

# Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C.

# Highworth Town F.C.

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Home Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Curtis	Meare		
2	Dan	Comer		
3	Dale	Richards		
4	Adam	Corcoran		
5	Nathan	Hawkins		
6	Stephen	Olphert		
7	Dan	Bailey		
8	Kalum	Youngsam		
9	Steve	Robertson		
10	Sam	Packer		
11	Richie	Carter		
12	Harvey	Scholes		
14	Ryan	Thomas		
15	Tyler	Sheppard		
16	George	Drewitt		
17	Nathan	Gambling		
18	Dane	Moulden		
19	Matt	Cheetham		
20	Jack	Ellis		
21	Luke	Kuczynski		
22	James	Skinner		
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Visitors Team Squad			Played No.	Sub
1	Kurtis	Sharkey		
2	Lee	Beale		
3	Jonny	Aitkenhead		
4	Richie	Saunders		
5	Liam	Edmondson		
6	Sam	Wadieh		
7	Dan	Drewett		
8	Toby	Clark		
9	TJ	Bohane		
10	Callum	Parsons		
11	Brad	Clark		
12	Nathan	Blackford		
14	Tom	Price		
15	Aaron	Maximen		
16	Tony	Joyce		
17	Chris	Jackson		
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**Dugout Team**  
 Manager: Paul Braithwaite  
 Assistant: Chris Green

**Dugout Team**  
 Manager: John Fisher  
 Assistant: Kevin Moloney  
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**Match Officials**  
 Referee:  Roger Smith  
 Assist. Ref (Red Flag): David Small  
 Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):  Derek Pinchen

**Next Home Games**  
 Sat 05-Sep-15 v Binfield (FA Vase 1st Qualifying Round, kick-off 3.00pm)  
 Wed 09-Sep-15 v Fairford Town (Floodlit Cup 1st Round, kick-off 7.45pm)



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We are very proud to have been asked to support the Royal Wootton Bassett Football Club and are looking forward to a successful season ahead.

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# Editorial & RWBTFC News

## Welcome to Highworth Town

A warm welcome to our near neighbours Highworth Town for this afternoon's UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture. We hope all from Highworth enjoy their visit to our new ground and wish them a safe short journey home.

Last season will be remembered by Highworth for their terrific run in the FA Vase where they fought all the way through to the semi-final stage. Having tasted success in that competition last season I am sure all at Highworth will be looking to go one game further this season and make the final at Wembley.

In the two games between the sides last season it was honours even. In a game again played on August Bank Holiday Monday, Highworth left Cirencester with all 3 points following a solitary goal scored by Callum Parsons. The return at Highworth was just 4 days before the first leg of their FA Vase semi-final with North Shields and their mind would have been on other things as we triumphed 5-1 at the Elms. I am sure Highworth will be looking to avenge that heavy defeat as no-one likes to lose by that score line in a local derby encounter. In that last meeting Nathan Gambling helped himself to a hat-trick and there were further goals from Dan Bailey and Steve Robertson. All in all the two sides have met on 35 occasions when both sides have been in the Hellenic League with Highworth just edging it by 17 wins to 16 for Bassett, just 2 games ending in draws. So history indicates that there should be a winner here today.

Due to print deadlines these notes are being written ahead of the games at Lydney (on Wednesday) and Ascot (on Saturday). Apologies that the statistics and league tables will not be fully up to date, although the stats should include the midweek games including the Lydney trip, even if my notes do not.

At the time of writing Highworth had made a cracking start to the season with 5 wins from 5 games, including tough matches away to Bracknell, Ascot and Knaphill and home games against newly prompted Tuffley Rovers who have also made a useful start to the season nd Brimscombe & Thrupp. TJ Bohane has carried on from where he left off last season and currently leads the goal scoring chart with 7 goals to his name from those 5 games. Last season, and for the second season running, he scored 40 or more goals for Highworth.

## Reserves

The Reserves narrowly lost their second game of the season away at Wroughton (2-3) and then lost by a solitary goal against Melksham Town. On Tuesday night they played their first league game here at the New Gerard Buxton Ground when Chippenham Park were the visitors and secured their first win with a 3-1 success. Two goals for Brendan Shaw and one for Rich Clark did the damage. This result lifted the Reserve side up into 7<sup>th</sup> place in the league table.

## Under 18 Floodlit Team Fixtures

The opening set of fixtures for the Under 18 Floodlit side have now being scheduled. Paul Gerrish's side kick-off with a home game against Calne Town on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This is followed by a trip to Shrivenham a week later and then a home game against AFC Corsham on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September. Come along and support Paul and the lads as they look to re-establish what has been a successful side for us in previous seasons.

## Youth Section Press Officer

Royal Wootton Bassett Town is seeking a 'Youth Section Press Officer' who would be responsible for putting together a weekly round-up of youth section games, which would be published on the website homepage and in this matchday programme. Given the results of the Parents' Survey that was carried out towards the end of last season, it was obvious that coverage of the youth section on our website was something that parents wished to see improved. So that we can do this, the club is seeking a volunteer – be they a parent, supporter or even player - to write a weekly round-up of games played by our youth teams. For any of our

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young players perhaps interested in a career in journalism, it would be a great way for them to gain experience. Anybody interested should contact club Press Officer Stuart Smedley via email. All that's required are decent English skills, a spare hour or two on a Sunday or Monday evening and access to the North Wilts League Full Time website.

## Pitch Advertising

Pitch side advertising at the New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground is now available for an initial fee of £200. Renewal fees will be as little as £150 per season. This is a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business at our new ground and also support your local community football club.

For further information about this and other sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Chairman Andy Walduck (07980 730905) or another member of the club's Executive Committee.

## Free Saturday Morning Skills Sessions

The free Saturday Morning Skills Sessions, part of Royal Wootton Bassett Town's community football offering, are set to start again on 12th September. All boys and girls aged 4-11 are welcome to attend. These sessions will be overseen by Club Development Officer Jeff Tidy, a UEFA B licensed coach, and Amy Rowlands as well as young coaches within the club. In addition to the usual sessions, which have run successfully since starting in September 2012, Royal Wootton Bassett Town will also be running free Girls-only mini soccer sessions at the same time. Girls aged 4-11 are welcome to attend. These will be overseen by Helen Tidy.

In partnership with the Wiltshire County Football Association, the club is developing provision for young players with a disability too. These will be run by Mark Ellis, with the view to eventually entering an Under 16s disability team in the Wiltshire Ability Counts League. All sessions will take place on the 3G pitch at the New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground between 10 and 11am. For more information, please contact any of the coaches named above. For additional information about disability football in Wiltshire, please contact Adam Greaney or Tim Hall.

## Programme

Looking at what is included in the programme today the new feature entitled "Reminiscing – The Good Old Days" this week has an interview with a player who has played for both of the teams taking part in today's fixture. Richard made his name at Highworth but also spent 4 seasons with Bassett and his nephew is current First Team player young Dan Comer. The player profile feature has a focus on George Drewitt who started at the club as a young 7 year old (sorry about the picture George). The former player featured in the legends page is Paul Davis. There is again a new style quiz to entertain Woody and Becky. The Defunct former opponents feature this week looks at Swindon Victoria.

Today is the start of 5 consecutive home games here at the New Gerard Buxton Ground. On Saturday Binfield are the visitors in the FA Vase. This is followed on the Wednesday by a Floodlit Cup tie against Fairford Town, a game I know Paul, Chris and a few of the ex-Fairford players will be looking forward to. The following week we have 2 tough league fixtures when Tuffley Rovers and Highmoor Ibis visited the New Gerard Buxton Ground.

Enjoy the game.

Mark



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# 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**
- 2004/05 **Wiltshire Youth Cup Runners-up**
- 2009/10 **Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up**
- 2010/11 **Wiltshire County FA Floodlit League Champions**
- Wiltshire Youth Cup Runners-up**
- 2012/13 **Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up**
- Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up**



# From The Dugout

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to John Fisher and his Highworth side to our new home here at the New Gerard Buxton Ground. We hope you have an enjoyable stay with us and a safe journey home. I am expecting today will see us achieve what will be our biggest crowd of the season, even larger than the crowd of 121 we attracted for the Bracknell FA Cup tie a fortnight ago.

Due to Bank Holiday print deadlines these notes are being drafted ahead of Wednesday's visit to Lydney and the game at Ascot on Saturday. Hopefully by the time you read these notes we would have 6 more points to our name. After Saturday's heavy defeat we certainly need to get back to winning ways as soon as possible and this local derby against Highworth gives us the chance to put 3 more valuable points on the board. Whilst Highworth have started the season well anything can happen in a local derby game. Remember the last time that the two sides met we defeated them 5-1 although I will admit our visitors had other things on their mind back in March when we last met.

After Saturday's disappointing defeat I have decided that Flackwell are something of a bogey side for us and I'm not looking forward to playing them again. Last season, we were on a nine-match unbeaten run before they came to us and beat us and then this year, we were unbeaten in the league right up until Saturday when they beat us again. They're a good side and they won the league last year but people forget that in 15 league games, we've only lost twice and that's been to Flackwell Heath.

We went in 2-1 down at half-time and we could have easily come in level or even leading. But in the second half, we just capitulated and I'm not sure what happened. We did all the right things in the first half but somehow, we seemed to forget everything in the second half. We were naive and we've got to draw a line under it and get back to doing the right things in training and in our next few matches.

It was good to see Robbo get off the mark for the season with his two goals and with Gambs back from suspension we now finally have our strike force back. The games certainly come quick and fast in the UHlsport Hellenic Premier League and after such a heavy defeat we cannot afford to feel sorry for ourselves.

Today sees the start of a run of 5 consecutive home games which includes cup ties against Binfield in the FA Vase and Fairford in the Floodlit Cup. I know a number of the lads will be looking to playing against their former side and it will be a game we will definitely be looking to win, in a competition that is often not viewed as a priority. I will be looking for us to pick up a minimum of 3 wins from those 5 home games although it would be great if we could win all 5. As well as today's game, the matches against Binfield, Tuffley Rovers and Highmoor Ibis will be tough games but with all of these teams paying their first visit to our new ground we need to make home advantage pay.

Please support the players and the club this afternoon and let's look to have a good game and ensure we can have the local bragging rights come 5pm. Thank you all for your continued support. Come on the Bassett.

*Paul*



# Opponents - History

## Highworth Town • Club History

Highworth Town Football Club was formed in 1893. They joined the Cirencester & District League and it took them some time to record their first honours, until 1909-10 in fact, when they won both the Swindon Junior Cup and the local Advertiser Cup, a cup they were to capture again in 1912-13. After winning the Cirencester & District League Division Two Championship in 1931-32, Highworth moved to the Swindon & District League, where they completed the Third Division Championship and Swindon Junior Cup double in 1933-34.



The 1950s saw Highworth make a dramatic rise through the local football ranks. They won the Swindon & District League Third Division title again in 1954-55 and then the Division Two title the following season. One more season was needed to clinch the Division One title and also the Wilts Junior Cup. They then went on to win the Premier Division title in 1957-58, along with the Faringdon Thursday Memorial Cup and the following season saw them Premier Champions again, also winning the Advertiser Cup.

Highworth continued to dominate the Swindon & District Premier Division in the 1960s, winning four successive titles from 1960-61 and another hat-trick from 1965-66 to 1967-68, making seven titles in eight seasons. They reached the final of the Wilts Senior Cup for the first time in 1962-63 and won it the following season.

There was a switch to the Wilts Combination League, where they finished as Runners-Up in Division Two in 1970-71. 1972-73 saw another Wilts Senior Cup victory and all this success prompted them to join the Hellenic League. They achieved their first honours in 1988-89, winning the First Division Challenge Cup and reached the final of the Wilts Senior Cup yet again.

They finally achieved Premier Division status in 1993-94 gaining promotion after finishing third in Division One. Since then they have been Winners of the Challenge Cup in 2011-12, Winners of the Wilts Senior Cup in 1995-96, 1997-98, 2008-09 and again in 2014-15, Winners of the Supplementary Cup in 1998-99 and Runners-Up in 2003-04, Runners-Up in the Premier Division in 1999-2000 and Winners of the the Premiership Title in 2004-05.

However, their greatest achievement to date was in reaching the Semi-Final of the FA Vase in 2015, where they were knocked out by eventual winners, North Shields in a closely fought two-legged tie.



# Hellenic League Sundry Stats

## Uhsport Hellenic League

### Top Goalscorers (all games) as at 23rd August 2015

1	Terence Bohane	Highworth Town	6
2	Shane Cooper-Clark	Bracknell Town	5
3	Josh Baines	Thatcham Town	3
3	Bradley Brown	Binfield	3
3	Daniel Burnell	Flackwell Heath	3
3	Lewis Coyle	Kidlington	3
3	Benjamin Deakin	Brimscombe & Thrupp	3
3	Ben Gray	Thame United	3
3	Christopher Greenhough	Brimscombe & Thrupp	3
3	Josh Helmore	Thatcham Town	3
3	Christopher Hurst	Flackwell Heath	3
3	Jarred Liddington	Lydney Town	3
3	Craig Martin	Longlevens	3
3	Marcus Mealing	Thatcham Town	3
3	Mitchell Parker	Hghmoor Ibis	3
16	Stephen Robertson	Royal Wootton Bassett	2
30	Dan Bailey	Royal Wootton Bassett	1
30	Stephen Olphert	Royal Wootton Bassett	1
30	Sam Packer	Royal Wootton Bassett	1
30	Harvey Scholes	Royal Wootton Bassett	1
30	Ryan Thomas	Royal Wootton Bassett	1



## Premier Division Attendances Season 2015-16

### League games only - as at 23rd August 2015

	Lowest	Highest	Average
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>96</b>
Tuffley Rovers	69	123	96
Thatcham Town	92	98	95
Brackley Town Saints	68	116	89
Lydney Town	83	87	85
Brimscombe & Thrupp	73	83	77
Oxford City Nomads	72	79	76
Ascot United	50	95	73
Bracknell Town	61	82	72
Abingdon United	69	75	72
Binfield	72	72	72
Ardley United	65	65	65
Kidlington	42	86	64
Wokingham & Emmbrook	45	92	62
Flackwell Heath	46	67	56
Longlevens	35	75	52
Highworth Town	48	48	48
Milton United	30	54	42
Thame United	42	42	42
Highmoor Ibis	0	0	0



# Defunct Opponents

A look back at former opponents no longer competing, today's featured team is.....

## Swindon Victoria

Swindon Town's Wembley Wonders of 1969 are quite rightly recognised as the greatest team the town has known. But, while Don Rogers, Roger Smart and company became the first side from Swindon to taste success in a national knockout cup, they were only the second side bearing the town's name to have reached the final of such a competition. Instead, the honour of being the first lies with the forgotten heroes of non-league Swindon Victoria. And it was over 90 years ago that they ventured to the final of the FA Amateur Cup, where they lost 4-2 to Bishop Auckland at Middlesbrough's Ayresome Park.

Long since vanished from the local scene – the Victoria side merged with Malmesbury Town following the 1974-75 season, their journey in the 1920-21 season, despite ending in defeat, can only be described as remarkable. It began in the qualifying rounds, and unconvincing victories over Spencer Moulton (3-2), Chippenham Town (3-1) and Peasedown (3-1 in a replay) secured a place in the first round proper, where the Vics were drawn to play against Clandown at their Wootton Bassett home. This tie took place on New Years Day, and the Victoria side saw in 1921 in some style, thrashing the Bath-based outfit 8-0.

The second round gifted the Wiltshire League team a trip to the south coast where they would face the Royal Marine Light Infantry side at Gosport. The Vics once again dominated, but could only muster a single goal – from captain Billy Dawson. This though was enough to send them into the last 16 where the Swindonians were paired with Athenian League heavyweights Bromley – semi-finalists a season prior and winners in 1910/11. Sterling defensive play and a Poole penalty in the dying stages saw them through to the quarter finals though, where they were presented with the long journey north to face Northumberland side Willington. Another fantastic performance later and they were in the semis as Victoria snatched a 2-1 win, the goals coming from an own goal courtesy of the home side's keeper and Eggleton. There the Vics were drawn against Isthmian League Leytonstone, who had disposed of Oxford City as well as Wimbledon, in the semi-finals. Going into the match – played on neutral territory at Reading's Elm Park – the Vics were not on their best form, and this seemed to have carried over as they trailed by a goal at the break having been completely outplayed. Yet, a fortunate equaliser from Cooper got them on level terms before a wonder strike from Rees put them ahead. Blunsden then capped off the comeback with a simple third.

History had been made as Victoria became the first team in Amateur Cup history to reach the final having had to negotiate the qualifying stages. But in their way in the showpiece stood the mighty Bishop Auckland – who made 18 trips to the final in all. After another lengthy trip up north – the team almost didn't make it to Middlesbrough due to a miners' strike – the Vics wilted in front of a crowd of over 25,000. A Roberts strike cancelled out the Bishop's second minute goal, but the eventual winners raced into an unassailable 4-1 half time lead. A Poole penalty offered hope late on, but it was not to be. Reaching the FA Amateur Cup final – in only their third ever appearance in the competition proper - should have been the beginning of something special for Swindon Victoria, just like Chippenham Town's run to the FA Vase final a decade ago.

The Vics certainly seemed poised to go on to bigger and better things in the non-league game too. In addition to being Amateur Cup runners-up, they came narrowly close to reaching the first round proper of the FA Cup and went onto win both the Wiltshire County League and Senior Cup that same season. History also appeared to be on their side. The Amateur Cup honours board reads not only like a who's who of non-league football, but also includes names such as Middlesbrough, Wimbledon, Wycombe Wanderers and Barnet. Yet the Vics were only to make two more appearances in the main rounds of the competition, before the decision to pay players – thus revoking their status as amateurs – saw them barred from entering. From there on, the club suffered a slow and painful demise. Only a couple of seasons were spent in the Western League during the twenties before a return to local football and then the eventual merger, which was brought about primarily by their lack of a permanent home.



Swindon Victoria, who are already considered by many to be the finest amateur team in England, are to meet Bishop Auckland in the Final for the F.A. Cup.

What could have been a non-league powerhouse had vanished into obscurity.

# Opponents Pen Pics



## Highworth Town

- |   |   |                      |   |  |                 |
|---|---|----------------------|---|--|-----------------|
|    | <b>Kurtis Sharkey</b><br>Excellent shot-stopper with a great kick. Shakes returns to the squad after a year out at Purton.  | <b>Goal Keeper</b>   |    | <b>Jonny Aitkenhead</b><br>Returned to the club last season. Has also played in the Hellenic Premier Division with both Shrivensham and Wootton Bassett.   | <b>Defence</b>  |
|    | <b>Steve Bunting</b><br>Signed 2013/14, previously at Shrivensham, Devizes Town and Witney Town. Versatile player who can switch between midfield and defence. Great first touch and delivers an excellent long ball.                 | <b>Defence</b>       |    | <b>Liam Edmondson</b><br>Signed from Shrivensham. A no-nonsense defender and ball winner ideally suited to the centre back position.   | <b>Defence</b>  |
|    | <b>Chris Jackson</b><br>Joined in the close season from Malmesbury Victoria, previously with Swindon Town as a trainee. Good in the air and very comfortable with the ball at his feet.   | <b>Defence</b>       |    | <b>Richie Saunders</b><br>Returns to the Elms after a season at Purton. Great engine, excellent positional sense and adds weight to attacking options.   | <b>Midfield</b> |
|    | <b>Sam Wadieh</b><br>Recent signing from Ascot United. Versatile midfielder player with a great engine. Can play in defence. A great reader of the game and a real motivator.   | <b>Midfield</b>      |    | <b>Tony Joyce</b><br>Returned to the Worthians season 2013/14 after a highly successful period at Wantage Town. A real play-maker from his favoured position on the right of the midfield.           | <b>Midfield</b> |
|    | <b>Jon Davoile</b><br>Proven pedigree at this level, a cultured midfielder with a delicate touch and great engine. Western League Championship winner with Larkhall Athletic. An excellent acquisition for the Worthians.             | <b>Midfield</b>      |    | <b>Nathan Blackford</b><br>Previously New College, Swindon Supermarine, joining from Shrivensham last season. A talented midfielder player with potential, his creative play can 'open up' defences. | <b>Midfield</b> |
|   | <b>Chris Flanagan</b><br>Signed from local rivals, Shrivensham in season 2013/14. Good on the ball and always looking to join the attack.   | <b>Midfield</b>      |   | <b>Toby Clark</b><br>Ex Hungerford Town and North Leigh, versatile player with a good engine. Favours the central midfield position where his distribution skills come to the fore.                  | <b>Midfield</b> |
|  | <b>Callum Parsons</b><br>Second season at the Elms. Previously with Fairford Town and Wootton Bassett. A young, talented, livewire striker who will add extra depth to the attack. Uncanny knack of winning the ball in tight spaces. | <b>Forward</b>       |  | <b>Dan Drewett</b><br>Former Shrivensham, Fairford Town and Swindon Supermarine player with a proven scoring record. Adds weight to the Worthian front line, an exciting player.                     | <b>Forward</b>  |
|  | <b>Ryan King</b><br>Quick and skilful winger, looking to deliver that telling cross. Has the potential to win games and is an exciting member of the squad.   | <b>Forward</b>       |  | <b>TJ Bohane</b><br>Well travelled striker with a good pedigree. Great skills on the ball and a proven goal-scorer at this level, scoring 40 times last season.                                      | <b>Forward</b>  |
|  | <b>Aaron Maximen</b><br>A big, strong centre forward, signed from Shrivensham season 2013/14. He has great control and awareness when under pressure which makes life difficult for defenders.  | <b>Forward</b>       |  | <b>Brad Clark</b><br>Big man with an array of subtle skills. Great touch on the ball and always looking to hit the target. A handful for defences and involved in many goal assists.                 | <b>Forward</b>  |
|  | <b>Kevin Moloney</b><br>Moey is an experienced coach who knows the game inside out. Great enthusiasm and brilliant at getting the boys buzzing.   | <b>Asst. Manager</b> |  | <b>John Fisher</b><br>Fish is now well into his second reign as The Worthians boss. Took the team to the Hellenic League title in season 2004-05.  | <b>Manager</b>  |

# Today's Opponents

## Highworth Town F.C.

<b>Formed:</b>	1893
<b>Nickname:</b>	Worthians
<b>Chairman:</b>	Rohan Haines
<b>Secretary:</b>	Fraser Haines
<b>Tel:</b>	
<b>Ground:</b>	Elm Recreation Ground, Highworth, SN6 7DD
<b>Tel:</b>	01793 766263
<b>Manager:</b>	John Fisher
<b>Capacity:</b>	2,000
<b>Seats:</b>	150
<b>Colours:</b>	Red Shirts, Black Shorts
<b>Ground Directions:</b>	Enter Town on A361, turn into The Green by Veterinary Surgery, Ground and Car Park 100 yards on left.

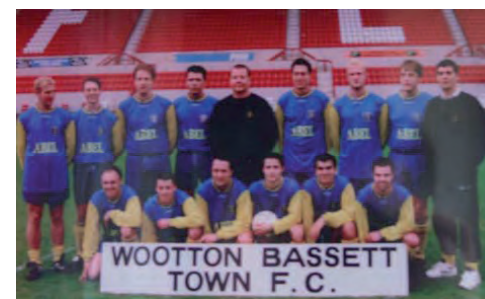
# Bassett Legend - Paul Davis

Paul "PD" Davis falls into the true WBTFC legend status having been a member of the County Cup winning sides of both **1998-99** and **2000-01**.



Paul had first joined Wootton Bassett Town as a 16 year old in Season 1991-92 having played 8 games for a Wootton Bassett Sports side managed by the Programme Editor who still remembers the day when Mick Woolford came to watch the Sports at the Comprehensive School and quickly followed in with the 7 day notice of approach.

PD was always going to be a player who would go onto great things as in the Wootton Bassett Sports End of Season Presentation Evening programme, in the Manager's unofficial awards section, it was noted that the "Biggest Disappointment of the Season" was "Losing Paul Davis" to Wootton Bassett Town!



Paul was a player who never gave anything less than 100% from start to finish in a match and also expected the same from his team mates. If today's players think Dip gives them a hard time it is because he learnt from playing alongside PD. A towering centre-half who not only kept the opposition forwards at bay but also found the net regularly at the other end.

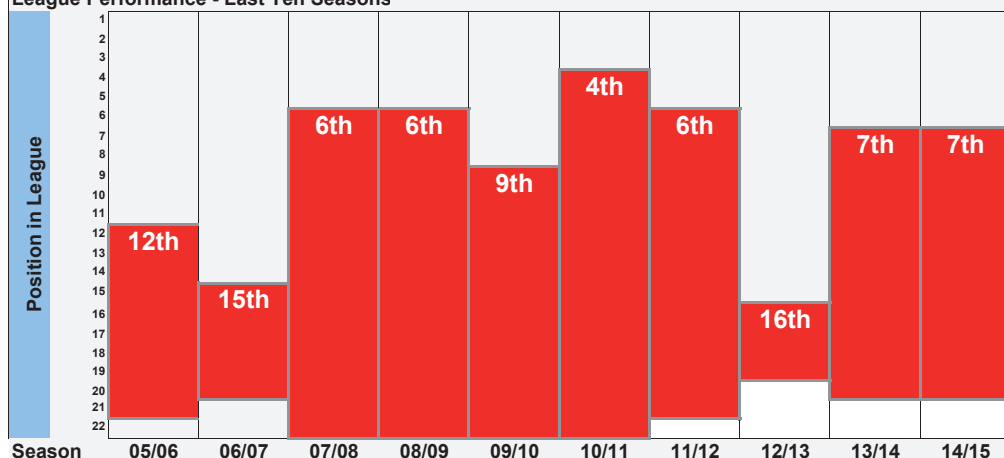
Paul made his final appearances in Season 2006-7, some 15 years after his debut for the Club. He then played for the Reserves before finally retiring and then taking over the management of the Reserves for a spell.

Still a regular spectator at Bassett games where he remains a true Club legend.



### Hellenic Premier Division

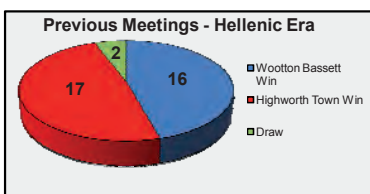
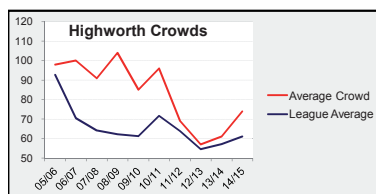
#### League Performance - Last Ten Seasons



<b>Top Scorer</b>	P.Corcoran 23	J.Miller 11	P.Corcoran 20	T.Dingle 19	B.Fitzgerald 18	T.Bohane 43	J. Parsons 24	B.Clarke 14	T.Bohane 40	T.Bohane 41
<b>Average Crowd</b>	98	100	91	104	85	96	69	57	61	74
<b>Total Crowd</b>	1,956	1,892	1,910	2,192	1,787	2,012	1,384	1,031	1,167	1,331
<b>F.A. Cup</b>	2nd Qual Rnd	Ex Prelim	Ex Prelim	Ex Prelim	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	Ex Prelim	1st Qual Rnd	Ex Prelim	Prelim Rnd
<b>F.A. Vase</b>	2nd Round	2nd Qual Rnd	2nd Round	2nd Qual Rnd	2nd Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	2nd Round	1st Qual Rnd	1st Qual Rnd	Semi-Final

Current Form (Last Six Games)		
Date	Opposition	Result
25-Aug-15	Brimscombe & Thrupp (A)	W 3 - 0
22-Aug-15	Ascot United (A)	W 1 - 0
15-Aug-15	Knaphill (A)	W 3 - 1
11-Aug-15	Tuffey Rovers (H)	W 5 - 0
8-Aug-15	Bracknell Town (A)	W 3 - 1
29-Apr-15	Bradford Town (WSC Final)	W 2 - 1

v Wootton Bassett Town (Last Six Games)		
Date	Fixture	Result
17-Mar-15	Highworth Town 1 Wootton Bassett 5	
25-Aug-14	Wootton Bassett 0 Highworth Town 1	
14-Dec-13	Highworth Town 1 Wootton Bassett 1	
14-Aug-13	Wootton Bassett 1 Highworth Town 2	
8-Sep-12	Wootton Bassett 3 Highworth Town 1 (FAC)	
3-Jan-11	Highworth Town 5 Wootton Bassett 1	





# Reminiscing - The Good Old Days

**MS:** If I remember rightly you never shied away from a tackle and am I correct in thinking you picked up a serious injury the following season (2006-7) that brought an end to your playing days at Bassett?

**RU:** Yes, that tackle still makes me cringe today. I like to think I played a hard but fair game. That tackle was disgusting. We were playing a London area team and I'd set up a couple of goals and was having a strong influence on the game. Their centre half was clearly trying to take me out of the game, elbowing me at headers and booting my legs out from under me on another occasion. My left foot was planted and I was turning over my right shoulder towards goal when he hit me flat out, on my blind side, wrapping both his legs around my left knee. The resulting injuries were such that the surgeon didn't believe I'd done it playing football. Fractured tibial plateau, detached medial ligament above the knee, fully torn posterior cruciate ligament and ruptured popliteus muscle. The same injuries that are seen in a pedestrian that has been hit by a car. The resulting surgery and long recovery back to strength and fitness held some very dark days for me. I was lucky to have a great surgeon and physio.



**MS:** Did you play for anyone else after that?

**RU:** No, even once I was back to full fitness. I knew really that my playing days were over; I was slowing down and struggling to compete against the youngsters. I'm way too competitive to just go out and make up numbers and not just with the opposition but with myself as well. Also, I was about to move to Canada full time for the snowboarding and downhill mountain biking and didn't want to jeopardize that. The surgeon had warned me that I couldn't afford to injure that knee again.

**MS:** Did you ever play alongside and against your brother-in-law Paul Comer who, in my opinion, was one of the best goalkeepers to ever pull on the Number One shirt for Bassett and also a very good fullback?

**RU:** Yes, Paul was without a doubt one of the best goalkeepers around, he had tremendous passion and commitment (still does). He was dating my sister Debbie, so I really looked up to him. I'd grown up seeing him play at Bassett and Hungerford where the fans loved him. I remember them beating Newbury, which was a big deal, and there was a contingent of fans behind his goal just chanting away, "COMER, COMER" over and over. I played both with Paul and against him. He took me out to Wroughton and introduced me to the club for a pre-season friendly. Somehow we ended up playing against each other. I latched onto a poor back pass as he rushed out, and I scored...I won't embarrass him and tell you how, but he was NOT happy with me! On another occasion we were playing together at Highworth, I think that too was a friendly. I tracked the winger all the way back from the half way line to the back post and as the cross came over I meant to flick the ball out behind the goal to safety, only I mistimed the header and put it in the top left hand corner, again, he was not happy...I think that was the last time he took me to another club!

**MS:** Your young nephew Dan is now playing for Bassett and was man of the match in the first two games this season. Any plans to come back over to the UK and watch Dan play at our new ground and catch up with old team mates?

**RU:** I would love to be there today to see Dan play and catch up with all the old Bassett and Highworth folks! I am not surprised at all that Dan has been Man of the Match twice already. I was blown away at times by his talent as a youngster, he could kill a ball dead, first touch with his left or right foot and play really quality passes through the midfield. I thought I could play a bit, but Dan is twice the player I was. I really admire him...actually I think I might be his biggest fan...after Paul! I'm hoping I'll make it back before Christmas this year. It'll have been 4 years. It's really hard being this far away from the family and missing out on these kinds of occasions. You don't need me to wish you luck today Dan, just do what you always do.

**MS:** Finally I ask everyone this question. Bassett bobble at Rylands Way – fact or just an excuse used by players with poor ball control?

**RU:** Come on Mark...FACT! My touch wasn't that bad! Actually it was, I heard it a few times over the years, particularly from the Highworth boys that my second touch was usually a tackle. I do remember the "Bassett bobble" working in my favour for one of the first goals I scored at Rylands Way. I got onto a through ball one on one, the keeper rushed out and as the ball rolled through it suddenly "bobbled" up for me and I lobbed it over the keeper's head....lucky for me, because if I'd had to hit it off the ground it would have ended up in the tennis courts.

**MS:** Well this has probably been the longest interview yet and some really cracking answers to my questions, so thank you for taking the time to do this for the programme. Roger is never going to believe me that you mentioned his perm without any prompting from me as I had asked Stevie Thomas about it when interviewing him earlier in the season! Thanks again Rich, and all at Bassett look forward to seeing you later in the year.

**RU:** Thanks Mark and great job. I really enjoyed answering those questions.

# Todays Opponents - Last Season

## Highworth Town - Results Season 2014-15

Date	Result	League/Cup	Opponent	Score	Scorers	Att	MOM		
Sat, 09 August 2014	W	Premier	Reading Town	1	Highworth Town	3	Bohane, King, Parsons	70	T.Bohane
Tues, 12 August 2014	W	Premier	Highworth Town	2	Brimscombe & T	0	Bohane, Davies	61	T.Bohane
Sat, 16 August 2014	W	FA Cup	Bridport	2	Highworth Town	3	Bohane, Horsell, Horsell	117	G.Davies
Sat, 23 August 2014	L	Premier	Oxford City Nomads	3	Highworth Town	2	Bohane, Parsons	144	M.Horsell
Mon, 25 August 2014	W	Premier	Wootton Bassett T	0	Highworth Town	1	Parsons	102	J.Davoile
Sat, 30 August 2014	L	FA Cup	Blackfields & Lang.	4	Highworth Town	0		62	A.Taylor
Tues, 2 Sept 2014	L	Floodlit Cup	Brimscombe & T	8	Highworth Town	1	Wadieh	67	W.Clark
Sat, 06 Sept 2014	W	Premier	Highworth Town	2	Bracknell Town	0	Bohane 2	84	T.Bohane
Tues, 09 Sept 2014	D	Premier	Abingdon United	0	Highworth Town	0		82	T.Joyce
Sat, 13 Sept 2014	W	Premier	Thatcham Town	1	Highworth Town	2	King, Parsons	75	T.Bohane
Tues, 16 Sept 2014	D	Premier	Holyport	2	Highworth Town	2	Jackson, Joyce	26	S.Carter
Sat, 20 Sept 2014	W	Premier	Milton United	0	Highworth Town	2	Bohane, Maximen	58	S.Bunting
Tues, 23 Sept 2014	L	Premier	Highworth Town	0	Binfield	1		82	S.Carter
Sat, 27 Sept 2014	W	BC Cup	Stokenchurch	0	Highworth Town	8	Bohane 4, Blackford 2, Carter 2	17	T.Bohane
Tues, 30 Sept 2014	W	Premier	Highworth Town	3	Newbury	0	Bohane 2, McGory	55	T.Bohane
Sat, 04 October 2014	W	FA Vase	Highworth Town	2	Hartley Wintney	1	Clark, Davoile	55	S.Wadieh
Sat, 11 October 2014	W	WSC	Highworth Town	5	New College	0	Drewett 3, King, Bohane		J.Davoile
Sat, 18 October 2014	W	Premier	Highworth Town	4	Thatcham Town	1	Bohane, King, Parsons, Wadieh	89	S.Wadieh
Tues, 21 October 2014	L	Premier	Ascot United	4	Highworth Town	1	Bohane	63	T.Bohane
Sat, 25 October 2014	L	Premier	Thame United	3	Highworth Town	2	Parsons, Wadieh	43	G.Stevens
Tues, 28 October 2014	W	Premier	Highworth Town	3	Cheltenham Sara	2	Bohane 3	59	T.Bohane
Sat, 01 Nov 2014	W	FA Vase	Windsor	1	Highworth Town	4	Bohane 3, Drewett	147	T.Bohane
Sat, 15 Nov 2014	W	WSC	Downton	0	Highworth Town	5	Parsons 2, Bohane, Clark, Maximen		B.Clark
Tues, 18 Nov 2014	L	Premier	Highworth Town	0	Ardley United	1		57	B.Clark
Sat, 22 Nov 2014	W	FA Vase	Highworth Town	3	Bridport	0	Bohane, Clark, Parsons	107	J.Aitkenhead
Sat, 29 Nov 2014	W	Premier	Highworth Town	4	Oxford City Nomads	2	King 2, Parsons 2	69	T.Joyce
Tues, 02 Dec 2014	D	Premier	Highworth Town	1	Ascot United	1	Bohane	54	T.Bohane
Sat, 06 Dec 2014	A	FA Vase	Blackfields & Lang.	0	Highworth Town	1	Bohane	67	S.Wadieh
Sat, 13 Dec 2014	W	WSC	Highworth Town	3	Meiksham Town	2	Bohane, Drewett, Edmondson	97	J.Aitkenhead
Tues, 16 Dec 2014	L	Premier	Flackwell Heath	2	Highworth Town	1	Maximen	62	T.Bohane
Sat, 20 Dec 2014	W	Premier	Kidlington	0	Highworth Town	3	Bohane, Fowler, Wadieh	44	G.Eggleton
Sat, 27 Dec 2014	W	Premier	Highworth Town	4	Shrivenham	0	Bohane 2, Parsons 2	159	C.Parsons
Sat, 10 Jan 2015	W	Premier	Newbury	0	Highworth Town	3	Bohane, Parsons, Taylor	54	A.Maximen
Sat, 17 Jan 2015	D	FA Vase	Highworth Town	1	Tunbridge Wells	1	Parsons	254	C.Parsons
Sat, 24 Jan 2015	W	FA Vase	Tunbridge Wells	2	Highworth Town	2	Bohane, King (won on pens)	788	G.Stevens
Tues, 27 Jan 2015	W	BC Cup	Highworth Town	2	Tytherington Rocks	1	Jackson, McGory	60	C.Parsons
Sat, 31 Jan 2015	L	Premier	Binfield	1	Highworth Town	0		121	S.Wadieh
Sat, 07 Feb 2015	W	FA Vase	Bradford Town	0	Highworth Town	2	Bohane, Davoile	468	A.Taylor
Mon, 09 Feb 2015	W	Premier	Higmoor Ibis	0	Highworth Town	1	Blackford	47	G.Stevens
Sat, 14 Feb 2015	D	Premier	Highworth Town	2	Milton United	2	Edmondson, Wadieh	74	B.Clark
Wed, 18 Feb 2014	W	WSC	Highworth Town	4	Amesbury Town	0	Bohane 2, King 2	83	R.King
Sat, 21 Feb 2015	L	Premier	Highworth Town	1	Flackwell Heath	4	King	85	T.Joyce
Sat, 28 Feb 2015	D	FA Vase	Highworth Town	1	Tadcaster Albion	1	Bohane	771	A.Taylor
Tues, 03 March 2015	L	BC Cup	Newbury	1	Highworth Town	0		46	T.Majoni
Sat, 07 March 2015	W	FA Vase	Tadcaster Albion	0	Highworth Town	1	Parsons	1307	G.Stevens
Tues, 10 March 2015	W	Premier	Highworth Town	3	Reading Town	1	Drewett, Hunt, King	75	J.Fowler
Sat, 14 March 2015	D	Premier	Highworth Town	2	Abingdon United	2	Drewett, Price	86	C.Parsons
Tues, 17 March 2015	L	Premier	Highworth Town	1	Wootton Bassett T	5	Bohane	75	D.Smart
Sat, 21 March 2015	L	FA Vase	Highworth Town	0	North Shields	1		1240	A.Taylor
Tues, 24 March 2015	L	Premier	Highworth Town	1	Higmoor Ibis	5	Fowler	51	J.Fowler
Sat, 28 March 2015	L	FA Vase	North Shields	2	Highworth Town	0		1500	A.Taylor
Tues, 31 March 2015	W	Premier	Highworth Town	3	Thame United	0	Bohane, Edmondson, Parsons	44	G.Stevens
Sat, 04 April 2015	W	Premier	Highworth Town	5	Holyport	0	Blackford, Bohane, Davoile, Drewett, Price	80	T.Bohane
Mon, 06 April 2015	W	Premier	Shrivenham	0	Highworth Town	6	Blackford 3, Bohane 2, Parsons		N.Blackford
Sat, 11 April 2015	D	Premier	Bracknell Town	0	Highworth Town	0		137	D.Drewett
Mon, 13 April 2015	W	Premier	Cheltenham Sara	0	Highworth Town	6	Maximen 2, Price 2, McGory, Taylor	25	A.Maximen
Thur, 16 April 2015	D	Premier	Brimscombe & T	1	Highworth Town	1	Parsons	95	T.Bohane
Sat, 18 April 2015	W	Premier	Highworth Town	2	Kidlington	0	Drewett 2	67	S.Wadieh
Tues, 21 April 2015	L	Premier	Ardley United	1	Highworth Town	0		48	S.Wadieh
Weds, 29 April 2015	W	WSC	Bradford Town	1	Highworth Town	2	Drewett, King		D.Drewett

Man of the Match Awards Last Season	Goalscorers	Goals	Strike-Rate
T.Bohane	13	41	82.0%
S.Wadieh	6	18	39.1%
A.Taylor	5	12	27.9%
G.Stevens	5	11	28.9%
C.Parsons	5	7	14.6%
B.Clark	3	5	11.6%
T.Joyce	3	5	14.3%
J.Davoile	2	4	9.8%
J.Fowler	2	4	30.8%
J.Aitkenhead	2	3	6.3%
A.Maximen	2	3	13.6%
D.Drewett	2	3	37.5%
S.Carter	2	2	6.9%
G.Davies	1	2	22.2%
D.Smart	1	2	16.7%
N.Blackford	1	2	5.0%
W.Clark	1	2	5.6%
G.Eggleton	1	1	6.7%
S.Bunting	1	1	20.0%
M.Horsell	1	1	2.0%
T.Majoni	1	1	2.0%



# Previous Meetings

## Five star Bassett give Highworth a hiding

The Elms, 17th March 2015

Nathan Gambling scored a second half hat-trick as a rampant team display delivered Wootton Bassett Town an emphatic 5-1 derby victory over Highworth Town.

Thirteen years had passed since Bassett last tasted victory at The Elms, and this victory was made even sweeter as the three points lifted the team into eleventh, above Oxford City Nomads. And with five games – all at home – now remaining in this season, there's a great opportunity to ensure a record high finish in the Hellenic League Premier Division. Highworth, also have their eyes on a record, that being a place at Wembley in the FA Vase final. With the first leg of their semi-final on Saturday, it was therefore little surprise to see John Fisher field a rotated team. It was by no means weak though; the presence of 'keeper Gary Stevens and top scorer TJ Bohane, two of the main heroes of their superb Vase run, in the starting eleven attested to that. That selection may have been intended to frighten Bassett. But the visitors were in no way cowed and were on their game from the opening whistle.

With less than two minutes on the dock Bassett were ahead. James Skinner played a short free kick from the left wing to Dan Bailey and the midfielder struck a daisy-cutter from the edge of the area that Stevens got a hand to but failed to keep out. It should really have been two in the sixth minute when a blocked Callum Wright effort fell to Gambling, who had just the 'keeper to beat. But Stevens redeemed himself and parried away. In a rather frantic opening, Highworth – whose play was sharp in the final third – carved out two chances. The first saw Darren Smart arrow a low shot from twenty yards just wide of the left post before Bohane rose to head a Liam Edmondson cross onto the bar. Bassett quickly re-established authority though. Gambling was soon again denied at point blank range by Stevens as he flicked a shot towards goal following a driving run and cross from Dale Richards.

Then just before the half hour an expertly worked move doubled the lead. Steve Yeardley picked up possession on the right and burst inside before playing a pass into Gambling. With this back to goal, the forward steered a neat pass around the corner to strike partner Steve Robertson, who struck firmly into the bottom right corner. Again the advantage should have been extended further, but once more Stevens kept his side from being dead and buried before the break with a pair of saves at Robertson's feet. That meant that, although in a commanding position, Bassett were one wobble away from an uncomfortable half time team talk. They duly suffered one, their grievances with Olly Ballinger – who dished out five yellow cards to the visitors as half time approached – serving to distract them from the task in hand. And Highworth made their pressure count as James Skinner handled from a corner and Bohane sent Kurtis Sharkey the wrong way.

With a handful of players one misstep away from an early shower, it was imperative that Bassett refocused once the whistle to start the second half was blown. To their credit, they returned to the field sharp and determined to restore their two goal lead. In fact, a quick-fire double from Gambling made it 4-1 by the hour to effectively decide the outcome. His first came after a stunning, ruthless counter. Bassett broke decisively from a Highworth corner that failed to beat the first man. Yeardley clipped a diagonal ball for Skinner to race onto. He then threaded a pass through to Gambling, who buried beyond an exposed Gary Eggleton, a half time substitute.

Almost immediately from kick off Highworth conceded possession, and to compound matters for the hosts, Robertson was wrestled to the ground inside the box by Gareth Davies, who received his marching orders. From the spot Gambling coolly stroked home. With the extra man, Bassett pressed high against a Highworth defence who were forced into frequently giving the ball away. Using this extra possession, the visitors stroked the ball around with further confidence, and numerous attacks could, and perhaps should, have made it five much earlier.

In the end it wasn't until the final kick of the game that Bassett made it a handful of goals for the evening as a poor touch from Eggleton when receiving a backpass was seized upon by Gambling and he completed his hat-trick by slotting in from a tight angle. Bassett – five games unbeaten in the league – are now rolling. The goal is now to keep that momentum going right until season's end.

**Man of the Match: Nathan Gambling** – the forward hassled the Highworth defence all night, took his three goals well and played a delightful measured pass to set up Steve Robertson. Were it not for some fine saves, he could have finished the night with more than just a hat-trick too.



# Reminiscing - The Good Old Days

**MS:** You obviously got to play with Paul Harrison back in the 1980s but did you also get to play against him and if so what do you recall from those encounters?

**RU:** *It would have been in my very first season with the reserves which I think was 1986 or 87? I was a pretty skinny, shy kid and there were all these older established players around me that intimidated me, Paul included, so my memory of that time isn't great. It would have probably been towards the end of Paul's career, but I'm not 100% sure. I'm pretty sure I didn't play against Paul other than in training though!*

**MS:** What is your fondest memory of your time with Wootton Bassett Town?

**RU:** *It's difficult to pick out any one moment in my time at Bassett. I have many fond memories, from being a young kid and watching from the touchline, dreaming of being out there, to then being there alongside those players you looked up to and becoming a part of the club. It's not just the camaraderie of the team itself. It's the club and the people that make it work and the characters and banter around it that give me fond memories. I coach a bit here in Rossland and I'm on the club's youth committee with some very passionate Canadians. I try to explain the above to them to give them a sense of what it's like at a club in England, but they don't really get it because they've never experienced it.*

**MS:** Rod Carter and Roger Williamson have served the club tremendously over the years what are your earliest memories of the two?

**RU:** *I remember seeing Roger playing at Rylands Way in the early to mid 80s. It was his mop of curly hair that first caught my attention and reminded me of one of my heroes of the day, Graeme Souness...minus the moustache! Then later on I'd always see Roger Saturday mornings toiling away on the pitch. I think Rod was reserve team manager, or assistant manager when I started out and later secretary and he was always cheerful and chatty. Rod won't know this, but he had a calming effect on my pre-match nerves with those encounters. I just remember that both Roger and Rod ALWAYS seemed to be at the club and there was usually some funny banter going back and forth. Like you said Mark, they've both done a tremendous service to Wootton Bassett Town FC over the years.*

**MS:** Who do you view as the best player you played alongside and who has been the best player you have played against in your career?

**RU:** *It would have to be Wayne Hatswell on both counts. I remember playing against Supermarine for Highworth on one of those cold wet mid week cup games. I think Wayne was playing left back and I was playing either right back or right mid-field, so we came into contact early on in an explosive fashion and we battled it out for 90 minutes, fair but hard and physical. I remember thinking, who's this young kid that's giving me such a hard time and matching me blow for blow!? We later became friends through work and ended up playing together in central defence for the Deer's Leap. I felt really sorry for the opposition! Wayne went on to play for Oxford, Kidderminster Harriers and Chester, great player!*

**MS:** It was a fellow Liverpool fan Burkie who brought you back to Bassett. How did that come about?

**RU:** *Actually I think it was Danny Groom that brought me back to Bassett. He and Kenny Regan were managing the reserves. I was back from my snowboarding trips to Canada and wasn't going back that winter as I'd applied for residency and needed to work and save money. Danny talked me into playing for him that season. I was still pretty fit and must have been doing a good job because Burkie gave me a run out in the first team and I managed to hold down the central midfield position. I've got to say I felt a great sense of accomplishment on a couple of levels. At 37 and having not played competitively for 6 or 7 years, I thought I'd be happy to hold down a reserve team place, but first team was beyond any expectation. Years earlier I was really disappointed not to break into the first team at Bassett, so I eventually left and ended up at Highworth, and the first team there. I'd like to thank Burkie for that opportunity, it meant a lot to me.*

**MS:** Burkie could talk for England which is why it took him so long to collect the milk money on his round at the end of the week. What were his team talks like and any funny moments you can recall?

**RU:** *.Unfortunately Mark there's nothing that I can recall in particular...again the memory lets me down. I know there was a lot of very funny, very dry banter as you would expect from Burkie. When it was time for the team talks though, Paul got pretty serious. He took it personally when things weren't going well, a testament to his love of the club and the game I think.*

**MS:** There were some characters in the dressing room that season; I am thinking Dwayne Quinn, Steve Bunting, Ben Gascoyne and Stu Hemsley. Did nights out in Old Town (your favourite nightspot according to your player profile in the programme for the game against Cricklade Town on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2006) get messy?

**RU:** *Ha ha...yes, those boys, and a few others, were larger than life, both on and off the pitch and knew how to have a good time. It definitely got out of hand, but I was obviously a little older (and wiser) and used to stand back watching the mayhem unfold. I'd had more than my fair share of post match partying more than a decade before. Firstly with Danny and the Bassett boys, then later with the Highworth lads. Continued overleaf.....*

# Reminiscing - The Good Old Days

## This week with Richard Unwin

**MS:** Rich, thank you for agreeing to be interviewed for the programme. Facebook can be very useful in tracking down ex-players, especially those living overseas. I understand you are living in the Canadian mountains in Rossland, British Columbia – the Mountain Bike Capital of Canada. What was it that brought you to Canada?



**RU:** *Hi Mark, it was great to hear from you after all these years and thanks for asking me to do the interview. It was actually the winters that drew me here. As well as the mountain bike scene, Rossland has a world class ski hill 3km up the road. I'd been away travelling for a while and afterwards spent a summer coaching football in the southern USA. I'd always wanted to improve my snowboarding and so came up to Canada to spend a winter here. One winter turned into four with trips back to England for the summers to work and I finally decided I had to move here.*

**MS:** You are one of a number of players who have played for both Wootton Bassett Town and Highworth Town over the years; others include Dave Terry, Sean Terry, Steve Yearley and current Highworth players Richie Saunders and Jonny Aitkenhead. As a Bassett boy how did you come to play for Highworth? Was it Mr Tanner the PE teacher at Bassett Comprehensive who introduced you to Highworth?

**RU:** *No it wasn't actually. I hadn't seen Mr Tanner for years and didn't even know where he was until my debut at Highworth when I saw him with Mrs Tanner on the touchline. It was Rohan Haines that approached me after the Highworth 6-A-side tournament and asked if I was interested in coming to pre-season at Highworth.*

**MS:** I played for the youth teams of both Wootton Bassett Town and Highworth Town at the end of the 70s and early 80s and played a small handful of games for the first team of both clubs. When I progressed to adult football I made the decision to stay with Highworth mainly because of how I was treated by the people there. I am thinking here mainly about Rod Haines and, in particular, Dave Haines who in the early days used to drive over from Highworth to pick myself and Billy Wheeler up for training and matches and then take us back to Bassett afterwards. Nice people and true football people. What are your memories of Rod and Dave?

**RU:** *That's amazing, and not surprising at all. I remember Rod always being there, helping out behind the scenes and I think working the bar too. I'm racking my brain to remember Dave though? The season I signed, Rohan Haines had taken over as player manager, with Tony Garland running the show from the touchline. I had a very similar experience Mark, everyone was so welcoming and I was instantly accepted into the fold at Highworth, not just by the management, but by the players and fans too. There was a very real sense of family where everyone socialised together and stuck around for drinks after the game, which, win or lose, was preceded by a rendition of American Pie led by Robbo (Sean Robinson) swinging from the rafters.*

**MS:** The pitch at Highworth is notorious for the slope and the higher "top end" in one corner but once you have played there you get to know how to play that "top end" to your advantage. In my younger days I remember we had Kevin Higgs and Mickey New who used to play it brilliantly. In your time with Highworth what are your memories of the slope and who were the players in your day who took advantage of it?

**RU:** *As a Highworth player you got used to it very quickly and it became an integral part of your game. Using the slope became subconscious, and you only become aware of it again when the opposition started moaning about it during the game, or on arrival at the ground. It was great for me because I wasn't the most skilful player and I could over hit long balls towards the club house knowing that it would hold up for Dave Toomey on the wing, or Stuart Gould on an overlap from full back to get on the end of. They both had frightening pace.*

**MS:** Who were your colleagues at Highworth and did you get to play with the next generation of Haines', as, if I recall, Paul and Rohan became key players at Highworth?

**RU:** *As I mentioned earlier, I came in on the tail end of Rohan's playing career and was fortunate enough to play alongside him and Paul. Rohan hung up his boots after a few games as player manager, but Paul carried on playing. It's such a long time ago now I struggle to remember all the names. Some memorable ones alongside Rohan and Paul would include Stuart Gould, Danny Yale, Dave and Jamie Toomey, Robbie Newnham, Rick Casey, Sean Robinson, I know there are more!?...sorry boys if I missed you out!*

**MS:** I remember you playing for Wootton Bassett Town under Burkie in Season 2005-6 but you had obviously played for Bassett before then. How many seasons did you play for Bassett in total?

**RU:** *Now I think about it after all these years, if I include the season in the U17/youth team, I think I only played for four or five seasons in all, seems way too few though! Maybe you have the actual records?*

**MS:** Unfortunately we do not have appearance records only really goalscorers. Who were your team mates at Bassett in those early days?

**RU:** *Some of the team mates that really stick out for me would have to include Danny Groom, Stevie Thomas, Dave Terry, Gary Dixon and Kenny Regan. I'd grown up watching those guys play and was a bit in awe of them. I'd seen Danny around Bassett since the early 80s and knew who he was and he struck me as being pretty cool (all the more so because he had Sue Costin on his arm!). When I began playing for the reserves as a teenager, Danny took me under his wing and looked after me and it was the start of a great friendship.*

# RWBTFC First Team Pen Pics



## Curtis Meare

## Goal Keeper

Highly rated young goalkeeper who joins from Forest Green Rovers Academy having played a handful of games for Bassett in Season 2013-14.



## Nathan Hawkins

## Defence

A cultured defender previously with Cirencester Town and Fairford. Regular last season who formed a great centre-back partnership with George Drewitt making 44 appearances



## Dane Moulden

## Defence

Dependable full back. Member of our U18's in 2008-09. Still only 24 but brings plenty of Hellenic experience, having featured for Cricklade Town, Fairford Town and Shrivenham.



## Steve Yearley

## Defence

Bassett lad who starts the season with 373 appearances before this season and 56 goals for the club. Battling midfield player or defender with tremendous energy and fans' favourite



## Stephen Olphert

## Midfield

Joins from Shrivenham. Previously captained Clanfield where he made over 300 appearances and had reputation as one of Division One West's better players through his all-round game



## Matt Cheatham

## Midfield

Hard tackling and skilful midfielder player who joins us from Division One West Clanfield.



## Richie Carter

## Midfield

Cultured midfielder player. Last season made 46 appearances and will start the season having played 176 times for the club. Player of Year back in Season 2008-9.



## Ryan Thomas

## Midfield

Skilful midfield playmaker previously with Cricklade Town and Highworth Town. Suffered badly with injuries but on his day capable of opening up any defence.



## Kalum Youngsam

## Forward

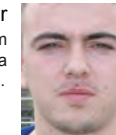
Speedy youngster with massive potential who is a good finisher. Expected to really grow this season and be a very good player in this division.



## Dan Bailey

## Forward

Strong powerful player who can play in midfield or up front and was our top scorer last season with 18 goals from 46 appearances. Previously with Fairford Town.



## Adam Corcoran

## Defence

This will be his 4th season with Bassett having re-joined the Club from Shrivenham. Previously with Calne Town a player who gives 100% every game.



## George Drewitt

## Defence

Classy defender, product of the Club's Youth Section. Both Manager and Players player of the season in 2014-15 when he made 36 appearances and scored 1 goal.



## Dale Richards

## Defence

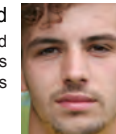
A product of the Club's youth section, a classy defender who made the step-up to adult football in style last season making 45 appearances.



## Daniel Comer

## Defence

Young defender, comfortable at both centre half and right back. Joining from Cirencester Academy and having been selected to represent Wiltshire Under 18s. We have high expectations for Dan.



## Harvey Scholes

## Midfield

Attack minded midfielder player with great technical ability who joins us from New College where he was a regular but now keen to step-up to the Premier.



## Jack Ellis

## Midfield

Pacy player who re-joined the club at the back end of last season from Malmesbury. A product of one of the Club's most successful U18 sides.



## Sam Packer

## Midfield

Returning to the Club from Shrivenham. Hard working and talented midfielder player who played for the Club in season 2010-11 and 2013-14.



## Tyler Sheppard

## Forward

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



## Nathan Gambling

## Forward

Strong powerful striker played a crucial part in Bassett's successful 2014-15 campaign, racking up 16 goals, with a hat-trick against local rivals Highworth Town among that tally.

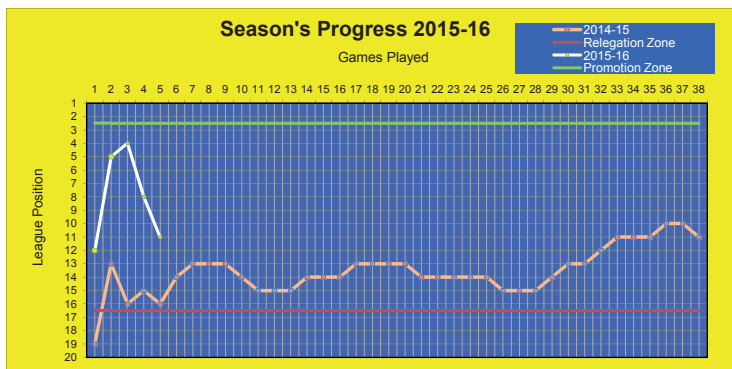


## Steve Robertson

## Forward

Free scoring forward who re-joined the Club from Shrivenham last season. Despite joining part way through the season he netted an impressive 12 times in just 16 games.

## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE



Points Progress v Last Season			
	This	Last	+/(-)
Brackley Town (H) #	1	3	(2)
Oxford City (A)	3	0	1
Ardley Utd (H)	3	3	1
Flackwell Heath (A)	0	1	0
Lydney Town (A)*	0	3	(3)
Highworth Town (H)	(3)		
Tuffley Rovers (H)***	(3)		
Highmoor Ibis (H)	(3)		
Abingdon Utd (A)	(3)		
Binfield (A)	(3)		
Wokingham & E (H)##	(3)		
Tuffley Rovers (A)***	(3)		
Abingdon Utd (H)	(3)		
Longlevens (A)**	(3)		
Flackwell Heath (H)	(3)		
Highmoor Ibis (A)	(3)		
Thame Utd (H)	(3)		
Brimscombe (A)	(3)		
Thatcham (A)	(3)		
Milton Utd (H)	(3)		
Bracknell (H)	(3)		
Kidlington (H)	(3)		
Ascot Utd (H)	(3)		
Brackley Town (A) #	(3)		
Highworth Town (A)	(3)		
Brimscombe (H)	(3)		

Appearances 2015/16	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 Dan Bailey	6		6	1
2 Richie Carter	6		6	
3 Curtis Meare	6		6	
4 Sam Packer	6		6	1
5 Dan Comer	6		6	
6 Dale Richards	5	1	6	
7 Kalum Youngsam	3	3	6	
8 Dane Moulden	4	1	5	
9 Harvey Scholes	3	2	5	1
10 Adam Corcoran	4		4	
11 Ryan Thomas	1	3	4	1
12 Tyler Sheppard	3		3	
13 Nathan Hawkins	3		3	
14 Steve Robertson	3		3	3
15 Stephen Olphert	2	1	3	1
16 Matt Cheetham		3	3	
17 George Drewitt	2		2	
18 Steve Yeardley	2		2	1
19 Nathan Gambling		2	2	
20 Callum Wright	1		1	
21 James Skinner		1	1	
22 Jack Ellis		1	1	
Own Goals		-		

Last Season	
Total	Goals
46	18
46	1
-	-
-	-
-	-
45	1
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
12	-
29	1
44	-
16	12
-	-
-	-
36	1
40	10
39	16
27	2
37	6
5	-

### Wiltshire Senior Cup

Season	Winners	Runners-Up
1886-87	Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1887-88	Swindon Town	Swindon Temperance
1888-89	Swindon Town	Swindon Temperance
1889-90	Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town
1890-91	Swindon Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1891-92	Swindon Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1892-93	Swindon Athletic	Trowbridge Town
1893-94	Swindon Wanderers	Calne
1894-95	Trowbridge Town	Calne
1895-96	Swindon Town Reserves	West Swindon
1895-96	Trowbridge Town	Joint holders
1896-97	Swindon Town	Joint holders
1897-98	Trowbridge Town	Trowbridge Town
1898-99	Swindon Victoria	Swindon Victoria
1899-00	Chippenham Town	Devizes Town
1900-01	Warminster Town	Devizes Town
1901-02	Chippenham Town	Even Swindon United
1902-03	Warminster Town	Swindon Town Reserves
1903-04	Swindon Town Reserves	Wootton Bassett Town
1904-05	Melksham Town	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	
1908-09	Trowbridge Town	Trowbridge Town
1909-10	Salisbury City	Warminster Town
1910-11	Warminster Town	Salisbury City
1911-12	38th Brigade RFA	Calne
1912-13	Calne Town	Trowbridge Town
1913-14	3rd Wilts Regiment	Chippenham Town
1919-20	Swindon Town	Salisbury City
1920-21	Swindon Victoria	Stratton Reform
1921-22	Trowbridge Town	Chippenham Town
1922-23	Salisbury City	Devizes Town
1923-24	Spencers	Swindon Victoria
1924-25	Chippenham Town	Swindon Victoria
1925-26	Trowbridge Town	1st Batt. Wilts Regiment
1926-27	Chippenham Town	Warminster Town
1927-28	Swindon Corinthians	Chippenham Town
1928-29	Chippenham Town	Swindon Corinthians
1929-30	Garrard Athletic	Trowbridge Town
1930-31	Chippenham Town	Swindon Corinthians
1931-32	Westbury United	Swindon Victoria
1932-33	Westbury United	Warminster Town
1933-34	Trowbridge Town	Westbury Untrd
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	Westbury Untrd
1964-65	Pinehurst	Chippenham Town
1965-66	Devizes Town	Aldboune
1966-67	Pinehurst	Devizes Town
1967-68	Devizes Town	Devizes Town
1968-69	Chippenham Town	Melksham Town
1969-70	Melksham Town	Melksham Town
1970-71	Devizes Town	Devizes Town
1971-72	Devizes Town	Pinehurst
1972-73	Highworth Town	Sanford Youth
1973-74	Devizes Town	Devizes Town
1974-75	Chippenham Town	Park
1975-76	Pinehurst	Vickers
1976-77	Corsham Town	Devizes Town
1977-78	Melksham Town	Park
1978-79	Devizes Town	Avon Bradford
1979-80	Downton FC	Farnedale Athletic
1980-81	Downton FC	Downton FC
		Tisbury United

### Wiltshire Senior Cup

Season	Winners	Runners-Up
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	Bernerton Athletic
1987-88	Purton	Wootton Bassett Town
1988-89	Purton	Highworth Town
1989-90	Swindon Athletic	Pewsey Vale
1990-91	Pewsey Vale	Swindon Athletic
1991-92	Wollen Sports	Downton FC
1992-93	Bernerton 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	Bernerton 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	Bernerton Heath Harl.	Bradford Town
2011-12	Calne Town	Bernerton Heath Harl.
2012-13	Melksham Town	Downton FC
2013-14	Melksham Town	Bradford Town
2014-15	Highworth Town	Bradford Town

### Wiltshire Senior Cup

List of Cup Winners	Wins
Devizes Town	14
Swindon Town	9
Chippenham Town	8
Trowbridge Town	8
Purton	7
Melksham Town	7
Highworth Town	6
Corsham 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
Bernerton 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 Vics	1
Salisbury Corinthians	1
Spencers	1
Swindon Supermarine	1
Swindon GWR Corinthians	1
Swindon Wanderers	1
Wollen Sports	1



## WILTSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR CUP SEASON 2014-15

First Round		
Amesbury Town	4 - 1	FC Chippenham Youth Adults
Highworth Town	5 - 0	New College Swindon
Corsham Town	2 - 0	Supermarine Sports FC
Marlborough Town	0 - 1	Purton (awarded to Marlborough)
Downton	2 - 1	Westbury United
Southbrook	2 - 0	Trowbridge Wanderers
Malmesbury Victoria	2 - 3	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>
Wroughton	2 - 1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Calne Town	1 - 2	<b>Warminster Town</b>
Shrewton United	3 - 2	Devizes Town
Laverstock & Ford	4 - 0	Pewsey Vale
Ludgershall Sports	1 - 2	<b>Chippenham Park</b>
Trowbridge Town	3 - 1	Wilts Calne Town
Bradford Town	W - L	Vale of Pewsey
Sarum Youth	0 - 2	<b>Mere Town</b>
Melksham Town		Bye

Second Round		
Downton	0 - 5	<b>Highworth Town</b>
Melksham Town	4 - 1	Trowbridge Town
Amesbury Town	3 - 2	Shrewton United
Corsham Town	2 - 1	Chippenham Park
Laverstock & Ford	2 - 0	Marlborough Town
Southbrook FC	1 - 5	<b>Warminster Town</b>
Wroughton	0 - 1	<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>
Bradford Town	5 - 1	Mere Town

Quarter Finals		
Laverstock & Ford	2 - 0	Corsham Town
Wootton Bassett Town	0 - 2	<b>Bradford Town</b>
Highworth Town	3 - 2	Melksham Town
Warminster Town	1 - 2	<b>Amesbury Town</b>

Semi Finals		
Amesbury	0 - 4	<b>Highworth Town</b>
Bradford Town	4 - 2	Laverstock & Ford

Final		
Bradford Town	1 - 2	<b>Highworth Town</b>

The draw for this Season's Wiltshire Senior Cup has yet to be made.

## Royal 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 on a ground grading technicality. They did well to finish in 5th place the following season after such heartbreak. In 2012-13 Bassett were never out the top 3 as they marched towards promotion, finishing 2nd. In addition they reached the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round for the first time. At the end of the season manager Dave Turner decided to move on after 5 years in charge. The Club were devastated when shortly after the fixture with his new club Shrivenham Dave tragically passed away.

With plans for the club's and Sports Association's new facility finally moving ahead, the first team began a two year ground share with Cirencester Town in 2013-14, a year in which Bassett finished a comfortable 14th in the Hellenic Premier Division. That performance was bettered in 2014-15 under new manager Paul Braithwaite, Bassett's final year playing its games in Cirencester, with an 11th place finish – the club's highest ever in the non-league pyramid – and record points haul in the division. This season sees the club playing at the New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, which was opened in the summer of 2015 and with the Royal title now included within the club name.



## 2014-15

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

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
6-Sep-14	First Round Qualifying	v Cove	A	W 3 - 2	£600
4-Oct-14	Second Round Qualifying	v Abingdon United	H	L 2 - 3	£800
1-Nov-14	First Round Proper	v Farnham Town	A		£900
22-Nov-14	Second Round Proper	v Littlehampton Town	H		£1,200
6-Dec-14	Third Round Proper	v Ashford United	H		£1,500
17-Jan-15	Fourth Round Proper	v Norwich United	H		£2,000
7-Feb-15	Fifth Round Proper	v Ascot United	A		£2,500
28-Feb-15	Sixth Round Proper	v St Austell	A		£4,500
21-Mar-15	Semi-final	v Glossop NE	Two legs		£6,000
9-May-15	Final winners	v North Shields	Wembley		£25,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£600</b>

## 2015-16

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

















Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
5-Sep-15	First Round Qualifying	v Binfield	H		£600
3-Oct-15	Second Round Qualifying	v Ash United or Windsor	A		£800
31-Oct-15	First Round Proper	v			£900
21-Nov-15	Second Round Proper	v			£1,200
12-Dec-15	Third Round Proper	v			£1,500
9-Jan-16	Fourth Round Proper	v			£2,000
30-Jan-16	Fifth Round Proper	v			£2,500
20-Feb-16	Sixth Round Proper	v			£4,500
12-Mar-16	Semi-final	v	Two legs		£6,000
22-May-16	Final winners	v	Wembley		£25,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£600</b>



The table below shows the addresses of all the grounds we will be visiting this coming 2015-16 Season. With 5 new teams next season the league has moved West a bit during the summer and added over 100 miles to the travel that needs to be made. The table below includes the postcode to enter into your Sat Nav. A rough estimate of the distance from Wootton Bassett is also shown.

Total away travel = **1,806** miles (2014-15: 1,704 miles)

Average away game travel (return journey) = **95.1** miles (2014-15: 89.7 miles)

Team	Address	Postcode	Distance (Miles)
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
Brackley Town Saints	 St James Park, Churchill Way, Brackley	NN13 7EJ	58
Brimmscombe & Thrupp	 'The Meadow', London Road Brimmscombe, Stroud	GL5 2SH	27
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
Kidlington	 Yarnton Road, Kidlington	OX5 1AT	43
Longlevens	 Saw Mills End, Corinium Avenue, Gloucester	GL4 3DG	42
Lydney Town	 Lydney Recreation Ground, Swan Road, Lydney	GL15 5RU	53
Milton United	 Potash Lane, Milton Heights	OX13 6AG	40
Oxford City Nomads	 Court Place Farm Stadium, Marsh Lane, Oxford	OX3 0NQ	54
Thame United	 The ASM Stadium, Meadow View Park, Tythrop Way, Thame,	OX9 3RN	64
Thatcham Town	 Waterside Park, Crookham Hill, Thatcham, Berkshire	RG19 4PA	36
Tuffley Rovers	 Glevum Park Lower Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester	GL2 5DT	41
Wokingham & Emmbrook	 The Triangle Ground Mill Lane Henley	RG9 4HB	51

# Half Time Quiz Answers



## Answers

- Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal, Chelsea, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur, Aston Villa, Manchester City, Newcastle United and Nottingham Forest.
- Joe Hart (Man City), Rob Green (West Ham), Jack Butland (Birmingham), Leighton Baines (Everton), Martin Kelly (Liverpool), Ashley Cole (Chelsea), Glen Johnson (Liverpool), Phil Jones (Man Utd), Joleon Lescott (Man City), John Terry (Chelsea), Phil Jagielka (Everton), Stewart Downing (Liverpool), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool), Jordan Henderson (Liverpool), James Milner (Man City), Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Arsenal), Scott Parker (Tottenham), Theo Walcott (Arsenal), Ashley Young (Man Utd), Andy Carroll (Liverpool), Jermain Defoe (Tottenham), Wayne Rooney (Man Utd) and Danny Welbeck (Man Utd).
- Walter Winterbottom (1946-62), Sir Alf Ramsey (1963-74), Joe Mercer (1974), Don Revie (1974-77), Ron Greenwood (1977-82), Bobby Robson (1982-90), Graham Taylor (1990-93), Terry Venables (1994-96), Glen Hoddle (1996-99), Howard Wilkinson (1999-2000), Kevin Keegan (1999-2000), Peter Taylor (2000), Sven-Goran Eriksson (2001-06), Steve McClaren (2006-07), Fabio Capello (2008-12), Stuart Pearce (2012) and Roy Hodgson (2012 to date).
- Paraguay, Trinidad & Tobago, Sweden, Ecuador, Portugal, USA, Algeria, Slovenia, Germany, Italy, Uruguay and Costa Rica.

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# F.A. Cup

## 2014-15

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

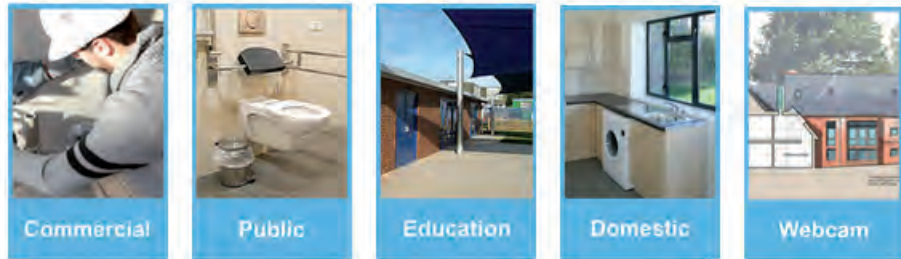
Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
16-Aug-14	Extra Preliminary Round	v Brockenhurst	A	W 3 - 0	£1,500
30-Aug-14	Preliminary Round	v Bradford Town	A	L 1 - 2	£1,925
13-Sep-14	First Qualifying Round	v Poole Town	A		£3,000
27-Sep-14	Second Qualifying Round	v Bath City	A		£4,500
11-Oct-14	Third Qualifying Round	v Shortwood United	H		£7,500
25-Oct-14	Fourth Qualifying Round	v East Thurrock United	A		£12,500
8-Nov-14	First Round	v Hartlepool United	A		£18,000
6-Dec-14	Second Round	v Blyth Spartans	H		£27,000
3-Jan-15	Third Round	v Birmingham City	H		£67,500
24-Jan-15	Fourth Round	v WBA	H		£90,000
14-Feb-15	Fifth Round	v West Ham	H		£180,000
7-Mar-15	Sixth Round	v Aston Villa	A		£360,000
18-Apr-15	Semi-Final	v Liverpool	Wembley		£900,000
30-May-15	Final	v Arsenal	Wembley		£1,800,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£1,500</b>

## 2015-16

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

Date	Round	Opponents	H/A	Result	Prize Money
15-Aug-15	Extra Preliminary Round	v Bracknell Town	H	L 0 - 2	£1,500
29-Aug-15	Preliminary Round	v Brimscombe & Thrupp	A		£1,925
12-Sep-15	First Qualifying Round	v Binfield or Shortwood	A		£3,000
26-Sep-15	Second Qualifying Round	v			£4,500
14-Oct-15	Third Qualifying Round	v			£7,500
24-Oct-15	Fourth Qualifying Round	v			£12,500
7-Nov-15	First Round	v			£18,000
5-Dec-15	Second Round	v			£27,000
9-Jan-16	Third Round	v			£67,500
30-Jan-16	Fourth Round	v			£90,000
20-Feb-16	Fifth Round	v			£180,000
12-Mar-16	Sixth Round	v			£360,000
23-Apr-16	Semi-Final	v	Wembley		£900,000
21-May-16	Final	v	Wembley		£1,800,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£Nil</b>





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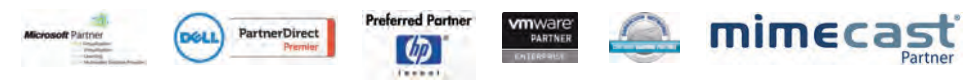
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# Half Time Quiz

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First Round		
Bracknell Town	v	Rayners Lane
Highmoor-Ibis	v	Binfield
Highworth Town	v	Brackley Town Saints
Lydney Town	v	Shortwood United
Royal Wootton Bassett	v	Fairford Town
Shrivenham	v	Carterton
Thame United	v	Milton United
Thatcham Town	v	Didcot Town
Tuffley Rovers	v	Kidlington



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1. Name the top 10 most successful English clubs (all have at least 10 major trophies). (10 points, one for each team) (Bonus 5 points if you get them in the correct order)?
2. Name the 23 players in the England Euro 2012 squad (*clue: 6 are from Liverpool, 4 from Man Utd, 3 from Man City 2 from Everton, Chelsea, Arsenal and Tottenham, and 1 each (both goalkeepers) from West Ham and Birmingham*) (23 points, one for each correct answer)?
3. Including caretaker managers England have had 17 managers since the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, name them (17 points, one for each name) (Bonus 5 points if you get them in the correct order)?
4. England played 12 countries in the last 3 World Cups (2006, 2010 and 2014), name 10 of these opponents? (10 points, one for each country)?

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# Fixtures, Results and Tables

## Season 2015-16

### Uhsport Hellenic League

# Wilts U18 Floodlit League

For the 2015/16 season, Royal Wootton Bassett Town's third senior men's side will be an Under 18s team competing in the Wiltshire Football Youth Floodlit League.

The Under 18s team, which will be managed by Paul Gerrish with Rab McLeod as his assistant, replaces the Development side, whose place in the Wiltshire Football League Premier Division has been taken by the Reserves.

The re-introduction of the Under 18 Senior side marks a return to the Floodlit League, which Bassett withdrew from following the 2011/12 season when they finished as runners-up in the North Division. A year earlier, under the stewardship of Danny Groom, Bassett's Under 18 side comfortably won the competition, while also reaching the Wiltshire Youth Cup final.

This year's Floodlit League contains 12 teams split across two Divisions – North and South – with Bassett playing in the North. The full constitution is as follows:

Hellenic League Premier Season 2015-16	Abingdon Utd	Ardley Utd	Ascot Utd	Binfield	Brackley Town	Bracknell Town	Brimscombe & Thrupp	Flackwell Heath	Highmoor Ibis	Highworth Town	Kidlington	Longlevens	Lydney Town	Milton Utd	Oxford City Nomads	Thame United	Thatcham Town	Tuffley Rovers	Wokingham & E	W.Bassett Town
Abingdon Utd															0-3			1-2		
Ardley Utd											0-2									
Ascot United								3-0	1-0	0-1										
Binfield		1-1																		
Brackley Town									2-4		2-2									
Bracknell Town		0-1								1-3									0-3	
Brimscombe & T											2-4								4-1	
Flackwell Heath					4-0	3-2														7-2
Highmoor Ibis																		5-0		
Highworth Town							3-0										2-1			
Kidlington			3-1						1-1											
Longlevens	3-0			1-2																
Lydney Town								1-3												3-2
Milton United		2-1							2-3											
Oxford City Nomads																	1-2			0-2
Thame United				1-2	5-0															
Thatcham Town	6-2			2-0		6-2														
Tuffley Rovers		1-2					2-1													
Wokingham & E											0-1			0-0	1-3	1-2				
W.Bassett Town		2-1			1-1															

### North Division

AFC Corsham

Calne Town

Chippenham Town

New College

Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Shrivenham

### South Division

Amesbury Town

Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Bradford Town

Laverstock and Ford

Melksham Town

Pewsey Vale

### 2015-2016 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Premier Division as at 26th August 2015

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Highworth Town	4	4	0	0	12	1	12
2 Thatcham Town	5	4	0	1	17	7	12
3 Flackwell Heath	5	4	0	1	17	8	12
4 Longlevens AFC	6	4	0	2	10	3	12
5 Kidlington	5	3	2	0	12	7	11
6 Highmoor-Ibis	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
7 Thame United	4	3	0	1	9	3	9
8 Oxford City Nomads	5	3	0	2	11	7	9
9 Ascot United	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
10 Binfield	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
11 Royal Wootton Bassett	5	2	1	2	9	12	7
12 Lydney Town	6	2	1	3	8	13	7
13 Brimscombe & Thrupp	5	2	0	3	11	12	6
14 Tuffley Rovers	5	2	0	3	7	13	6
15 Milton United	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
16 Ardley United	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
17 Wokingham & Emmbrook	6	1	1	4	6	10	4
18 Brackley Town Saints	6	0	2	4	6	18	2
19 Bracknell Town	5	0	0	5	5	16	0
20 Abingdon United	4	0	0	4	3	14	0

### 2015-2016 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One (West) as at 26th August 2015

	P	W	D	L	V	F	A	Pts
1 Cheltenham Saracens	3	3	0	0	9	3	9	68
2 North Leigh United	4	3	0	1	13	9	9	62
3 Purton	3	2	1	0	9	3	7	60
4 Hook Norton	3	2	0	1	5	2	6	50
5 Carterton	3	2	0	1	9	7	6	48
6 Easington Sports	3	1	2	0	9	6	5	43
7 Shortwood United Res'	3	1	1	1	10	7	4	42
8 Clanfield 85'	2	1	1	0	5	3	4	41
9 Letcombe	3	1	0	2	6	7	3	33
10 New College Swindon	3	1	0	2	2	3	3	27
11 Fairford Town	3	1	0	2	3	9	3	25
12 Cirencester Town Dev'	3	0	1	2	5	13	1	24
13 Tytherington Rocks	3	0	0	3	2	8	0	24
14 Shrivenham	3	0	0	3	3	10	0	21

### 2015-2016 Season UHLSPORT Hellenic League Division One (East) as at 26th August 2015

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Penn & Tylers Green	3	3	0	0	12	3	9
2 Bicester Town	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
3 Headington Amateur's	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
4 Rayners Lane	3	2	0	1	8	4	6
5 Holyport	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
6 Chalfont Wasps	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
7 Wantage Town Res'	4	2	0	2	7	8	6
8 Chinnor	3	1	0	2	7	6	3
9 Henley Town	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
10 Didcot Town Res'	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
11 Old Woodstock Town	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
12 Finchampstead	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
13 Woodley United	3	0	0	3	1	6	0
14 Reading Town	3	0	0	3	3	12	0

### WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2015-16 U18 TEAM FIXTURES - WILTSHIRE COUNTY FLOODLIT LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Thurs 3-Sep-15	Calne Town	H	League		
Thurs 10-Sep-15	Shrivenham	A	League		
Thurs 24-Sep-15	AFC Corsham	H	League		
	Chippenham Town	H	League		
	New College	H	League		
	Calne Town	A	League		
	Shrivenham	H	League		
	AFC Corsham	A	League		
	Chippenham Town	A	League		
	New College	A	League		



# Ladies Section In Focus

Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2015-16			
Division One Fixtures			
Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition
6-Sep-15	Downend Flyers	H	W FA Cup
13-Sep-15	Bristol Ladies Union Dev	H	League
20-Sep-15	Cheltenham Town Dev	A	League
4-Oct-15	Cirencester Town	A	League
25-Oct-15	Dursley Town	A	League
1-Nov-15	Forest of Dean	H	League
8-Nov-15	Longlevens	A	League
22-Nov-15	St Nicholas	H	League
6-Dec-15	AEK Boco	A	League
20-Dec-15	Almondsbury UWE	H	League
10-Jan-16	Almondsbury UWE	A	League
17-Jan-16	Bristol & West	H	League
24-Jan-16	Bristol Ladies Union Dev	A	League
31-Jan-16	Cheltenham Town Dev	H	League
7-Feb-16	Cirencester Town	H	League
21-Feb-16	Dursley Town	H	League
28-Feb-16	Forest of Dean	A	League
6-Mar-16	Longlevens	H	League
13-Mar-16	St Nicholas	A	League
3-Apr-16	AEK Boco	H	League
17-Apr-16	Bristol & West	A	League

The ladies kick off their season next Sunday with an FA Cup fixture at home against Downend Flyers. The league fixtures kick-off the following week with another home game when Bristol Ladies Union Development side are the visitors to the New Gerard Buxton Ground.

The Ladies side are looking to build on the success of last season and maybe even push for promotion. The club have now re-signed most of last season's squad along with a few new and experienced players, so the mood is positive around the team.

The Ladies side are taking part in a trio of further cups including the Gloucestershire Women's League Cup, the Women's FA Cup and the Wiltshire County Women's Cup. The team will be looking to push and further themselves in each of these cups after last season's poor run in cups, and who knows, maybe even bring home their first piece of silverware to the new Gerard Buxton Sports Ground.

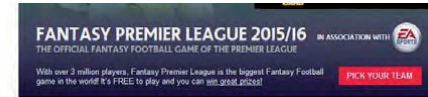
The ladies are still on the look-out for more players, especially a goalkeeper, so if you or you know of anyone who would like to join the team, please contact Becky Gammon on 07825 336479. Training currently takes place on a Thursday evening from 6:30-8pm.



# Fantasy Football

## Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Fantasy Football Competition - Season 2015-16

As at 28th August 2015	Week	Total
1 Michu at De Gea Ba	Dane Moulden	43 177
2 Iatorrefc	Alejandro Stock	58 175
3 Shumps Gooner get ya	Steven Humphrey	36 173
4 SuarezBitsBack	M Price	65 165
5 Coutinho Defence Up	Jacob Hayden	64 158
6 Viva Paul Curtis...	SJ Lawro	58 156
7 Liverpool	Ethan Joe	62 155
8 Moves ilke Agger	Andy Tye	70 154
9 Gillie's Army FC	Ryan Gillie	57 147
9 FC United of Wood	Ali Wood	39 147
11 C-Bomb's	Jack Paish	67 147
12 Gotta be my year	Becky Gammon	52 145
12 Le Saux Solid Crew	Ryan Thomas	59 145
14 royal woodpecker utd	bryan wood	59 142
15 Tekkerslovakia	Ryan Collins	45 141
16 fc barcelona	Ethan Alejandro	65 140
17 Fantasy XI	Reece Holloway	44 139
18 Cupid Punts	Michael Case	51 138
19 barcelonaer	Murcia Guy	53 136
20 poops	thomas haworth	52 135
21 Who Ate All Depays?	JACK HOLDER	59 135
22 Square Ball Tel	David Topping	62 134
23 Inter Minan	Joe topping	54 133
24 Halls' Town	Tim Hall	58 132
24 MerfelsPanzaDivision	Helmut Cheese	56 132
26 Rigs Warriors	Paul Haworth	34 131
27 Stick The Blue Flag	Mark Smedley	35 130
28 MyLittleBony FC	Euan Burke	39 129
29 Footysavedmybacon	Ken G	43 129
30 JoseParksTheBus	Mike Price	50 128
31 SMG	James Skinner	36 125
31 Sticks & John Stones	Ollie Sinclair	41 125
31 Spiral Tribe FC	joe hockham	54 125
34 Pathetic Athletic	Alex Webb	63 125
35 Dirty Oars	Andrew Guppy	60 124
36 BainesONtoast	Oliver Case	54 123
36 Nottingham Florist	James Evans	34 123
38 Benford Rejects	Benny Brown	41 123
39 Jose Fonte Baby	Josh Dimond	41 123
40 Holdsworth XI	Rhys Holdsworth	54 122
41 Mein Bergkampf	george Fry	40 121
42 Swagenham&Redbridge	Dave Groom	42 121
43 High flying	Samuel Case	47 121
44 Yoyo XI	Scott Smedley	57 120
45 Winning Fc	Jayden Handel	43 119
45 Sims United	Simon G	38 119
47 The Koeman League	Stuart Smedley	37 119
48 Crazy's Robins	Paul Burke	34 118
49 Swift's bathwater FC	Phillip Forster	44 116
49 Largie's Lads	Scott Large	35 116
51 Charlie's Angels	Karen Avery	63 112
52 Wright's Warriors	Callum Wright	54 111
53 Monye XI	hugo vivash	40 110
54 United We Stand	Simon Jones	49 110
55 Gerrard's Slippers	Chris Green	50 110
56 Kids R Utd	Paul Gillie	41 108
57 ?????????? enough!!!!	luke jones	37 107
58 Gregs Demons	Ian Bull	45 104
58 FirstTimeLucky?	Keren Broyde	62 104
60 PC's Havin a Party	Paul Curtis	44 104
61 Irish Allstars	Sam Jackson	45 103
62 Royal rovers	Teresa Andow	27 101
63 bassett legend	steve thomas	34 99
63 QPR	joe Wych	40 99
65 REUS krispies	Harry Gough	55 97
66 Joe's hoe's	joe dixon	37 96
67 Hannover Hangover	Ben Gerrish	41 41



### Previous Winners

- 2014/15 – Andy Guppy (Dirty Oars)
- 2013/14 – Michael Case (Cupid Punts)
- 2012/13 – Sam Lawro (Top of the Perch -19)
- 2011/12 – Sam Lawro (19- Top Of Your Perch)
- 2010/11 – Josh Dimond (Liquidation FC)

This season's Fantasy Football competition has drawn a record number of entries with 67 entries already. This easily beats the record set last season.

The table shows the positions as at midnight on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. This is before the games played this weekend just gone. For the latest positions go to the Premier Fantasy League website.

At the time of writing the early leader is stil First Team player Dane Moulden, 2 points ahead of Alejandro Stock. Former winner Sam Lawro is once again up neat the top. Last years two big players Michael Case and Andy Guppy had a good week and are starting to climb the table.

At the other end of the table Bassett legend Steve Thomas is having a tough time and Paul Curtis is hardly having a party given the way his team is performing.



# The Non-League Paper Article

# Reserves In Focus



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By Matt Badcock

## Goals, no goals

DON'T get me wrong, I enjoy a good 0-0 draw. Defences on top, star strikers in back pockets, keepers smiling with their clean sheets.

And there's something beautiful about an organised 1-0 away win. You know the ones. Where a team shows zero ambition, plays one up front, defends superbly, frustrates the opposition by slowing the game down and then nicks a winner from their only foray into the opposition penalty box. I love those games. It shows all the discipline and nous required to win a game of football and get three points. But most of the time it's great to see an attacking team tear the opposition apart, pull them all over the pitch and bang in a load of goals.

A few Non-League strikers have been filling their boots already this season. Defenders best look away now, because what better place to start that Winchester City hot-shot Warren Bentley. After their opening two games in the Evo-Stik League Southern South & West, the 24-year had scored nine goals. That's NINE goals, in TWO games. Just 42 minutes into the new season, Bentley had five as the greedy goal machine helped his side batter Bridgwater Town 7-2. The following Tuesday he clearly let his level drop, managing just FOUR against Wimborne Town. Clearly the concept of defending had been abandoned altogether with Winchester running out 6-5 winners. You won't be surprised to know he'll soon be re-setting his 30 goal target if his ratio keeps up.

Then there's Gosport Borough's Justin Bennett. He's also seemingly decided hat-tricks are so last season. The top scorer in the Conference South last season, Bennett hammered four past Weston-super-Mare last Tuesday.

It's caught on in the FA Cup. AFC Liverpool's Steve Jones hit five in their 9-2 demolition of Chadderton in the extra preliminary round. He wasn't the only five-star show with Melford Simpson helping himself to the same number as Shoreham brushed St Francis Rangers aside 8-0. And Luke Barlone fired in four as Coleshill steamrolled Ellesmere Rangers 11-0. At the same stage last year, the Midland League side also racked up double figures. Add in two half-way line strikes from Oxford City's Bradley Bubb and Ashton Town's Danny Coid, who got his against Widnes after just three seconds, and this season is already a goal feast.

But someone scoring nine goals in two games doesn't happen all that often so we sent The NLP cameras along to get some snaps of Bentley with his Winchester City team-mates before Saturday's game at Yate Town. The final score? 0-0. Of course it was. Bet it was a good game though.



## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SEASON 2015-16 RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES - WILTSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sat 15-Aug-15	Ludgershall Sports	A	League	D 2 - 2	Shepherd, Large
Tue 18-Aug-15	Wroughton	A	League	L 2 - 3	Covey, Dixon
Sat 22-Aug-15	Melksham Town Res	A	League	L 0 - 1	
<b>Tue 25-Aug-15</b>	<b>Chippenham Park Dev</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>	W 3 - 1	Shaw 2, Clark
Sat 29-Aug-15	Trowbridge Wanderers	A	League		
Sat 5-Sep-15	Wilts Calne Town	A	League		
Sat 12-Sep-15	Shrewton United	A	League		
<b>Sat 19-Sep-15</b>	<b>Devizes Town Res</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
Sat 26-Sep-15	Corsham Town Res	A	League		
	Andover New Street Sw	A	League		
	<b>Andover New Street Sw</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
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	<b>Corsham Town Res</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Devizes Town Res	A	League		
	<b>Ludgershall Sports</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
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	<b>Melksham Town Res</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
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	<b>Shrewton United</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Trowbridge Town	A	League		
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	<b>Trowbridge Wanderers</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
	Vale of Pewsey	A	League		
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	<b>Wilts Calne Town</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>League</b>		
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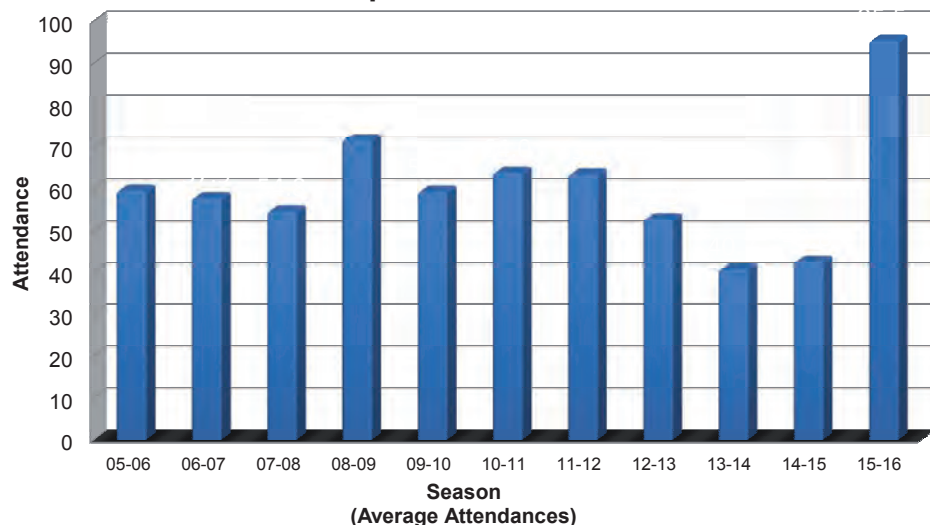
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1 Malmesbury Victoria FC	4	4	0	0	25	5	12
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3 Melksham Town FC Res	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
4 Trowbridge Wanderers FC	4	3	0	1	14	8	9
5 Ludgershall Sports FC	4	2	2	0	18	4	8
6 Shrewton Utd FC	4	2	2	0	9	5	8
<b>7 Royal Wootton Bassett T FC Res</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
8 Devizes Town FC Res	4	1	1	2	3	8	4
9 Wroughton FC	4	1	1	2	9	18	4
10 Vale of Pewsey FC	4	1	1	2	4	19	4
11 Chippenham Park FC Development	4	1	0	3	9	8	3
12 Sarum Youth FC	4	1	0	3	6	10	3
13 Corsham Town FC Res	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
14 Marlborough Town FC	3	0	2	1	5	7	2
15 Wilts Calne Town FC	4	0	1	3	5	14	1
16 Andover New Street Swifts FC	4	0	1	3	5	26	1

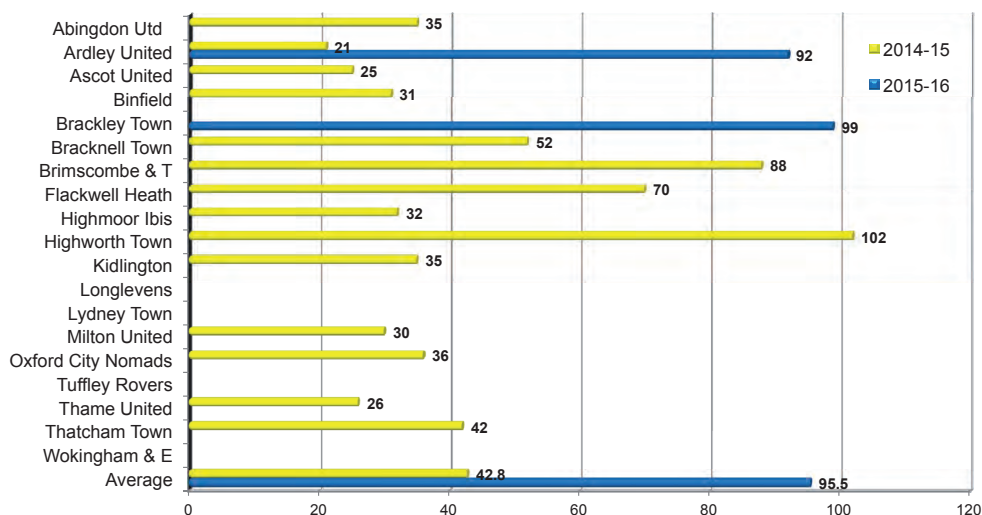
# RWBTFC Attendances

# Editor's Non-League Scene

**WBTFC Average Home League Attendances - Last 10 Years plus current season**



**WBTFC Attendances - Season 2015-16 (and comparison to 2014-15)**



## How are my sides doing?

At the start of the season I let you all know the teams that I follow other than Bassett in Non-League football and with the season now a few weeks old it is time to look how they are doing.

In the Midland League Premier Division the team I follow are Loughborough University and my prediction they would have a better season than last season is looking a bit foolish as they currently prop up the table having lost all 3 games scoring just one goal and conceding 9. Hopefully the new intake of students in a few weeks time will include some good footballers amongst them!

In the Combined Counties League of the two Woking sides in the premier Division it is Westfield who are having the better of things. After Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August fixtures they sat in 6<sup>th</sup> place, unbeaten with 2 wins from their opening 3 league fixtures. That Saturday they won 3-1 away at Guildford City. The other Woking side Knaphill have won 2 and lost 2 and sit in mid-table. They also went out of the FA Cup at the hands of today's visitors Highworth Town. In Division One Sheerwater have won just 1 of their opening 4 fixtures. In the Lincolnshire league Horncastle Town have so far only played the one game going down 2-0 away at Skegness Town. All in all a mixed set of results from my various teams.

## Common sense prevails

It is pleasing to report that common sense has prevailed in the dispute between AFC Rushden & Diamonds and the Southern League over the continued use of the No.17 shirt for the Rushden keeper which was covered in the recent Ardley programme. In the end it was the FA that overruled the league and confirmed that the club are free to put No.17 on the goalkeeper's jersey. The FA also suggested that a squad numbering system should be forward for member clubs' consideration next season. Watch this space to see if the officials at the Southern League take on this idea.

## Forest Green Rovers

At the time of writing after 5 games there is just one side above my local National League side Woking in the table, that team – Forest Green Rovers. Ady Pennock's side have made a fantastic start to the season with 5 wins out of 5 and must be favourites to book a place in the Football League come the end of the season. The former Hellenic League side have the strong financial backing of Dale Vince and will be looking to improve on last season's play-off appearance by booking that one automatic promotion spot. It would be a fantastic achievement for the side from Nailsworth if they can make it into the Football League.

## Wiltshire Non-League Scene

Chippenham Town have also had a great start to the season in the Southern League Premier Division. Top after 5 unbeaten games Mark Collier's side are the early pace setters. On Saturday they dropped their first points of the season when they drew 0-0 away at lowly Histon but hung onto top spot. Hopefully these dropped points are just a minor blip as the side which features former Bassett player Jon Beedon look to climb into the upper reaches of the pyramid.

Swindon Supermarine have also had a good start in the South & West Division of the Southern League. They currently sit in 5<sup>th</sup> place (the final play-off spot) with 10 points from their opening 5 games. Again featuring a former Bassett player in Ryan Stanners the Swindon side picked up a useful point away last Saturday at Larkhall Athletic, Jacob Davidge on target for the Swindon side. The big game in the division saw former Hellenic side North Leigh maintain their 100% record with a narrow 1-0 home win over 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Taunton Town.

In the Wessex League, Steve Claridge's Salisbury side had climbed up to 6<sup>th</sup> place in the table last weekend after a narrow 1-0 home win over Lymington Town on Friday night. Following this win Salisbury were 3 points off the top of the table. In Division One Pewsey Vale are having a tough time losing all 3 of their opening league fixtures, the latest defeat being a 3-1 home reverse at the hands of Romsey Town.

In the Western League Premier Division, champions Melksham Town lost their first league game of the season when they went down 1-0 away at Odd Down. In Division One Jeff Robert's Corsham Town lead the way after a 5-1 home demolition of Keynsham Town. The Corsham side featured former Bassett players Sam Ockwell, Dan Lardner and Levi Cox with Cox (2) and Ockwell both netting for Corsham. Warminster Town sit in 4<sup>th</sup> spot 2 places behind Corsham with Chippenham Park one place and one point behind Warminster. Devizes Town, Calne Town and Westbury United are all at the bottom end of the table.

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## Match Reports

### EMIRATES FA CUP Extra Preliminary Round

Brimscombe & Thrupp, Flackwell Heath, Kidlington, Cheltenham Saracens, Chinnor, Thatcham Town, Milton United, Hook Norton, Highworth Town and Bracknell Town all progressed through to the next round with Binfield and Thame getting replays.

### PREMIER

Longlevens won 1-0 away to Wokingham & Emmbrook with Ed Smyllie getting the only goal. Lydney bagged all three points with a disciplined display at Bicester Town. Lydney on 59 minutes opened the scoring. Lidd put through when the Saints lost possession on the right and calmly side footed into the bottom corner. Straight from the kick off the Saints put together the best move off the game, driving down the left, the ball played square into the path of Deffern who smacked a 20 yd drive in off the bar. 1 – 1 on 60 minutes. It was Lydney who scored the decider on 76 minutes when Halford scrambled the ball in following a goal mouth melee.

### Division One East

An entertaining game at Barton ended all square as Headington Amateurs and Finchampstead shared four goals. Own Goal and Drew Fowler for Headington and James Wright and Greg Alexander for Finchampstead. Rayners Lane won 3-0 with goals from Charnpal Flora, Jordy Mumbiny, Bradley Morris. Bicester Town won 3-2 away to Chalfont Wasps with goals from Nick Holdsworth, Murray Nichols and Danny Rose. Chalfont replied through Jamil and Seddon.

### Division One West

Goals from *Toms Stone, Dan Hoskin (2) and Luke Stone* gave Letcombe a resounding 4-0 win at home to Cirencester Town. Easington Sports drew 3-3 with Purton. Purton went ahead with a goal from Jamie Richards. Seven minutes later however Paul Carson conceded a penalty and Andrew Stidder levelled the score. Carter netted a spot-kick to give Purton a 2-1 lead at the break. On 67 minutes Purton went 3-1 up when a drop shot from well out on the left from Tatenda Majoni sailed over the home keepers head. Easingtons James McMahon pulled a goal back with a brilliant header and the same player rubbed salt into the wounds netting again right on normal time in a goalmouth scramble for the ball. Carterton won with an injury time winner from Curtin away to Shortwood United. North Leigh United's Alfie Saunders scored all five goals with Tom Ballard scoring a consolation goal for Fairford Town.

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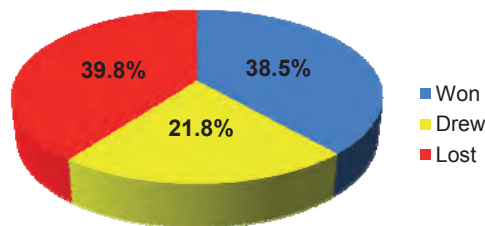


## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN F.C. 27 YEARS IN THE HELLENIC LEAGUE

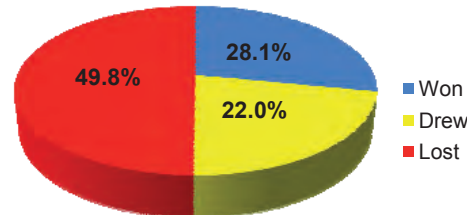
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Season	Div	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer										
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York										
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick Woolford	Damon York 25										
1990/91	1	30	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	Not known										
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	34	14	5	15	64	62	47	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 32										
2013/14	P	38	11	12	15	60	60	45	14 out of 20	Jeff Roberts	Levi Cox 14										
2014/15	P	38	14	9	15	66	80	51	11 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Dan Bailey 18										
2015/16	P	5	2	1	2	9	11	7	11 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Steve Robertson 3										
<b>Total</b>		<b>933</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>1,274</b>		<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Premier Division</b>										
<b>Won:Drew:Lost Ratio</b>			<b>38.5%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>39.8%</b>																

Nickname	Bassett
Record Gate	2,103 v Swindon Town (1991)
Best Gate - 2014/15	102 v Highworth Town
Average Hellenic Attendance 2014/15	42.8 (13/14 = 40.7)
Top Scorer - 2014/15	Dan Bailey - 18 Goals
Record Known Win	16 - 0 v Clyffe Pypard (1933/34)
Record Known Defeat	1 - 16 v Warminster T (3/11/1945)

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% of Games Won, Drawn & Lost in Hellenic League (Premier Division)



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## Match Reports

### MIDWEEK ROUND UP EMIRATES FA CUP

*Extra Preliminary Round*

**MOLES SNEAK THROUGH AFTER TIGHT MATCH.... BINFIELD won 1-0 away to WESTFIELD thanks to an own goal by defender Brad Pegg who poked the ball past his own keeper in the 30<sup>th</sup> minute.**

### PREMIER

On Tuesday Flackwell Heath beat Brackley Town Saints 4-0, goals from Chris Hurst, Dan Burnell (2) and Joe Blunt. Kidlington won 3-1 against Ascot at home with goals from Tommy Castle, Lewis Coyle and Tommy Franklin. A hat trick by Mitch Parker gave Highmore Ibis a 3-2 win at Milton United with Niall Hodgkins and Ashley Searle replying for Milton. Goals by Marcus Mealing (2), Josh Baines, Mark James, Mark Thompson and Josh Helmore gave Thatcham a resounding 6-2 victory at home to Bracknell Town who replied through Shane Cooper-Clark (2). A late winner by Jordan Fletcher in the 90th minute gave Tuffley Rovers a 2-1 win against Brimscombe & Thrupp. Stuart Griffith gave Rovers the lead before Chris Greenhough equalised for Brimscombe. Oxford City. On Wednesday Royal Wootton Bassett beat Ardley United by 2-1 with goals by Sam Packe and Dan Bailey. Steve Hawkins replied for Ardley.

### WEEKEND ROUND UP

### PREMIER

Flackwell Heath continues their impressive start to the season by beating Royal Wootton Bassett 7-2 with goals from Chris Hunt (3), Dan Rapley, Mitchell Woodward, Adam Corcoran, OG and Dan Burnell, Steve Robertson scoring 2 for RWB. Tuffley Rovers won 2-1 away to Abingdon United. United scored first through Jack Ross on 7 minutes but two late goals from Ashley Davis and Anthony Herrin gave Rovers the 3 points. A goal from TJ Bohane gave Highworth the 3 points at Ascot United. Highmore Ibis won 4-2 at Brackley Town Saints with goal from Devon Reid, Mohammed Davis, Frankie Boamah and Aston Robinson. Saints scored through Matt Hammond and Matt Johnson. Andrew Prescott scored the only goal of the game at Bracknell Town. Kidlington won 4-2 away to Brimscombe & Thrupp with goals by Tom Castle, Lewis Brownhill and Anacleto Odhiambo (2). Brimscombe replied though Ben Deakin and Simon Clarke. Two goals from Brad Brown gave Binfield a 2-1 away to Longlevens AFC, Brad Martin scoring for Longlevens. Lydney Town and Mililton shared the points in a 0-0 draw. Thatcham Town won 2-1 at Oxford City Nomads with goals by Gareth Thomas and Marcus Mealing. City scored through Billy Gillet on 87 minutes. Thame won 2-1 at Wokingham & Emmbrook with goals from Ellis Hercules and Ben Gray. Luke Scope replied for Wokingham.

### Division One East

Penn & Tylers Green won 5-1 at home to Henley Town to maintain their 100% record with goals by Adam Harman, Lee Thompson (3) and James Pritchard. Richard Butler scored a consolation goal for Henley. Bicester Town beat Rayners Lane 3-1. Bicester went 1-0 after Rayners keeper fumbled a cross for Leo Brooks to score. Bicester missed a great chance to go 2-0 when they missed a Penalty, Rayners lane equalised just before half time though Freddy Newman. Another mistake from the Rayners Lane keeper allowed Chris Johnson to head in from 2 yards. Aaron Monk scored with a late goal to give Bicester the win. A goal from Jean-Pierre Jamil gave Chalfont wasps all 3 points at home to Old Woodstock. Didcot Town beat Finchampstead 2-0 with goals from Aaron Gray and Lewis Noble. Drew Fowler scored the only goal to give Headington Amateurs a 1-0 win at home to Woodley United. Goals from Ryan Lee (2), Dale Wright and Adam Watt gave Holyport a 4-1 win way to Reading Town who scored through Abdul Ally.

### Division One West

Cheltenham Saracens won 4-2 at home to Carterton to maintain their 100% record. John Evans and Paul Holmes gave the home side a 2-0 halftime lead. Carterton fought back to equalise though Ryan Curtin and Simon Culley, late goals from Owen Donaghue and Mitch Counsel in the last 5 minutes gave the home side the 3 points. Clonfield 85 beat Tytherington Rocks 3-1. Mike Duerden gave the home side the lead only for Charles to equalise for Tytherington 3 minutes later but 2 goals in the last 20 minutes from Nathan Richens and Jack Clifton gave Clonfield the 3 points. Easington Sports won 3-0 at home to Shrivvenham with goals from James McMahon, OG and James Hastie. Hook Norton won 3-0 away to Fairford Town with goals from Luke Thornton, Jamie Wyatt and Dan Reeves. North Leigh Utd won 3-2 away to Letcombe Letcombe took a half time lead though a Dan Hoskins goal. Goals from Declan Sheppard, John Garay and a OG gave Fairford the 3 points. A goal from Purtons Marcus Hall gave them all 3 points away to New College Swindon to maintain unbeaten run. Shortwood United won 6-2 at home to Cirencester Town with goals from Jamie Johnson (2) Sam Taylor (2) and Niall Morgan (2). Cirencester replied though George Peare and Rob James.

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**UHSport Hellenic League matches kick-off at 3.00 pm on Saturday and 7.45 pm midweek, unless stated otherwise. For "outside" cup competitions, if not shown, check with home club if in doubt.**

Monday 31 August	
<b>Premier Division</b>	
Abingdon United	v Milton United
Ascot United	v Bracknell Town
Brackley Town Saints	v Ardley United
Longlevens AFC	v Brimscombe & Thrupp
Oxford City Nomads	v Kidlington
Thatcham Town	v Flackwell heath
Tuffley Rovers	v Lydney Town
Wokingham & Emmb	v Binfield
Royal Wootton Bassett	v Highworth Town
Thame United	v Highmoor Ibis
Saturday 5 September	
<b>FA Vase 1st Qualifying Rd</b>	
Abbey Rangers	v Holyport
Bracknell Town	v Hook Norton
Carterton	v Chinnor
Cheltenham Saracens	v Brimscombe & Thrupp
Chertsey Town	v Tuffley Rovers
Fairford Town	v Ardley United
Hartley Wintney	v Longlevens AFC
Lydney Town	v Abingdon United
Oxford City Nomads	v Buckingham Town
Royal Wootton Bassett	v Binfield
Shrivenham	v Reading Town
Tadley Calleva	v Woodley United
Thatcham Town	v New College Swindon

<b>Premier Division</b>	
Flackwell Heath	v Wokingham & Emmb
Highmoor Ibis	v Highworth Town
Kidlington	v Thame United
Milton United	v Ascot United
<b>Division One West</b>	
Cirencester Town Dev	v Tytherington Rocks
Clanfield	v Easington Sports
Purton	v Letcombe
Shortwood United	v North Leigh
<b>Division One East</b>	
Bicester Town	v Headington Amateurs
Didcot Town	v Chalfont Wasps
Henley Town	v Finchampstead
Old Woodstock Town	v Penn & Tylers Green
Rayners Lane	v Wantage Town
<b>Division Two West</b>	
Brimscombe & Thrupp	v Kidlington
Highworth Town	v Old Woodstock Town
Hook Norton	v Purton
Letcombe	v Cheltenham Saracens
Moreton Rangers	v Shrivenham
Oxford City Nomads Dev	v Fairford Town
<b>Division Two East</b>	
Chalfont Wasps	v Sandhurst Town
Chinnor	v Flackwell Heath
Holyport	v Milton United Dev
Penn & Tylers Green	v Bracknell Town Dev
Stokenchurch	v Wokingham & Emmb
Thame United	v Ascot United

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# Match Reports

## Flackwell firepower leaves Bassett shell-shocked

Wilks Park, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

Twenty torturous second half minutes set the stage for a crushing defeat for Royal Wootton Bassett Town as Flackwell Heath's four goal salvo in that period helped the classy reigning champions on their way to a 7-2 victory.

That spell, in which the Buckinghamshire outfit ruthlessly exploited the left side of Bassett's defence, ensured it was a country mile separating the teams at full time, rather than the width of a cigarette paper which could have been placed between the sides an hour earlier at the culmination of the game's opening period. At the stage Flackwell held a slender 2-1 advantage, an entertaining and relatively even opening period having produced opportunities at both ends. The Heathens were their typical selves, seeking to switch play at every available opportunity to bring dangerous wingers Dan Rapley and Seb Bowerman into the fray, with frontman Dan Burnell lurking between the lines to try and drag the Bassett defence out of shape. Largely though the visitors coped with what their opponents threw at them. Indeed, were it not for two instances of Bassett's defence switching off, and with a bit more luck for frontman Steve Robertson, it could even have been the visitors who went into the break in front. Saying that is pure conjecture though, and likely wouldn't have prevented the battering Bassett later took.

In the game's fourth minute, home 'keeper Dan Weait, attempting to deal with a woeful James Tripp backpass by sidestepping a pressing Sam Packer, presented Robertson with an open goal, but the forward blazed over from the edge of the area. Minutes later the hosts were in front. Receiving Joel Jacobs' short corner, Dan Burnell curled a low effort towards the far right corner, where Chris Hurst – his run unchecked - was on hand to ensure the ball wound up in the back of the net. However, after surviving a brief period of Flackwell dominance in which Curtis Meare expertly repelled a rasping Liam Tack drive, Bassett soon restored parity. Seizing on the Heathens' failure to clear from a throw deep in their territory, Dane Moulden stole possession on the edge of the box. Showing some quick feet, he shuffled the ball out to Robertson, who thrashed a stunning left foot drive from an angle into the roof of the net. Having survived scares as Rapley flashed an instinctive strike across the face of goal and Hurst snatched at a header from close range, it appeared as though Bassett were on course to go into the break on level terms. Another lapse in concentration put paid to that though. When the majority of the home side went up appealing for a penalty for an alleged Adam Corcoran handball, the Bassett defence stopped in their tracks. Hurst didn't though, and from a narrow angle on the right he arrowed into opposite corner.

While disappointing to be behind, there were plenty of positives Paul Braithwaite's team could take from their performance in the opening period. How quickly that was undone, however. Flackwell's decision to swap Rapley, perhaps the Hellenic League's preeminent performer, from the left wing to the right proved inspired and paid immediate dividends. Within three minutes he had the ball in the back of the net. Burnell clipped a through pass into the right channel for Rapley to run onto as he breezed beyond Dale Richards. Initially it appeared as though the winger would not make it, but, outstretched, he was able to guide home beyond Meare. That sparked a goal-rush. With 55 minutes on the clock, Rapley and Burnell exchanged passes to unlock room in the right corner and the former cut back for the onrushing Mitchell Woodward to steer in for the hosts' fourth. Flackwell's tally for the afternoon soon became five: Rapley whipped in a cross from the right, which Corcoran was unfortunate to slice into his own net. Their sixth then came from a lightning fast counter. Kalum Youngsam had got in behind the Flackwell defence only to see Weait smother at his feet. Less than thirty seconds later, play was at the other end, Hurst racing through the middle, rounding Meare and slotting home. Robertson stemmed the bleeding with quarter of an hour to go, diverting Packer's mishit long range drive beyond Weait. But Burnell made certain that his side's margin of victory was five, scoring with an outrageous arcing chip from 25 yards after having shrugged off the attentions of Moulden.

**Man of the Match: Sam Packer** – his displays so far this season have been positive and this one was no different for the creative midfielder. It was playing through Packer, wise and clever on the ball, that Bassett appeared to threaten most.

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# Football Pyramid 2015-16

Step	League/Division					
1	National League (24 clubs) (Vanarama National)					
	Promoted to League Two of The Football League: <i>Champion and winner of 2nd-5th playoff.</i> Relegated to either National League North or National League South: 4 clubs.					
2	National League North (22 clubs) (Vanarama National North)			National League South (22 clubs) (Vanarama National South)		
	Promoted to National League: <i>Champions of each division; the winners of a 2nd-5th playoff in each division will also be promoted.</i> Relegated to Step 3 leagues: 3 clubs from each division.					
3	Northern Prem. League (24 clubs) (Evo-stick League) Premier Division		Southern League (24 clubs) (Evo-stick League) Premier Division		Isthmian League (24 clubs) (Ryman League) Premier Division	
	Promoted to National League 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	Northern Premier League (Evo-stick League) Division One North	Northern Premier League (Evo-stick League) Division One South	Southern Football League (Evo-stick League) Division One Central	Southern Football League (Evo-stick League) Division One South & West	Isthmian League (Ryman League) Division One South	Isthmian League (Ryman League) 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	Combined Counties League Premier Division   Eastern Counties League Premier Division   <b>Hellenic League Premier Division</b>   Southern Counties East League Premier Division   Midland League Premier Division   Northern Counties East League Premier Division   Northern League Division One   North West Counties League Premier   Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division   Southern Combination League Premier 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 2016/17 season by 31 December 2015, must then pass ground grading requirements 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	Combined Counties League - Division One   East Midlands Counties League   Eastern Counties League - Division One   <b>Hellenic League - Division One East   Hellenic League - Division One West</b>   Kent Invicta League   Midland League - Division One   Northern Counties East - Division One   Northern League - Division Two   North West Counties League - Division One   Southern Combination League - Division One   South West Peninsula League - Premier Division   Spartan South Midlands League - Division One   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   Cambridgeshire League - Premier Division   Central Midlands League - North Division   Central Midlands League - South Division   Cheshire League - Premier Division   Dorset Premier League   Essex Olympian League - Premier Division   Essex & Suffolk Border League - Premier Division   Gloucestershire County League   Hampshire Premier League - Senior Division   Hertfordshire Senior County League - Premier Division   Humber Premier League - Premier Division   Leicestershire Senior League - Premier Division   Liverpool County Premier League - Premier Division   Manchester League - Premier Division   Middlesex County League - Premier Division   Midland League - Division Two   Northern Alliance - Premier Division   Nottinghamshire Senior League - Premier Division   Peterborough and District League - Premier Division   Sheffield and Hallamshire County Senior League - Premier Division   Somerset County League - Premier Division   South West Peninsula League - Division One East   South West Peninsula League - Division One West   Staffordshire County Senior League - Premier Division   Suffolk and Ipswich League - Senior Division   Wearside Football League   West Cheshire Amateur League - Division One   West Lancashire League - Premier Division   West Yorkshire League - Premier Division   Wiltshire Football League					
	Promotion and relegation: <i>Arranged according to separate agreements with appropriate leagues.</i>					
7A	Northamptonshire Combination League - Premier Division   Oxfordshire Senior Football League - Premier Division   Thames Valley League - Premier Division   Teesside Football League   West Midlands (Regional) League - Division One   York Football League - Premier Division					
7B	Bedfordshire County Football League - Premier Division   Kent County League - Premier Division   Spartan South Midlands League - Division Two   Surrey Elite Intermediate League   West Riding County Amateur League - Premier Division					

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# Player Profile - George Drewitt

## George Drewitt (Defender)



Double first team Player of the Year award winner in 2014/15, Drewitt enjoyed an outstanding first full season with Bassett's first team and will be looking to carry his high level of play into this campaign.

A good reader of the game, comfortable on the ball and strong in the tackle, the centre half grabbed the opportunity given to him by manager Paul Braithwaite with both hands, playing 36 times, scoring once and leading by example as Vice-Captain. His lone goal was an important one too, putting Bassett ahead in a key victory against Newbury, which helped spark Bassett's late season charge.

Drewitt is a home town player, who began with the club's youth section as an Under 8 (pictured right, front row left at the County Ground with arm in air), captained the Under 18 Floodlit League team in 2008/09 and played for many seasons with the club's Reserve team.



He made his reserve team debut in 2007/08 before making his first team bow in 2009/10 in a narrow Floodlit Cup loss at Ardley United.

Injuries had limited his chances that year, but he became a regular fixture in the Reserve team in 2010/11, and also made a couple of appearances as a substitute with the first team.



Drewitt was the reserve team's captain and leading appearance maker a season later, and his eight goals helped guide Simon Paish's side to a fourth place finish – the second string's best performance in a number of years. His play was enough to earn recognition from his peers as he was awarded Players' Player of the Year.

Again captain in 2012/13, he helped his side achieve another top five finish. He then enjoyed his most successful season with the second string two seasons ago, scoring four goals as the team finished third in Division Two West and reached the semi-finals of the President's Cup. That year he claimed the Players' Player of the Year award for a second time.

**2009/10:** 1 appearance

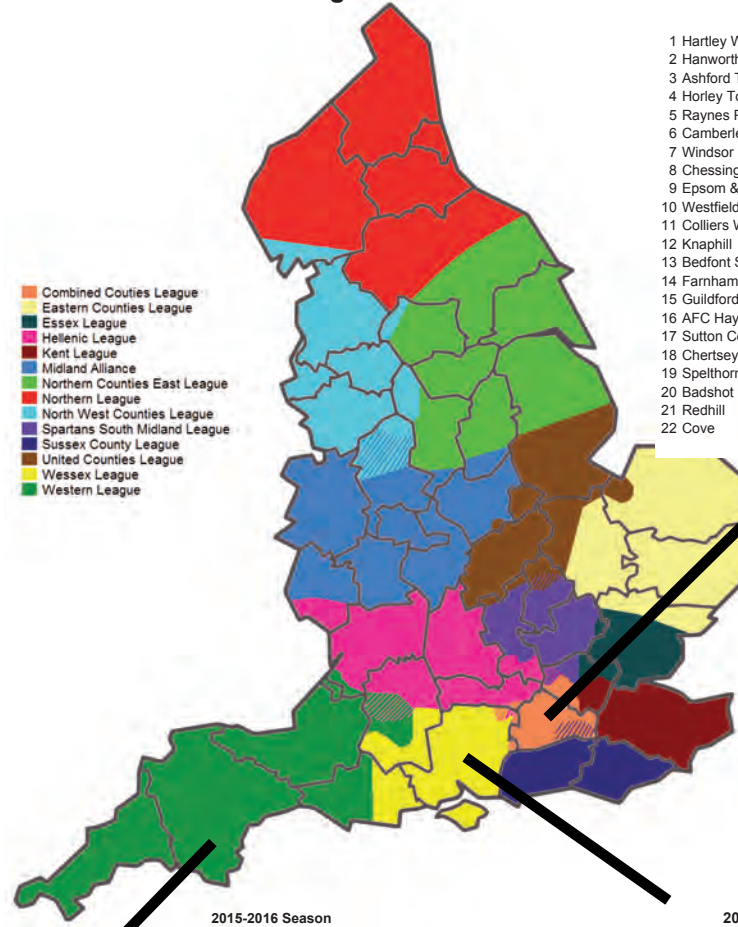
**2010/11:** 2 appearances

**2014/15:** 36 appearances, 1 goal

**Total before this season:** 39 appearances, 1 goal

# Pyramid Levels Steps 5 & 6

Tables all as at 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015



**2015-2016 Season**  
Toolstation Western Football League  
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Buckland Athletic	5	4	0	1	14	3	12
2 Bitton	4	4	0	0	8	2	12
3 Bristol Manor Farm	4	3	1	0	15	5	10
4 Odd Down (Bath)	5	3	1	1	11	6	10
5 Melksham Town	4	3	0	1	12	3	9
6 Barnstaple Town	4	3	0	1	8	2	9
7 Winterbourne United	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
8 Shepton Mallet	3	2	0	1	2	2	6
9 Hallen	4	2	0	2	6	11	6
10 Cadbury Heath	4	1	2	1	7	8	5
11 Gillingham Town	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
12 Welton Rovers	3	1	1	1	7	7	4
13 Sherborne Town	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
14 Bradford Town	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
15 Bridport	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
16 Cribbs	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
17 Willand Rovers	4	1	0	3	3	9	3
18 Longwell Green Sports	4	0	2	2	6	12	2
19 Brislington	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
20 Street	4	0	1	3	4	7	1
21 Clevedon Town	5	0	0	5	1	16	0

**2015-2016 Season**  
Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Football  
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hartley Wintney	5	5	0	0	27	5	15
2 Hanworth Villa	4	4	0	0	12	1	12
3 Ashford Town (Middx)	4	4	0	0	9	3	12
4 Horley Town	4	3	0	1	9	3	9
5 Raynes Park Vale	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
6 Camberley Town	4	3	0	1	8	6	9
7 Windsor	5	2	2	1	9	10	8
8 Chessington & Hook Utd	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
9 Epsom & Ewell	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
10 Westfield	4	2	1	1	5	5	7
11 Colliers Wood United	3	2	0	1	8	6	6
12 Knaphill	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
13 Bedfont Sports	4	1	2	1	6	4	5
14 Farnham Town	3	1	1	1	5	3	4
15 Guildford City	5	1	1	3	3	11	4
16 AFC Hayes	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
17 Sutton Common Rovers	4	0	1	3	6	12	1
18 Chertsey Town	4	0	1	3	1	8	1
19 Spelthorne Sports	5	0	1	4	3	11	1
20 Badshot Lea	3	0	0	3	6	12	0
21 Redhill	4	0	0	4	1	9	0
22 Cove	5	0	0	5	3	20	0

**2015-2016 Season**  
Toolstation Western Football League  
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Buckland Athletic	5	4	0	1	14	3	12
2 Bitton	4	4	0	0	8	2	12
3 Bristol Manor Farm	4	3	1	0	15	5	10
4 Odd Down (Bath)	5	3	1	1	11	6	10
5 Melksham Town	4	3	0	1	12	3	9
6 Barnstaple Town	4	3	0	1	8	2	9
7 Winterbourne United	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
8 Shepton Mallet	3	2	0	1	2	2	6
9 Hallen	4	2	0	2	6	11	6
10 Cadbury Heath	4	1	2	1	7	8	5
11 Gillingham Town	3	1	1	1	6	4	4
12 Welton Rovers	3	1	1	1	7	7	4
13 Sherborne Town	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
14 Bradford Town	4	1	1	2	7	11	4
15 Bridport	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
16 Cribbs	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
17 Willand Rovers	4	1	0	3	3	9	3
18 Longwell Green Sports	4	0	2	2	6	12	2
19 Brislington	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
20 Street	4	0	1	3	4	7	1
21 Clevedon Town	5	0	0	5	1	16	0

**2015-2016 Season**  
Sydenhams Wessex Football League  
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Hordean	5	4	1	0	13	4	13
2 Andover Town	5	4	0	1	12	7	12
3 Salisbury	5	3	1	1	13	3	10
4 AFC Portchester	4	3	1	0	8	2	10
5 Blackfield & Langley	4	3	0	1	13	3	9
6 Moneyfields	4	3	0	1	11	4	9
7 Sholing	5	3	0	2	10	7	9
8 Fareham Town	5	2	1	2	13	12	7
9 Lymington Town	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
10 Bemerton Heath Harlequins	4	2	0	2	9	9	6
11 Hamworthy United	4	1	1	2	10	7	4
12 Newport (IoW)	4	1	1	2	7	7	4
13 Fawley	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
14 Cowes Sports	3	1	1	1	4	7	4
15 Brockenhurst	4	1	1	2	5	11	4
16 Whitchurch United	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
17 Verwood Town	4	1	0	3	3	11	3
18 Alresford Town	5	0	2	3	1	9	2
19 Bournemouth	4	0	1	3	1	14	1
20 Team Solent	3	0	0	3	5	10	0
21 Folland Sports	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

# Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C. Season 2015-16 First Team Line-ups, Results and Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Result	Crowd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15
Sat 8-Aug	Brackley Saints	H	D 1 - 1	99	Meare	Comer	Richards	Wright	Hawkins	Packer	Olphert (1)	Bailey	Youngsam	Sheppard	Carter	Thomas	Scholes	Moulden
Wed 12-Aug	Oxford City Nomads	A	W 2 - 0	72	Meare	Comer	Richards	Moulden	Hawkins	Packer	Olphert	Bailey	Youngsam	Corcoran	Carter	Thomas (1)	Scholes (1)	Cheetham
Sat 15-Aug	Bracknell (FAC EP)	H	L 0 - 2	121	Meare	Comer	Corcoran	Moulden	Drewitt	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Youngsam	Sheppard	Carter	Thomas	Richards	Cheetham
Wed 20-Aug	Ardley United	H	W 2 - 1	92	Meare	Comer	Richards	Moulden	Drewitt	Packer (1)	Scholes	Bailey (1)	Robertson	Thomas	Carter	Ellis	Skinner	Youngsam
Sat 22-Aug	Flackwell Heath	A	L 2 - 7	46	Meare	Comer	Richards	Moulden	Corcoran	Packer	Sheppard	Bailey	Robertson (2)	Yeardley	Carter	Youngsam	Gambling	Cheetham
Wed 26-Aug	Lydney Town	A	L 2 - 3	87	Meare	Comer	Richards	Hawkins	Corcoran	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Yeardley (1)	Carter	Youngsam	Gambling	Olphert
Sat 29-Aug	Ascot United	A																
Mon 31-Aug	Highworth Town	H																
Sat 5-Sep	Binfield (FAV 1st QR)	H																
Wed 9-Sep	Fairford Town (F/L1)	H																
Sat 12-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	H																
Wed 16-Sep	Highmoor Ibis	H																
Sat 19-Sep	Abingdon United	A																
Mon 21-Sep	Binfield	A																
Sat 26-Sep	Wokingham & Emmbrook	H																
Tue 29-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A																
Sat 03-Oct	Ash Utd or Windsor (FAV 2ndQR)	A																
Sat 10-Oct	Wilts Senior Cup																	
Sat 17-Oct	Abingdon United	H																
Wed 20-Oct	Longlevens	A																
Sat 24-Oct	Flackwell Heath	H																
Mon 26-Oct	Highmoor Ibis	A																
Sat 31-Oct	Thame United	H																
Tue 10-Nov	Brimcombe & Thrupp	A																
Sat 14-Nov	Thatcham Town	A																
Sat 21-Nov	Milton United	H																
Sat 28-Nov	Bracknell Town	H																
Tue 9-Dec	Kidlington	H																
Sat 12-Dec	Ascot United	H																
Sat 19-Dec	Brackley Saints	A																
Sat 26-Dec	Highworth Town	A																
Sat 2-Jan	Brimcombe & Thrupp	H																
Sat 16-Jan	Ardley United	A																
Sat 23-Jan	Oxford City Nomads	H																
Sat 06-Feb	Wokingham & Emmbrook	A																
Sat 13-Feb	Kidlington	A																
Sat 27-Feb	Lydney Town	H																
Sat 05-Mar	Milton United	A																
Tue 08-Mar	Bracknell Town	A																
Tue 15-Mar	Thame United	A																
Sat 19-Mar	Binfield	H																
Mon 28-Mar	Longlevens	H																
Sat 2-Apr	Thatcham Town	H																

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