

# Wootton Bassett Town F.C.

# Ascot United F.C.

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Official Matchday Programme Season 2013-14

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Home Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Steve	Allison		
2	Stephen	Yearley		
3	Lee	Stevens		
4	Shaun	Carter		
5	Adam	Corcoran		
6	Dan	Lardner		
7	Jordan	Roberts		
8	Sam	Ockwell		
9	Levi	Cox		
10	Ryan	Stanners		
11	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	Chris	Grace		
2	Dave	Hancock		
3	Andrew	Dean		
4	Joe	Yeates		
5	Alex	Rodrigues		
6	Joe	Gritt		
7	Daryl	McLean		
8	Rob	Saunders		
9	Leon	Yarnie		
10	Jermaine	Roche		
11	Jonny	Denton		
12	Stuart	Swift		
14	Ian	Brooks		
15	Arafat	Kabuye		
16	Michael	Hodnnett		
17	Joe	Grant		
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Dugout Team	
Manager:	Jeff Roberts
Assistant:	Drew Youngsam

Dugout Team	
Manager:	Jeff Lamb
Assistant:	Paul McGrotty

Match Officials	
Referee:	 G Kornasiewicz
Assist. Ref (Red Flag):	
Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):	

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



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UHlsport Hellenic Football League Premier Division Season 2013-14

Wootton Bassett Town v Ascot United  
 Wednesday 2nd April 2014, kick-off 7.45 pm  
 at Corinium Stadium, Home of Cirencester Town FC

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# Editorial & WBTFC News



**A Warm Welcome** to our visitors this evening from **Ascot United** for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture.

The two sides have met on three occasions previously. The first meeting came at the Racecourse ground on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 when Ascot won 3-0 and Bassett unfortunately had Jon Beedon sent-off. Wootton Bassett gained revenge in the return at Rylands Way, winning 3-2 as an Alex Green hat-trick paved the way for a comeback victory. Earlier this season the two sides met at Ascot and it was honours even as the sides shared the points, Levi Cox on target for Bassett in the 1-1 draw.

This season Ascot United currently sit in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the table with 20 wins from their opening 32 league fixtures. They have drawn 9 and lost just 3. They are still in with a serious chance of the title, trailing leaders Ardley United by 4 points with the two sides also scheduled to meet at Ascot in a couple of weeks. Leading scorer this season is Jermaine Roache who already has 26 goals to his name.

Ascot are currently on a 11 game unbeaten run and will be looking to keep that excellent record going here at the Corinium Stadium tonight.

## Flackwell Heath

By all accounts we put in a good performance on Saturday against an in-form Flackwell Heath side sharing the points in a 1-1 draw. It could have been so much more as we led 1-0 with a minute or so to go. I understand we contributed to

their equaliser by our own mistake but I am sure Jeff and Drew would have taken a point from that fixture before the game.

After tonight's game we visit Thame on Saturday before travelling to Cheltenham Saracens on the following Monday. Two days later we play host to Bracknell Town.

## Supplementary Cup

As noted on Saturday our reward for the win over Penn & Tylers Green is a trip to Cheltenham Saracens in the Quarter Finals. The game is to be played on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, the league game between the two sides scheduled for that date having been switched to the cup and the league fixture brought forward to a Monday night. Cheltenham are a bit hot and cold of late. After their win over Highworth Town the other week they then proceeded to lose 12-0 to Oxford City Nomads in midweek last week. They redeemed themselves a little bit on Saturday holding Highworth Town to just two goals in the return fixture.

## Reserves

Wootton Bassett Town Reserves came away from Hook Norton with all three points on Saturday. A solitary George Drewitt goal did the trick. The win lifted Simon Paish's side up into 4<sup>th</sup> place, 9 points behind Oxford City Nomads with 3 games in hand. The title looks to be between Cirencester Town Development and Wantage Town but a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish would be an excellent achievement. If we keep our good run going this is a possibility.

## Development Side

Wootton Bassett Town Development Side moved to within a point of 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Intel on Saturday following a hard fought 3-2 win over bottom of the table Blunston. On target for Wootton Bassett were Guppy, Kitchin and Turner.

## Ladies Side

Wootton Bassett Town Ladies are through to the final of the Wiltshire County FA Women's Cup without kicking a ball in anger on Sunday. Becky Gammon's young side were awarded the tie when Marlborough Town were unable to field a side. Apologies to anybody who travelled to watch the game as a result of the article in the Flackwell Heath programme. This is not a good way to reach a cup final and I am sure all of the Ladies would have wanted to play the game, which we would have probably have won in any event, but this will all be forgotten by the time the final comes around. Their opponents in the final will be Swindon Town Ladies who defeated Swindon Spitfires in the other semi final.

## Youth Sides in Holland

This weekend 3 sides from Wootton Bassett travel to The Hague for the annual Holland Tour. The tour party are made up of an U12 side, an U13 side and an U14 side. This year the tour is an exchange with s'Gravenszandse and for me the exchange visit was always the best of the trips to Holland. You stay with Dutch families and experience absolutely superb hospitality from start to finish as well as getting to see bits of the Hague that you would not normally visit when

# Editorial & WBTFC News

staying only at the hostel in the Biesbosch.

I hope the three sides have a wonderful time in Holland, are on their best behaviour both during the games and when staying with the host families. They will no doubt enjoy the game between ADO Den Haag and FC Utrecht and the tour of Sparta Rotterdam's stadium.

## 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.

## Respect Tables

The latest editions of the Respect Tables are included in this week's Hellenic Bulletin and they still do not make pretty reading for our Club. We remain in 2<sup>nd</sup> worst place behind Highmoor Ibis and this is an area which we must improve on next season. After many seasons of having a good record under the late Dave Turner this season has seen our discipline take a turn for the worse and this cannot be repeated next season. I am sure the Committee will be working with the management team to ensure things improve in this area between now and the end of the season.

Looking at what else is in the **Programme tonight** there is the usual article from a journalist from the Non-League Paper. This week it is Stuart Hammonds on the subject of Team Bonding.

Jeff and Drew look back at the Flackwell Heath game in the **Dugout Chat** column and there is also a **match report** from that game as well as the cup fixture against Penn & Tylers Green.

There are again 4 extra pages as we include for the second 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 Reading Town featuring Lee Stevens.

The player profile today is defender **Adam Corcoran** who is just 6 games away from a century of appearances for Wootton Bassett Town.

In the **Hellenic Insights** page Stuart Smedley looks at the race for 12<sup>th</sup> spot which were we to achieve it would be Wootton Bassett Town's highest ever position in the UHlsport Hellenic Premier League.

There is the usual **"Football was better in my day"** feature, looking back at football from the 1970's and 1980's. I hope you have enjoyed these articles over the season. The challenge now is to think about what to include in the programme next season. Any ideas would be gratefully received.

As the season draws to a close the race to be the winner of our **Fantasy Football** competition heats up. The programme tonight includes the latest positions after Saturday and Sunday's fixtures but before the Sunderland v West Ham game on Monday night.

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: Steve Allison against Holyport.



## Hellenic League Website On The Edge Sunday 30th March 2014

Over a long season of watching football at various levels, interrupted by floods I must add, signals by referees have been rather lack-lustre and uninformative, lacking the definitive meaning of authority and so not always offering the communication needs required. Ambivalent signals can be, and will be, challenged by players often followed by the sarcastic message 'are you sure ref', signals given with purpose and definition are accepted in a more dignified manner by all concerned with the decision 'sold' with clarity.

Far too often I am seeing referees blowing their whistle for a free-kick but then delaying their directional signal which can express a feeling of indecision, even though the offence and the direction may be deemed obvious. A whistle followed immediately by the directional signal and, in the case of a 'direct' free-kick, signalled with a straight arm just above the shoulder, gives all concerned an authentic message of positive control. A limp arm lessens the desired impact. In the case of an 'indirect' free-kick offer the information needed by making it clear of the value of the kick by displaying a good straight upright arm only lowering your arm when the ball has been played or touched by a player, or the ball has gone straight out of play for what will be a throw-in or goal-kick.



Happy Whistling  
Dennis Hedges.

## Hellenic Website Bassett Face Saras In Cup Quarter Final Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014

I watched a game this season when an indirect free-kick went straight into the opposition goal. Celebrations followed due mainly to the referee dropping his arm once the ball had been kicked. As expected contentious issues arose and yellow cards resulted, well it would have turned out to be the winning goal. A lesson learnt but verbal communication before the kick was taken to stress the value of the kick would not have gone amiss.

I am often left smiling at certain referees advantage signal. Correct in principal of allowing the game to flow, but running down the field of play with both arms waving in the air looking as though he is trying to take to the skies is not only over flamboyant but looks very untidy when the simple signal of both arms outstretched at shoulder height offers a more genuine and conclusive response to the situation. Once again verbal communication can add strength to the referee's excellent perception of play.

May I also express my concern that many referees feel it unnecessary in giving a signal when a goal-kick is the outcome, not so, it expresses a vigilant approach on the referees part and can be a preventive signal to stop certain attacking players thinking a corner-kick may be awarded. Again it's a silent method of communication and could

prevent derisory comments being aimed at you. I mentioned this very point in a post-match de-brief when assessing a top Premier referee who initially disagreed with me, I can now tell you he always offers this signal and has since agreed with me.

The whistle is the main tool of the referee's trade but this can always be strengthened with good clear and informative signals. Communication, for the right reasons, is vital to you as referee and the game in general. With Cup Finals approaching and promotion on the referees 'wish list' signals of a competent nature coupled with sensible verbal communication will enhance a performance and add a personal quality to your overall display. Good luck to everyone and that includes clubs who will be hoping for success to come their way whether to win the league or stave off relegation.

Should they progress, Bassett will be in with a great shout of ending their 13 year run without a cup success. Since lifting the Wiltshire Senior Cup in 2000/01, the closest they have come to matching that triumph are three semi final appearances in the Wiltshire Premier Shield (2001/02), Hellenic League Floodlit Cup (2002/03) and, most recently, Wiltshire Senior Cup (2008/09).

While Saracens will represent difficult opponents, Bassett manager Jeff Roberts intends to have his team fully focused on the goal of earning some silverware to cap his first season in charge.

Speaking to the local media last week, Roberts commented: "It wasn't really one of the cups that we were too interested in, but now that we're through to the quarter finals, everyone starts to

get a little bit more excited. I've always said that I'll play my strongest side in the cup games and we'll carry on doing that and see how far we can get. If we could end the season with some silverware that would be great."

In their only meeting so far this season with Cheltenham, Bassett won 1-0. The return league fixture will take place five days before their cup encounter.

## Hellenic Website Serious Decisions Required Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Sean Bryan says he has admiration for any player staying loyal to Cheltenham Saracens after Wednesday night's 12-0 defeat at Oxford City Nomads.

He described it as the lowest moment of his footballing life and said some serious decisions need to be made about the direction the UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division club are heading. They had 12 players available at Oxford, including three 16-year-olds, and they finished with 10 men after a shoulder injury to Leroy Odiero after their one substitute had been used.

Jon Palmer in the Gloucestershire Echo writes that Bryan sent messages to 26 players about their availability for Saturday's trip to Highworth Town, but last night only 14 had replied, of which five could play. "Wednesday night was humiliating and I can't take any positives from it at all," Bryan said. "It's very difficult at the moment and some serious decisions need to be made within the club because the players aren't working to the same ethic as the people behind the scenes. At the moment I have admiration for anybody who puts a Saracens shirt on and while I can't guarantee the current situation we are in will improve them as a player, it'll certainly improve them as a person."

Bryan believes two more wins will be enough to stave off the drop. "Are we capable of getting those wins? At the moment I'd have to say 'no'," he said. I am not going anywhere and I'll give it my best shot and people like Mike Oliver, Ryan Clarke, Luke Finch, Rob Joyes, Josh Swales, Jamie Hammond and Jordan Bryan have been great. But some lads need to ask questions of themselves and it would be interesting to see what answers they come up with."

Good evening and welcome to the management team, players and supporters of Ascot United, who have travelled along the M4 and A419 to the Corinium Stadium today for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier League fixture. We hope you will join us in the bar after the game.

We were pleased with both the performance and the point on Saturday against an in form Flackwell Heath side. It could have been so much more as we led 1-0 as we entered the last 2 minutes of the game and to concede so late on was disappointing. That said we would have settled for a point ahead of the game.

Tonight we meet another side who are in form. Currently sat in 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in the table and are unbeaten in 11 games, 8 of which have been won. The two sides met back in September at Ascot and shared the points in a 1-1 draw. Another tight affair is expected tonight and having drawn 11 games already this season we may take the tally to 12. What is important is to try and avoid defeat in what on paper is our toughest fixture between now and the end of the season.

The fixtures now come thick and fast and our small squad will be pushed to its limits as we play 3 games a week. Hopefully we will avoid any further injuries and suspensions as we try and beat that best ever finish in the Premier League (13<sup>th</sup> place in Season 2000-01).

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

*Jeff & Drew*



# Opponents - History

## Ascot United FC • Club History

Ascot United as we know it, was founded in 1965 by a men's team who played their games at Sunninghill with "after match meetings" in The Wells public house in Cheapside village (now Mikado's). There is evidence that there were teams playing as long ago as 1928 under the name Ascot United but nothing to link them directly to the club that we have now. By 1968, the club had gained permission from the Ascot Racecourse Trustees to convert the land north of coach park 10 into a football pitch. A wooden clubhouse was built and this team went on to win many prestigious trophies in the years that followed.



Various youth teams represented Ascot United over the years up to 1988, but the size of the club never exceeded 8 boys' teams. From 1989 there was an increase in demand and in 1992 there came a turning point when the East Berks 7-a-side Association was formed by our then Chairman Keith Wicks introducing small-sided junior games and having disbanded in 1980 the men's team also reformed. The club continued to grow, entering into partnership with Charters School and being awarded FA Charter Standard status in 2004. The men's senior team enjoyed early success through the East Berks League gaining continued promotions to the Senior division and winning various Cups including the Fielden Charity Cup in 1996/7. 2001 saw the 1st team join the Reading Senior League and winning the Evening Post Senior Cup at the Madejski Stadium in 2006. Promotion to the Hellenic League soon followed in 2007 followed by promotion to the Hellenic Premier Division in 2009.

Season 2011/12 saw us enter the world renowned FA Cup for the first time and in the first season that it was sponsored by Budweiser. On a famous Friday night in August we hosted the first kick of the FA Cup with Budweiser in front of 1,149 people at the Racecourse ground and also an estimated audience of 27,000 on Facebook for their first live streamed football match.

The season 2012/13 saw the most successful season so far for the 1st team with their highest league finish at 7th and most memorable of all getting to the quarter finals of the FA Vase.

The club today has grown to become one of the largest Community football clubs in the UK with over 1000 registered players in the 2012/13 season and over 70 teams playing every weekend embracing all ages and abilities from 5 year olds through to Vets.

With the new clubhouse built and opened in September 2010 and an improved main pitch along with floodlights and a stand, the club looks forward to improving in all aspects of the game and encouraging more volunteers to take coaching qualifications and organising regular referee's courses.



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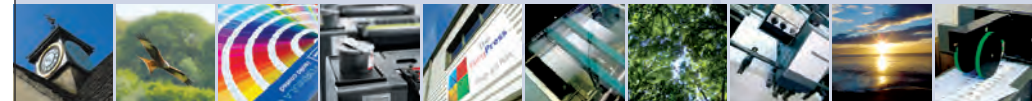


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First Round		
<b>Ardley United</b>	8 - 0	Malmesbury Vic's
<b>Ascot United</b>	7 - 1	Newbury
Bracknell Town	2 - 2	<b>Binfield (4 - 5 Pens)</b>
<b>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp</b>	4 - 2	North Leigh
<b>Carterton</b>	2 - 0	Didcot Town
Chalfont Wasps	0 - 2	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

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

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

Quarter Finals		
Abingdon United	3 - 5	<b>Wantage Town</b>
Ardley United	v	Tytherington Rocks
Ascot United	v	Rayners Lane
Shortwood United	1 - 2	<b>Highworth Town</b>

Semi Finals		
	v	
	v	
Final		
	v	



## Team Profiles Ascot United FC



**Matt Hill** Goal Keeper  
Joined this season, previously at Bracknell Town. Really agile and a great shot stopper, will be pushing for the No1 spot.



**Chris Grace** Goal Keeper  
Big and strong, has matured and developed in all aspects, particularly good shot stopper.



**Justin Clayton** Defence  
In his second season with the club, a big and strong central defender, good in the air but also good with the ball at his feet.



**David Hancock** Defence  
Club Captain, plays anywhere along the back line, very quick with the ability to break forward to support the attack



**Joe Gritt** Defence  
Last years clubman of the year, creates a great team spirit but a really reliable defender or occasional midfield.



**Andy Dean** Defence  
Speedy defender who likes to turn defence into attack and also looks good on the left wing.



**Alex Rodrigues** Defence  
Joined this season from Egham, experienced player who reads the game well and good at organising the back line.



**Joe Yeates** Defence  
Second season at the club, central defender, good in the air and comfortable taking the ball out of defence.



**Rob Gier** Defence  
Plays anywhere along the back line but preferably at centre half or right back. Started at club as a junior before playing professionally.



**Ryan Cooper** Defence  
A product of the successful youth structure, comfortable and composed on the ball, quick to get forward to support the attack.



**Arafat Kabuye** Midfield  
Joined this season, an attacking midfielder come winger who likes to attack the defence.



**Michael Hodnett** Midfield  
Joined this season from Woking, comfortable on the ball and not afraid to get in where the action is.



**Lee Boon** Midfield  
Likes to play wide on either side of the pitch but also fills in well as a striker. Loves to take players on.



**John Keough** Midfield  
A club stalwart, big and reliable, good in the air and likes to set the attack.



**Ian Brooks** Midfield  
True club player, really good passer of the ball, likes to get the ball forward quickly.



**John Denton** Midfield  
Came through from the youth and showing how capable and confident he is and now a regular in 1st team.



**Rob Saunders** Midfield  
Club stalwart and started at the club as a junior, very experienced, the mainstay of the midfield and a firm favourite at the Racecourse.



**Daryl McLean** Forward  
New to the club this season, previously at Hayes and Yeading, very quick, good feet, and will be a real threat.



**Leon Yarnie** Forward  
Big, strong, quick, worries any defence and a proven goalscorer in his first season at the club



**Matt Jones** Forward  
Joined this season from Wokingham where he was a regular goalscorer and looking forward to seeing him do the same at Ascot.

# Today's Opponents

# Pyramid Step 5 & Hellenic Prem Map

## Ascot United

**Formed:** 1965  
**Nickname:** Yellamen  
**Chairman:** Mike Harrison  
**Secretary:** Mark Giffoes




**Ground:** Ascot Racecourse, Car Park 10, Winkfield Road, Ascot SL5 7LJ  
**Tel:** 01344 291107  
**Manager:** Jeff Lamb  
**Capacity:**  
**Seats:**  
**Colours:** Yellow shirts, blue shorts

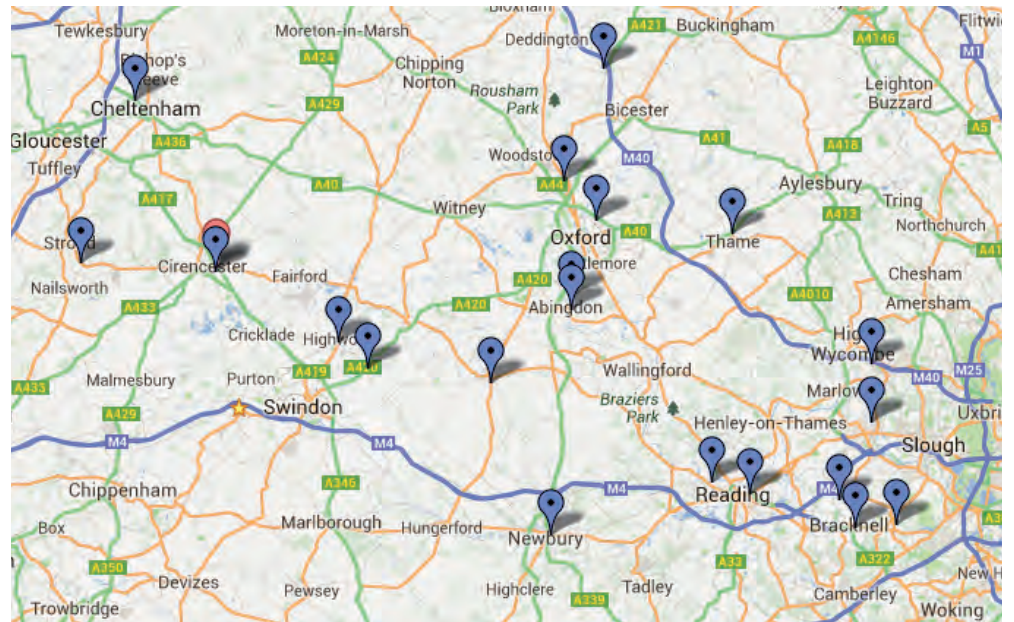
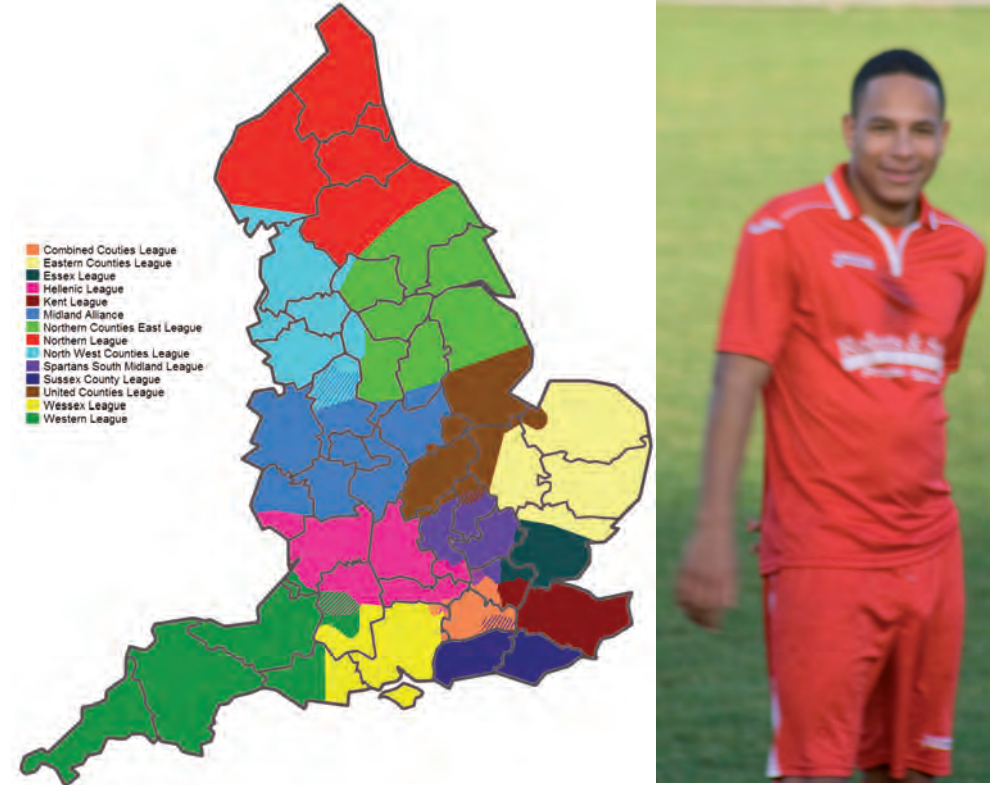
**Ground Directions:** From Bracknell take A329 to Ascot. From Heatherwood Hospital roundabout take Ascot High Street. At first mini-roundabout go straight. At mini roundabout at end of High Street turn left along A330 Winkfield Road. Go under bridge and take first right into Car Park 7&8. Continue past golf club, through gates and follow track to the end.

Reading Senior League      Div 1 East      Hellenic Premier

League Performance - Last Ten Seasons										
Season	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13
Position in League	6th	3rd	4th	1st	4th	2nd	15th	12th	14th	7th
Top Scorer	S.McIntyre 5	Not known	Not known	Not known	J.Bennett 17	J.Bennett 33	S.McIntyre 12	J.Bennett 40	J.Bennett 28	J.Bennett 22
Average Crowd	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	51	62	66	77	71	48
Total Crowd	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	812	1,051	1,392	1,612	1,340	820
F.A. Cup	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ex Prelim Rnd	Prelim Rnd
F.A. Vase	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2nd Qual Rnd	2nd Qual Rnd	Qtr Final

Current Form (Last Six Games)		
Date	Opponents	Result
29-Mar-14	Abingdon Town (H)	W 10 - 0
25-Mar-14	Binfield (H)	W 1 - 0
22-Mar-14	Shrivenham (H)	W 2 - 0
16-Mar-14	Cheltenham Sara (A)	W 5 - 1
8-Mar-14	Highworth Town (A)	W 2 - 0
1-Mar-14	Highmoor Ibis (A)	D 1 - 1

v Wootton Bassett Town (Last Six Games)	
Date	Fixture & Result
14-Sep-13	Ascot United 1 Wootton Bassett Town 1
10-Apr-11	Wootton Bassett Town 3 Ascot United 2
20-Oct-10	Ascot United 3 Wootton Bassett Town 0





Step <sup>1</sup>	League/Division					
1 (B)	Conference National (24 clubs) <i>(Blue Square Bet Premier League)</i>					
	Promoted to League Two of The Football League: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff.</i> Relegated to either Conference North or Conference South: 4 clubs.					
2 (B)	Conference North (22 clubs) <i>(Blue Square Bet North)</i>			Conference South (22 clubs) <i>(Blue Square Bet South)</i>		
	Promoted to Conference National: <i>Champions of each division;</i> <i>the winners of a 2nd-5th playoff in each division will also be promoted.</i> Relegated to Step 3 leagues: 3 clubs from each division.					
3 (C)	Northern Prem. League (24 clubs) <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Premier Division		Southern League (24 clubs) <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Premier Division		Isthmian League (24 clubs) <i>(Ryman League)</i> Premier Division	
	Promoted to Conference North or South: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff for each league.</i> Relegated to Step 4 leagues: 4 clubs from each league.					
4 (D) <sup>2</sup>	Northern Premier League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One North	Northern Premier League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One South	Southern Football League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One Midlands	Southern Football League <i>(Evo-stick League)</i> Division One South & West	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League)</i> Division One South	Isthmian League <i>(Ryman League)</i> Division One North
	*All divisions of 22 clubs except Isthmian League divisions which have 24 teams in each Promoted to Step 3 leagues: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff for each league.</i> Relegated to Step 5 leagues determined by NLS Committee: 2 clubs from each league.					
5 (F)	Combined Counties League Premier Division   Eastern Counties League Premier Division   Essex Senior League   <b>Hellenic League Premier Division</b>   Kent League Premier Division   Midland Football Alliance   Northern Counties East League Premier Division   Northern League Division One   North West Counties League Premier   Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division   Sussex County League Division One   United Counties League Premier Division   Wessex League Premier Division   Western League Premier Division					
	Promoted to Step 4 leagues determined by NLS Committee: <i>Total of 12.</i> Clubs must have applied to the Football Association for promotion to Step Four for the 2014/15 season by 31 December 2013, must then pass ground grading requirements (Grade E by 31 March 2014), and must finish in the top two places in their league to be eligible for promotion. If there are more clubs applying for promotion than places available, priority is given to champion clubs of the respective leagues. Relegated: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with Step 6 leagues, as approved by the FA.</i>					
6 (G)	Combined Counties League Division One   East Midlands Counties League   Eastern Counties League Division One   <b>Hellenic League Division One East</b>   <b>Hellenic League Division One West</b>   Midland Combination Premier Division   Northern Counties East Division One   Northern League Division Two   North West Counties League Division One   South West Peninsula League Premier Division   Spartan South Midlands League Division One   Sussex County League Division Two   United Counties League Division One   Wessex League Division One   West Midlands Regional League Premier Division   Western League Division One					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i>					
7	Anglian Combination Premier Division   Bedfordshire Football League Premier Division   Brighton Hove and District League Premier Division   Cambridgeshire League Premier Division   Central Midlands League Supreme Division   Cheshire Association Football League Division One   Crawley and District League Premier Division   Dorset Premier League   East Berkshire League Premier Division   East Sussex Football League Premier Division   Essex and Suffolk Border League Premier Division   Essex Olympian Football League Premier Division   Gloucestershire County League   Hampshire Premier League   Hertfordshire County League Premier Division   Kent County League Premier Division   Leicestershire Senior League Premier Division   Liverpool County Premier League   Manchester Football League Premier Division   Mid Sussex Football League Premier Division   Middlesex County Football League Premier Division   Midland Combination Division One   North Berks Football League Division One   Northamptonshire Combination Premier Division   Northampton Town Football League Premier Division   Northern Football Alliance Premier Division   Oxfordshire Senior Football League Premier Division   Peterborough and District Football League Premier Division   Reading Football League Senior Division   Somerset County Football League Premier Division   South West Peninsula League Division One East   South West Peninsula League Division One West   Staffordshire County Senior Football League Premier Division   Suffolk and Ipswich Football League Senior Division   Sussex County League Division Three   Wearside Football League   West Cheshire Amateur Football League Division One   West Lancashire Football League Premier Division   West Midlands Regional League Division One   West Sussex Football League   Wiltshire Football League Premier Division   Worthing and District Football League Premier Division					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i> Note: If Step 7 leagues have other divisions below this level, then only the division at Step 7 is considered part of the National League System.					

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

## Wootton Bassett Town FC • Club History

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



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

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



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

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

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

# Reserves in focus



# Wilts Senior Cup History

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

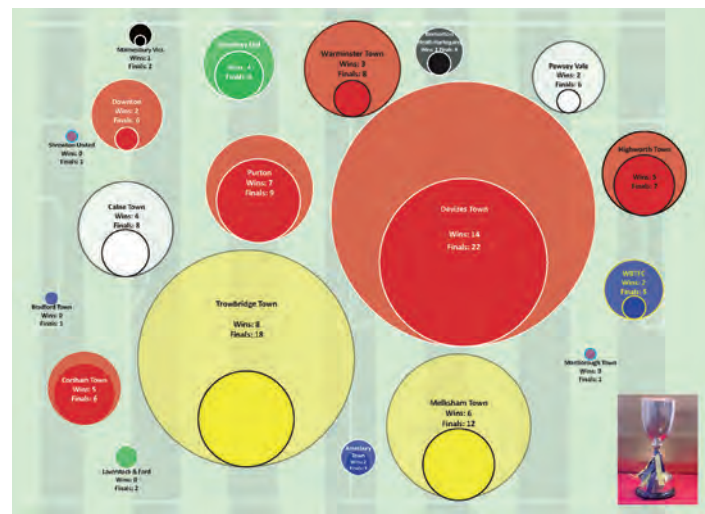
2013-2014 Season										
UHLSPORT Hellenic League										
Division Two (West)										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
1 Cirencester Town 'Dev'	18	14	3	1	66	24	45			
2 Wantage Town Reserves	18	13	2	3	47	18	41			
3 Oxford City Nomads 'Dev'	20	13	1	6	74	32	40			
4 <b>Wootton Bassett Town Res</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>			
5 Hook Norton Reserves	17	8	5	4	31	16	29			
6 Brimscombe & Thrupp Reserves	15	7	2	6	35	34	23			
7 Beversbrook	14	5	2	7	28	38	17			
8 Shrivenham Reserves	16	4	2	10	22	51	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	0 - 4	Hook Norton
Semi Finals		
Wantage Town	v	Oxford City Nomads
Hook Norton	v	Rayners Lane
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	Even Swindon United
1901-02 Chippenham Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1902-03 Warminster Town	Wootton Bassett Town
1903-04 Swindon Town Reserves	Wootton Bassett Town
1904-05 Melksham Town	Swindon Haydon St W
1905-06 Salisbury City	Swindon Haydon St W
1906-07 Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1907-08 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	Trowbridge Town
1930-31 Chippenham Town	Warminster Town
1931-32 Westbury United	Swindon Corinthians
1932-33 Westbury United	Warminster Town
1933-34 Trowbridge Town	Westbury United
1934-35 Swindon Corinthians	Swindon Victoria
1935-36 Swindon Corinthians	Swindon Corinthians
1936-37 Swindon Victoria	Salisbury Corinthians
1937-38 Trowbridge Town	1st Survey Coy R.A.
1938-39 Purton	Swindon Corinthians
1945-46 Salisbury Corinthians	Chippenham Town
1946-47 Swindon GWR Corinthians	Pewsey Vale
1947-48 Westbury United	Swindon BR Corinthians
1948-49 Purton	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	Swindon Unltd
1964-65 Pinehurst	Chippenham Town
1965-66 Devizes Town	Altdoune
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	Ferdale 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
<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>2</b>
38th Brigade RFA	1
3rd Wilts Regiment	1
Avebury	1
Garrard Athletic	1
Malmesbury Vic's	1
Salisbury 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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		
<b>Bradford Town</b>	8 - 1	Supermarine Sports FC
Calne Town	1 - 2	<b>Purton</b>
<b>Devizes Town</b>	7 - 1	Amesbury Town
<b>Downton</b>	W - L	Vale of Pewsey
FC Chippenham	1 - 5	<b>Mere Town FC</b>
<b>Highworth Town</b>	8 - 0	Malmesbury Vics
Ludgershall Sports	1 - 2	<b>New College Swindon</b>
Marlborough Town	0 - 3	<b>Chippenham Park FC</b>
<b>Shrewton United</b>	4 - 3	Laverstock & Ford
SKS Blyskawica FC	0 - 3	<b>Trowbridge Town</b>
Warminster Town	1 - 2	<b>Southbrook</b>
Westbury United	0 - 1	<b>Melksham Town</b>
Wilts Calne Town	1 - 5	<b>Pewsey Vale</b>
Wroughton	1 - 8	<b>Bemerton Heath Harlequins</b>
<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>		Bye
<b>Corsham Town</b>		Bye

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

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

Semi Finals		
Purton	0 - 4	<b>Melksham</b>
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0 - 3	<b>Bradford Town</b>

Final		
<b>Melksham Town</b>	v	<b>Bradford Town</b>



# 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	<b>Wroughton Reserves</b>	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	<b>Malmesbury Vics Res</b>	H	League	W 5 - 1	Petrie 2, Carter, King, Kitchin
Sat 28-Sep-13	<b>Sarum Youth</b>	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	<b>Marlborough Town Res</b>	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	<b>Melksham Town Res</b>	H	League	L 0 - 5	
Sat 2-Nov-13	<b>Wroughton Reserves</b>	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	<b>Sarum Youth</b>	H	League	D 3 - 3	Petrie 2, King
Sat 30-Nov-13	<b>Melksham Town Res</b>	H	League	L 1 - 2	Petrie
Sat 7-Dec-13	<b>Malmesbury Vics Res</b>	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	<b>Intel FC</b>	H	League	W 3 - 0	King, Petrie, Read
Sat 29-Mar-14	<b>Blunsdon</b>	H	League	W 3 - 2	Guppy, Kitchin, Turner
Sat 5-Apr-14	<b>Blunsdon</b>	H	League		
Sat 12-Apr-14	Malmesbury Vics Res	A	League		
Sat 19-Apr-14	<b>Intel FC</b>	H	League		
Sat 26-Apr-14	Melksham Town Res	A	League		

### Top Goalscorers

L. Petrie	29
D. King	18
M. Kitchin	10
S. Terry	6
R. Algar	3
A. Guppy	3
T. Blackford	2
L. Taylor	2
A. Turner	2
L. Carter	1
M. Aras	1
L. Read	1
J. Covey	1

### Wiltshire County League Division 1 League Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Melksham Town FC Res	16	14	1	1	65	16	43
2 Intel FC	21	13	2	6	71	40	41
<b>3 Wootton Bassett Town Dev</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>
4 Malmesbury Victoria FC Res	19	10	1	8	70	41	28
5 Sarum Youth Seniors FC	20	5	5	10	43	64	20
6 Wroughton FC Res	20	5	1	14	44	75	16
7 Blunsdon FC	18	1	1	16	21	104	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

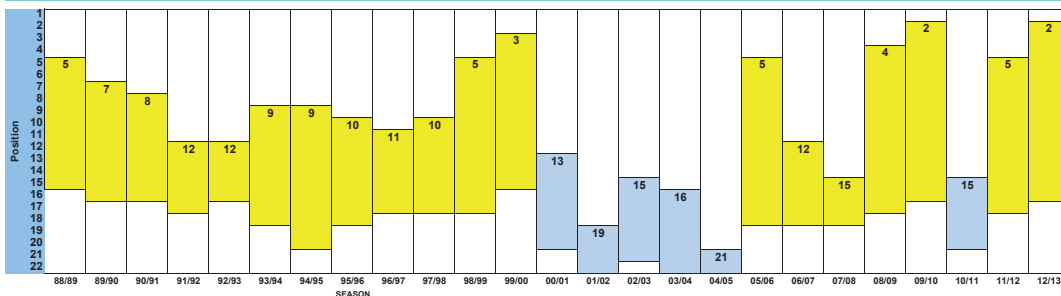
- 1902/03 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1902/03 Advertiser Cup Runners-up
- 1903/04 Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1905/06 Wiltshire County League Runners-up
- 1930/31 Calne & District League Runners-up
- 1931/32 Calne & District League Champions
- 1933/34 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1934/35 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Winners
- 1935/36 Calne & District League Champions
- Calne & District League Cup Runners-up
- 1938/39 Brotherhood Cup Winners
- 1953/54 Vale of White Horse Cup Winners
- 1957/58 Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions
- 1958/59 Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions
- 1978/79 Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up
- Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners
- 1982/83 Wiltshire County League Division 4 Runners-up
- 1983/84 Wiltshire County League Ghia Senior Cup Winners
- 1984/85 Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions
- Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Runners-up
- 1987/88 Wiltshire County League Division 1 Champions
- Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up
- 1988/89 Wiltshire County League Ghia Junior Cup Runners-up
- 1989/90 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
- 1993/94 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Winners
- 1994/95 Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up
- 1998/99 Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
- 2000/01 Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners
- Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions
- 2009/10 Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up
- 2012/13 Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up
- Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up



# WBTFC Hellenic Record

# Ladies Section In Focus

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

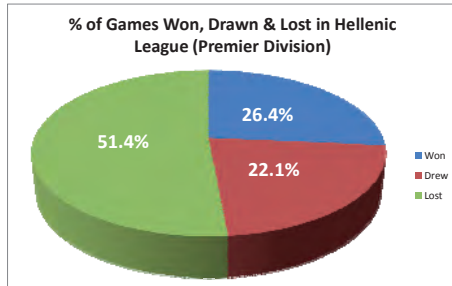
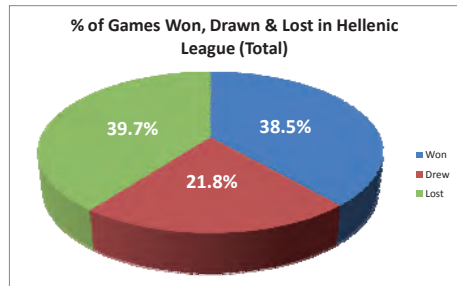


Season	Div	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York 25
1990/91	1	30	11	8	11	32	36	41	8 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York
1991/92	1	32	10	8	14	45	59	38	12 out of 17	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1992/93	1	30	8	6	16	40	53	30	12 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1993/94	1	34	15	8	11	65	57	53	9 out of 18	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent
1994/95	1	38	18	5	15	67	68	59	9 out of 20	Mick Woolford	Scott Vincent/Darren Jell
1995/96	1	34	12	9	13	50	64	45	10 out of 18	Kevin Maloney	Scott Vincent
1996/97	1	32	9	8	15	37	50	35	11 out of 17	Kevin Maloney	Ian Curtis/Gary Ashford 8
1997/98	1	32	12	6	14	67	58	42	10 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart/Peter Dearlove 10
1998/99	1	32	17	7	8	64	43	58	5 out of 17	Dave Warren	Lee Stoddart 17
1999/00	1	28	15	7	6	54	32	52	3 out of 15	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart
2000/01	P	38	14	10	14	54	60	52	13 out of 20	Barry Giles	Lee Stoddart 25
2001/02	P	42	11	9	22	39	75	42	19 out of 22	Pete Yeardley	Mark Vaughan 14
2002/03	P	40	10	10	20	36	70	40	15 out of 21	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 9
2003/04	P	42	11	5	26	38	73	38	16 out of 22	Pete Yeardley	Geoff Swatton 16
2004/05	P	42	6	9	27	30	85	27	21 out of 22	Pete Yeardley /Chris Jones	Matty Bennett 10
2005/06	1W	34	17	10	7	58	30	61	5 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett 12
2006/07	1W	32	13	5	14	60	59	44	11 out of 18	Paul Burke	Matty Bennett/Steve Yeardley 11
2007/08	1W	34	11	3	20	43	66	33	15 out of 18	Paul Burke	Richie Saunders 12
2008/09	1W	32	17	9	6	61	31	60	4 out of 17	Dave Turner	Shaun Terry 26
2009/10	1W	30	20	7	3	74	34	67	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 22
2010/11	P	42	13	7	22	55	87	46	15 out of 22	Dave Turner	Sam Collier 26
2011/12	1W	32	15	7	10	69	47	52	5 out of 17	Dave Turner	Matt Bown 18
2012/13	1W	30	22	3	5	75	40	66	2 out of 16	Dave Turner	Mark Barnes
2013/14	P	30	8	11	11	47	50	35	13 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Levi Cox 10
<b>Total</b>		<b>880</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>1,203</b>			
			<b>38.5%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>						

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

Division 1

Premier Division



## Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2013-14

### Division One Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers
15-Sep-13	Cheltenham CS	H	FA Cup	W 1 - 0	Wood
22-Sep-13	Bristol Ladies Union	A	FA Cup	L 0 - 11	
29-Sep-13	Cheltenham Spa CS	H	League	W 1 - 0	Oakes
6-Oct-13	Quedgeley Wanderers	H	League	W 6 - 1	Ball 2, Bogg 2, Holland 2
13-Oct-13	Oldland Abbotonians	A	League	L 1 - 5	Bogg
27-Oct-13	Dursley Town	H	League	D 1 - 1	Ball
3-Nov-13	Longlevens Greyhounds	A	League	L 2 - 4	Bogg 2
8-Nov-13	Cheltenham CS	A	League	L 0 - 3	
24-Nov-13	Longwell Green	H	League	L 1 - 2	Edwards
1-Dec-13	AEK Boco Ladies	A	League	D 2 - 2	Bogg 2
8-Dec-13	Bristol & West	H	League	D 1 - 1	Wood
15-Dec-13	Cheltenham Spa CS	A	League	W 4 - 1	Ball,Bogg,Elson, Harper
23-Feb-14	Highworth Town	H	WCC QF	W 4 - 0	Bogg 2, Ball 2
9-Mar-14	Longwell Green	A	League	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	Awarded to W.Bassett	
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	16	16	0	0	70	4	48
2 Oldland Abbotonians	16	11	3	2	69	18	36
3 Longlevens Greyhounds	15	7	4	4	32	19	25
4 Longwell Green	15	6	3	6	27	32	24
5 Bristol & West	15	7	2	6	16	19	23
6 Cheltenham Spa CS Ladies	16	7	0	9	31	37	21
7 Dursley Town	15	5	3	7	34	39	15
<b>8 Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>
9 AEK Boco Ladies	15	2	4	9	33	35	10
10 Quedgeley Wanderers Ladies	16	0	0	16	2	90	-9



# 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

## WBTF FANTASY LEAGUE SEASON 2013-14 - CURRENT TABLE AS AT 30 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 37 entrants.

### 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 Cupid Punts	33	1,830
2 AFC Clown Meat	57	1,816
3 BounceBackAbility FC	59	1,809
4 The DT's	35	1,805
5 Hairy Strikers XI	60	1,792
6 Coventry United	53	1,790
7 Rhys' army	48	1,777
8 Viva Ken Barlow....	57	1,776
9 Woking Rangers	61	1,758
10 Translator required	56	1,741
11 Liam's Legends	59	1,734
12 Monster XI	46	1,731
13 Rock Bottom	54	1,668
14 Sexy Army FC	59	1,662
15 1. FC Eintüten	41	1,662
16 Scouting For Goals	66	1,655
17 The Gammon Hams	41	1,654
18 Baileys Boys	61	1,604
19 chivvy's army	58	1,599
20 Kids R Utd	35	1,598
21 GOFFY'S GREEN ARMY	51	1,581
22 Barn Door Banjo	50	1,575
23 woody woodpecker	56	1,562
24 Dench	40	1,549
25 CKFC	61	1,527
26 San Antonio Gooners	53	1,493
27 United We Stand	56	1,478
28 Dixonators Devils	22	1,468
29 Enter team name	40	1,467
30 Invictus	34	1,454
31 Moore of the goals!!	22	1,415
32 AFC McAvennie	12	1,365
33 BassettBlues	18	1,333
34 TekkerSlovakia	34	1,283
35 Ivory Toast	8	1,282
36 Kempdon town	43	1,147
37 Tyson' 11	37	1,142

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 City 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

# Picture Quiz Answers

1966 England	2010 South Africa	1950 Brazil	1982 Spain	1998 France
1974 West Germany	1934 Italy	1978 Argentina	1994 USA	1930 Uruguay
1954 Switzerland	1986 Mexico	1962 Chile	1970 Mexico	2006 Germany
2002 Korea/Japan	1990 Italy	2014 Brazil	1958 Sweden	1938 France



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# The Flying Press Floodlit Cup

# Picture Quiz



## HELLENIC LEAGUE FLOODLIT CUP SPONSORED BY THE FLYING PRESS LTD SEASON 2013-14

First Round		
Ascot United	2 - 0	Newbury
Chinnor	1 - 2	Wantage Town
Finchampstead	0 - 3	Kidlington
Flackwell Town (won 4-3 pens)	3 - 3	Shortwood United
Malmesbury Vic's	4 - 0	New College Swindon
Milton United	4 - 0	Rayners Lane
Shrivenham	3 - 2	Oxford City Nomads
Tuffley Rovers	3 - 1	Lydney Town
Wootton Bassett Town	1 - 3	Tytherington Rocks

Second Round		
Abingdon Town	3 - 2	Hook Norton
Abingdon United	0 - 2	Didcot Town
Ardley United	1 - 2	Flackwell Heath
Ascot United	0 - 1	Henley Town
Brimscombe & Thrupp	4 - 0	Carterton
Cheltenham Saracens	2 - 4	Shrivenham
Cirencester Town Dev	2 - 8	Highworth Town
Fairford Town	1 - 0	Binfield
Holyport	1 - 4	Highmoor Ibis
Maidenhead United	2 - 1	Reading Town
Malmesbury Vics	1 - 10	Wantage Town
Milton United	5 - 0	Burnham
North Leigh United	3 - 2	Bracknell Town
Thame United	3 - 1	Clanfield
Tuffley Rovers	3 - 2	Kidlington
Tytherington Rocks	2 - 4	AFC Hinksey

Third Round		
Abingdon Town	1 - 3	North Leigh United
Brimscombe & Thrupp	2 - 0	Milton United
Didcot Town	0 - 6	Flackwell Heath
Fairford Town	9 - 1	AFC Hinksey
Thame United	5 - 0	Highmoor Ibis
Wantage Town	2 - 1	Highworth Town
Shrivenham	2 - 1	Tuffley Rovers
Henley Town	1 - 6	Maidenhead Utd

Quarter Finals		
North Leigh United	v	Fairford Town
Flackwell Heath	1 - 0	Thame United
Maidenhead United	2 - 6	Wantage Town
Brimscombe & Thrupp	1 - 0	Shrivenham

Semi Finals		
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Final		
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This week the picture quiz is about World Cup footballs. Name the year and the host country for each picture. You need to say also what the link is for the pictures in Row 2, Column 3, and Row 3.

# Fixtures, Results and Tables

## Season 2013-14

### Uhsport Hellenic League

# Match Reports

## Late Flackwell goal Bassett all three points

Corinium Stadium 29th March 2014

Minutes away from securing victory against Flackwell Heath, a late Ryan Millward goal cancelled out Adam Corcoran's second half strike to deny Wootton Bassett Town all three points and ensure a second 1-1 draw of the season against their Buckinghamshire opponents.

Catching Kyle Rigley dithering with the ball on the edge of his own box in the final minute of normal time, Joe Blount stole possession and slammed a scorching effort towards the bottom corner, which Steve Allison did well to fist away.

However, the 'keeper's parry fell only as far as Millward – thrown up front late on to try and get his side back in the game – and he buried the ball to dash Bassett's hopes of victory.

It was a frustrating end to Rigley's eventful day, the versatile strong man having rattled the bar early on with a stunning free kick before playing a key role in the short corner routine that led to Corcoran bundling the hosts ahead with twenty minutes to go.



However, he and his teammates should not be too disheartened by the result against quality, in form opponents, who came into the game on the back of four straight league wins in which they had racked up twelve goals.

That goalscoring threat was rarely on show as Bassett's defence – strong as ever - stymied the visiting side's strong front line.

In a goalless first half, the best they could muster was a hooked 20-yard shot, struck on the turn, from the Hellenic League Premier Division's third top scorer Adam Dickens which sailed over.

Flackwell were fortunate too not to have been behind at the break. In the game's third minute Tyler Sheppard slipped through Callum Parsons after strong forward play from Ryan Stanners, but the left winger struck tamely at Shaun Coker.

Minutes later, Rigley had Coker beaten with a free kick, struck with power and precision, which seemed destined for the top corner, yet crashed against the bar. The rebound fell perfectly for Corcoran ten yards from goal with Coker stricken, but the defender could only fire wide.

Another Rigley set piece soon had the visitors troubled again. He whipped a free kick from the right wing across the face of goal that Coker came and missed. This time it was Steve Yeardley who the ball fell to with the goal at his mercy. Not expecting to be presented with such an opportunity though, he scuffed at the ball allowing Coker to recover.

After that fast opening failed to bear fruit, the rest of the half settled down into a scrappy affair. Neither team succeeded in stringing any meaningful moves together, while the over officious referee took to blowing his whistle far too frequently much to the frustration of all.

This habit of the official's did not cease after the restart. But fortunately an open game of football began to take shape.

Dickens' towering header forced a stretched save from Allison before a fine block from Corcoran kept Jeff Brown's rasping drive out after the 'keeper had failed to claim a cross from the deep. Allison then needed two attempts to ensure a stabbed Blount effort did not beat him.

With Stanners' ingenuity and half time substitute Kalum Youngsam's rapid pace causing Flackwell's defence to retreat, there were chances for Bassett too. And they eventually made Flackwell pay with twenty minutes remaining.

A short corner between Stanners and Rigley allowed the former to progress into the box and send a low ball into the crowded six yard box. Under pressure from Youngsam, Coker failed to collect the ball cleanly at the near post. This allowed the forward to square back into the danger area where Corcoran was lurking to bundle home.

Flackwell fought to get back on terms and would have done were it not for a heroic Allison save with quarter of an hour remaining. After batting away Dickens' searing 30 yard free kick, he threw his body in the way of the equally powerful follow up shot, taking a knock that in the process that required him to receive treatment.

With that courageous double save, it appeared as though the points would fall Bassett's way. But Blount's shot and Millward's gamble after Rigley was caught in possession meant the spoils would be shared.

**Man of the Match: Jonny Aitkenhead** (pictured below) – outstanding at left back, he dominated in the air and let nothing get past him. After spending the majority of the season sidelined by injury, he has made the most of his recent run of games.



**Rating: 7/10** – while disappointing to concede late, Bassett were well worth a point, more than matching in form Flackwell. That's eleven draws now in total, seven of which have come against teams currently in the top half.

Hellenic League Premier Season 13-14	Abingdon Town	Abingdon Utd	Ardley Utd	Ascot Utd	Binfield	Bracknell Town	Brimscombe & Thrupp	Cheltenham Sarcs	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	19-Apr	1-1	08-Apr	1-1	1-3	0-3	1-4	1-1	1-4	1-3	1-4	1-1	01-Apr	10-Apr	0-7	23-Apr	15-Apr	
Abingdon Utd	2-0		1-4	0-5	0-3	1-4	0-4	1-4	0-5	12-Apr	2-6	1-2	1-1	2-5	0-2	2-3	3-2	2-2	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	1-1
Ascot Utd	10-0	4-1	15-Apr		1-0	3-1	1-1	3-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	6-0	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	3-2	2-3	12-Apr	1-1	2-1	1-0
Bracknell Town	2-0	1-2	23-Apr	0-5	0-2		19-Apr	2-1	2-0	1-2	01-Apr	2-2	0-2	3-3	15-Apr	12-Apr	05-Apr	0-4	0-1	4-1
Brimscombe & 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
Cheltenham Sarcs	2-1	2-1	0-6	1-5	2-1	1-3	21-Apr		0-5	0-4	2-1	19-Apr	09-Apr	2-1	3-1	1-3	2-1	16-Apr	1-6	12-Apr
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	2-0	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	0-3	26-Apr	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	3-2	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	4-6	1-1	1-1	2-2
Oxford City Nomads	8-0	0-0	4-3	2-2	0-1	4-5	28-Apr	12-0	2-0	10-Apr	4-1	5-1	21-Apr	05-Apr		0-5	4-2	1-2	0-4	2-0
Reading Town	1-0	1-0	08-Apr	1-1	2-3	3-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	19-Apr	26-Apr	01-Apr	0-1	2-1	0-3		1-2	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 Utd	3-0	4-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	0-1	08-Apr	3-1	0-0	3-4	0-2	2-0	1-2	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	3-0	3-2	5-1	0-3	21-Apr	2-1	4-0		1-0
W.Bassett Town	3-1	2-3	1-2	02-Apr	1-0	09-Apr	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	6-2	26-Apr	23-Apr	0-1	4-4	3-0	2-2	0-4	

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 <b>Ascot United</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>69</b>
4 Highmoor Ibis	32	19	6	7	64	38	63
5 Highworth Town	32	18	6	8	70	47	60
6 Kidlington	31	17	4	10	59	47	55
7 Thame United	34	15	8	11	60	48	53
8 Flackwell Heath	32	15	7	10	72	42	52
9 Oxford City Nomads	31	16	3	12	79	53	51
10 Binfield	30	15	5	10	54	35	50
11 Reading Town	31	15	5	11	48	40	50
12 Brimscombe & Thrupp	29	11	3	15	54	57	36
13 <b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35</b>
14 Bracknell Town	30	10	4	16	45	57	34
15 Shrivenham	30	8	4	18	52	71	28
16 Cheltenham Saracens	29	9	1	19	37	84	28
17 Holyport	31	6	4	21	38	89	22
18 Abingdon United	34	6	4	24	37	93	22
19 Newbury	32	5	6	21	52	89	21
20 Abingdon Town	30	0	6	24	21	113	6



2013-2014 Season  
UHSport Hellenic League  
Division One (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Tytherington Rocks	26	19	6	1	72	20	63
2 Shortwood United	24	15	3	6	67	29	48
3 Fairford Town	25	13	6	6	61	34	45
4 Lydney Town	21	14	2	5	51	20	44
5 Clanford	26	14	2	10	51	36	44
6 Tuffley Rovers	23	12	4	7	40	34	40
7 Purton	24	12	2	10	52	39	38
8 North Leigh United	24	10	3	11	56	48	33
9 Easington Sports	21	10	5	6	39	33	32
10 Hook Norton	22	8	4	10	35	38	28
11 New College Swindon	24	7	6	11	32	50	27
12 Malmesbury Victoria	20	5	3	12	23	38	18
13 Carterton	21	3	3	15	22	64	12
14 Old Woodstock Town	25	2	5	18	20	71	11
15 Letcombe	22	2	2	18	17	84	8

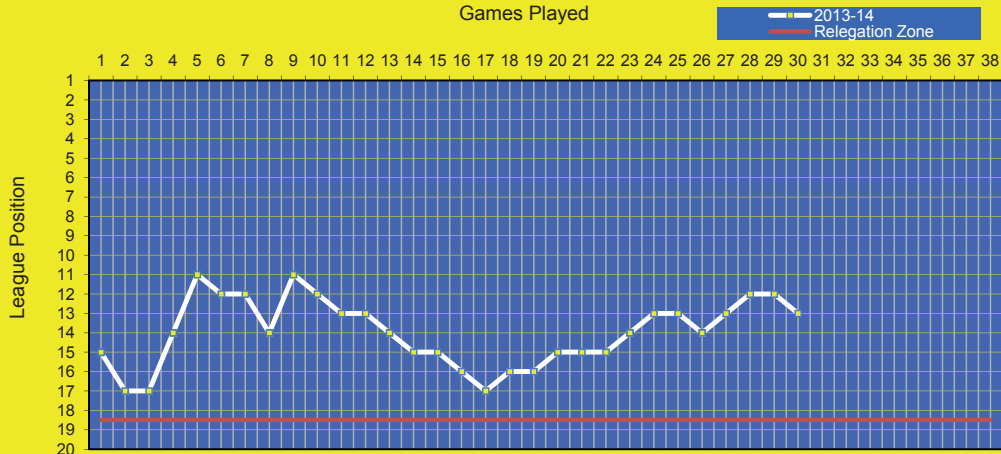
2013-2014 Season  
UHSport Hellenic League  
Division One (East)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Milton United	22	15	3	4	44	17	48
2 Headington Amateurs	23	13	5	5	48	34	44
3 AFC Hinksey	20	14	1	5	64	25	43
4 Wokingham & Emmbrook	21	12	4	5	52	44	40
5 Chinnor	21	9	4	8	50	34	31
6 Rayners Lane	23	9	4	10	42	46	31
7 Burnham	21	10	1	10	36	45	31
8 Penn & Tylers Green	17	9	3	5	49	31	30
9 Chalfont Wasps	19	9	2	8	35	34	29
10 Henley Town	22	9	2	11	47	49	29
11 Maidenhead United	19	6	2	11	38	49	20
12 Didcot Town	22	6	2	14	42	60	20
13 Finchampstead	21	5	0	16	41	50	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	37		37	1
2 Adam Corcoran	31	1	32	3
3 Jordan Roberts	30		30	8
4 Steve Yeardley	28	2	30	
5 Shaun Carter	27	2	29	3
6 Steve Allison	28		28	
7 Ryan Stanners	26	1	27	4
8 Lee Stevens	26		26	3
9 Kyle Rigley	15	9	24	1
10 Levi Cox	17	5	22	10
11 Tyler Sheppard	12	9	21	2
12 Craig Bowden	17		17	
13 Sam Packer	13	4	17	1
14 Dan Lardner	16		16	
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 Jonny Aitkenhead	5	1	6	
23 Lewis Chatwin	4	2	6	2
24 Dennis Sorrenti	3	2	5	
25 Fraser Joyce	3	2	5	
26 Kalum Youngsam		5	5	
27 Sam Brown	4		4	
28 Scott Walduck		4	4	
29 Luke Kuczynski	3		3	
30 Curtis Meare	2	1	3	
31 Harry Ellis	2		2	
32 Wesley Clark	2		2	
33 Callum Parsons	2		2	
34 Liam Edmondson	1	1	2	
35 Craig Kent		2	2	
36 Chris Baife		2	2	
37 Rory Worthington	1		1	1
38 Jonathan Davis	1		1	
39 Mani Randhawa	1		1	
40 Richie Miles		1	1	
41 Stephen Pleass		1	1	
Own Goals				

Last Season	
Total	Goals
-	-
34	1
-	-
37	8
31	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
33	1
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
32	16
-	-
7	1
-	-
-	-
-	-
39	6
-	-
-	-
2	-



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.....

### The Pools



The Football Pools first started over 90 years ago when early in 1923, the Liverpool-based Moores family launched this new and exciting game based on football results.

Doing the pools was something all the family could partake in and often families would use birthdays for their numbers, as they no doubt do these days with the lottery, or alternatively use "skill and judgement" to pick those games that would end in draws. For me "skill and judgement" was always the method used and given the lack of winnings over the years I was clearly neither skilful or a particularly good judge of football results! If the man of the house won it would be claimed by them that they did it by skill and judgement (i.e. using my method), if women picked out those vital draws that led to the jackpot the men would say it was down to pure luck.

The idea of the pools was simple. All you had to do was run your eye down the list of Saturday's football matches in the coupon's left hand column and mark with a Biro "X" in the grid of tiny squares those that would result in a draw. Correctly forecast seven or eight in a single line of guesses and you'd be set up for life.

Within months of the pools being introduced by the Moores family hundreds of thousands of fans and even those with little knowledge of

the game started filling in their weekly coupons, predicting Saturday afternoon's results in the hope of winning cash prizes. The first jackpot was £2.60 and the stakes were small.

Doing the 'pools' spread throughout the depression-addled 1930s and there were those who said the pools were evil. Several attempts to outlaw pools betting failed in Parliament and campaigners' letters were largely ignored by the Home Office, partly because it was lucrative for the government.

The Football League - many of its senior figures rooted in Methodism - was also unhappy that it was not benefiting from the money generated and, in 1936, launched the "Pools War". It began trying to keep the identity of away teams off fixture lists, denying the pools companies the ability to produce coupons in time. The guys running the league thought betting would corrupt football and they feared crowds would be skewed by betting and that players would try to fix matches.



In 1961, Viv Nicholson, a factory worker from Castleford, won £152,000 (equivalent to almost £5m today) and promised to "spend, spend, spend". And she did. Most of the money went on luxuries, to the disgust of moralists, but Nicholson stated that she had "no regrets" and that she had enjoyed herself more than had been imaginable.

Huge jackpots continued to make the headlines throughout the 1960s, 1970s and 1980 and by the mid 1970's the record pools win had topped £0.5million.

With the advent of the National Lottery it is hard today to imagine how central the pools were to our hopes and dreams of winning a large amount of money in those innocent days of the 1970's and 1980's.

The highest ever pools win was £2,924,622 which ironically was

won in the very same week in 1994 that the National Lottery came into being.

Listening for the results on the radio or watching them be read out on TV became a Saturday afternoon ritual. More than £3.2bn in winnings has been paid to 61 million people over the years and more than half a million people still play the pools each week, although these days it is mainly in betting shops.



Back in the 1970's and 1980's everyone was in hot pursuit of that "divvie". Tabloid newspapers were full of adverts for proven winning systems invented by mathematical geniuses (see above) who then bizarrely chose to sell them for 20p instead of simply winning the jackpot themselves each week.

On Tuesday the family would study our coupon with one eye on the tipster's choices printed in that morning's paper. All we needed was 8 draws. If it proved to be a jackpot week, that is, with no more than 7 or 8 score draws (which scored 3 points) and maybe a sprinkling of no-score draws (2 points). Providing we invested in a relatively expensive "full perm" we stood a good chance of a big payout if our 8 draws came up and no other person had the same games. As if predicting the future was not enough we then had to use the family's knowledge of applied factorial equations, writing something incomprehensible (certainly to most young boys of the day like myself) "Perm any 8 from 11, 30 goes per penny x 930 lines = £0.80 new pence". Still don't know what that means.

Come Saturday teatime we would wait for the dulcet tones of James Alexander Gordon to finish the results on Sports Report and then end with "and the pools forecast is very good, telephone claims are required for 23½ points". Unfortunately for the Smedley family we never got above 20 points and that new chopper bike to replace the one stolen in Cyprus never materialised.

# The Non-league Paper Article



## The Non-League Paper

Published on a Sunday the Non-League paper goes from strength to strength. At £1.50 it is great value for money and essential if you want to stay up to date with non-league football. The paper are again providing us and other non-league Club's with an exclusive article each week written by their journalists to include in our programmes. This week an article from Stuart Hammonds on

## Team Bonding

25<sup>th</sup> March 2014

TEAM BONDING. The infamous football phrase throws up images of dentist's chairs, young men naked bar a Budweiser label and copious amounts of alcohol – plus damage to property and reputation.

When I started my semi-pro career at Arnold Town, the social side involved crates of cheap French lager on the coach home from various northern outposts, a sing-song and then off into Nottingham for a team night out.

When I moved south, that trend continued at Sutton United, although we'd also sink a few beers in the Gander Green Lane bar after training on a Thursday – pay-day – not to mention pool balls as most of the team joined in games of 'Killer'.

At Bracknell, we'd have karaoke sessions inspired by my centre-half partner Neil Baker, the current Slough Town joint-manager, auditioning for reality TV show going, followed by Pantiles nightclub (now a care home, appropriately, as that's what we needed by midnight) or a curry.

We also had memorable end-of-season trips to Frankfurt and Magalluf...well, actually they weren't really as I recall very little from them!

By the time I got to Hitchin, I'd got a baby so things calmed down. It was generally a couple of Guinesses with assistant-manager Ken Gillard and current boss Mark Burke in the Canary Bar after training, though annual trips to the Cheltenham Festival were always arranged.

At Ware, I was older than the rest of the boys by about ten years so my entertainment was looking and

listening on as they filled me in on what they'd been up to on nights out and weekends away that I couldn't get a pass for!

I just about managed the pre-match full English breakfast assistant-manager Barry Mason would cook up for us in the Wodson Park kitchen – designed to get spirits levels almost as high as our cholesterol!

Which brings me nicely to last Monday night and Burkey, who arranged a bonding session with a difference for his Southern Premier Hitchin boys.

After trying (and failing) to prise some sponsorship money out of former Top Field player Carl Stock, now regional director for Pizza Express, the Town gaffer came up with the idea of a pizza-making night at the local restaurant.

The boys didn't just get beers and food placed in front of them before being left to come up with their own entertainment. They had to make it – with myself, Stevenage Comet sports reporter Damion Roberts and Spanish football TV presenter Guillem Balague judging their efforts.

With two willing waitresses demonstrating how to knead the dough and stretch it into shape – playing along with the banter you'd expect from instructions such as "Let's see who is the biggest tosser!" – the boys had a ball. Well, some were more intent on making doughballs than pizzas!

Apart from a bit of flour smeared on cheeks as warpaint, there was no alcohol-fuelled food fight to force other diners to complain – just good fun with all the players having to think about design and a name for their creation.

Striker Simon Martin named his 'Pepperoni Prolific', having displayed some OCD tendencies by laying his ingredients out in straight lines like well-manicured pitch!

Inspired by Balague having presented the El Clasico coverage the previous night, I named mine 'El Crappio'. It certainly didn't fit the night, with some of the boys' pizzas well worthy of being placed on the restaurant chain's popular 'Classic' menu.

Forget dingy pubs, racecourses or paint-balling wars. If your team need a boys' bonding session, order them a slice of the action like Hitchin!

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# F.A. Competitions

## F.A. Vase



### 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

## F.A. Cup



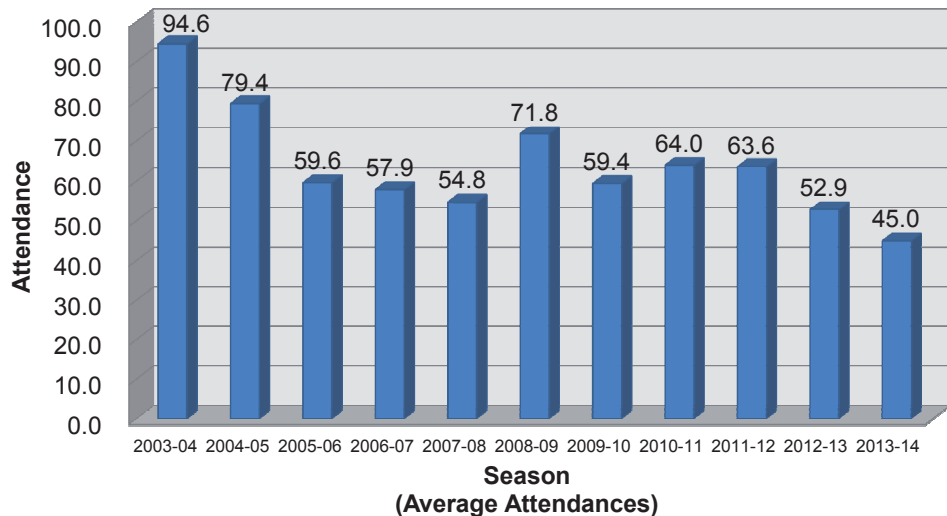
### THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY FOR WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C.

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

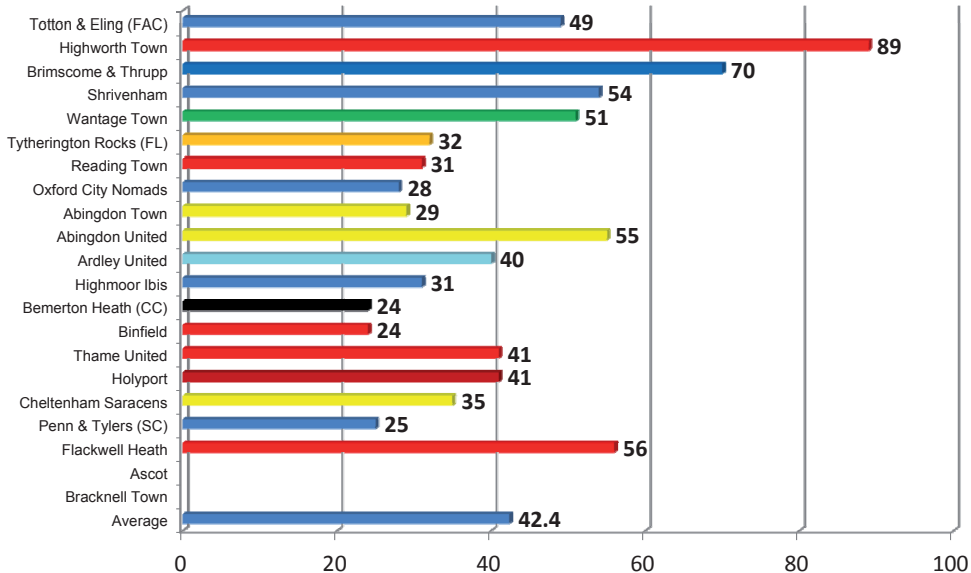
# WBTFC Attendances

# Previous Meetings

WBTFC Average Home League Attendances



WBTFC Attendances - Season 2013-14



## Hat-Trick Hero Green Carries Bassett Past the Winning Post

Rylands Way, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

This time last week, Wootton Bassett Town were fighting for their Hellenic Premier Division lives. Now though they are sitting comfortably in 14<sup>th</sup> place as an Alex Green hat-trick paved the way for a come from behind 3-2 victory against Ascot United, meaning Dave Turners side have taken seven points from nine.

Green struck the winner with virtually the last kick of the game, lobbing an advancing Chris Grace from fifteen yards with a weighted effort after a perfectly placed through ball from youngster Adam Topping, who once again impressed off the bench. Although somewhat inconsistent during the year, the former Shrivenham front man gave a clinic in assured finishing, with all three of his goals being expertly taken. He would no doubt have applauded Ian Brooks opener for the visitors ten minutes in though. A looping cross from the left was not dealt with properly as Ethan Delaney, having missed a one-on-one opportunity at the other end moments earlier, failed to clear his lines. Brooks, ready to pounce on the edge of the area, then struck a searing volley, demonstrating perfect technique, into the top left corner past a despairing Stewart Thompson. The scores were then levelled midway through the period. Emphasising how far they have come this season, Bassett patiently built an attack, and after a neat set from Sam Collier, Richie Carter provided an inch perfect pass into the feet of Green from near halfway. Controlled brilliantly, the forward turned his marker on the edge of the box and with his next touch tucked the ball past Grace into the bottom right corner. Parity would last all of two minutes though. Brooks was again involved, this time acting as provider. His whipped in corner, placed dangerously underneath the crossbar, was fumbled by Thompson and Jessie Wilson was quickest to react, sweeping home the loose ball from close range. With quarter of an hour to go before the break, a jinking run from Delaney opened up the Ascot defence, and after his low cross was sliced, Green should really have equalised again. But he would make his only mistake of the match, somehow snatching at the ball and hacking it wide from eight yards. Moments before the half time whistle, Ascot were unfortunate not to have a third when their leading scorer Jon Bennett muscled his way past three defenders before shooting low from ten yards, but Thompson was able to redeem himself for his earlier error and made an assured save on the dive.

It would be all Bassett following the restart, the visitors no doubt with one eye on their Floodlit Cup semi final encounter with Abingdon on Thursday. However their second half defensive performance left a lot to be desired as Bassett controlled play and opened their visitors up with ease. The shrewd introduction of forward Topping for veteran defender Mark McMeeking tilted the games balance firmly in favour of the hosts. But it took them time to get back on level terms once again as both Matt Bown and Delaney came agonisingly close. Then, with eighteen minutes left, expert hold up play for Collier and a weighted ball into the right channel set Green, having beaten the offside trap, loose. And after bearing down on goal, he coolly slotted beneath Grace at his near post. Pressure continued to be applied, but Ascot appeared as though they were set to see it off and make the long journey home with a point in the bag. Indeed, Bassetts luck seemed to have deserted them when a dangerous low Delaney cross, needing just a touch to guide it home, sailed across the face of goal and out of play. But from nothing, Turners troops found a winner with seconds remaining. Jon Beedens clearance out of defence was controlled fantastically by Topping, and after holding off his marker he clipped the ball in for Green, having again breached a shaky offside trap, to provide the finishing touch. It was no less than Bassett deserved, and will give them extra confidence ahead of Saturdays visit of title chasers Wantage Town. Victory would severely dent the Alfredians title chances and mean Bassett would join the company of Slimbridge and Highworth Town as the only teams to do the league double over them this season.

**Scoops Man of the Match: Alex Green**, in an impressive team display, Jon Beeden, Matt Bown and Matt Boucher all stood out, but Green topped the lot, producing three quality finishes to seal three well earned points.

**Scoop Rating: 8/10**, chances for the visitors were few and far between, especially in the second period, which Bassett controlled. Although the two goals conceded came in disappointing fashion, those isolated incidents aside, this was a great performance. The team again showed their character to twice come from behind before going on to win and deservedly shot up the table as a result.

# Lee Stevens at Reading Town



# ZERO TOLERANCE



## INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE!!!

The Use of inappropriate language can get you booked, sent off and your club fined, as well as spoiling the enjoyment of others watching the match, particularly families.

## This League operates Zero Tolerance towards the use of 'Inappropriate Language'

So for everyone's enjoyment, please DO NOT use INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE on the pitch OR on the sidelines, including, the Technical Area or you could be seeing RED

### FACT

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# Respect



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## Adam Corcoran Defender

Corcoran is another talented young defender, with the ability of playing either at centre half or full back. Signed in the summer of 2011, Corcoran was entrusted with the faith of his manager from the off and appeared in 28 games during his first season with Bassett. Composed on the ball and dominant in the air, Corcoran is a Cirencester Town Academy graduate and featured in the team that made it to the third round of the 2008/09 FA Youth Cup where they were narrowly defeated by Sunderland. That season he would also make four appearances for the Cirencester Town first team in Southern League Division One South & West. He would play one game for the Centurions a season later before beginning the 2010/11 campaign with Hellenic Premier Division Fairford Town. He made nine appearances, scoring one goal in a 2-2 draw with Shrivenham for the Cinder Lane outfit before transferring to Western League side Calne Town. And Corcoran established himself as a first team regular for Jeff Roberts' team, appearing 16 times, 15 of which were starts.

He spent the entire 2011/12 campaign with Bassett, making his debut on the opening day at centre back away against Malmesbury Victoria. Despite his defensive qualities, he can also be a threat going forward and can strike a ball finely as evidenced by his lone goal in his first season with Bassett – a stunning left footed curler against Pewsey Vale in the Wiltshire Senior Cup. Last season he spent the majority of time at full back, playing 34 times and scoring once in a 5-0 thrashing of North Leigh Reserves.

Adam has made 34 appearances this season and scored 3 times, including the goal against Flackwell Heath on Saturday. With 94 appearances in total he is scheduled to make a century of appearances before the end of the season barring injury or suspension.

2011/12: 28 appearances, 1 goal  
2012/13: 34 appearances, 1 goal  
2013/14: 32 appearances, 3 goals

**Total: 94 appearances, 5 goals**



## Bassett's battle for 12<sup>th</sup>

Tonight's visitors may still be in with an outside shot at winning the title, but Wootton Bassett Town are involved in an equally exciting, if less important, battle for position in the Uhsport Hellenic League Premier Division. Twelfth place may not hold a significant amount of prestige, but were Bassett to finish there, they would better their best ever finish in this division, achieved in 2000-01 when Barry Giles guided the team to 13<sup>th</sup>.

That is where Bassett currently sit; despite Saturday's draw with Flackwell Heath, a Brimscombe and Thrupp victory saw them move one point ahead.

While a couple of weeks ago it appeared as though just Brimscombe and Bracknell would provide the competition for 12<sup>th</sup> spot, Shrivenham's recent uptick in form means they cannot be ruled out. Meanwhile Cheltenham Saracens – level on 28 points with Sam Collier's side - are proving stubborn opponents at home, where five of their remaining nine games take place.

Before predicting who will ultimately finish in twelfth, here is a look at each team's remaining fixtures:

<b>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp (36 pts)</b>	<b>WBTFC (35 pts)</b>	<b>Bracknell Town (34 pts)</b>	<b>Shrivenham (28 pts)</b>	<b>Cheltenham Saracens (28 pts)</b>
<i>Cheltenham Saras (H)</i>	Ascot United (H)	Highworth Town (H)	Abingdon United (H)	<i>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp (A)</i>
Thame United (A)	Thame United (A)	<i>Shrivenham (H)</i>	<i>Bracknell Town (A)</i>	Kidlington (A)
Flackwell Heath (H)	<i>Cheltenham Saras (A)</i>	<i>WBTFC (A)</i>	Abingdon Town (A)	<i>WBTFC (H)</i>
<i>Shrivenham (H)</i>	<i>Bracknell Town (H)</i>	Reading Town (H)	Binfield (A)	Kidlington (H)
<i>WBTFC (H)</i>	Abingdon Town (A)	<i>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp (H)</i>	<i>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp (A)</i>	Thame United (H)
<i>Bracknell Town (A)</i>	<i>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp (A)</i>	Binfield (A)	Highworth Town (A)	Holyport (A)
<i>Cheltenham Saras (A)</i>	Newbury (H)	Ardley United (H)	<i>Cheltenham Saras (H)</i>	<i>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp (H)</i>
Reading Town (H)	Kidlington (H)	Oxford City Nomads (H)	Binfield (H)	<i>Shrivenham (A)</i>
Oxford City Nomads (A)				Holyport (H)

Games among the five teams in this battle for position are listed in italics and, as is clearly shown, it will very much be a fight among each other. Of Brimscombe's nine games to play, five are against their rivals for 12<sup>th</sup>, including a pair of contests with Cheltenham. Meanwhile, four of Saracens' nine matches pit them against these sides. Bassett, Shrivenham and Bracknell all have three to play against their rivals.

Much then will come down to how those games pan out with there being plenty of scope for positions in the table to chop and change.

Aside from these contests, Bracknell (who have six out of eight remaining at home) and Brimscombe both have four games against top half sides. Bassett – taking into account tonight's game – have three, while the team also face must win games against bottom dwellers Abingdon Town and Newbury. Shrivenham's run in looks to be relatively favourable, with Abingdon United and Town to come, as well as Bracknell, in their next three games – much will hinge on what they can gain from those fixtures. Two games against Holyport may give Cheltenham hope, but with their next two games being away they could soon be out of the running.

Now, prediction time. Bassett and Brimscombe lead the battle for 12<sup>th</sup> – who takes it will likely hinge on our trip to Gloucestershire on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Shrivenham should just manage to overhaul Bracknell for 14<sup>th</sup>, while Cheltenham will get left behind in 15<sup>th</sup>.

One thing is certain: there's a great chance for Jeff and the team to take Bassett higher than they have finished before! Here's hoping they do.







### Respect League Tables

to 28<sup>th</sup> February

Unfortunately due to the level of rainfall the number of matches played in FEBRUARY was very low. The KELLOW band across the tables indicates those clubs that currently have an average per match below the overall divisional average.

Matches to 28-Feb

Premier Div	Lge	C2	C4	C5	SO2	SO3	SO6	TA & M Melee	Total	Ave per
	Matches	2pts	1 pt	1 pt	4pts	10pts	6pts	10pts		Match
Highmoor-Ibis	28	32	4	0	1	0	2	1	94	3.36
Wootton Bassett Town	26	24	4	1	0	0	0	2	73	2.81
Highworth Town	26	11	3	0	3	0	1	2	63	2.42
Wantage Town	24	16	4	1	2	0	0	1	55	2.29
Newbury	29	10	2	1	3	0	1	1	51	1.76
Bracknell Town	28	5	1	1	1	0	0	3	46	1.64
Holyport	24	17	1	0	1	0	0		39	1.63
Cheltenham Sar's	22	7	1	1	2	0	0	1	34	1.55
Abingdon Town	25	11	3	0	0	0	0	1	35	1.40
Kidlington	23	6	6	0	3	0	0		30	1.30
Binfield	23	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	29	1.26
Reading Town	27	14	3	0	0	0	0		31	1.15
Abingdon United	30	11	4	0	1	0	0		30	1.00
Ascot United	27	9	3	0	0	0	1		27	1.00
Oxford City Nom's	28	3	2	0	1	0	1	1	28	1.00
Thame United	30	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	28	0.93
Brimscombe & Thrupp	24	8	1	1	1	0	0		22	0.92
Shrivenham	25	7	2	0	1	0	0		20	0.80
Ardley United	27	5	2	0	1	0	0		16	0.59
Flackwell Heath	28	4	2	0	0	0	1		16	0.57
	524	209	53	6	23	0	8	15	767	1.46



### MATCH REPORTS

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Neither leaders, Ardley United or second placed Wantage Town were in League action so the spotlight was on the chasing pack led by Ascot United who ran amok and beat bottom club Abingdon Town 10-0. Jermaine Roche scored six, Daryl McLean scored twice and further goals came from Rob Saunders and David Hancock. Highworth Town in fifth place recorded their third win of the week with a 2-0 win over Cheltenham Saracens thanks to goals from Aaron Maximen and TJ Bohane. Binfield beat Newbury 3-2 with goals from James Suarez and Callum Whitty and an own goal. Sam Hamilton and Carl Jenner scored for Newbury. Brimscombe & Thrupp enjoyed a 3-0 away win at Holyport with goals scored by Ben Pricor, Ben Deakin and Gary Probert. Shrivenham recorded their second away win of the week with a 2-1 defeat of Reading Town with goals from Josh Fowler and David Coleman. Lamin Sankoh scored for Reading Town. Kidlington picked themselves up following a midweek defeat to win 2-1 at Thame United in front of the day's best attendance of 113. Tom Castle and Lewis Coyle scored for Kidlington with Marcus Mealing scoring for Thame from the penalty spot. Wootton Bassett and Flackwell Heath drew 1-1. Adam Corcoran scored for Wootton Bassett and Ryan Millward equalised for Flackwell Heath in the last minute.

#### DIVISION ONE WEST

Tytherington Rocks continue to march on towards the Division One West Title and following the weekend's results now only need three points from their last two fixtures to lift the trophy. Tytherington won 4-1 away at Carterton with two goals from Justin Bishop and a goal each from Joe White and Nick Peare. Reece Bayliss scored for Carterton. Shortwood United in second place hosted Fairford Town in third place and shared the spoils in a high scoring 4-4 draw. Sean Lawson with two, Kevin Slack and Dan Wixey scored for Shortwood and Sean McKeon with two, Adam Smith and James Eddy with a last minute equaliser scored for Fairford. Easington Sports and Malmesbury Victoria drew 3-3. John McMahon scored two with Ben Milner also on target for Easington. James Townsend and the gift of two own goals secured Malmesbury's fourth point of the week. Purton and Lydney Town drew 1-1. Jarred Liddington opened the scoring with a goal for Lydney. Purton equalised through Joe Dorey. North Leigh United beat New College, Swindon 5-1 with George Seacole scoring twice together with goals from Alfie Saunders, Jacob Hughes and Rory Linford-Pill. John Rees scored for New College. Last but by no means least, Letcombe recorded only their second win of the season with a 4-1 win over second from bottom, Old Woodstock Town. James Glover with two, Toby Arup and Alex Thomas scored for Letcombe. Richard Brooks scored for Old Woodstock from the penalty spot.

#### DIVISION ONE EAST

Leaders Milton United went down 1-0 at Chalfont Wasps but remain in pole position. Chalfont's winning goal was scored by David Zealey. Headington Amateurs moved back into second place with a 1-0 away win over AFC Hinksey, who drop to third place. Paul Hedger scored the winning goal from the penalty spot. Burnham put four past Henley Town without reply scoring through Joe Lloyd, Adam Goldie, Aaron O'Brien and Billy Davis. Chinnor won 3-0 at Finchampstead with two goals from new signing Sam Rarity and a goal from Craig Faulconbridge. Penn & Tylers Green beat Maidenhead United 2-0 with goals from Josh Fox and Chris Hurst.

#### Hellenic Cups

Wantage Town booked a place in the semi-finals of the Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup following a 5-3 win at Abingdon United. Robbie Sadler scored twice for Wantage together with goals from Tom Melledeew, Sean Webb and a goal from 16 year old Sam Barder. United went in at half time with a 2-1 lead, both goals from Callum Wilkinson, who completed his hat trick with a goal on 90 minutes.

#### County Cups

Chalfont Wasps Reserves won through to the semi-finals of the Reading Senior Cup with a 3-2 win over Wizards. The other scheduled game in the Reading Senior Cup Highmoor-Ibis Reserves v Finchampstead Reserves was postponed.

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

# 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	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Terry	Ockwell	Roberts	Packer	A.Rigley	Bailey	Chatwin	
07-Sep	Highmoor Ibis	A	D 2 - 2	30	Allison	Bowden	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Corcoran	K.Rigley	Stanners	Cox (1)	Ockwell	Roberts	Packer	A.Rigley	Chatwin		
17-Sep	Kidlington	A	W 3 - 2	32	Clark	Davis	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Corcoran	Carter	Packer	A.Stevens	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	A.Rigley	Bailey	Walduck	
25-Sep	Reading Town	H	D 4 - 4	31	Allison	Wright	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Corcoran	Carter	Wright	Terry	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Packer	Stanners	K.Rigley	Cox
9-Oct	Abingdon Town	H	W 3 - 1	29	Allison	Bowden	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley
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	Yeardeley	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)	Yeardeley	Milhench
30-Nov	Old Woodstock Town (SC2)	A	W 3 - 0	48	Allison	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Collier (1)	Corcoran	Carter	Cox (1)	K.Rigley	Ockwell	Roberts	Milhench	Lardner	Walduck	Sorrenti	
11-Dec	Binfield	H	W 1 - 0	24	Allison	Yeardeley	Collier (1)	Corcoran	Milhench	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley		
14-Dec	Highworth Town	A	D 1 - 1	90	Allison	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Collier (1)	Corcoran	Milhench	Stanners	Sheppard	Ockwell	Roberts (1)	L.Stevens	Lardner			
26-Dec	Newbury	A	D 2 - 2	60	Allison	Yeardeley	Joyce	Sorrenti	Sheppard	Stanners (2)	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley	A.Stevens	
28-Dec	Holyport	H	W 6 - 2	41	Allison	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Sorrenti	Randhawa	Sheppard (1)	Stanners	Cox (1)	Ockwell	Roberts	Joyce	Lardner	K.Rigley		
22-Feb	Oxford City Nomads	A	L 0 - 2	35	Allison	Yeardeley	Parsons	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Joyce	L.Stevens	Lardner	K.Rigley	Miles	
5-Mar	Cheltenham Saracens	H	W 1 - 0	35	Allison	Yeardeley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens (1)	Lardner	Sheppard	Terry	
08-Mar	Holyport	A	D 0 - 0	46	Allison	Yeardeley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox	Ockwell	Roberts	Terry	Lardner	Sheppard	Joyce	
11-Mar	Wantage Town	A	L 0 - 1	46	Allison	Yeardeley	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	Yeardeley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran	Carter	Stanners	Cox (2)	Ockwell	Roberts	L.Stevens (1)	Sheppard	K.Rigley	Joyce	
29-Mar	Flackwell Heath	H	D 1 - 1	56	Allison	Yeardeley	Aitkenhead	Corcoran (1)	Carter	Stanners	Parsons	Ockwell	Rigley	Sheppard	Lardner	Meare	Youngsam	
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

