end, but he could only steer Ryan Stanners' square pass wide of the post before forcing a comfortable save from Cannings when he may have been better served slipping through his strike partner or Tyler Sheppard.

Cox had no problems in front of goal, however, and made it 2-0 on the stroke of half time. Steve Yeardley's long throw was flicked on at the near post by Stevens, and Cox was alert to race in front of his marker and found the bottom corner with a first time effort from ten yards.

Bassett were reminded that their lead was far from a comfortable one in the second period's opening stages. Adrian Smith should have done better from the visitor when Allison was slow off his line to deal with a ball over the top, but was only able to poke inches wide of the post. Hurst's half volley from a Josh Fox corner was then blocked on the line.

Having rode their luck once more, it should have been game, set and match shortly before the hour. After a Penn and Tylers attack broke down, Ockwell sent Stanners in behind the visitors' defence with a superb lofted ball. With Cannings racing off his line, Stanners unselfishly stabbed across to an unmarked Stevens, who had an open goal at his mercy. Yet somehow he struck wide, skewing his left foot shot from twelve yards.

As bad as that miss was, the way he took the chance to finally kill the game off as a contest ten minutes later was excellent and provided a fitting finish to a flowing move. Jordan Roberts switched play to left back Jonny Aitkenhead, who in turn fed Stevens on the edge of the box. With his back to goal, one touch allowed him to turn away from his marker before he slammed an unstoppable low drive beyond Cannings' reach.

Job done and a quarter final spot secured, Bassett took their foot off the gas for the remaining twenty minutes. And it was of some annoyance that Morton pounced when Bassett failed to clear Pritchard's teasing free kick to deny a clean sheet.

Nevertheless, they could have grabbed a fourth with Stanners seeing a half volley expertly turned away and Cox firing straight at Cannings when in a fine position to complete his hat-trick.

Man of the Match: Levi Cox – played a key role in ensuring Bassett went into the break two goals to the good, while he linked up well with his teammates going forward all game.



Rating: 7/10 – a good enough display to see off spirited opponents. More will be expected in the latter stages of the competition, but the chance of silverware should be motivation enough to inspire that.



Senior Honours List

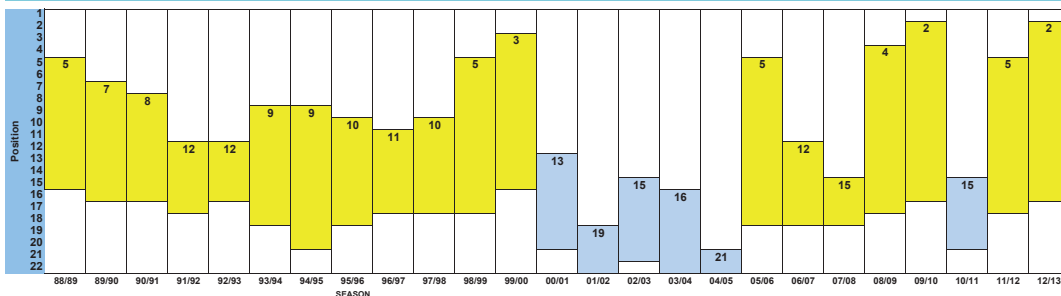
- 1902/03 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1902/03 Advertiser Cup Runners-up
- 1903/04 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1905/06 Wiltshire County League Runners-up
- 1930/31 Calne & District League Runners-up
- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1934/35 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Winners
- Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Runners-up
- 1935/36 Brotherhood Cup Winners
- 1938/39 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1953/54 Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions
- 1957/58 Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions
- 1958/59 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

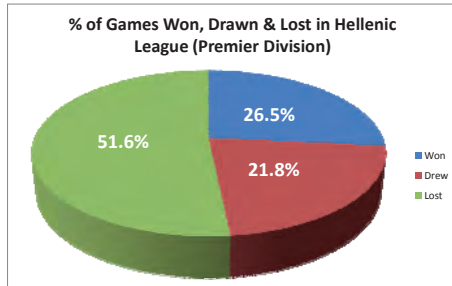
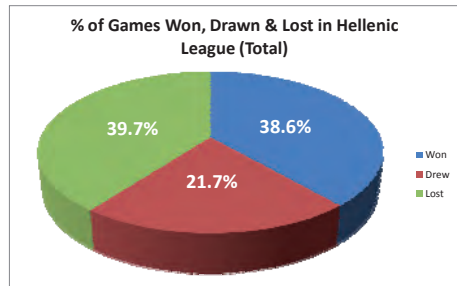


Season	Div	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York 25
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	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	5	3	75	40	66	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Mark Barnes
2013/14	P	29	8	10	11	46	49	34	12 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Levi Cox 10
Total		879	339	191	349	1,361	1,402	1,202			
			38.6%	21.7%	39.7%						

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	L 1 - 2	Ball
16-Mar-14	Bristol & West	A	League	D 1 - 1	Ball
23-Mar-14	AEK Boco Ladies	H	League	D 2 - 2	Ball, Jefferies
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	15	15	0	0	70	4	45
2 Oldland Abbotonians	16	11	3	2	69	18	36
3 Longwell Green	14	6	3	5	26	27	24
4 Bristol & West	14	7	2	5	16	18	23
5 Longlevens Greyhounds	14	6	4	4	31	19	22
6 Cheltenham Spa CS Ladies	15	6	0	9	26	36	18
7 Dursley Town	15	5	3	7	34	39	15
8 Wootton Bassett Town	13	3	5	5	23	25	14
9 AEK Boco Ladies	14	2	4	8	33	35	10
10 Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	16	0	0	16	2	90	-9

Ladies gear up for County Cup semi final

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies and Marlborough Town Ladies lock horns on Sunday March 30th with a place in the final of the Wiltshire County FA Women's Cup on the line.

Becky Gammon's young side have had an up and down season. An inaugural FA Women's Cup victory at the start of the season has been followed by a tough second season in Gloucestershire County Women's League Division One. Currently they are fighting to escape from the relegation zone and aiming to finish in a comfortable mid-table position, which is still well within their reach.

While seeking to achieve that, their eyes are on silverware too. And a win against Marlborough - who are currently fifth in the Wiltshire Women's League - will provide them the opportunity to fight for cup honours. Swindon Spitfires or Swindon Town Ladies await in the showpiece.

Bassett's semi final will take place at Marlborough's Elcot Lane, with kick off at 2pm. Please come along and give Becky and the girls your support!



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 23 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 2nd 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	107	1,762
2 Cupid Punts	108	1,759
3 AFC Clown Meat	76	1,748
4 Coventry United	91	1,739
5 BounceBackAbility FC	94	1,728
6 Hairy Strikers XI	101	1,717
7 Rhys' army	106	1,701
8 Viva Ken Barlow....	81	1,682
9 Woking Rangers	76	1,681
10 Monster XI	97	1,675
11 Liam's Legends	84	1,658
12 Translator required	73	1,655
13 Rock Bottom	86	1,590
14 Sexy Army FC	88	1,579
15 The Gammon Hams	86	1,577
16 Scouting For Goals	84	1,576
17 1. FC Eintüten	67	1,576
18 Baileys Boys	67	1,538
19 chivvy's army	103	1,522
20 Kids R Utd	52	1,510
21 GOFFY'S GREEN ARMY	63	1,510
22 woody woodpecker	89	1,505
23 Dench	62	1,493
24 Barn Door Banjo	70	1,491
25 CKFC	76	1,450
26 San Antonio Gooners	59	1,424
27 United We Stand	58	1,412
28 Enter team name	44	1,403
29 Dixonators Devils	27	1,392
30 Invictus	38	1,390
31 Moore of the goals!!	65	1,357
32 BassettBlues	18	1,294
33 AFC McAvennie	32	1,290
34 Ivory Toast	30	1,256
35 TekkerSlovakia	58	1,215
36 Tyson' 11	30	1,093
37 Kempdon town	40	1,091

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
February Manager of the Month - Sam Lawro

Player Kit Sponsorship

Player	Shirt (£20)	Shorts (£15)	Socks (£5)
Steve Allison	Whole kit sponsored by Arctic Services - Tel: 01793 848502		
Shaun Carter	Whole kit sponsored by The Walducks		
Ryan Stanners	Whole kit sponsored by Arctic Services - Tel: 01793 848502		
Jonny Aitkenhead	Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley		
Adam Corcoran	Whole kit sponsored by John & Kath Fellows		
Aaron Stevens	Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley		

Bluefin Supplementary Cup

HELLENIC LEAGUE SUPPLEMENTARY CUP SPONSORED BY BLUEFIN SEASON 2013-14

First Round		
Didcot Town	2 - 3	Newbury
Headington Amateurs	2 - 3	Thame United
Kidlington	3 - 1	Clanfield
Second Round		
Abingdon Town	1 - 4	Burnham
Beverbrook	2 - 7	Letcombe
Bracknell Town	2 - 0	Highmoor Ibis
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
Finchampstead	2 - 2	Henley Town (2 - 3 on pens)
Holyport	3 - 5	Penn Tylers Green
Hook Norton	0 - 8	Kidlington
Lydney Town	1 - 2	Brimscombe & Thrupp
North Leigh Utd	5 - 4	Malmesbury Victoria
Old Woodstock Town	0 - 3	Wootton Bassett Town
Maidenhead Utd (5-4 pens)	1 - 1	Reading Town
Wokingham & Emmbrook	0 - 0	Thame United (home win pens)
Third Round		
Bracknell Town	4 - 0	Henley Town
Carterton	0 - 1	Maidenhead Utd
Chalfont Wasps	2 - 1	Kidlington
Chinnor	1 - 2	Brimscombe & Thrupp
Letcombe	1 - 7	Wokingham & Emmbrook
North Leigh Utd	1 - 3	Cheltenham Saracens
Oxford Cty Nomads	2 - 0	Burnham
Wootton Bassett Town	3 - 1	Penn & Tylers Green
Quarter Finals		
Brimscombe & Thrupp	v	Chalfont Wasps
Cheltenham Saracens	v	Wootton Bassett Town
Bracknell Town	v	Oxford City Nomads
Maidenhead United	v	Wokingham & Emmbrook



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Fixtures, Results and Tables

Season 2013-14

Uhsport Hellenic League

Match Reports

Hellenic League Premier Season 13-14	Abingdon Town	Abingdon Utd	Ardley Utd	Ascot Utd	Binfield	Bracknell Town	Brimmscombe & 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	1-3	0-3	1-4	1-1	1-1	25-Mar 1-3	1-1	1-1	1-4	1-1	01-Apr 1-1	1-1	18-Mar 0-7	23-Apr 1-1	15-Apr 1-1	
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	0-3	4-3	
Ardley Utd	1-1	4-0		2-2	1-0	3-1	3-0	2-1	3-0	2-0	4-4	5-1	2-0	4-1	2-1	3-2	21-Apr 3-0	3-0	1-1	
Ascot Utd	22-Mar 4-1	15-Apr 1-0			1-0	3-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	8-0	19-Apr 3-1	12-Apr 1-2	2-0	4-0	05-Apr 1-1			
Binfield	7-0	3-2	0-3	0-1		21-Apr 0-1	8-1	1-0	2-1	19-Apr 2-0	31-Mar 3-2	2-3	12-Apr 1-1	2-1	1-0					
Bracknell Town	2-0	1-2	23-Apr 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					
Brimmscombe & Thrupp	5-3	0-1	0-6	2-4	2-3	2-1		01-Apr 12-Apr 1-2	3-4	2-0	0-5	4-0	1-2	05-Apr 15-Apr 2-4	3-4	19-Apr				
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Flackwell Heath	3-0	3-0	3-1	0-4	1-1	0-0	0-3	2-2		21-Apr 4-0	08-Apr 9-0	3-2	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	26-Apr 2-1	1-0	2-1	0-1	1-2	2-2		
Highworth Town	5-0	1-0	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-2	29-Mar 4-3	1-1		7-0	3-2	4-0	0-2	1-0	21-Apr 1-0	15-Apr 1-1			
Holyport	5-2	1-1	1-3	21-Apr 05-Apr 1-4	29-Mar 1-4	0-2	1-2					2-6	3-2	2-3	0-1	3-2	1-4	12-Apr 0-0		
Kidlington	1-0	3-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	22-Feb 05-Apr 15-Apr 3-2	1-2	2-0			4-2	1-4	2-1	2-3	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	0-1		3-2	1-2	4-5	1-1	1-1	2-2			
Oxford City Nomads	8-0	0-0	4-3	2-2	0-1	4-5	03-Apr 26-Mar 2-0	2-2	2-3	4-1	5-1	21-Apr 05-Apr 4-1	5-1	21-Apr 05-Apr 4-1	0-5	4-2	1-2	4-0	2-0	
Reading Town	1-0	1-0	08-Apr 1-1	2-3	3-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	19-Apr TBA	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	26-Apr 3-1	4-4	23-Apr 1-1	1-5	1-3	0-3	2-0	2-1	1-1	1-4				0-1	1-1	1-2	
Thame United	3-0	4-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	0-1	08-Apr 3-1	0-0	3-4	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 2-1	3-1	3-2	21-Apr 2-1	4-0							1-0	
W.Bassett Town	3-1	2-3	1-2	02-Sep 1-0	09-Apr 2-1	1-0	29-Mar 2-2	1-2	6-2	26-Apr 23-Apr 0-1	4-4	3-0	2-2	0-4						

A goalless bore draw, but Bassett still move up a place

Summerleaze, 8th March 2014

A difficult, heavy pitch made for little action in front of goal as Wootton Bassett Town and Holyport ground out a 0-0 draw in the Berkshire spring sunshine.

For Bassett, it was a slightly disappointing result considering the 6-2 thrashing they dished out to their hosts back in December.

However, Jeff Roberts' team can be comforted by the fact they came away from the game with a point, which was enough to take them up into twelfth, ahead of fellow promoted side Brimscombe and Thrupp.

Playing on a surface seeing its first action since flood waters receded meant playing their usual style of passing football proved difficult. Passes frequently went astray after finding bobbles, and any attempts to take opponents on often ended when the man in possession overran the ball.

While the slightly better team, Bassett only really came close to scoring twice – in the first minute of the match and then with six minutes to go. With less than sixty seconds gone, a snatched Shaun Terry effort could have made the difference. However, under pressure, he hit wide from twelve yards after neat combination play between Adam Corcoran and Ryan Stanners down the right allowed the latter to send a low cross into the box.

As time wound down, Dan Lardner came within inches of

providing the decisive goal. A Jordan Roberts corner created a scramble in the box, and as Stanners recycled play he picked out Lardner six yards out from goal. The midfielder provided a flick from cross range but was denied by the sprawling legs of Holyport 'keeper Alex Gogic.

Otherwise it was slim pickings for both teams.

In the 21st minute Steve Allison made a fine save, tipping Kris Drake's awkward 25-yard curler over after having to jump off his back foot.

At the other end, Levi Cox twice had decent chances presented to him. He struck a powerful driver from the edge of the area wide after a neat Shaun Terry set back, before the ball bobbed away from his feet inside the box following Stanners' low cross.

The final opening of the half fell to the hosts when a Lardner pass intended for Sam Ockwell was seized upon by Drake. His reverse pass set Ryan Tye free, but the forward could only weakly fire straight at Allison from a tight angle.

Following the restart it took until the 68th minute for anything resembling a half chance to be created. Ockwell's free kick from deep caught the Holyport defence out, allowing Stanners to pounce on the loose ball. A low snap shot from the forward brought Gogic into action, and the 'keeper was forced to save alertly at his near post.

Then with quarter of an hour to go the ball was patiently worked to the unmarked Tyler Sheppard in the left corner of the box, though he failed to connect cleanly with his effort.

This allowed the home side to break and slips from Shaun Carter and Ockwell left Tony Hadley with just Allison to beat. The acute angle was not in his favour however, and the Holyport man fired across the face of goal.

Lardner soon had the opportunity to have the final, decisive say, but Gogic's fine save ensured the game finished with neither side having found the back of the net.

Man of the Match: Sam Ockwell – a commanding display at centre half deputising for the suspended Lee Stevens. Helped keep in check any threat Holyport's frontmen posed, while his distribution was as good as ever.



Rating: 6/10 – Bassett can just about say they were the better team, though difficult playing conditions frustrated them in their quest to grab the crucial goal. Playing with a more pragmatic style could possibly have helped them achieve this. Yet another point on the board and a place moved up in the table is a decent consolation prize.

2013-2014 Season		UHSport Hellenic League Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
1 Ardley United	32	22	7	3	84	30	73					
2 Wantage Town	30	23	3	4	79	31	72					
3 Ascot United	31	19	9	3	81	29	66					
4 Highmoor Ibis	32	19	6	7	64	38	63					
5 Highworth Town	30	16	6	8	64	46	54					
6 Thame United	33	15	8	10	59	46	53					
7 Kidlington	30	16	4	10	57	46	52					
8 Flackwell Heath	31	15	6	10	71	41	51					
9 Reading Town	30	15	5	10	47	38	50					
10 Oxford City Nomads	30	15	3	12	67	53	48					
11 Binfield	29	14	5	10	51	33	47					
12 Wootton Bassett Town	29	8	10	11	46	49	34					
13 Bracknell Town	30	10	4	16	45	57	34					
14 Brimscombe & Thrupp	28	10	3	15	51	57	33					
15 Cheltenham Saracens	27	9	1	17	37	70	28					
16 Shrivenham	29	7	4	18	50	70	25					
17 Holyport	30	6	4	20	38	86	22					
18 Abingdon United	34	6	4	24	37	93	22					
19 Newbury	31	5	6	20	50	86	21					
20 Abingdon Town	28	0	6	22	20	99	6					

2013-2014 Season		UHSport Hellenic League Division One (West)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
1 Tytherington Rocks	25	18	6	1	68	19	60					
2 Shortwood United	23	15	2	6	63	25	47					
3 Fairford Town	24	13	5	6	57	30	44					
4 Clanfield	26	14	2	10	51	36	44					
5 Lydney Town	20	14	1	5	50	19	43					
6 Tuffley Rovers	23	12	4	7	40	34	40					
7 Purton	23	12	1	10	51	38	37					
8 Easington Sports	20	10	4	6	36	30	31					
9 North Leigh United	22	9	3	10	50	44	30					
10 New College Swindon	23	7	6	10	31	45	27					
11 Hook Norton	21	7	4	10	32	37	25					
12 Malmesbury Victoria	19	5	2	12	20	35	17					
13 Carterton	20	3	3	14	21	60	12					
14 Old Woodstock Town	24	2	5	17	19	67	11					
15 Letcombe	21	1	2	18	13	83	5					

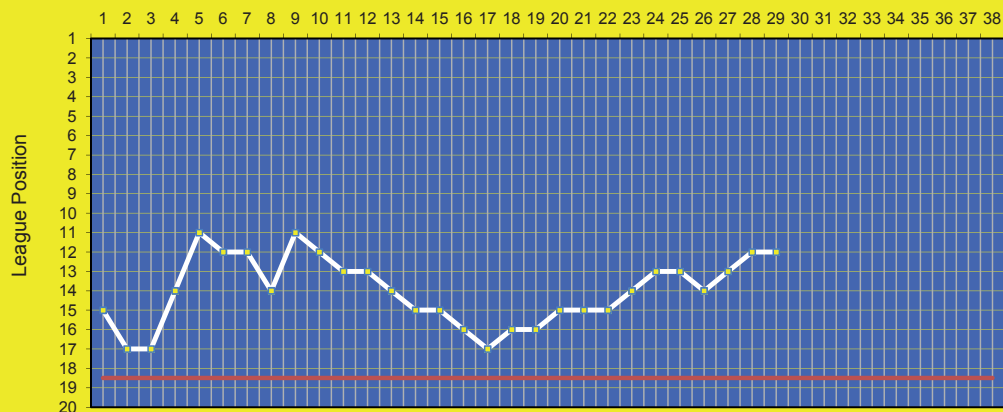
2013-2014 Season		UHSport Hellenic League Division One (East)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
1 Milton United	21	15	3	3	44	16	48					
2 AFC Hinksey	19	14	1	4	64	24	43					
3 Headington Amateurs	22	12	5	5	47	34	41					
4 Wokingham & Emmbrook	21	12	4	5	52	44	40					
5 Rayners Lane	23	9	4	10	42	46	31					
6 Henley Town	21	9	2	10	47	45	29					
7 Burnham	20	9	1	10	32	45	28					
8 Penn & Tylers Green	16	8	3	5	47	31	27					
9 Chinnor	20	8	4	8	47	34	28					
10 Chalfont Wasps	18	8	2	8	34	34	26					
11 Maidenhead United	18	6	2	10	38	47	20					
12 Didcot Town	22	6	2	14	42	60	20					
13 Finchampstead	20	5	0	15	41	47	15					
14 Woodley Town	21	3	1	17	19	89	10					



WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE

Season's Progress 2013-14

Games Played



Appearances 2013/14	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 Sam Ockwell	36		36	1
2 Adam Corcoran	30	1	31	2
3 Jordan Roberts	30		30	8
4 Steve Yeardley	27	2	29	
5 Shaun Carter	26	2	28	3
6 Steve Allison	27		27	
7 Lee Stevens	26		26	3
8 Ryan Stanners	25	1	26	4
9 Kyle Rigley	14	9	23	1
10 Levi Cox	17	5	22	10
11 Tyler Sheppard	11	9	20	2
12 Craig Bowden	17		17	
13 Sam Packer	13	4	17	1
14 Dan Lardner	15		15	
15 Alex Rigley	13	1	14	1
16 Sam Collier	11		11	6
17 Justin Milhench	9	2	11	6
18 Shaun Terry	8	3	11	
19 Callum Wright	4	4	8	
20 Aaron Stevens	4	3	7	
21 Sean Bailey	1	6	7	1
22 Lewis Chatwin	4	2	6	2
23 Jonny Aitkenhead	4	1	5	
24 Dennis Sorrenti	3	2	5	
25 Fraser Joyce	3	2	5	
26 Sam Brown	4		4	
27 Kalum Youngsam		4	4	
28 Scott Walduck		4	4	
29 Luke Kuczynski	3		3	
30 Harry Ellis	2		2	
31 Wesley Clark	2		2	
32 Curtis Meare	2		2	
33 Liam Edmondson	1	1	2	
34 Craig Kent		2	2	
35 Chris Baife		2	2	
36 Rory Worthington	1		1	1
37 Jonathan Davis	1		1	
38 Mani Randhawa	1		1	
39 Callum Parsons	1		1	
40 Richie Miles		1	1	
41 Stephen Pleass		1	1	
Own Goals				

Last Season	
Total	Goals
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34	1
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37	8
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Inspired by the fantastic books "Got, Not Got" and "The Lost World of Football" by Derrick Hammond and Gary Silke this Season's new feature looks at football related matters from the Editor's long lost youth that are no longer with us. Today it is.....

Roy of the Rovers

In the 1970's the one comic that any true football loving kid had to have was Roy of the Rovers, starring the one and only Roy Race.



Roy started life as a Melchester Rovers football player in a weekly feature in the Tiger comic in 1954. Roy was so popular that 22 years later he got his own publication which lasted until 1993. With the notable exception of players like Ryan Giggs, few players show the kind of loyalty exhibited by Roy who signed with boyhood club Melchester Rovers in 1954 as a 14-year old and didn't retire from playing until 1993 (only Tony Vines comes close). In 1983 he had his one stint away from the club when he played 21 games for Walford Rovers – scoring 45 goals – but couldn't stay away and returned to Melchester within the year.

Roy was the main feature in the comic but there were other football stories such as Billy's Boots (think Shaun Terry becoming a better player because he borrows his Dad Dave's boots) and Hotshot Hamish amongst others.

In total the Roy of the Rovers ran for 851 issues. At the peak of the comic's success about 450,000 copies were sold each week. There were also hardback annuals.

For a brief period, starting in 1986, before Eddy Shah thought about building golf courses in Wootton Bassett he deemed it a good idea to include Roy of the Rovers in his newly launched Today newspaper to help sales. These were all-new strips, focusing largely on the relationship between Roy and his wife Penny, rather than the action on the pitch.

Following the closure of the weekly title in 1993, Roy appeared in a re-launched monthly publication in September that year, with grittier storylines intended to attract teen and young adult fans who had read the weekly comic in their youth. In the monthly comic focus switched to Roy's son, Rocky, who also played for Melchester. Between January 1994 and January 1995, the monthly strips were mirrored by a weekly edition in Shoot magazine.

The comic strip was resurrected in July 1997, printed as short features in the BBC's monthly Match of the Day magazine. Father and son Race were reunited as manager and player respectively at Melchester. These strips ran until the magazine's demise in May 2001. By then the strip's wholesome tone, often espousing the virtues of fair play and strong moral character, was beginning to seem old-fashioned as the Premier League became more cosmopolitan and out of touch with the lives of the ordinary supporter.

In the comics glory years, to keep the stories exciting, Melchester was almost every season either competing for major honours or struggling against relegation to a lower division. The strip followed the structure of the football season, thus there were several months each year when there was no football. By far the most common summer storyline saw Melchester touring a fictional country in an exotic part of the world, often South America, where they would invariably be kidnapped and held to ransom.



Interesting to note that in the Premier League, the average Golden Boot winner scores 24 goals in 35 games, a strike rate of 0.69. In total, the prolific Roy Race bagged 533 goals in 565 games for club and country, an astonishing strike rate of 0.94. For Wootton Bassett only Mark Barnes comes close.

With sex-scandals and extra-marital affairs being as much a part of modern footballers lives players these days would do well to follow the example set by Roy who married his childhood sweetheart Penny Laine at the end of the 1976 season. They had three kids together before breaking up in the early Eighties. In that time though, Roy remained faithful to Penny.

In 1981, Roy was shot by out-of-work actor Elton Blake and left in a coma. With Alf Ramsey in temporary charge of Melchester Rovers, hospital staff decided to play him commentary of their game with Keysborough. Miraculously, the commentary helped Roy come out of his coma and when that news was relayed to his team-mates, they were so overjoyed they went on the break the league goal-scoring record by winning 14-0.

These days, modern players moan about a lack of protection from the referees but they never suffered from the hardship poor old Roy Race did. In his career, he was kidnapped at least half-a-dozen times, shot, bombed and saw his home ground destroyed by an earthquake. Despite all this tragedy, Roy still picked up 10 league titles, 9 FA Cups and three European Cups.

In the end his highly successful career was brought to an end by off the field tragedy. In his 50's he was still going strong but on a scouting mission in 1993 he lost control of his own helicopter and lost his iconic left foot as a result of the crash.

With the likes of Wayne Rooney unhappy at being played out of position at Manchester United, he would do well to follow Roy's lead and do whatever his manager asks him to do. To this day, Roy Race is still the only player to score a hat-trick in a cup final and go in goal and save a penalty in the last minute!

The stock media phrase "real 'Roy of the Rovers' stuff" is often used by football writers, commentators and fans when describing displays of great skill, or results that go against the odds, in reference to the dramatic storylines that were Roy of the Rovers trademark.

Old fans maybe interested to know that old comics and annuals can still be bought on e-bay and Roy of the Rovers lives on with his own Facebook and Twitter pages!

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Managerial Changes

12th March 2014

ANOTHER week and another managerial departure in the Skrill Premier – albeit one that was entirely avoidable and predictable.

The Andy Thorn experiment at Kidderminster was ended after 54 days with Harriers slipping down the league table and in danger of missing out on the play-offs.

That the club decided to sack Steve Burr back in January was bizarre enough but they then committed the ultimate sin – appointing a man with no Non-League experience.

Thorn is obviously well respected throughout the game and was scouting for Roy Hodgson ahead of this summer's World Cup. But did he have any real knowledge of Non-League prior to his Aggborough appointment?

This seems to happen time and time again yet clubs don't seem to be learning from each other's mistakes.

When Stockport County's rapid decline led them into Non-League, they pinned their hopes on Dietmar Hamann.

A fantastic footballer with top level experience no doubt, but a Non-League manager? Not surprisingly, he lasted just the four months before resigning.

And then last season the Hatters did it all over again. Mid-way through the season they appointed Darije Kalezic as their boss.

On paper he was as impressive as you can get. A Dutch Second Division winner with De Graafschap and then a manager in the Belgian top-tier with Zulte Waregem. He has since taken over as reserve team boss at PSV Eindhoven so he's no mug. But he didn't know Non-League.

After Kalezic's departure, County vice chairman Spencer Fearn said. "Despite Darije having excellent calibre and being a top quality coach the move, for a number of reasons, just hasn't worked out how either party had envisaged." Quite.

Barnet are another decent example although the Bees have done well on their return to Non-League despite the Edgar Davids sideshow.

The 'will he? won't he?' attend debacle that followed every Barnet away game was farcical but a lot of players have spoken about his positive influence on the club.

Davids resigned back in January but did anybody really expect a man who had played for Ajax, Juventus, Barcelona and Inter Milan to relish away trips to Braintree and Hyde?

At least Barnet had a man who knows Non-League like the back of his hand in Paul Fairclough to steer the ship in the right direction.

And what makes these errors even more frustrating is the amount of good Non-League bosses without jobs.

When openings outside the League crop up, the same names seem to be circulated – and all with good reason.

Gary Brabin has experience at the top of the Non-League game with Cambridge United and Luton and has been out of the game for a while, much like Hyde's Conference North winning chief Gary Lowe.

Marcus Law had a phenomenal record with Barwell and then continued his education at Kettering and Tamworth while former Barrow boss Dave Bayliss is an FA Trophy winning manager.

Despite the amount of capable names on the market, clubs are still falling into the trap of so called 'high profile' appointments.

And if you really need the proof of what Non-League experience can do, go down to Kenilworth Road. Would the Hatters swap John Still for a flashy appointment from the continent? I doubt it!

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

Date	Round	Opponents	Prize Money
7-Sep-13	First Round Qualifying	v Bye	£600
21-Sep-13	Second Round Qualifying	v Odd Down	£800
19-Oct-13	First Round Proper	v Bishops Sutton	£900
16-Nov-13	Second Round Proper	v Moneyfields	£1,200
7-Dec-13	Third Round Proper	v Bitton	£1,500
18-Jan-14	Fourth Round Proper	v Hadleigh United	£2,000
15-Feb-14	Fifth Round Proper	v Wisbech Town	£2,500
8-Mar-14	Sixth Round Proper	v Sholing	£4,500
29-Mar-14	Semi-final	v Eastbourne Utd	£6,000
10-May-14	Final winners	v Wembley	£25,000
Total Prize Money Won to Date			£0

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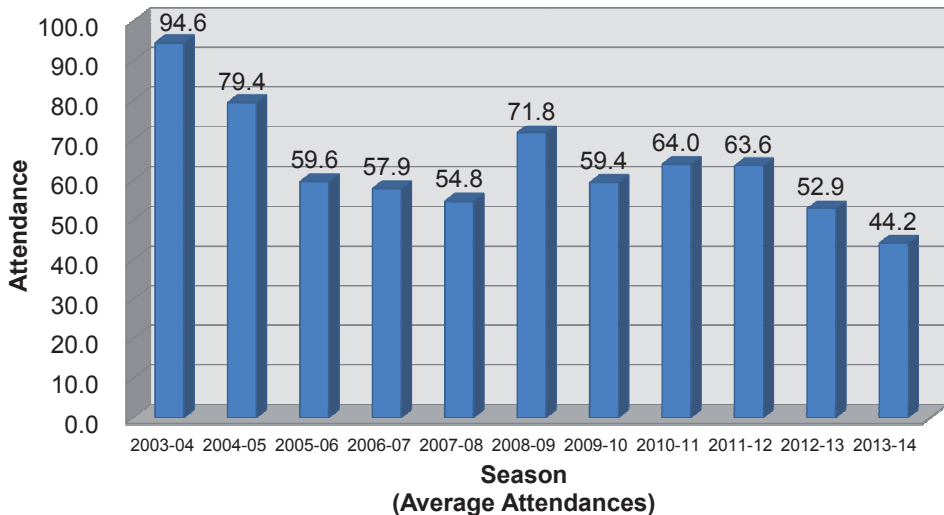
THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

Date	Round	Opponents	Prize Money
17-Aug-13	Extra Preliminary Round	v Totton & Eling	£1,500
31-Aug-13	Preliminary Round	v Sholing FC	£1,925
14-Sep-13	First Qualifying Round	v AFC Totton	£3,000
28-Sep-13	Second Qualifying Round	v Clevedon Town	£4,500
12-Oct-13	Third Qualifying Round	v Hartley Wintney	£7,500
26-Oct-13	Fourth Qualifying Round	v Daventry Town	£12,500
9-Nov-13	First Round	v Chesterfield	£18,000
7-Dec-13	Second Round	v Southend United	£27,000
4-Jan-14	Third Round	v Millwall	£67,500
25-Jan-14	Fourth Round	v Hull City	£90,000
15-Feb-14	Fifth Round	v Brighton	£180,000
8-Mar-14	Sixth Round	v Sunderland	£360,000
12-Apr-14	Semi-Final	v Sheffield United	£900,000
17-May-14	Final	v Wembley	£1,800,000
Total Prize Money Won			£0

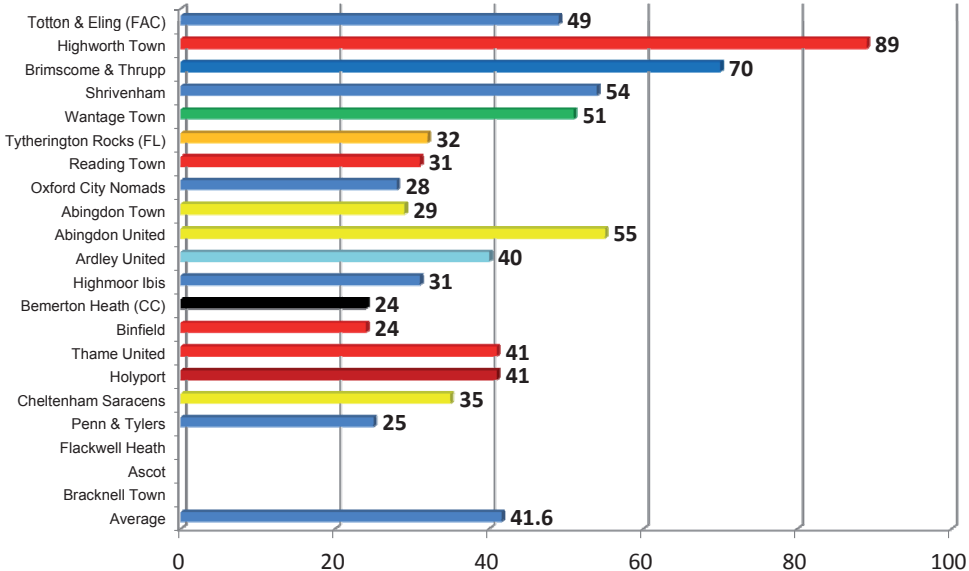
WBTFC Attendances

Previous Meetings

WBTFC Average Home League Attendances



WBTFC Attendances - Season 2013-14



Allison heroic earn dogged Bassett a vital first point

Wilks Park, 24 August 2013

What a difference a single point can make. A battling, deserved 1-1 draw away at highly fancied Flackwell Heath allowed Wootton Bassett Town to belatedly get up and running for the season.

Still, were it not for the exceptional Steve Allison redeeming himself in the last minute with a double save from a penalty he had given away, Jeff Roberts' team would have left Wilks Park empty-handed.



After failing to collect a challenging cross, Allison brought down Gavin James in a desperate attempt to reclaim the loose ball. Taking the spot kick was Adam Dickens, who had earlier put the hosts in the lead, but he saw his confidently struck effort brilliantly parried away by the 'keeper diving to his right.

Danger had not been completely averted though, James being in the perfect position to tuck away the rebound. However Allison sprung back to his feet, leapt in the opposite direction and got the faintest of fingertips on the ball to divert it around the post. From the resulting corner Ashleigh James' free header thankfully sailed wide, and that was that – a point secured in the toughest of circumstances.

The majority of the game's better had fallen to Flackwell, but to say they were dominant throughout would be harsh on their visitors. Indeed it was not until the closing stages when they really started to stretch Bassett.

And it had also taken them a set piece to gain the lead, Adam Dickens blasting in from twenty yards out, his strike leaving Allison wrong-footed, after Steve Yeardley had been harshly punished for a handball just before the half hour.

Prior to that goal, the best opening arguably fell to Lee Stevens, who, featuring again as a makeshift centre forward, forced Robert Bullivant to smother well at his near post with a firm effort following Alex Rigley's reverse pass.

The remainder of the half was a tight affair, with Flackwell unable to press home their advantage despite holding the lead. Zac Gill's dipping half volley sailed just over before, at the other end, an awkward Bullivant punch almost sent Rigley's long range curling effort into the back of the net.

Bassett were then fast out of the blocks after the restart. Kyle Rigley came close to equalising with a free kick that narrowly missed the target on 48 minutes, while Stevens – in behind the defence – opted to shoot from an angle rather than square to Rory Worthington and fired wide.

Those narrow misses could have proven costly but two stunning reflex saves ensured the hosts' lead stayed at one on the hour. Firstly, Allison acrobatically tipped Gavin James' free header over his bar, before the 'keeper used his feet to parry a low drive from the edge of the box to safety.

Seemingly as a thank you to their 'keeper, Bassett went on and equalised on 67 minutes. Stevens raced onto a quick throw in the right corner and outmuscled his marker before pulling back for Rory Worthington (pictured right), who had delayed his run and provided a cool side-foot finish.

Much effort had expended to stay in the game and grab that equaliser, which soon showed. And taking advantage of tiring Bassett legs,

Flackwell threw everything at their visitors, whose backs were firmly against the wall in the final quarter of an hour.

But demonstrating a desire to finally notch a mark in the points column, Bassett doggedly held out.



Some luck was had, particularly when Ashleigh James' deft flick on a low Bryan Taylor cross flew across the face of goal and out of play.

Minutes later though determined defending kept the scores knotted. Taylor's corner bounced around the six yard box before the ball was knocked towards goal and hacked off the line. A fine saving tackle at the feet of James from Sean Bailey then relieved the pressure momentarily.

The final act would be provided by Allison as the game entered stoppage time. That double save was some way to finish a fine competitive debut.

Man of the Match: Steve Allison – returned from suspension with an outstanding display in his first competitive Bassett match. His foul could have provided Flackwell with a winner, but the stopper redeemed himself superbly.

Rating: 7/10 – the final moments of the game weren't the prettiest – and showed how important fitness will be in the Hellenic Premier. However resolute defending made sure of a valuable, deserved point. For the majority of the match Bassett matched their hosts and crafted some good openings.

Jordan Roberts at Holyport



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Player Profile

Dan Lardner
Midfield



Lardner is a veteran midfielder who joined Bassett from Western League Corsham Town in November 2013.

A cultured passer of the ball with an eye for goal, he previously played for Jeff Roberts at Calne Town and was a member of their 2011/12 Wiltshire Senior Cup winning team. Lardner also counts Melksham Town among his former teams.

Previously played for Biddestone where he was also player manager.

Since joining Wootton Bassett has been a virtual ever present and has to be in the running for the Player of the Year awards come the end of the season.

DOB: 12 Jul 1984

2013-14: 15 appearances

Total: 15 appearances

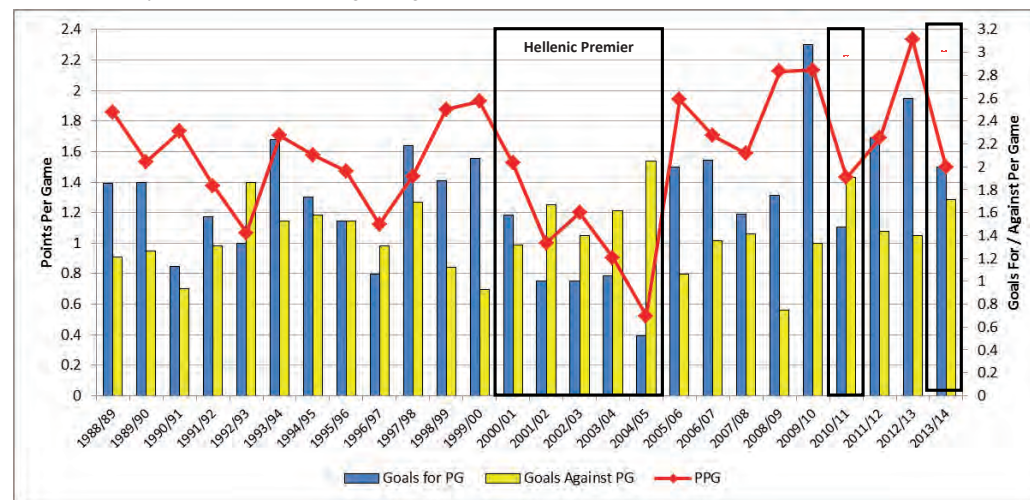


Uhsport Hellenic League Insights

Home Comforts? How Bassett have so far fared at Cirencester

With Rylands Way set to be handed over to the builders imminently and a first season playing at the Corinium Stadium nearing its end, it seems an appropriate time to take a look at how Bassett have fared at their temporary home in comparison to at their former ground. Has life in Cirencester been a boon or a burden? Has playing on a pitch devoid of bobbles helped lead to a better attacking output?

The graph below details Bassett's home points per game average during each of their Hellenic League seasons (red line following the left vertical axis), and the club's goals for and against per game records (blue and yellow columns following the right vertical axis).



Currently, Bassett are averaging 1.5 points per game at home, collecting 21 points in their 14 league matches at the Corinium to date. They are also scoring at a rate of 2 goals per game, while conceding 1.71 per match.

That points per game record is slightly below Bassett's average across the 25 Hellenic League seasons they spent at Rylands Way (1.52 PPG). However, it is reasonable to say that comparing this season's figure with years spent in Division One or Division One West is slightly unfair. When compared to the other six seasons spent in the Hellenic Premier (2000/01 – 2004/05 and 2010/11), Bassett's average is over 0.4 points per game better. Only in 2000/01 did the club finish with a better home record in the Premier Division, when they averaged 1.53 PPG.

In terms of goals scored, only in eight other seasons have Bassett averaged 2 goals per game at home or more. The overall average at Rylands Way, meanwhile, was 1.65 per game, while 135 goals in 123 previous Hellenic Premier contests produced a mere 1.1 goals per game when playing at home. The club's best record in the division to date was the 1.58 goals per game averaged in 2000/01 when Lee Stoddart banged in 20 (10 of which came at Rylands Way). Bassett's most recent Hellenic Premier campaign in 2010/11 brought an average of 1.48 goals per home game.

Defensively, Bassett's average 1.71 goals conceded per home league match is greater than the 1.42 per game at Rylands Way as well as the 1.67 let in per game in the club's previous Hellenic Premier campaigns. It is better than the figures for 2010/11 (1.9 per game) and the 2004/05 relegation season (2.05 per game).

Drawing quick, somewhat crude conclusions, playing at the Corinium has meant the passing style favoured by Roberts has brought more success than perhaps it would have at Rylands Way. Further, the excellent surface at Cirencester looks to be leading to more goals, albeit frustratingly at both ends of the pitch.



Match Reports

PREMIER DIVISION

Leaders Ardley Utd went down to only their third defeat of the season when losing 1-3 away at Flackwell Heath. Callum Convey gave Ardley an early lead but two second half goals from Jamie West and a late Gavin James goal saw Flackwell Heath take the points. Highmoor Ibis in second place at the start of the day lost 0-1 to Thame Utd for whom Adam Hazell scored the only goal of the match. Wantage Town have moved into second place above Highmoor Ibis on goal difference but left it very late to rescue a point with Jim Deabill equalising David Coleman's earlier goal for Shrivenham with just two minutes to go. Ascot Utd remain the team to watch out for with a 5-1 win at Cheltenham Saracens. Stuart Swift with two, Jon Keough, Joe Gritt and Jonathan Denton scored for Ascot with Carl Griffiths scoring for Cheltenham. Binfield remain in good form winning 3-2 away at Brimscombe & Thrupp with goals from Callum Whitty, Dan Rapley and an own goal. Joe Tustain scored both goals for Brimscombe, Abingdon Utd picked up a useful away point in a goalless draw with Oxford City Nomads.

DIVISION ONE WEST

Tytherington Rocks took a giant stride towards claiming the Division One West title with a 1-0 away win over nearest rivals Shortwood Utd, extending their lead to an almost unassailable thirteen points. Andrew Criddle scored Tytherington's winning goal. Clanfield beat North Leigh Utd 2-0 with goals from James Fleming and Craig Mays. Purton enjoyed an away day win at Old Woodstock Town winning 1-0 with a goal scored by Steve May. Lydney Town racked up five without reply against Letcombe. Peter Macklin with two, Jamie Addis, Richard Kear and Sam Elliott all scored for Lydney. Tuffley Rovers won 2-1 away at Carterton with goals from Shayne Bradley and Mark Ford. Aaron Witham scored for Carterton. Malmesbury Victoria and New College Swindon drew 1-1. Matt Coote scored for Malmesbury with David Kinuthia replying for New College.

DIVISION ONE EAST

Pride of place this weekend has to go to Woodley Town who have endured a torrid season to date and collected only their third win of the season and their first points since last September with a 2-1 defeat of Maidenhead Utd. Woodley's goalscoring heroes were Seun Odusanya and Lemar Maycock. Brandon Baker-Timms scored for Maidenhead. On paper, AFC Hinksey at home to second place Milton Utd stood out as the Division's match of the day. Milton Utd won 1-0 to take top spot. As is usual sadly, details of the result and goal scorer were not forthcoming from the home side and independent reports from people attending the match indicate that AFC Hinksey not for the first time this season lost all semblance of discipline and incurred multiple dismissals. Headington Amateurs won 2-1 at Henley Town with goals from Paul Hedger and Joe Cook. Darragh O'Callaghan scored for Henley. Didcot Town beat Burnham 3-0 with Arran Gray netting all three goals. Chinnor and Wokingham & Embrook drew 1-1. Jonathan Feaver scored for Chinnor with Alex Smith replying for Wokingham & Embrook.

Hellenic Cups

In the 3rd Round of the Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup, Rayners Lane beat Easington Sports 3-2 with a last minute goal from Callum McCarroll to add to early goals scored by Chezy Cassell and Denis Nortey. Craig Pearman and Andrew Stidder scored for Easington. There were two 3rd ties in the Bluefin Sports Supplementary Challenge Cup. Chalfont Wasps took pride of place beating Premier Division form team, Kidlington, 2-1. Callum Cumber and Fred Tripp scored for Chalfont with Michael Duerden scoring for Kidlington. Wootton Bassett Town beat Penn & Tylers Green 3-1 with two goals from Levi Cox and a goal from Lee Stevens. Aaron Morten scored for Penn & Tylers. Bracknell Town beat Finchampstead 1-0 in a 1st round tie in The President's Division Two Challenge Cup.

County Cups

Penn & Tylers Green booked a place in the Final of the Berks & Bucks FA Junior Cup with a 4-1 win over Comet MK.

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Division Two (East)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Binfield Reserves	14	11	3	0	53	20	33	36
Bracknell Town Reserve	14	11	1	2	57	17	40	34
Thame United Reserves	17	10	3	4	35	22	13	33
Ascot United 'Dev'	14	9	0	5	26	21	5	27
Penn & Tylers Green Res	14	8	0	6	38	41	-3	24
Holyport Reserves	15	7	2	6	39	40	-1	23
Finchampstead Reserves	14	7	1	6	34	38	-4	22
Chinnor Reserves	16	3	4	9	24	43	-19	13
Henley Town Reserves	14	3	2	9	17	36	-19	11
Wokingham & Emmbrook Re	14	4	1	9	22	32	-10	10
Rayners Lane Reserves	15	2	2	11	20	39	-19	8
Chalfont Wasps Reserve	13	1	3	9	22	38	-16	6

Saturday, 16 November 2013: [-3 pts] Wokingham & Emmbrook Res 3 v 0 Rayners Lane Res

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Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
North Leigh	10	6	0	4	26	16	10	18
Didcot Town	8	5	2	1	21	7	14	17
Oxford City	9	4	3	2	10	8	2	15
Thame United	9	4	0	5	21	11	10	12
Chinnor 'A'	6	3	0	3	11	17	-6	9
Old Hooky	7	2	2	3	7	11	-4	8
Shrivenham	5	2	1	2	8	10	-2	7
Milton United	8	1	0	7	7	31	-24	3

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Oxford City 'A'	10	7	0	3	26	18	8	21
Wallingford Town AFC	9	6	2	1	19	9	10	20
Watlington Town	9	6	2	1	20	12	8	20
Witney Royals	9	6	0	3	20	15	5	18
Goring United A	11	4	3	4	18	13	5	15
Goring Utd GOB's 'B'	11	2	2	7	16	26	-10	8
Carterton	9	1	2	6	14	24	-10	5
Chinnor 'B'	10	1	1	8	14	30	-16	4



Match Reports

PREMIER DIVISION

Ardley Utd were held to a 1-1 at Highworth Town and saw their lead at the top of the Premier Division reduced to a single point with Wantage Town beating Kidlington 3-2. Ardley scored through Callum Convey with TJ Bohane equalising for Highworth. Wantage were made to fight hard for their three points with Stephen Davis netting twice and Jim Deabill again on target. Lewis Coyle and Tom Boxer scored for Kidlington. Ascot Utd now occupy third place following a 2-0 win over Shrivenham, both goals came late on from David Hancock and an own goal. Binfield are in good form at the moment, winning 2-0 against Holyport with goals from Seb Bowerman and Jemel Johnson. Flackwell Heath beat Newbury 3-2 but left it very late. Adam Dickens scored twice with Lewis Fogarty netting a very late winner. Bradley Shaw and Sam Hamilton scored for Newbury. Reading Town travelled to Cheltenham Saracens and won 3-1 with goals from Tristram Dennis, Graham Lewis and Taylor Mitchinson. Ben Crosskey netted a late consolation for Saracens. Abingdon Utd recorded a rare but welcome victory winning 2-1 away at Bracknell Town. Kieran Cochrane and Mikey Organ scored for Abingdon Utd. Sam Barratt scored for Bracknell Town. Thame Utd were the day's top scorers racking up seven without reply against Abingdon Town. Luke Ricketts led the way with four goals together with goals from Dan West, Nik Rhodes and an own goal.

DIVISION ONE WEST

Tytherington Rocks were not in action. Shortwood Utd were the only team in the chasing pack playing and won 2-1 at New College Swindon thereby reducing Tytherington's lead to Thirteen points! Shortwood scored through Ryan Meredith and Sean Lawson with Sam Lofts scoring for New College. Next up for Shortwood, A quarter final tie in the Bluefin Sports Challenge cup at home to Highworth Town on Monday evening. Mathematically. Lydney Town courtesy of games in hand are the only team who can stop Tytherington claiming the title. They won 1-0 at Malmesbury Victoria with a goal from Jarred Liddington. North Leigh Utd scored six without reply against near neighbours, Old Woodstock Town. Jozef Fullerton netted a hat trick together with goals from Alfie Saunders, George Seacole and Will Smalldon. Easington Sports beat Carterton 2-0 with goals from Andrew Stidder and Craig Pearman. Tuffley Rovers and Hook Norton drew 1-1 with Shayne Bradley scoring for Tuffley and Jason Tillcock doing likewise for Hook Norton.

DIVISION ONE EAST

Just two fixtures in Division One East. Maidenhead Utd have discovered some late season form and beat Headington Amateurs 4-1 with goals from Denis Nortey, Jonathan Constant, Isaac Osei-Tutu and Lanre Azeez. Ben Green scored for Headington. Chalfont Wasps beat Woodley Town 5-0 with a hat trick from Conor Cumber together with goals from Fred Tripp and Jean-Pierre Jamil.

Hellenic Cups

Three ties were played in the 3rd round of The Bluefin Sports Supplementary Challenge Cup. Wokingham & Embrook overran Letcombe 7-1. George Dance and Elliott Rushforth both scored twice with further goals added from Adam Cooke and Julian Harley and an own goal. Oxford City Nomads beat Burnham 2-0 through two goals from Louis Joyce. Brimscombe & Thrupp beat Chinnor 2-1 after extra time. Rayners Lane beat Chalfont Wasps 1-0 in the Chairman's Hellenic Challenge Cup again after extra time.

County Cups

Finchampstead beat Penn & Tylers Green 4-2 on penalties in a Quarter Final tie in the Reading Senior Cup after a 3-3 draw at the end of Extra time.

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On the Edge

I have watched many games this season at different levels and it has become noticeable to me that a positioning criteria causes problems, and cracks appear in a referees overall controlling ability. What referees must realise is the whole playing area is open to them and the known concept of a positive diagonal, often seen to be extremely narrow, is not the definitive answer. This narrow perception of the action often finds the referee in front of play, which I certainly do not encourage, leaving the official expressing a body language of ambivalence. Try and ensure play is kept in front of you, deviating in movement, and in doing so finding the 'space' allocated to you so gaining the appropriate 'angles' which in turn will offer you the 'vision' you require to address the ongoing play making your decision making so much easier and clearer. This will also give you, as referee, a positive sighting of your far side assistant when an attack is forthcoming. Far too often I am seeing referees with their back placed against their colleague leading to a late decision; your assistant is an important member of your team. Keep them in view. I have to accept that there will be occasions when being in front of play cannot be helped, but if you find yourself in this position resulting in you becoming mixed up in play either find positive ground to escape from this dilemma, but remaining focussed on play, or, rather than be seen running away from play and therefore losing 'vision' of the action for a few seconds which could prove vital to your control, stand your ground and let play take its course around you. Embarrassing possibly, but as I have often alluded to we are human and these occasions will arise, but a smile and an apology generally resolves the issue and players, in the main, accepts your problem.

I can rant on about positioning much more than I can cover in this column but I must mention a couple issues which result in the problems I have just mentioned. When adopting a wide position for a goal-kick do not move into play until you have recognised and analysed the dropping ball zone and therefore making your route to address the next phase in play that much easier, and so the thought of becoming mixed up in play minimal. Often referees move into play far too quick and so find themselves in uninvited territory and derisory comments from players become alive. Also when having to make yourself known at a corner-kick situation due to a player of each side jostling unfairly with each other, pull them aside (not physically) and inform each of their nuisance value. But when signalling for the corner to be taken keep your eyes on them as sure as 'eggs are eggs' they will continue their feud. Again, when the goal-keeper has gained possession of the ball from an attack do not just run aimlessly down the centre of the field of play looking awkwardly over your shoulder as to the direction of the ball. Go wider quicker towards your assistants domain and then proceed in a wide path towards your diagonal which in turn will give you 'vision' of play no matter what course it takes, and you then can adjust your movements accordingly. This is where fitness plays a big part. Reading the game and adding positive movements to anticipate all possibilities adds a definitive dimension to a referees positioning criteria, being too close to the action is not always the answer but on the other hand to far away can cause controversy leading to dissent. It's a case of adjusting to suit. Bearing in mind comments made, we as referees do not need a 'sat Nav' to give us directions, we only need the second syllable Space, Angles 'Vision' Happy Whistling

Dennis Hedges.

Touchline

Wootton Bassett Town FC Newsletter Issue No. 16

Chairman's Welcome -

Have you spotted the "portaloo" on the ground of the new facility? This is a sign of things to come. I would expect to see fencing and ground works commence at the end of March / early April. There has been a couple of weeks' delay due to paperwork in the main. However, funding has been agreed in principle, and we are now waiting for the contracts to go unconditional. Then the clock starts, seeing us in the new facility in July / August 2015.

There is still a lot to do in terms of interior design and contract management, while it's imperative that the new facility is utilised fully so that the operational budget is met.

With another eye on the future, myself and Development Officer Jeff Tidy are holding discussions with Royal Wootton Bassett Academy to create a Wootton Bassett Town FC Football Academy, which will combine education with football. This is just one of the initiatives currently being run.

For a while we have been looking to address our marketing and commercial activities gap; you may have seen our advert for a Commercial Manager to join the team. This is to drive local company awareness, specifically with the new facility in mind, and I'm looking to build long-term sponsorship relationships. We have offered this role to Ben Brown. Ben is an independent marketing professional and will join the team. We will then look to formally invite Ben to join the committee at the next AGM. Ben also plays for the Reserve team, so knows us quite well already.

The sad news of Dave Turner's death hit us all hard. It was very much out of the blue. As a reminder, Dave ran our senior first team for 5 years. He will be missed by us all, but more so, by the local football community which he served for so many years. There have been many great tributes to Dave within the local press, so there is no need to say any more, other than at his funeral there must have been close to 450-500 people paying their respects. This demonstrated the impact his tragic death had within local football.

Good luck to those teams who are pushing hard in cup games and fighting for high league positions as the season reaches its conclusion.

In the meantime, please key an eye on the grounds of the new facility as shortly we will see some progress - exciting times!

Andy Walduck



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Upcoming Events

Saturday 5th - Wednesday 9th April - Holland Tour (Exchange)

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April - Soccer Skills Academy Easter Holiday Camp

Friday 23rd May - Senior Section Presentation (Rylands Way)

Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th June - 2014 Six-a-Side Tournament (Ballards Ash)



WBTFC Touchline - March 2014

Saturday Morning Skills Sessions

The bad weather this winter has meant a frustrating start for the free Saturday Morning Skills Sessions at Ballards Ash, with a number being cancelled.

However, they continue to be run and are open to those aged 5-12.

Sessions run from 10am to 11am.

As reported in our previous newsletter, the club's sessions have also been set up and affiliated to the Wiltshire FA as a girls-only mini soccer centre on Saturday mornings (also 10am to 11am) at the U7 and U8 age groups. Amy Rowlands will in time run these centres.

Any member of our youth section interested in coaching and who wishes to gain some experience through helping on Saturday mornings should contact Development Officer Jeff Tidy.

Soccer Skills Academy



The Soccer Skills Academy will be holding a four day holiday camp between Monday 14th and Thursday 17th April.

Sessions will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Cost will be £60 per child for the four days or £17 per day. Additional children from the same family will cost £55 for the four days or £15 per day.

A downloadable application form is available on the club website SSA page. For more information please contact Nick Bolton or visit the Advanced Sports Coaching website.

Places are also still available at the weekly Monday night sessions. These cost £20 per month. Sessions for children in Reception and Year One run from 5-6pm at the Lime Kiln Sports Centre, while those for school years 2 to 8 are held from 6-7pm on the Royal Wootton Bassett Academy astroturf.

Advanced Sports Coaching will also be holding a four day dodgeball camp during the Easter holidays. This will run from Monday 7th to Thursday 10th April at Brinkworth Earl Danby's School. Those interested in this can use the same application form as for the SSA football camp.



Coach's Corner

Coach's Corner, the interactive facility available to all the club's managers and coaches, was added to the website at the end of 2013.

This forms part of the club's commitment to developing its coaches and allows those with access to take advantage of a database of age-specific training drills, which include demonstration instructional videos (as shown above), PDF files containing instructions, and session planning advice.

Drills included come from the The Future Game - The FA Technical Guide for Young Player Development. 36 videos are available for drills suitable for players aged 8-11, with 29 for players aged 12-16 and a further 29 for those aged 17+.

Not only is it a great learning tool for coaches, but also for helping develop the close to 400 playing members at our club.

So far a number of youth team coaches have been using the facility, although this figure could be better. All our managers and coaches are *highly encouraged* to use this website and should have received a user name and password to access this section of the website.

If you have not received this information, please contact webmaster Scott Smedley.

Old Men Wanted for Veterans Team

After an enjoyable time in last season's Wiltshire County FA Veterans Summer League, Wootton Bassett Town will again be looking to enter a team when this summer's competition begins in June.

Bassett finished third last time out, winning a thrilling penalty shoot-out 8-7 following a 4-4 draw in their playoff against Swindon Centurions.

The County FA have expanded the Summer League, with two six-team events planned. One will be held in Swindon at Lydiard Park Academy and Kingsdown School, while the other is scheduled to take place in Chippenham at Stanley Park.

Players must be over 35 to take part. Already within the club there has been strong interest in taking part, so if you are interested and have not yet made contact, please get in touch with Rob Mitchell or Martin Young.

There is a cost of £40 per team per fixture. The more players available, the cheaper (and easier on old, aching joints) this will be per player! For a squad of 16 this cost would work out at £2.50 per player per game - great value for money.

Last year's tournament, featuring four teams, was excellent fun for all involved. With plans for a bigger, better competition this summer, those who feel their playing days are not over yet would be daft to miss out on this!

2014 Tournament

After a one year hiatus, Wootton Bassett Town's youth six-a-side tournament will be returning this summer. The tournament will be held over the weekend of the 7th and 8th June at Ballards Ash.

Building works on the rugby club's new clubhouse meant last year's event did not go ahead. But this year the competition, which in the past has attracted clubs from all corners of the country, including Scotland, Wales and Norfolk, will be back.

The following age groups will be run on the following days:

Saturday 7th June AM: Under 9 and Under 11

Saturday 7th June PM: Under 7 and Under 13

Sunday 8th June AM: Under 12 and Under 14

Sunday 8th June PM: Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10

Competitions for the Under 6, 7 and 8 age groups will be run on a non-competitive Festival of Football basis. All children taking part will receive a memento in recognition of their participation, while there will be an additional award for the most sporting team in each age group.

All other age groups will run on a group basis followed by a knockout stage, with trophies for the winners and runners-up in each age group.

For teams wishing to enter, there is an entry fee of £20 per team.

A maximum number of two teams per club per age group will be permitted. Please download and return the application form with the relevant payment as soon as possible to secure your team's place.

The tournament will be affiliated to the Wiltshire County Football Association and all teams who enter must be affiliated to their relevant county football association.

For further details please contact Youth Section Secretary Gill Gascoigne.

2014 Tournament - Volunteers Needed!

As the club's biggest fundraising event, it is a necessity that we come together to put on a spectacular event, which matches (and hopefully better) those ran in previous years.

To achieve that, the club needs volunteers to come forward and help out across the weekend. A number of the original tournament committee have now moved on, so we will need new faces to come forward and make the event as successful as possible.

Help will be needed across a number of areas, including:

- Setting up goals, gazebos etc. on the Friday evening prior to the tournament
- Putting out goals and corner flags on the Saturday and Sunday mornings
- Tidying up and packing away on both the Saturday and Sunday evenings
- Car park duties
- Organising and looking after referees
- Refreshments
- Litter picking throughout the day
- First aid
- Relaying of results to control - something for our youth section players!

The list is an extensive one, but all are necessary jobs to ensure the tournaments runs on time and is as enjoyable as possible for all teams that enter.

Pulling this off brings a great sense of satisfaction for all involved and helps make the day of the children taking part.

If interested, please contact Youth Section Secretary Gill Gascoigne or Head of Youth Section Pete Yeardeley.

Whether for an hour or two, or for the whole weekend, any help that can be provided will go a long way to making the tournament another success and will be greatly appreciated!

Holland Tour Itinerary

Always the highlight of the Youth Section calendar, this year's Holland Tour sees members of our under 12, 13 and 14 squads travel to the continent from Saturday 5th to Wednesday 9th April.

The 37 strong tour party will be in for a treat too as their visit will see them stay with the families of members from our sister club FC 's-Gravenzande. This year's trip comprises the first half of an exchange that will be completed next year when FC 's-Gravenzande come to England and stay with families in Bassett.

This year's tour party will meet in the Sainsbury's car park in Boroughfields at 5.30 am on the Saturday in preparation for a 6am depart. After travelling via Eurotunnel, they will travel through France and Belgium before arriving at 's-Gravenzande at 4.30pm. That evening will be spent with host families.

On Sunday the party will take in some top flight Dutch football action, watching ADO Den Haag take on FC Utrecht in a relegation dogfight at the former's Kyocera Stadium.

On the Monday they will enjoy a tour of Sparta Rotterdam's unique Het Kasteel stadium. They will return to FC 's-Gravenzande for a skills coaching session in the early afternoon before competing in three matches for the "Friendship Trophy" in the evening. A social evening and presentations will then follow.

On Tuesday morning, goodbyes will be said to host families as the tour group depart for a final evening in Dordrecht. An afternoon meal at FC Dordrecht will be followed by evening matches against SC Emma before final presentations in their clubhouse.

After a final evening at the Stay Okay Hostel in Dordrecht, the group will travel back home, with an estimated arrival time in Royal Wootton Bassett of 6pm.



Congratulations to the Under 14 Blues on reaching the North Wilts League Cup final!



Senior Section -

Bill Shankly once said that football was more important than life and death! The recent events of the passing of Dave Turner has made me reflect on that quote.

We are all passionate about the sport we love and sometimes we can react in different ways. Some of us are quiet, some are very vocal and some including the incumbent Newcastle Manager can take matters into their own hands!!

Football is important - it's part of our lives, it's inbuilt into us from an early age. But it can never be more important than life. It's just a part of our lives.

Dave was an important part of this club's history. He was fiercely loyal to his players and was one of our most successful managers of recent times. I spoke with Dave most Monday mornings about the previous weekend's game and he felt the losses and enjoyed the wins. Although at the end of his tenure at the club it's true that we did have some disagreements, showing the man that he was, he phoned me to discuss these issues which we agreed to put aside and continue with our personal friendship.

The eulogies that I am sure we have all read have given Trish and the boys comfort that so many thought so highly of Dave.

Rest in peace Big Man.

On the pitch, the football has been a complete wash out due to the persistent rain this winter, but we continue to strive to finish the season!

Although this is a short review for this edition of Touchline, I will be looking to say a few things in this season's last Touchline Watch this space.

Chris Jones



The Reserves' final league game at Rylands Way ended in a cloud of fog. Leading Fairford Town 2-0 thanks to a pair of Shaun Terry goals, the game was abandoned early in the second half as a thick mist descended. (Picture courtesy of Fairford Town)



Youth Section -

After one of the mildest but wettest winters in many years most of our teams are now frantically trying to play catch up with their fixtures.

Particular mention and praise must be given to Hayley Gillie (our facilities coordinator) as during these past few weeks she has been patiently trying to re-arrange fixtures and venues for all our teams. This has not been eased by some teams having outstanding County Cup obligations which take precedence over any league fixtures. With the weather now having improved, normal service has thankfully been more or less resumed and we have all been able to welcome back regular football.

I forecast several years ago that these few seasons will prove to be the most difficult to coordinate for the club. Our total lack of in-house facilities are proving a nightmare with teams playing "home games" at no less than seven different venues!

Trying to establish and maintain a one club ethos during all this is proving a challenge and I for one will relish our relocation in the summer of 2015. On behalf of the club I would like to extend thanks to all managers, players and parents for standing by and supporting the club during these "relocation years". Believe me, it will all be worth it in the end.

On April 5th we will be taking three teams on our annual visit to Holland. This will be the 26th trip since its inauguration (and 13th since they started running within the club), and the U14, U13 and U12 teams travelling can expect unparalleled hospitality and facilities during their visit.

I am sure the party travelling will once again be proud ambassadors of our club and country and maybe even return with a trophy. More importantly, many more friendships will be made and our players' football and social development skills will be enhanced.

You can keep fully informed as to our progress with regular updates available on the WBTFC website and social media feeds.

Another date to put in your diaries will be 7th and 8th June as after a year's break we attempt to restage our popular and successful 6-a-side tournament. This will once again be held at Ballards Ash but this time with the ground being under the ownership of the Rugby Club.

This in itself will offer many different, and no doubt difficult challenges, but I am sure with the support of many we can once again reestablish the tournament.

With over 1,500 people visiting each day we will need many volunteers to assist with car park marshalling, catering, stewarding etc.

As this is our major fundraising event of the year it is essential we can count on your support to once again make the tournament a resounding success. If you can help in any way please register your interest with your team manager and we will arrange a rota system.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming months.

Pete Yeardeley

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	Carter (1)	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	Roberts (1)	L.Stevens (1)	A.Rigley	Terry	Packer	
31-Aug	Shrivenham	H	W 3 - 0	54	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	A.Stevens	Ockwell	Roberts (1)	Packer (1)	A.Rigley	Bailey (1)	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	Highmoor Ibis	A	D 2 - 2	30	Allison	Bowden	Yearley	Corcoran	Carter (1)	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	Cox (1)	Ockwell	Roberts	Packer	A.Rigley	Chatwin		
17-Sep	Kidlington	A	W 3 - 2	32	Clark	Davis	Yearley	Corcoran	Chatwin (1)	Stanners (1)	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts (1)	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	Cox (1)	Milhench (2)	Ockwell	Roberts (1)	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	Roberts (2)	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	Milhench (1)	Ockwell	Cox (2)	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	Milhench (1)	Sheppard	Wright
30-Oct	Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3	55	Allison	Bowden	Collier (1)	Brown	K.Rigley	Stanners	Packer	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Milhench (1)	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	Sheppard (1)	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	Corcoran (2)	Carter	Stanners	K.Rigley (1)	Ockwell	Brown	Collier	Lardner	Walduck	Sorrenti	
23-Nov	Ardley United	A	D 1 - 1	45	Allison	Sheppard	Collier (1)	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	Cox		
27-Nov	Highmoor Ibis	H	D 2 - 2	31	Allison	Sheppard	Collier	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens (1)	Lardner	Cox (1)	Yearley	Milhench
30-Nov	Old Woodstock Town (SC2)	A	W 3 - 0	48	Allison	Yearley	Collier (1)	Corcoran	Carter (1)	Stanners	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts (1)	L.Stevens	Lardner	Packer	Youngsam	
7-Dec	Bemerton Heath Harl (CC2)	H	L 2 - 3	24	Meare	Yearley	Collier (1)	Corcoran	Carter	Cox (1)	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts	Milhench	Lardner	Walduck	Sorrenti	
11-Dec	Binfield	H	W 1 - 0	24	Allison	Yearley	Collier (1)	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	Cox (1)	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	Stanners (2)	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley	A.Stevens	
28-Dec	Holyport	H	W 6 - 2	41	Allison	Yearley	Sorrenti	Corcoran	Sheppard (1)	Stanners (2)	Cox	Ockwell (1)	Roberts	L.Stevens	Milhench (2)	Aitkenhead	A.Stevens	
11-Jan	Shrivenham	A	W 2 - 1	84	Allison	Yearley	Sorrenti	Randhawa	Sheppard (1)	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	W 1 - 0	35	Allison	Yearley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens (1)	Lardner	Sheppard	Terry	
08-Mar	Holyport	A	D 0 - 0	46	Allison	Yearley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	Terry	Lardner	Sheppard	Joyce	
11-Mar	Wantage Town	A	L 0 - 1	46	Allison	Yearley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran	Carter	Sheppard	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley	Terry	
15-Mar	Penn & Tylers (SC 3)	H	W 3 - 1	25	Allison	Yearley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox (2)	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens (1)	Sheppard	K.Rigley	Joyce	
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2-Apr	Ascot United	H																
05-Apr	Thame United	A																
07-Apr	Cheltenham Saracens	A																
9-Apr	Bracknell Town	H																
12-Apr	Cheltenham Saracens (SC4)	A																
15-Apr	Abingdon Town	A																
17-Apr	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A																
23-Apr	Newbury	H																
26-Apr	Kidlington	H																

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

