

# Royal Wootton Bassett Town F.C.

# Longlevens A.F.C.

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 Coach: Rich Hunter

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# Editorial & RWBTFC News

## Welcome to Longlevens

Today's visitors are Longlevens AFC for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture. A warm welcome to all from Longlevens who have made the journey from Gloucestershire to Wootton Bassett for this league fixture, we hope you enjoy your first visit to our new ground and we wish you a safe journey home.

The two sides have met each other on just two occasions previously. The first meeting between the two sides was last season in the Bluefin Insurance Cup when our visitors here today knocked us out of the league cup competition following a 3-2 win. It was a bad day all round for Bassett as Tyler Sheppard was sent-off late on and midfield player Henry Traas suffered a very serious leg injury after running into an advertising board at our temporary ground in Cirencester. Henry has yet to play again since sustaining that injury and we wish him well with his recovery. He is a quality player who was expected to be a key part of our squad and we hope he will be able to get back to playing to the level he was at prior to incurring the injury.

Longlevens were promoted from Division One West at the end of last season having won the division by 6 points. As a result the two sides met for the second time in October in a midweek fixture at Longlevens with the Gloucestershire side winning again by the same 3-2 score line. Harvey Scholes and Steve Yeardley scored our consolation goals that night. Of the promoted sides from last season Longlevens have adapted the best to the higher grade of football and at the time of writing currently sit in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the table with 41 points from their opening 24 league games. Their performances show impressive results against some of the top sides with wins secured against sides like Flackwell Heath and Highmoor Ibis but there also a few strange defeats with Longlevens having lost 4-1 at home to Milton, 2-1 at Abingdon United and 4-0 at Oxford City Nomads. Given this lofty league position and current run of form we will certainly need to be on our game this afternoon if we are to get a result here today.

## Oxford City Nomads

The players certainly gave a great response to the disappointment of our heavy defeat at Ardley with an excellent 3-0 win over Oxford City Nomads last week. This was a very good all round performance by all accounts, especially in the second half, a clean sheet and 3 valuable points. The game will also be remembered for the match when club stalwart Steve Yeardley made his landmark 400<sup>th</sup> appearance for the club and also scored his 60<sup>th</sup> goal. Today's programme pays tribute to Steve in a special edition. As well as featuring in an up to date player profile we also include the very first ever player profile for Steve that featured in the Wootton Bassett Town programme which comes from Season 2003-4, his second season with the club. Again in recognition of these milestones being reached I have featured Steve in this week's reminiscing article which makes a return after being missing from recent programmes. Hopefully this feature continues to be popular with our supporters. Stuart Smedley prepared an article on Steve for the club's website following last week's game and that is again re-produced here today for those who have not seen it. There are also a few photos from the archives. The Half Time lyrics quiz features songs that were in the charts when Steve made his debut back in Season 2002-03. If Steve is at the game today there may also be a presentation before the game.

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## Club branded beanie hats and snoods now available

Exclusive Royal Wootton Bassett Town branded beanie hats and snoods - just right for those cold training nights - are now available to purchase. Coming in youth and adult sizes, these are available through the match day kiosk or youth section managers. Hats cost £10, while snoods are available for £11. Don't miss out!

# Editorial & RWBTFC News

## Longest Serving Hellenic League Premier Division Sides

Earlier this month the excellent Bracknell Town website included a feature on the most stable teams in the Hellenic League Premier Division. Top of the tree was Highworth Town who have spent 22 consecutive seasons in the Premier Division. Next up were Ardley United with 12 consecutive seasons in the top flight, followed by Kidlington with 11. In fourth place, and one that surprised me as it only feels like yesterday that they were relegated down into the Hellenic, are Flackwell Heath with 9 consecutive seasons in the Premier. Behind them are both Ascot United and Binfield with 7 seasons. It was noted that Thame United have spent 35 seasons in the Hellenic Premier League in total but their current run is just six consecutive seasons but they have two championships to their name over the years. Abingdon United were also noted to have spent 31 seasons in the Hellenic Premier but their current run is only three after their time spent up in the Southern league. Some interesting statistics especially regarding Highworth.

## Programme Today

As well as the special features on Steve Yeardley the programme today includes a match report from the great win last week over Oxford City Nomads. There is also the match report from last season's cup defeat against today's opponents. The usual statistics are included throughout the programme with a new one this week showing the average number of goals scored and conceded by Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division sides in league games this season. There is the usual article from the Non-League paper, this one on the subject of use of names.

Paul gives his latest thoughts in his Dugout Chat column and responds to, amongst other things, some of the comments in my editorial last week and our match reports. On the match reports, Stuart has always written these how he sees the game, whoever the manager is, whatever the result. If it has been a good performance he will state that fact and give credit where credit is due but if it was crap, he will say it is crap and this is not going to change. It has been like this for over a decade now. Similarly I am going to express my views if I feel something is not going as well as it could, even if we were in the top five of the league. One of the great things about football is that it is a game of opinions and people see things differently. For example, different people will give the man of the match to different players from the same game. I certainly never agree with the individual QPR player scores published in the Sunday newspapers and often wonder what the journalist has been smoking. Many within this club have earned the right to give their opinions but at the end of the day that is all they are, opinions. At work feedback, good or bad, is encouraged and seen as a key component of achieving a successful team performance. Individuals should listen to others in all walks of life and then decide for themselves whether what is being said is total rubbish or valuable insight. Now I know this is not work and nobody gets paid here but feedback in whatever form should be seen as a friend not an enemy. At the end of day Paul calls the shots on the team selection and tactics and that is not going to change because he is doing a great job and has since the day he joined the club. In today's programme Paul has quite rightly come back with some very valid statements and I am pleased he has done so. As he notes we are matching our highest possible position ever in senior football (and to be clear that is in the whole history of the club). Our crowds are up massively on recent seasons and long may this all continue. If we are to start winning leagues we need to continue to raise the bar higher and that was all I was trying to do last week and I apologise if, as a result, I upset any of the players or management team. Finally, I am always happy to include people's opinions in the programme, be they from committee members, spectators or players and my email address is always in the programme.

## Next Up

The next game here is this coming Sunday when the Ladies play league leaders Cheltenham Town Development. Next Saturday sees the reserves play Wilts Calne Town in the Fountain Trophies Cup before a league fixture against Ludgershall Sports the following Saturday. The next Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture is not until Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Enjoy the game and hopefully a win which secures three more points.

Mark



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- 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 Longlevens AFC to the New Gerard Buxton Ground for this UHlsport Hellenic League Premier Division fixture. Longlevens are going really well in their first season in the Premier Division and currently sit in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the table and are by a long way the highest placed promoted side. We lost narrowly 3-2 at their place back in October, conceding two late goals from set pieces, and will be looking to get revenge for that narrow defeat here this afternoon. As we have shown on a number of occasions this season we are capable of beating the top sides on our day and I am confident we can get another result here today against one of the top sides.

Last Saturday we were looking for a positive reaction in effort not so much the result after the defeat at Ardley. We wanted the players to apply themselves correctly, take on board what's asked of them, and just do the basics better. To be fair to them all it was down to them to that we won the game v Oxford 3-0 and they controlled the game very well, played the conditions spot on, so all credit to all of them.

We have a decent group of players and a good management team, but it would be good to see more positive things said about us all rather than negative, this seems to be a constant conversation between players on a Monday night at training now, win lose or draw, were even reading things about who the management should be playing and what formations are wrong and without naming names people should be dropped not easy for any of us when the chips are down.

We currently sit 3 league positions higher than last season and the crowds are the highest in ten years at home also. We have some important games coming up and not one of the First Team players are looking behind or even thinking about relegation or a dog fight. We are confident that we will progress more and hopeful people start to agree and give the lads the confidence needed. Only time will tell.

Despite the result today let's remember young lads, giving up time to play a sport, for free, non professional and they want to do the best they can. We all have off weeks at work in hobbies with the family and so on. This group is no different when they have an off week its shows I agree but they don't need slating.

Enjoy the game this afternoon and see you in the bar afterwards.

*Paul*



# Opponents - History

## Longlevens AFC • Club History



The Club, in its current format, was formed in 1954, although we believe that a Longlevens team had been in existence before the Second World War, but that it folded in 1952, although we have never been able to confirm this through official records. It was a proud moment for the Club when we were elected to the Gloucestershire County League, in season 2011/12, for I can remember that the aim of the Club, when I first joined forty years ago, had been to reach the County League – it was a long time coming, but the wait made the achievement all the more welcome!

We nearly made it to the County League more than 20 years ago - we had successfully undergone our facilities inspection (which, incidentally, would now be considered woefully inadequate) but being in pole position, we 'blew up' in the final three fixtures and were pipped to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League (GNSL) title by Berkeley Town, eventually finishing as Runners-Up. However, in 2002/03 we repeated the feat and again in 2006/07, until finally winning Division One in 2008/09, under our current Manager – James French - and since the turn of the century, we had become something of a bench-mark in the GNSL, as we had consistently finished in and around the top five and it was this consistency that helped us win our place in today's County League. At the end of Season 2010/11, we had finished outside of the automatic promotion places, but our consistently strong performance, over a number of years in the GNSL, coupled with a re-structuring of the League and the fact that we had the tenancy of a brand new facility provided by the Gloucester City Council, at Sawmills, in Gloucester, saw us finally make it to the County League. When we first took over the facility at Sawmills, we were indebted to the management of E.G. Carter and Company Limited (probably better known simply as Carter Construction) because without their input, both financial and with the provision of man-power, we would not have been able to meet the requirements of the County League. Ironically perhaps, it was the creation of the County League itself which enabled us to progress from Premier Division of the North Gloucester League, because the new League created additional spaces in the Northern Senior League and although in 1967/68 we had not finished in the automatic promotion places, in 1968/69 we were elected to the GNSL (the sharp-eyed among you may have noticed a common theme here!)

Over the years we have added further senior men's sides and we now run five, with our reserves competing in GNSL and the other three all participating in the Stroud and District League. In recent years we have added a Ladies side and they have made significant progress in recent seasons and have become an integral part of 'The Club'. Our representation at youth level has been somewhat variable, we have had some very successful youth teams in the past, but these teams have tended to be transitional and we have not been able to sustain teams at all levels. However, as part of our plans for achieving Charter Standard Development Status, we implemented a structure that should see a steady influx of youth teams in future seasons, which can only be good for our future and I am glad to report that this season we will be fielding teams from Under 11's through to Under 16's. In our first season with the County League we were rightly thrilled to reach the final of the Les James League Cup, only to be soundly beaten by Cribbs Friends Life, who did the League and Cup Double that season – we also consolidated our position in the League by finishing half-way. However, I think it's fair to say that to win the League title last season was - to revert to a well-worn cliché – "beyond our wildest dreams" – especially given where we were in the League in November/December. Words have been written elsewhere about the trauma surrounding Mark Moore and his near-death experience at Southmead and his miraculous recovery, but we rose from what was almost the darkest hour of our long history, to the very heights of a thrilling run in the League, culminating in the title at only our second attempt. However the joy was cut short as we were unable to gain promotion that season in to the Hellenic league as we did not have the facilities required to progress, this was mainly due to the fact that we simply didn't see our remarkable 26 unbeaten run coming, we exceeded our own expectations and failed to get the ground ready in time.

So we went into the 2013/14 season knowing we had a team capable of challenging for the County league again and with the support of the committee agreed that should we be good enough to retain the title we should do all we can to ensure that the facilities were improved to Hellenic league level. We had a settled side and were getting consistently good results, the season started superbly and by Christmas it was clear we had a shot at retaining the title, the work had been done all we had to do was maintain our form and keep on winning matches, luckily we were able to produce our best run to date of 34 unbeaten matches which spanned over the latter stages of the season and the start of the next season, a run that lasted almost one year, we went on to with the league by a margin of 17 points from local rivals Gala Wilton, and we wrapped up the double beating Rockleaze Rangers 3-0 in the Les James League Cup at Kingswood AFC. Promotion to the Hellenic League Div One West followed in the 2014/15 season, and suddenly after a terrific few seasons we were playing step 6 football for the first time in the clubs history. We started the season well and won 8 and drew 1 of our opening 9 games before our run ended with a bang at fellow title contenders Lydney Town (4-0). We had got ourselves into a three horse race for the title already though, with Lydney Town and Tuffley Rovers ready to do battle in an exciting title race. Off the field we were continuing to make improvements just in case we could achieve the unthinkable (a third successive title) and ensure we had everything in place for yet another promotion to the Hellenic Premier league. It was much closer than the previous season but the team managed to see off the threat of the rival two Gloucestershire clubs, the notable victory being a 2-1 away victory against Tuffley Rovers in front of almost 400 spectators, with an injury time winner!

We had done it, three successive titles, two successive promotions and we now find ourselves about to start a season as a step 5 football club, with midweek matches under floodlights to look forward to for the first time. We are excited to take on the challenge and very much looking forward to the 2015/16 season.

The futures bright, the futures Levens.

# Reminiscing - The Good Old Days

**MS:** A couple of year's back I ran my Top 5 Bassett players over the past 10 years which coincided quite a bit with your era at the club. Apologies for only putting you at number 3 with Stuart Lamont and Mark Vaughan above you but who would have been your top 5 players you have played alongside in those 400 games and who would have been your number 1?

**SY:** *My number one would be PD. Others in the top 5 would have been Mark Vaughan, Stuart Lamont, Matty Bennett and Mark Barnes for those goals he scored in that one season. Barnsey was on fire that year and formed a great partnership with Sean Terry.*

**MS:** Expanding it further if you were to pick your dream team from players that you played alongside at Wootton Bassett Town what would be your starting eleven?

**SY:** *Wow that's a tough one. I would go with Ian Gill in goal, a back three of Stuart Lamont, PD and Shaun Carter. In midfield I would have Ben Gascoyne and Matty Bennett out wide with Mark Vaughan and Richard Saunders in the middle with Dave "Chogi" Jones playing just behind them. Up top it would be Sean Terry and Mark Barnes who were just a great partnership.*

**MS:** I think it would be great if we could have a Steve Yeardley Select XI against the First Team at the end of the season. What do you think about this an idea?

**SY:** *I would be able to get a good side out as there would be plenty who would want to play on our new pitch after Rylands. If it was done for charity or to raise funds for the Youth Section it is something I would be definitely interested in doing.*

**MS:** Looking back to when you started out Mick Byrne was helping your Dad and whilst he is best known for his coaching skills in the County, given his forced background, those pre-season training sessions were also very tough. What do you remember of that time and how fit did Mick get the players?

**SY:** *We were incredibly fit under that regime. It is the hardest I have ever trained and once you got that base level fitness it stayed with you for the rest of the season. Given the way we played, as I said earlier, we had to have that high level of fitness to play those big lumps at Didcot, Yate etc. I remember he had us running up hills at Lyneham and if we were playing a pre-season game Mick would have those not actually playing in the first half doing an intensive 45 minute session before going on.*

**MS:** As someone who also attended Wootton Bassett School you would have been taught by Chris Kirkland and played in school teams run by Chris. How big an influence do you think Chris has been for football in Wootton Bassett?

**SY:** *He had a massive influence. Everyone in the town knows who he is and his enthusiasm was just fantastic. Words are not enough. He is a top guy.*

**MS:** In those 400 games you would have played against many quality players in the Hellenic League which player or players do you rate as the best you have played against and why?

**SY:** *It would have to be the partnership of Ian Concanon and Stuart Beavon at Didcot. You would be playing against Concanon and doing a good job keeping him quiet for 88 minutes and then he would bang in 3 in the final couple of minutes. They were great players and tough opponents.*

**MS:** You would have also visited a number of away grounds in that time. Which do you view as your favourite ground visited and which wins the award for the least favourite and why?

**SY:** *Favourites would be Almondsbury and Shortwood as both I and the team seemed to do well there and the pitches were good. Although I played there Highworth is not a pleasant ground to visit. The away dressing room is horrible and I get a lot of abuse when I play there. I also didn't like Pewsey Vale or Cricklade, all the local grounds really!*

**MS:** When your playing days finally come to an end do you have any ambitions to move into management and coaching?

**SY:** *I really don't know as players have definitely changed and it is a lot harder these days. If the club wanted me and people like yourself, Andy Walduck and Roger Williamson were still involved and wanted me to do a job I would be interested but I want to play for a few years yet if my foot allows.*

**MS:** When you first broke into the Bassett First Team your friend Ben Gascoyne was also making those initial steps into the First Team. I understand Ben is now down in Australia do you keep in touch with him and any plans to visit (you could perhaps take in the Melbourne Open)?

**SY:** *I have no plans to visit Australia but I am still in touch with Gazza. I probably speak to him on Facebook every other month. Of the old players I am more in touch with John Magani, we speak regularly.*

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

**SY:** *Both – there was definitely a big bobble but it was often used as an excuse.*

**MS:** Well thank you for taking the time to answer all my questions and well done again on those 400 appearances and 60 goals.

# Reminiscing - The Good Old Days

## This week with Steve Yeardley

**MS:** Congratulations on making that landmark 400<sup>th</sup> appearance in the game against Oxford City Nomads. In the modern age where there is not the same loyalty to clubs as there used to be this is a great achievement. To make it even better you notched your 60<sup>th</sup> goal for the club. How aware were you that these two landmarks were looming?

**SY:** *I had no idea on goals, as quite a lot have come from penalties over the years. I knew I was near the 400 mark as I would joke with my dad that I would not get to make the 400 with my foot.* Having made these milestones I am not expecting any more.

**MS:** I wouldn't be surprised if you have now played the most games of any player since the 1960's. I know the Non-League Club Directory shows Steve Thomas as having played the most games but I reckon someone at the club just said Thommo when they had to submit a form without knowing exactly how many games he had actually played. The beauty of having to do a programme in the Hellenic League is we now have the appearance records each season. As we were in the Wiltshire League in those days when there were a lot fewer games I would be very surprised if he exceeded 400 First Team games.

**MS:** Those 400 appearances have come over 11 seasons under 6 different managers. Firstly it was your old man Pete, then Chris Jones for a short period followed by Paul Burke, Dave Turner, Jeff Roberts and latterly Paul Braithwaite. Of these 6 managers which have you found to be the most impressive from a tactical perspective with an ability to change a game when things were not going so well?

**SY:** *Football has changed a lot over those 11 years. When I started out it was much more physical, I am thinking we had to play teams like Yate, Didcot and Shortwood who were very physical and strong. Dad and Mick Byrne had us set up superbly to play counter attacking football using the pace of Gazza (Ben Gascoyne), Matty Bennett and Geoff Swatton. This relied on us being organised technically and tactically with each and every player given jobs and we all knew what they were supposed to do. Burkie was similar in terms of ensuring all the players knew their roles but he also liked us to play a bit more football. Braiths is again organised and has his own style and methods, wants us to play with 3 at the back with wing backs and play the ball on the deck, particularly with the fantastic pitch we now have. They are all different really and I have enjoyed playing under them all.*

**MS:** Slightly different question which manager was or is the most fun to play under and why?

**SY:** *Without a shadow of a doubt it has to be Crazy and Woody. The dressing room banter and practical jokes was just fantastic and we had a great team spirit.*

**MS:** I have to mention it but you left us in Season 2009-10 to go and play for Highworth Town, what was the reason for making the move to our local rivals?

**SY:** *Webby had put a 7-dayer in for me during the previous season and I had said no. However, he kept onto me, calling me up just to talk football and got to know me. He does his homework on players and when he came back in the summer saying I was one of two players he was looking to bring across I was in a place where I knew he was someone I wanted to play for. After that first season I never looked back but as well as Webby the desire to play at a higher level was part of the decision.*

**MS:** You stayed at Highworth Town for 3 seasons playing under Webby how does he compare to the managers you played under at Wootton Bassett?

**SY:** *He was similar in many respects. Spud his number 2 is similar to Mick Byrne with a focus on fitness. Webby is very personal. He gets to know you as a person, takes you out for meals to talk football. His style is very personal and the fact that he played at a higher level means that you respect him for his football knowledge and ability.*

**MS:** Those 3 seasons at Highworth included a Hellenic League Challenge Cup win (in Season 2011-12). Did you play in that final (if so what do you remember of the game)?

**SY:** *Yes this was in fact my final game for Highworth Town. It was against Binfield and we won 6-0. They had a man sent off early doors and it was pretty easy in the end. I scored the last goal. Jonny Aitkenhead also played in this final.*

**MS:** It is difficult to win any of the top competitions in the Hellenic League does this rank as your greatest achievement in your playing days or did that promotion with Wootton Bassett surpass the cup win?

**SY:** *Both are different experiences. Winning the cup for myself personally was an achievement but I didn't feel anything from it, unlike the promotion with Bassett. I was captain when we were relegated and Highworth won the league at Rylands Way. That game hurt and to get promotion back to the Premier League that was a relief and took a weight off my shoulders from that relegation.*

**MS:** What were the reasons for coming back to Bassett?

**SY:** *When I was at Highworth Dave Turner, like Webby had done would ring me up to talk football. He was not trying to talk me into coming back or anything it was just to talk about how recent games had gone. Pretty amazing really. Then when Webby quit Highworth for Supermarine I called Dave to ask if the door was open to me to return. He was very welcoming and talked of his plans and about wanting to win the league.*

**MS:** You broke into the First Team in Season 2002-3 as a 17 year old playing alongside influential players such as Stuart Lamont, Mark Vaughan and Dave 'Chogi' Jones. As the youngster in the team did any of these older players take you under their wing?

**SY:** *The one who looked after me most was PD (Paul Davis). He helped me a lot in those first few seasons. He would give me a bollocking if he felt I needed it (he was a lot more vocal than I am with some of the current players which might come as a surprise to a few). There was a lot more of that type of player in those early days, players like Vaughny, Tony Macek and Stu Lamont. Hoppo (Rob Hopkins) was another who really helped, always offering encouragement and advice, even though at the time I was competing for his position.*

# Opponents Pen Pics

## Longlevens AFC



**Mark Harris**

Goal Keeper

Experienced goalkeeper now in his 40's. Will provide solid back up this season. Excellent club man and a good goalkeeper who never stops talking.



**Ollie Hall**

Goal Keeper

Excellent Goalkeeper in his second season at the club after an impressive first season. Great shot stopper and excellent kicking. Looking forward to big things from him this season.



**Ellis Sausman**

Defence

Improving every season, terrific season just gone, just missing out on the players player award by one vote. Comfortable on either foot, very strong and pings it a mile.



**Sam Comfort**

Defence

Recent signing from Evesham United. Left sided player looking to force his way into the team and hold down a regular spot. Has shown a great attitude and bound to feature regularly.



**Craig Beaton**

Defence

Consistent performer at left back, bags of experience and uses it during games to make defending look easy. Tough tackling player with excellent quality on the ball.



**Luke Kavanagh**

Defence

Full back going into his 4th season at the club, previous premier experience with Shortwood Utd. Very consistent performer who rarely has a bad game, hates to lose, loves to moan.



**Ed Smyllie**

Defence

Been with the club since a young lad, centre half who rarely loses a header, he's not even 6 ft but has a terrific spring. Covers the ground quickly as well with good recovery pace.



**Aston Cooper**

Midfield

Very talented young player who helped the reserves to league and cup double last season. Sure to feature more this season, two good feet with the ability to beat players.



**Dave Rich**

Midfield

Tough tackling midfielder who is comfortable in possession, covers a lot of ground during the games and great at breaking up play and doing things simple.



**Dave Merrick**

Midfield

Box to box midfielder who chips in with his fair share of goals. Deceptively quick and looks to get in the opposition box on the end of things. Hoping to recapture goalscoring form two seasons ago.



**Adam Hughes**

Midfield

Been AWOL in pre season due to work commitments. Last season players player. A strong player in the middle of the park, who can also play a number of positions and comfortable with either foot. Rarely has a bad game.



**Jonty Welch**

Midfield

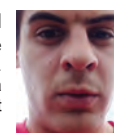
New to the club and has acquitted himself well during pre season. Comfortable in possession and has an eye for a pass, looking to secure a regular starting place despite stiff competition in midfield.



**Scott Montgomery**

Forward

Recently joined from Brockworth Albion where he scored 18 goals last season in 26 appearances. Can operate as a striker or from wide positions, a quick player with an eye for a goal. First season at this level.



**Brad Martin**

Forward

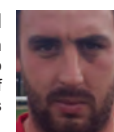
Younger brother of captain Craig. Been at the club since 16 and turned from a left back into a very good centre forward. Scorer of over 60 goals in last two seasons and has stayed despite interest from other clubs.



**Steve Jackson**

Forward

Signed from Gloucestershire League Frampton United. Had a habit of scoring goals against us, so we asked him to score some for us! Plenty of experience, great quality on the ball, tenacious and gets in good goal scoring positions.



**Craig Martin**

Forward

Club captain who has led the team to three successive league titles. His leadership will be key again this season, if he plays well so does the rest of the team.



**Shaun O'Connor**

Forward

Natural finisher who works extremely hard for the team, likes to get on the ball as often as possible and link up play. Does a great job for the team and appreciated by his team mates.



**Ryan Dunn**

Forward

Spent almost 20 years at the club, now the oldest but still the fittest player in the team. Doesn't stop running and is very good in the air. Hoping to add a few more goals this season.



**Tim Hall**

Asst. Manager

Tim is one of a kind. An assistant manager with many strings to his bow, experienced coach with many a story. Joined the set up 4 seasons ago, now an invaluable club member.



**James French**

Manager



Been in charge since taking over 9 season ago when the club were playing the GNSL. Ex Bristol Rovers and Newport County striker who has guided the club to step 5 football for the first time in its history.

# Today's Opponents

## Longlevens F.C.

**Formed:**  
**Nickname:** Levens  
**Chairman:** Chris Bishop  
**Secretary:** Andrew Davis

**Tel:**  
**Ground:** Saw Mills End, Corinium Avenue, Gloucester GL4 3DG  
**Tel:** 0152 530388  
**Manager:** James French  
**Capacity:** Not known  
**Seats:** Not known  
**Colours:** Red & Black Shirts, Black Shorts, Red Socks

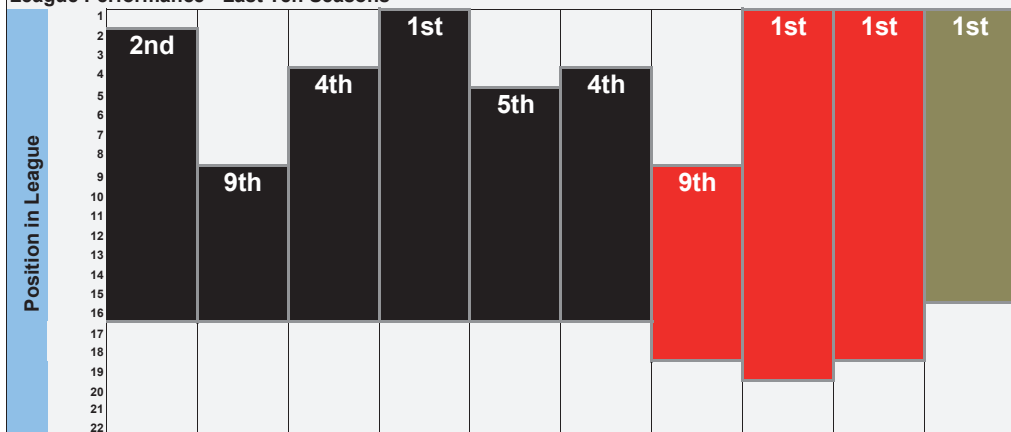
**Ground Directions:** From South: From M5 Gloucester exit junction 11a, and bear left onto A417. At roundabout take 2nd exit continue on A417 for ½ mile. At next roundabout take 2nd exit (look for coroners court sign) for ½ mile then turn left on Sawmills End (Ibis Hotel). Ground is on the left just past hotel.  
 From North: From M5 Gloucester exit junction 11, at roundabout take third exit onto A40 for approx 2 miles. At roundabout take 2nd exit (A417) for 1 mile. At roundabout take 3rd exit (look for coroners court sign) for ½ mile then turn left on Sawmills End (Ibis Hotel). Ground is on the left just past hotel.

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### League Performance - Last Ten Seasons



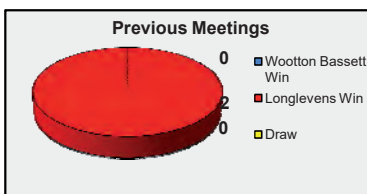
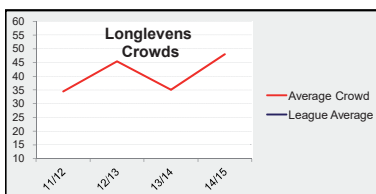
Season	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
<b>Top Scorer</b>	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	L. Allen 26	A. Trout 12	S.O'Connor 27	M. Bradley 36	R. Hughes/ D. Martin 22
<b>Average Crowd</b>	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	37	34	45	35	48
<b>Total Crowd</b>	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	Not known	556	586	818	595	672
<b>F.A. Cup</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>F.A. Vase</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

**Current Form (Last Six Games)**

Date	Opponent	Result
23-Jan-16	v Thatcham Town (A)	L 1 - 3
16-Jan-16	v Highmoor Ibis (A)	W 3 - 1
19-Dec-15	v Blackwell Heath (H)	W 3 - 2
12-Dec-15	v Oxford City Nomads (H)	D 1 - 1
5-Dec-15	v Clanfield 85	W 4 - 1
28-Nov-15	v Brimscombe & Thrupp (A)	W 2 - 0

**v Wootton Bassett Town (Last Six Games)**

Date	Fixture & Result
20-Oct-15	Longlevens 3 Wootton Bassett Town 2
21-Feb-15	Wootton Bassett Town 2 Longlevens 3
Two teams have only met twice before	



# Wilts U18 Floodlit League



### WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

#### SEASON 2015-16 U18 TEAM FIXTURES - WILTSHIRE COUNTY FLOODLIT LEAGUE

Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Thurs 03-Sep-15	Calne Town	H	League	W 5 - 2	Collins 2, Covey, Harris, OG
Thurs 10-Sep-15	Shrivenham	A	League	W 3 - 0	Covey 3
Thurs 01-Oct-15	Chippenham Town	H	League	W 6 - 4	Collins 2, Covey 2, Thompson, OG
Thurs 08-Oct-15	New College	A	League	W 3 - 0	Murphy 2, Gregory
Thurs 19-Nov-15	New College	H	League	W 5 - 0	Collins 2, Covey 2, Thompson
Wed 25-Nov-15	Chippenham Town	A	League	L 1 - 2	Vivash
Thurs 10-Dec-15	Shrivenham	H	League	D 1 - 1	Covey
Wed 03-Feb-16	Calne Town	A	League		

*AFC Corsham have withdrawn from the league*

### Wiltshire U18 Floodlit League - North Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 <b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC</b>	7	5	1	1	24	9	16
2 Shrivenham FC	8	4	1	3	16	14	13
3 New College, Swindon FC	8	4	0	4	21	21	12
4 Chippenham Town FC	8	4	0	4	17	20	12
5 Calne Town FC	7	1	0	6	8	22	3

*AFC Corsham withdrew from league*

### Wiltshire U18 Floodlit League - South Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Melksham Town FC	7	5	1	1	20	7	16
2 Laverstock and Salisbury FC	4	4	0	0	11	2	12
3 Bemerton Heath Harlequins FC	8	2	2	4	9	13	8
4 Bradford Town Youth FC	6	2	0	4	12	15	6
5 Amesbury Town FC	6	1	3	2	11	14	6
6 Pewsey Vale FC	7	2	0	5	11	23	6



# Sundry Statistics Season 2015-16

## UHlsport Hellenic League

### Top Goalscorers (all games) as at 24th January 2016

		Goals	Apps	Strike-Rate	
1	<b>Stephen Robertson</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
2	Anaclet Odhiambo	Kidlington	25	32	78.1%
3	Shane Cooper-Clark	Bracknell Town / Thatcham	22	30	73.3%
4	T.J. Bohane	Highworth Town	20	22	90.9%
5	Matthew Hammond	Brackley Town Saints	20	31	64.5%
6	Daniel Burnell	Flackwell Heath	19	21	90.5%
7	Christopher Hurst	Flackwell Heath	18	18	100.0%
8	Lewis Coyle	Kidlington	17	23	73.9%
9	Josh Helmore	Thatcham Town	16	22	72.7%
10	Ryan Brooks	Kidlington	16	25	64.0%
55	<b>Harvey Scholes</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
55	<b>Stephen Olphert</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22.6%</b>
75	<b>Dan Bailey</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
95	<b>Steve Yeardley</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23.5%</b>
115	<b>Sam Packer</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
148	<b>Joe Hiscock</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
148	<b>Tyler Sheppard</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
148	<b>Dan Comer</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
193	<b>Ryan Thomas</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
193	<b>Nathan Hawkins</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

## 2015-2016 Season

### UHLSPORT Hellenic League

Most Prolific Goalscorers		Meanest Defences		
	Goals scored per game		Goals conceded per game	
1	Flackwell Heath	2.96	1 Highworth Town	0.82
2	Highworth Town	2.91	2 Kidlington	0.95
3	Kidlington	2.86	3 Ascot United	0.96
4	Thatcham Town	2.83	4 Thatcham Town	1.17
5	Brackley Town Saints	1.89	5 Thame United	1.22
6	Ascot United	1.89	6 Flackwell Heath	1.42
7	Binfield	1.83	7 Brimscombe & Thrupp	1.43
8	Ardley United	1.77	8 Binfield	1.52
9	Brimscombe & Thrupp	1.76	9 <b>Longlevens AFC</b>	<b>1.54</b>
10	<b>Longlevens AFC</b>	<b>1.75</b>	10 Highmoor-Ibis	1.56
11	Highmoor-Ibis	1.63	11 Lydney Town	1.86
12	Tuffley Rovers	1.62	12 Oxford City Nomads	1.96
13	Oxford City Nomads	1.58	13 Milton United	2.00
14	Lydney Town	1.55	14 Tuffley Rovers	2.05
15	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>1.52</b>	15 Bracknell Town	2.14
16	Bracknell Town	1.43	16 Ardley United	2.15
17	Milton United	1.28	17 <b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>2.28</b>
18	Thame United	1.26	18 Brackley Town Saints	2.64
19	Abingdon United	1.23	19 Abingdon United	2.80
20	Wokingham & Emmbrook	1.00	20 Wokingham & Emmbrook	3.00

# Todays Opponents - This Season

## Results Season 2015-16

Date	Result	League/Cup	Scorers	Att
8-Aug-15	L	Prem	Longlevens AFC 0 Highmoor-Ibis 1	35
11-Aug-15	W	Prem	Ardley United 0 Longlevens AFC 2	C.Martin, Merrick 65
15-Aug-15	W	Prem	Wokingham & Emmbrook 0 Longlevens AFC 1	Smyillie 50
18-Aug-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 3 Lydney Town 0	C.Martin 2, Jackson 75
22-Aug-15	L	Prem	Longlevens AFC 1 Binfield 2	B.Martin 45
25-Aug-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 3 Abingdon United 0	B. Martin 2, O'Connor 60
29-Aug-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 1 Brackley Town Saints 0	O'Connor 45
5-Sep-15	L	FAV	Hartley Wintney 3 Longlevens AFC 2	Jackson 2
12-Sep-15	L	Prem	Oxford City Nomads 4 Longlevens AFC 0	
19-Sep-15	L	Prem	Longlevens AFC 1 Thame United 2	Smyillie 44
22-Sep-15	L	Prem	Abingdon United 2 Longlevens AFC 1	Dunn 49
26-Sep-15	W	BSCC	Cheltenham Saracens 1 Longlevens AFC 2	B.Martin, C.Martin 23
29-Sep-15	L	Prem	Kidlington 4 Longlevens AFC 1	O'Connor 43
3-Oct-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 2 Tuffley Rovers 1	B.Martin, O'Connor 77
7-Oct-15	L	FLC	Cirencester Town Dev' 2 Longlevens AFC 1	Montgomery 78
10-Oct-15	D	Prem	Longlevens AFC 1 Ascot United 1	O'Connor 45
13-Oct-15	L	CCup	Longlevens AFC 1 Bitton FC 2	O'Connor 27
17-Oct-15	L	Prem	Longlevens AFC 1 Milton United 4	B.Martin 24
20-Oct-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 3 Royal Wootton Bassett 2	Beaton, O'Connor, Hughes 47
24-Oct-15	L	Prem	Highworth Town 3 Longlevens AFC 1	Merrick 44
27-Oct-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 4 Ardley United 1	B.Martin, O'Connor, Smyillie, Sausman 62
31-Oct-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 3 Bracknell Town 1	Hughes, O'Connor, Welch 42
14-Nov-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 3 Wokingham & Emmbrook 2	B.Martin, C.Martin, Sausman 28
28-Nov-15	W	Prem	Brimscombe & Thrupp 0 Longlevens AFC 2	B.Martin, Merrick 55
5-Dec-15	W	BSCC	Longlevens AFC 4 Clanfield 85' 1	B.Martin 2, O'Connor, Rich 25
12-Dec-15	D	Prem	Longlevens AFC 1 Oxford City Nomads 1	B.Martin 28
19-Dec-15	W	Prem	Longlevens AFC 3 Flackwell Heath 2	B.Martin 2, Merrick 47
16-Jan-16	W	Prem	Highmoor-Ibis 1 Longlevens AFC 3	Merrick 2, O'Connor 32
23-Jan-16	L	Prem	Thatcham Town 3 Longlevens AFC 1	B.Martin 86

Top Scorers	Goals	Strike Rate
Bradley Martin	15	51.7%
Shaun O'Connor	11	40.7%
Dave Merrick	6	24.0%
Craig Martin	5	20.0%
Steve Jackson	3	27.3%
Edward Smyillie	3	11.1%
Adam Hughes	2	10.5%
Edward Sausman	2	7.4%
David Rich	1	7.7%
Scott Montgomery	1	5.0%
Jonty Welch	1	4.2%
Ryan Dunn	1	3.7%
Craig Beaton	1	3.7%



# Previous Meetings

## Cup exit comes at an extra cost

Corinium Stadium, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015

For the fourth time this season Wootton Bassett Town were forced to face extra time in a cup contest. However, they were unable to make it a hat-trick of victories after an additional half hour of play, as their Bluefin Sports Challenge Cup hopes were ended by Longlevens, who prevailed by the odd goal in five.

With Wednesday's derby against Shrivensham on the horizon, Bassett would likely have preferred not to have gone the distance in this game. Yet Paul Braithwaite will no doubt be bemoaning two incidents that occurred at either end of an entertaining, albeit ultimately frustrating, contest against the Hellenic League Division One West pacesetters. After just five minutes, Bassett lost Henry Traas to a serious ankle injury, which will sideline the talismanic midfielder for at least five weeks, when he slipped on the small strip of concrete by the Corinium Stadium's advertising boards while trying to keep a ball in play and crumpled to the ground. Then with seconds remaining in extra time Tyler Sheppard received a straight red card for allegedly throwing an elbow in a scrum that developed when visiting 'keeper Ollie Hall failed initially to hold onto a Nathan Gambling free kick before pouncing on the loose ball in a goalmouth scramble. With nine important league games to come, losing both for an extended period is not what the Bassett boss will have wanted.

Such is life though, and Bassett will cope, especially if those called into a shuffled starting pack perform as they did for long periods of the cup defeat. Given a rare start up front, Joe Hiscock led the line well, linking up effectively with Sheppard and running the channels well. Youngster Hugo Vivash impressed too, and it was his stunning delivery from deep on the right that set up Bassett's equalising goal, put away neatly by Sheppard, shortly before the break. Prior to that Longlevens, playing neat football and posing a threat when coming forward, had arguably edged the game, and they eventually took the lead on the half hour mark. Early on Luke Kavanagh fired wide on the volley, while Luke Kuczynski did well to repel strikes from Jack Overthrow and Ryan Dunn. He was let down by Bassett cheaply giving away possession from their own throw in prior to Longlevens going in front though. The visitors quickly moved the ball forward, and Kuczynski did well to block Dunn's low drive from the edge of the area, but Brad Martin was quickest to react to the loose ball and bundled in from close range. Bassett reacted in fine fashion with a quality goal, whose origins lay in George Drewitt's calm pass from inside his own box out to right back Steve Yeardley. Vivash took over on the halfway line, burst forwards a few yards and picked out Sheppard on the edge of the area with a peach of a diagonal ball. The forward then outfoxed his marker, before finding the bottom corner with a low shot, aided by a slight deflection.

Longlevens' advantage was restored ten minutes into the second half as Ed Smyllie beat Kuczynski with a header at the near post from a Martin corner. Again, however, the hosts responded with a superbly worked goal. A flowing cross-field move brought the ball to Yeardley, making an overlapping run, on the right and he delivered an inch-perfect cross which Dan Bailey headed home. This really opened the game up as both teams sought out a winner. For Bassett, Hiscock drilled over from an angle after a brilliant piece of skills to burst between two defenders. At the other end Craig Martin fired a sidefoot volley straight into the hands of Kuczynski before fellow substitute Dave Merrick steered Brad Martin's right wing cross over the bar from close range in the dying moments of normal time. That failure to find a decisive fifth goal of the game meant another half hour of play was required. Early in the opening period of extra time, Sheppard came close twice, forcing a save from Hall before finding the side netting. It was to be a minute after that second opportunity when the game was decided. Centre half Nathan Hawkins got underneath a header from a long ball pumped forward, an error which Craig Martin seized upon as he fed an onrushing Ryan Hughes with a neat through ball into the left channel. The midfielder continued towards goal before slipping an angled left foot shot past Kuczynski and into the opposite corner.

Thereafter, Bassett's desperate search for a third equaliser ultimately proved in vain. Callum Wright curled over from the edge of the area two minutes after the interval, before Sheppard repeated that feat after having the ball set up perfectly for him by Bailey. Then with five minutes remaining Gambling planted a free header inches over from a teasing Bailey free kick.

Frustrations at having come up short soon boiled over as the final whistle approached, with the ugly confrontation that led to Sheppard receiving his marching orders. That, combined with defeat and Traas' injury, overshadowed a promising display. The task for Bassett now is to put that behind them in Wednesday's derby.

**Man of the Match: George Drewitt** – yet another strong display from the centre back, with his commitment in the tackle and quality distribution standing out.



# Steve Yeardley over the years



Saturday was a landmark day for Royal Wootton Bassett Town club captain Steve Yeardley as, when he replaced Steve Olphert in the 62nd minute of his side's victory against Oxford City Nomads, it marked his 400th first team appearance for the club. And he made sure to celebrate the occasion in style, netting Bassett's third from the penalty spot in the game's final minute to seal a convincing 3-0 win. Whether or not his 400th game is a club record is difficult to ascertain; currently Steve Thomas, a Bassett stalwart who played throughout the '80s and early '90s, is listed as Bassett's all-time appearance maker, though the exact number of times he pulled on the blue and yellow jersey is not known. However, it goes without saying that Yeardley's loyalty and contributions to the club over the eleven seasons he has played for Bassett stand out in an age when player loyalty is something no longer taken for granted. He was given his first team debut when aged 17 by his father and then-manager Pete Yeardley in a 2-0 Supplementary Cup first round triumph against Clanfield in November 2002. That season, Yeardley was one of a number of promising youngsters given their first taste of Hellenic League football, with both Ben Gascoyne and Matt Bennett also going on to make valuable contributions to the club. After making 24 appearances in 2002-03, Yeardley went on to establish himself as a regular at full back in the following campaign when he played 42 times. He grabbed his first goal for the club during the 2004-05 season, the year Bassett were relegated from the Hellenic Premier, hitting a dramatic late winner away against Milton United in January. Prior to the end of that season, he added three more goals, while he also exceeded the century mark for appearances, playing 46 times in total, and donned the captain's armband for the first time.

Yeardley was then appointed captain on a full time basis by new manager Paul Burke, who took over the reins with the club back in Division One West in 2005-06. The additional responsibility did not faze the skipper and he led by example in an outstanding, yet ultimately bittersweet, season for Bassett. Featuring largely in defence, he helped pilot Bassett to a fifth place finish, only narrowly falling short of an immediate return to the Hellenic Premier, while he scored five goals in 36 games along the way. He would also feature in goal, helping preserve a draw in an eventful FA Vase clash with Christchurch after an injury to John Haines. Yeardley's efforts that season saw him win both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards. His goalscoring prowess continued to flourish a year later when he featured 39 times and finished joint top scorer with Bennett on 11 goals, Yeardley's haul including two in the FA Vase and a pair of penalties in a 3-0 away win at Purton. Demonstrating his willingness to play through the pain barrier, he also produced a man of the match display in a Wiltshire Senior Cup tie against Calne Town that went to penalties just days after having completed the New York Marathon. In 2007-08 Yeardley was Bassett's leading appearance maker, playing 40 times and scoring six goals. In what was an otherwise underwhelming campaign, Burke's team did enjoy a fantastic run to the FA Cup First Qualifying round, and his captain was a large reason for that, scoring a brace in the shock 2-1 victory against then-Southern League Bracknell Town at Rylands Way.

The consistently high level of his performances have regularly led to interest from elsewhere. But, despite a change in manager in the summer of 2008, Yeardley continued to resist those overtures in order to remain with Bassett for Dave Turner's first year in charge. Employed largely in midfield, he once again had a fine season in front of goal, finishing joint-second top scorer with 12 goals in 39 games. That included another two goals in the FA Vase in wins against Buckingham Athletic and Henley Town. After again narrowly missing out on promotion with Bassett, who finished fourth, the lure of Hellenic Premier Division football was too much to turn down and Yeardley moved across to Highworth Town in the summer of 2009. He would remain with the Worthians for three seasons and helped them lift the Hellenic League Challenge Cup in 2011-12. With Highworth boss Dave Webb moving onto Swindon Supermarine that summer, Yeardley returned to Rylands Way in 2012 and skippered the side to promotion from Division One West. He made the second most appearances out of any player, playing 37 times and scoring 8 goals. Half of those strikes came in the first month of the season, including the winner against Calne Town and a crucial equaliser against Highworth Town during Bassett's record setting run to the FA Cup Second Qualifying round. Yeardley kept the captain's armband in Jeff Roberts' lone season at the helm. Featuring primarily at full back, he failed to improve on the 46 goals he had scored in Bassett colours. Last season, which he split almost evenly between centre midfield and full back, saw him return to goalscoring ways to take him beyond the half century mark. Yeardley scored ten times, including a brace in a doomed comeback attempt against Ascot United and a match winning penalty in the County Cup against Wroughton. That haul came in 40 total appearances to move him within 17 of 400. What stood out most about Yeardley's performances last year was that for a long portion of the season he was hobbled by a foot injury that he was informed required surgery. However, he put that off in order to see out the season – Bassett's best ever in the Hellenic Premier. Yeardley ultimately went under the knife at the back end of 2015, having started the current campaign still troubled by the injury but soldiering on and managing to score three times before his 60th in a Bassett shirt arrived in yesterday's game. He also donned the gloves again, taking over between the sticks in consecutive games, including in a winning effort against Wokingham and Emmbrook.

He is now attempting to work his way back to full fitness, with yesterday's substitute appearance part of that effort. Aged 30, there should still be plenty left in the tank and, hopefully, more landmark days to come in a Bassett shirt for an outstanding servant of the club.

## 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.

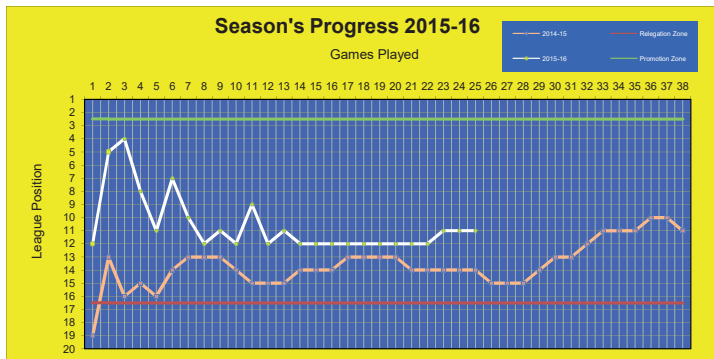
With plans for the club's and Sports Association's new facility finally moving ahead, the first team began a two year ground share with Cirencester Town in 2013-14, a year in which Bassett finished a comfortable 14th in the Hellenic Premier Division. That performance was bettered in 2014-15 under new 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.



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## WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB STATS PAGE



\* Last season comparative Newbury  
 \*\* Last season comparative Shrivenham  
 \*\*\* Last season comparative Reading Town  
 # Last season comparative Holyport  
 ## Last season comparative Cheltenham Saracens

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)
Ascot United (A)	3	0	0
Highworth Town (H)	0	0	0
Thame United (A)	0	0	0
Abingdon Utd (A)	3	1	2
Binfield (A)	0	0	2
Wokingham & Em (H)**	3	1	4
Tuffley Rovers (A)##	1	3	2
Abingdon Utd (H)	3	1	4
Longlevens (A)***	0	3	1
Flackwell Heath (H)	0	0	1
Highmoor Ibis (A)	0	0	1
Thatcham (A)	3	3	1
Milton United (H)	0	3	(2)
Bracknell Town (H)	3	0	1
Thame Utd (H)	3	1	3
Kidlington (H)	0	1	2
Highworth Town (A)	0	3	(1)
Brimscombe & T (H)	3	3	(1)
Ardley Utd (A)	0	0	(1)
Oxford City (H)	3	1	1

	Appearances 2015/16	Starts	As Sub	Total	Goals
1 Dan Bailey	36			36	5
2 Harvey Scholes	31	5		36	7
3 Dan Comer	34			34	2
4 Sam Packer	32			32	3
5 Nathan Hawkins	31	1		32	1
6 Stephen Olphert	29	2		31	7
7 Curtis Meare	29			29	0
8 Matt Cheetham	24	5		29	0
9 Dale Richards	27	1		28	0
10 Steve Robertson	27			27	25
11 George Drewitt	17	6		23	0
12 Adam Corcoran	20	1		21	0
13 Ryan Thomas	8	10		18	1
14 Steve Yeardley	15	2		17	4
15 Tyler Sheppard	6	10		16	2
16 Joe Hiscock	4	10		14	2
17 Richie Carter	7	5		12	0
18 Kalum Youngsam	5	5		10	0
19 Luke Kuczynski	8			8	0
20 Callum Wright	3	2		5	0
21 Hugo Vivash		5		5	0
22 Dane Moulden	4	1		5	0
22 Martin Sinclair	2	3		5	0
23 Nathan Gambling	2	2		4	1
24 Cristy Millar		4		4	0
25 Daniel Smith		3		3	0
26 James Skinner		2		2	0
27 Scott Walduck	1	1		2	0
28 Jamie Richards	1	1		2	0
29 Josh Fowler		2		2	0
30 Dan Carter	2			2	0
31 Aaron Oakley	2			2	0
32 Jack Ellis		1		1	0
33 Jake Covey		1		1	0
34 Joe Williamson		1		1	0
35 Ryan Collins		1		1	0
Own Goals		-			1

RWBTFC Career	
Total	Goals
82	23
36	7
34	2
79	9
76	1
31	7
33	0
29	0
73	2
48	41
62	1
123	7
59	4
400	60
43	6
45	5
189	3
24	1
24	0
40	2
11	1
5	0
5	0
43	17
4	0
3	0
39	6
27	1
2	0
2	0
2	0
2	0
27	4
2	0
1	0
1	0

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	Joint holders
1895-96	Trowbridge Town		Joint holders
1896-97	Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town	
1897-98	Trowbridge Town	Swindon Victoria	
1898-99	Swindon Victoria	Deveses Town	
1899-00	Chippenham Town	Deveses Town	
1900-01	Warminster Town	Even Swindon United	
1901-02	Chippenham Town	Swindon Town Reserves	
1902-03	Warminster Town	Wootton Bassett Town	
1903-04	Swindon Town Reserves	Wootton Bassett Town	
1904-05	Melksham Town	Swindon Haydon St W	
1905-06	Salisbury City	Swindon Haydon St W	
1906-07	Swindon Town	Trowbridge Town	
1907-08	Deveses Town	Trowbridge Town	
1908-09		Swindon Town Reserves Cup held by President	
1908-09		Trowbridge Town	
1909-10	Salisbury City	Warminster Town	
1910-11	Warminster Town	Salisbury City	
1911-12	38th Brigade RFA	Calne	
1912-13	Calne Town	Trowbridge Town	
1913-14	3rd Wilts Regiment	Chippenham Town	
1919-20	Swindon Town	Salisbury City	
1920-21	Swindon Victoria	Stratton Reform	
1921-22	Trowbridge Town	Chippenham Town	
1922-23	Salisbury City	Swindon Victoria	
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	Deveses 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	Deveses Town	Swindon B.R.	
1957-58	Deveses Town	Melksham Town	
1958-59	Deveses Town	Swindon B.R.	
1959-60	Pinehurst	Deveses Town	
1960-61	Deveses Town	Pinehurst	
1961-62	Deveses Town	Malmesbury	
1962-63	Deveses Town	Highworth Town	
1963-64	Highworth Town	Westbury Untrd	
1964-65	Pinehurst	Chippenham Town	
1965-66	Deveses Town	Aldboune	
1966-67	Pinehurst	Deveses Town	
1967-68	Deveses Town	Melksham Town	
1968-69	Chippenham Town	Melksham Town	
1969-70	Melksham Town	Deveses Town	
1970-71	Deveses Town	Pinehurst	
1971-72	Deveses Town	Sanford Youth	
1972-73	Highworth Town	Deveses Town	
1973-74	Deveses Town	Park	
1974-75	Chippenham Town	Vickers	
1975-76	Pinehurst	Deveses Town	
1976-77	Corsham Town	Park	
1977-78	Melksham Town	Avon Bradford	
1978-79	Deveses Town	Farnedale Athletic	
1979-80	Downton FC	Park	
1980-81	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	Bemerton 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	Bemerton Heath Harl.	Wollen Sports	
1993-94	Amesbury Town	Swindon Supermarine	
1994-95	Purton	Downton FC	
1995-96	Highworth Town	Amesbury Town	
1996-97	Corsham Town	Marlborough Town	
1997-98	Highworth Town	Purton	
1998-99	Wootton Bassett Town	Pewsey Vale	
1999-00	Pewsey Vale	Purton	
2000-01	Wootton Bassett Town	Shrewton United	
2001-02	Malmesbury Victoria	Pewsey Vale	
2002-03	Melksham Town	Trowbridge Town	
2003-04	Trowbridge Town	Corsham Town	
2004-05	Corsham Town	Bemerton Heath Harl.	
2005-06	Corsham Town	Melksham Town	
2006-07	Corsham Town	Melksham Town	
2007-08	Melksham Town	Laverstock & Ford	
2008-09	Highworth Town	Warminster Town	
2009-10	Calne Town	Laverstock & Ford	
2010-11	Bemerton Heath Harl.	Bradford Town	
2011-12	Calne Town	Bemerton Heath Harl.	
2012-13	Melksham Town	Downton FC	
2013-14	Melksham Town	Bradford Town	
2014-15	Highworth Town	Bradford Town	

Wiltshire Senior Cup List of Cup Winners		Wins
Deveses 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
Bemerton Heath Harl.		2
Downton FC		2
Penhill		2
Pewsey Vale		2
Pinehurst YC		2
Swindon Athletic		2
Swindon Town Reserves		2
<b>Wootton Bassett Town</b>		<b>2</b>
38th Brigade RFA		1
3rd Wilts Regiment		1
Avebury		1
Garrard Athletic		1
Malmesbury Vics		1
Salisbury Corinthians		1
Spencers		1
Swindon Supermarine		1
Swindon GWR Corinthians		1
Swindon Wanderers		1
Wollen Sports		1



# Wiltshire Senior Cup

## WILTSHIRE COUNTY SENIOR CUP SEASON 2015-16

### First Round

<b>Laverstock &amp; Ford</b>	9 - 0	Shrewton United
Westbury United	0 - 3	<b>Melksham Town</b>
Trowbridge Wanderers	1 - 3	<b>Downton</b>
Devizes Town	1 - 2	<b>Bemerton Heath Harlequins</b>
Saum Youth	2 - 4	<b>Mere Town</b>
Marlborough Town	0 - 4	<b>Trowbridge Town</b>
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>	3 - 1	<b>Ludgershall Sports</b>
Warminster Town	2 - 3	<b>Amesbury Town</b>
Calne Town	0 - 2	<b>Pewsey Vale</b>
<b>Corsham Town</b>	1 - 0	Purton
Wroughton	1 - 6	<b>Salisbury</b>
<b>Chippenham Park</b>	W - L	Malmesbury Vics
<b>New College Swindon</b>	2 - 1	Wilts Calne Town
<b>Vale of Pewsey</b>		Bye but withdrawn from comp
<b>Bradford Town</b>		Bye
<b>Highworth Town</b>		Bye

### Second Round

Chippenham Park	2 - 3	<b>Bemerton Heath Harlequins</b>
Downton	0 - 2	<b>Trowbridge Town</b>
<b>Laverstock &amp; Ford</b>	4 - 0	Amesbury Town
<b>Melksham Town</b>	3 - 1	Bradford Town
Pewsey Vale	0 - 4	<b>Corsham Town</b>
<b>Salisbury</b>	7 - 0	Mere Town
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>	4 - 0	<b>New College</b>
<b>Highworth Town</b>		Bye

### Quarter Finals

<b>Salisbury</b>	6 - 1	Laverstock & Ford
Trowbridge Town	1 - 2	<b>Bemerton Heath Harlequins</b>
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>	0 - 1	<b>Melksham Town</b>
Highworth Town	1 - 2	<b>Corsham Town</b>

### Semi Finals

Salisbury	v	Corsham Town
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Melksham Town

### Final

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# 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



**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.



**Steve Yeardley** 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 Cheetham** Midfield  
Hard tackling and skilful midfielder player who joins us from Division One West Clanfield.



**Hugo Vivash** Midfield  
Enthusiastic youngster who has come up through the Youth Section. Played a handful of games for the First Team already and attracted rave reviews from the management.



**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.



**Joe Hiscock** Forward  
Skilful and hard working player who returns to Bassett after starting the season with Division One West side Purton. Ex-New College player who broke into our First Team last season.



**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.



**Jamie Richards** Defence  
Recent signing from Purton. Usually plays left back but can also play in the middle of defence. Looking to make step up to Premier Division football.



**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.



**Callum Wright** Midfield  
Former Swindon Town and Chelsea Academy player who joined us from Chippenham Town. Classy midfielder player who can also play at the back if needed.



**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.



**Josh Fowler** Forward  
Pacy striker who recently joined the club from Purton. Formed a lethal partnership with Steve Robertson when at Shrivenham.



**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.



**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.

# Player Profile - Steve Yeardley

# Away Travel Season 2015-16

## Steve Yeardley - Defence



A Bassett stalwart who has now made 400 appearances for the club, Yeardley is playing his eleventh season, split across two spells, with the club. He has played in every position on the pitch, including 'keeper, for Bassett, though is most comfortable playing at full back or in central midfield. Yeardley made his debut with Bassett back in the 2002/03 season as a 17 year old in a 2-0 Supplementary Cup victory against Clanfield. He would go on to make 23 further appearances that year, only a few of which came from the bench. Establishing himself as a regular at full back, he played 42 times a year later. He grabbed his first goal for the club during in 2004/05, the year Bassett were relegated from the Hellenic Premier, hitting a dramatic late winner away against Milton United in January before adding three more before the end of the campaign. That season he exceeded the century mark for appearances, playing 46 times in total.

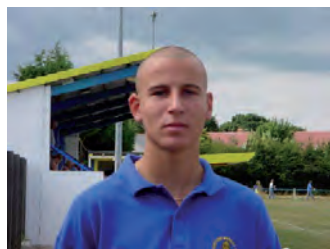
New manager Paul Burke appointed Yeardley as captain ahead of the 2005/06 season. Featuring largely in defence, he helped pilot Bassett to a fifth place finish, only narrowly falling short of an immediate return to the Hellenic Premier, while he scored five goals in 36 games along the way. He would also feature in goal, helping preserve a draw in an eventful FA Vase clash with Christchurch after an injury to John Haines. Yeardley's efforts that season saw him win both Manager's and Players' Player of the Year awards. His goalscoring prowess continued to flourish a year later when he featured 39 times and finished joint top scorer with Matt Bennett on 11 goals, Yeardley's haul including two in the FA Vase and a pair of penalties in a 3-0 away win at Purton. He also produced a man of the match display in a Wiltshire Senior Cup tie against Calne Town that went to penalties just days after having completed the New York Marathon. In 2007/08 Yeardley was Bassett's leading appearance maker, playing 40 times and scoring six goals. In what was an otherwise underwhelming campaign, Burke's team did enjoy a fantastic run to the FA Cup First Qualifying round that year, and his captain was a large reason for that, scoring a brace in the shock 2-1 victory against then-Southern League Bracknell Town at Rylands Way.

The consistently high level of his performances have regularly led to interest from elsewhere. But, despite a change in manager in summer of 2008, Yeardley continued to resist those overtures in order to remain with Bassett for Dave Turner's first year in charge. Employed largely in midfield, he once again had a fine season in front of goal, finishing joint-second top scorer with 12 goals in 39 games. That included another two goals in the FA Vase in wins against Buckingham Athletic and Henley Town. After again narrowly missing out on promotion with Bassett, who finished fourth, the lure of Hellenic Premier Division football was too much to turn down and Yeardley moved across to Highworth Town in the summer of 2009. In his first season with the Worthians he quickly established himself as one of the first names on the team sheet, featuring 39 times and scoring seven goals. He was again a crucial part of the side that went close to winning the title a year later. Yeardley led the Worthians in appearances with 51 in all competitions – only two of which came from the bench – and grabbed three goals. Though Highworth's title challenge faltered in 2011/12, they would go on to win the Hellenic League Challenge Cup, with Yeardley grabbing a goal in a 6-0 demolition of Binfield in the final. In total during 2011/12 he played 46 times – a number of those spent wearing the captain's armband – and grabbed a pair of goals.

With Highworth boss Dave Webb moving onto Supermarine that summer, Yeardley returned to Rylands Way in 2012 and skippered the side to promotion from Division One West. He made the second most appearances out of any player, playing 37 times and scoring 8 goals. Half of those strikes came in the first month of the season. Yeardley netted Bassett's first goal of the campaign at Malmesbury before sealing victory against Calne in the FA Cup following a man of the match performance. He grabbed another FA Cup goal in the First Qualifying round win against Highworth, netting the equaliser. His final goal of the season came on Boxing Day at Purton after just 17 seconds.

Yeardley kept the captain's armband in Jeff Roberts' lone season at the helm. Featuring primarily at full back, he failed to improve on the 38 goals he had scored in Bassett colours. Last season, which he split almost evenly between centre midfield and full back saw him return to goalscoring ways to take him beyond the half century mark. Yeardley scored ten times, including a brace in a doomed comeback attempt against Ascot United and a match winning penalty in the County Cup against Wroughton. That haul came in 40 total appearances, which continued to move him closer towards the club's all-time appearance record.



















- 2002/03: 24 appearances
- 2003/04: 42 appearances
- 2004/05: 46 appearances, 4 goals
- 2005/06: 36 appearances, 5 goals
- 2006/07: 39 appearances, 11 goals
- 2007/08: 40 appearances, 6 goals
- 2008/09: 39 appearances, 12 goals
- 2012/13: 37 appearances, 8 goals
- 2013/14: 40 appearances
- 2014/15: 40 appearances, 10 goals
- 2015/16: 17 appearances, 4 goals
- Total: 400 appearances, 60 goals



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

# That First Player Profile - 2003/4

Lyric Quiz 2016 No 4 - all songs from the season Steve Yeardley made his debut		Artist and Song
1	 I was lost, I was lost Crossed lines I shouldn't have crossed I was lost, oh yeah Yeah, how long must you wait for it? Yeah, how long must you pay for it? Yeah, how long must you wait for it, oh, for it?	Coldplay – In My Place
2	 When your stare in my face You're messing with my brain If you're trying to convince me Then you better think again If you move to the music The music's got to give If it's too complicated That's the way I want to live	Sugarbabes – Round Round
3	 It's written in the wind That we're two Carved out in the sand That we're real It's lit up in the stars That we're true We're destined in the sky To be glad	Paul Weller - It's Written In The Stars
4	 We the people fight for our existence We don't claim to be perfect but we're free We dream our dreams alone with no resistance Fading like the stars we wish to be You know I didn't mean what I just said But my God woke up on the wrong side of His bed And it just don't matter now	Oasis – Little by Little
5	 And all the drugs in the world Can't save us from ourselves Victims with the saddest hearts Passing by the grace of God	Manic Street Preachers – There by the Grace of God
6	 The sea it swells like a sore head and the night it is aching Two lovers lie with no sheets on their bed And the day it is breaking On rainy days we'd go swimming out On rainy days swimming in the sound On rainy days we'd go swimming out	U2 – Electrical Storm
7	 You never ever ask, where do you go, You never ever ask, What do you do, You never ever ask, Whats in your mind, You never ever ask, If you'll be mine, Come and smile, don't be shy,	Cheeky Girls – Cheeky Song (Touch My Bum)
8	 So buckle up cause this can get bumpy, babe Now hit the lights and check out all my functions, Babe Girl, back that thing up so I can wax it, baby Honey, we gon' mess around and get a ticket, babe	R.Kelly - Ignition
9	 Steak knife Card shark Con job Boot cut Skin that flick She's such a little DJ Get there quick	Red Hot Chili Peppers – By The Way
10	 I'm not the kinda girl Who gives up just like that *Oh no* It's not the things you do That tease and hurt me bad But it's the way you do the things You do to me	Atomic Kitten – The Tide is High

Just name the song and the artist from the lyrics to the 10 songs above.





<b>FULL NAME</b>	Steve Yeardley
<b>NICKNAME</b>	Dip
<b>D.O.B.</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>POSITION</b>	Defence
<b>NO. OF YEARS AT CLUB</b>	Life
<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Student
<b>DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN 5 WORDS</b>	Shit x5
<b>TEAM SUPPORTED</b>	Man Utd
<b>FOOTBALLING IDOL(S)</b>	Cantona
<b>APPEARANCES/GOALS LAST YEAR</b>	23 Apps/ No goals in right net
<b>CAR DRIVEN</b>	None
<b>FAVOURITE DRINK</b>	Diesel
<b>FAVOURITE MEAL</b>	Kebab
<b>MAKE OF BOOTS</b>	Adidas
<b>MOST SKILLFUL TEAM MATE</b>	Matty Bennett
<b>WORST DRESSED TEAM MATE</b>	Pete Y (Then Petal)
<b>TEAM MATE WHO TALKS THE MOST RUBBISH</b>	Bridges, Magani, Gazza, Pets, Rob H
<b>MOST ANNOYING TEAM MATE</b>	Bridges
<b>FAVOURITE LABEL</b>	Carling Black
<b>FAVOURITE MOVIE</b>	Shawshank Redemption
<b>FAVOURITE T.V. SHOW</b>	Teletext
<b>PREVIOUS CLUBS</b>	9 Iron 8 Iron Putter
<b>FAVOURITE NIGHTSPOT</b>	JJ's
<b>FAVOURITE RESTAURANT</b>	JJ's
<b>NON-SPORTING IDOL</b>	Rob Hopkins
<b>PREMIERSHIP PREDICTION (TOP 3 ONLY)</b>	1. Man Utd 2. Chelsea 3. Liverpool



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George Drewitt		Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley	
Nathan Hawkins		Whole kit sponsored by David Thomas	
Dan Comer		Whole kit sponsored by Dave & Carol Rowe	
Steve Yeardley		Whole kit sponsored by C.S. Building Services	
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Steve Robertson		Whole kit sponsored by C.S. Building Services	
Dan Bailey		Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley	
Tyler Sheppard		Whole kit sponsored by Charlotte Bull	
Paul Braithwaite		Whole kit sponsored by Andy Walduck	
Kara Gregory		Whole kit sponsored by Dave & Carol Rowe	

Cost = Shirt only (£25), Shorts (£15) and Socks (£10) and for the whole kit £40 (fixed at 2014-15 prices)  
To arrange player kit sponsorship please contact Mark Smedley on 07887634887



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# Ladies Team Player Kit Sponsorship

# Half Time Quiz - Lyrics are back..

Player	Shirt	Shorts	Socks
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Laura Gammon	Whole kit sponsored by Chris Jones		
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Sophie Harper			
Amber Eggerton			
Zoe Holland			
Debbie Rose			
Jess Dent			
Beth Turner			
Jenna Blake			
Jules Caton			
Nikki Butler			
Tasha Harper			
Caroline Hook			
Becky Gammon	Whole kit sponsored by Mark Smedley		

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To arrange player kit sponsorship please contact Becky Gammon on 07825 336479

Lyric Quiz 2016 No 4 - all songs from the season Steve Yeardley made his debut		
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2		When your stare in my face You're messing with my brain If you're trying to convince me Then you better think again If you move to the music The music's got to give If it's too complicated That's the way I want to live
3		It's written in the wind That we're two Carved out in the sand That we're real It's lit up in the stars That we're true We're destined in the sky To be glad
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Just name the song and the artist from the lyrics to the 10 songs above.

# Fixtures, Results and Tables Season 2015-16 Uhsport Hellenic League

# Ladies Section In Focus

Hellenic League Premier Season 2015-16	Abingdon Utd	Ardley Utd	Ascot Utd	Binfield	Brackley Town	Bracknell Town	Brimscom & Thrupp	Flackwell Heath	Highmoor Ibis	Highw'th	Kidlington	Long'ns	Lydney	Milton Utd	Oxford City Nomads	Thame United	Thatcham Town	Tuffley Rovers	Woking'm & E	W.Bassett Town
Abingdon Utd	1-5		2-3	3-0	3-1	6-4	0-1	3-2	1-3	0-2	0-6	2-1	0-2	3-3	0-3	1-1	0-0	1-2	2-0	2-4
Ardley Utd	1-5	1-3																		
Ascot United	3-0	1-0						3-0	1-0	0-1			2-1	2-2	4-2	1-1	2-2	0-0	6-0	1-4
Binfield	4-0	1-1			4-1	2-2	1-2		6-0	1-4	1-2			0-0	0-2	0-3			2-2	2-0
Brackley Town	5-1	3-0	1-4	2-0			7-2	2-5	2-4	2-5	2-2		1-2	4-1				3-2	3-1	
Bracknell Town	3-1	0-1	0-1		2-1				1-2	1-3	1-1		1-1						0-0	0-3
Brimscombe & T	1-1		1-1		1-2	2-1					2-4	0-2	4-2		4-0	3-0				4-1
Flackwell Heath	2-0		2-0	4-0	3-2				3-3				2-1	2-0	2-0			4-3	4-3	7-2
Highmoor Ibis	6-0	2-1	0-1		3-0			0-2		1-2	2-0		1-3	2-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-3		4-0
Highworth Town	4-0			2-3			3-0	1-2				3-1	2-2				1-2	5-0		8-0
Kidlington		5-1	3-1	5-0	4-1				1-1	1-0		4-1	4-2		8-1	1-0	2-1			
Longlevens	3-0		1-1	1-2	1-0	3-1		3-2	0-1				3-0	1-4	1-1	1-2		2-1	3-2	3-2
Lydney Town	3-1		0-3				0-1	1-3	3-2					0-0	3-2	2-2		1-1	3-0	3-2
Milton United	1-5	2-1	0-2	0-2	3-2	3-3	0-1	2-3	2-3	0-2	0-5		1-1		0-2	0-1	1-4			5-0
Oxford City Nom						2-0		2-2	3-1		2-0	4-0					1-2		2-2	0-2
Thame United	2-0	0-3		1-2	5-0		1-2		2-1		0-3				0-1					3-1
Thatcham Town	6-2	3-1	2-1	2-0		6-2	0-0	3-2	2-0	2-0		3-1	4-3		3-2				2-1	1-2
Tuffley Rovers		3-5	1-2		4-1		2-1						0-0	2-3	2-4	1-2				4-0
Wokingham & E	5-0		0-3	1-2	1-4		0-4			0-5		0-1		0-0	1-3	1-2	1-6			
W.Bassett Town	2-0	2-1			1-1	2-1	2-1	0-3			0-2			0-2	3-0	2-0				2-1

The ladies were away last Sunday to Bristol Ladies Union Development where they extended their unbeaten run to 7 games picking up 17 points from a possible 21. That win lifts the girls to 3rd position in Division 1 of the Gloucestershire County Women's league, a position we didn't think possible after a poor start to the season.

The 2-0 win was the result of a gritty team performance on a terrible pitch, but the girls ground out a win courtesy of a Debbie Rose header from a Laura Jefferies corner and an Emily Bogg cross come shot after some good link up play with the midfield.

Today's result keeps the belief alive for a top three finish, which the girls are more than capable of doing but there is still a long way to go with teams around us all having games in hand to play. The push continues back at home on Sunday when we face current league leaders Cheltenham Town Development.

2015-2016 Season  
UHLSPORT Hellenic League  
Premier Division as at 23rd January 2016

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Thatcham Town	24	18	4	2	68	28	58
2 Flackwell Heath	24	18	2	4	71	34	56
3 Ascot United	27	16	6	5	51	26	54
4 Kidlington	22	16	3	3	63	21	51
5 Highworth Town	22	16	1	5	64	18	49
6 <b>Longlevens AFC</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
7 Highmoor-Ibis	27	12	3	12	44	42	39
8 Binfield	23	11	4	8	42	35	37
9 Brimscombe & Thrupp	21	11	3	7	37	30	36
10 Thame United	23	11	3	9	29	28	36
11 <b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>35</b>
12 Ardley United	26	10	2	14	46	56	32
13 Oxford City Nomads	24	9	3	12	38	47	30
14 Brackley Town Saints	28	9	2	17	53	74	29
15 Lydney Town	22	6	7	9	34	41	25
16 Milton United	29	6	7	16	37	58	25
17 Abingdon United	30	6	3	21	37	84	21
18 Tuffley Rovers	21	5	5	11	34	43	20
19 Bracknell Town	21	4	5	12	30	45	17
20 Wokingham & Emmbrook	27	2	3	22	27	81	9

2015-2016 Season  
UHLSPORT Hellenic League  
Division One (West) as at 23rd January 2016

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Fairford Town	17	11	2	4	41	22	35
2 Hook Norton	12	8	2	2	30	11	26
3 Cheltenham Saracens	12	8	2	2	29	14	26
4 Easington Sports	16	8	2	6	39	26	26
5 Carterton	12	8	2	2	29	18	26
6 North Leigh United	17	7	2	8	29	37	23
7 Purton	17	5	6	6	28	26	21
8 Letcombe	15	5	6	4	20	22	21
9 Cirencester Town Dev'	16	4	6	6	33	35	18
10 Clanfield 85'	17	4	5	8	23	36	17
11 Shortwood United Res'	12	4	3	5	24	24	14
12 Tytherington Rocks	17	3	2	12	16	47	11
13 New College Swindon	11	3	1	7	9	17	10
14 Shrivenham	13	3	1	9	11	26	10

\* = One point deducted for playing ineligible player

2015-2016 Season  
UHLSPORT Hellenic League  
Division One (East) as at 23rd January 2016

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Penn & Tylers Green	15	11	3	1	56	9	36
2 Bicester Town	16	11	3	2	46	23	36
3 Henley Town	16	10	3	3	49	23	33
4 Headington Amateur's	18	9	3	6	40	21	30
5 Finchampstead	17	8	5	4	35	18	29
6 Holyport	15	7	4	4	32	27	25
7 Chinnor	14	7	2	5	32	22	23
8 Rayners Lane	15	5	5	5	30	23	20
9 Didcot Town Res'	16	5	2	9	36	43	17
10 Chalfont Wasps	10	4	2	4	16	26	14
11 Wantage Town Res'	15	3	2	10	21	40	11
12 Old Woodstock Town	13	3	0	10	12	40	9
13 Woodley United	16	2	2	12	13	49	8
14 Reading Town	16	2	2	12	18	72	8

Becky



# Ladies Section In Focus

## Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2015-16

### Division One Fixtures

Date	Opponents	H/A	Competition	Result	Scorers
6-Sep-15	Downend Flyers	H	W FA Cup	L 1 - 5	Bogg
13-Sep-15	Bristol Ladies Union Dev	H	League	L 1 - 8	Jefferies
20-Sep-15	Cheltenham Town Dev	A	League	L 1 - 5	Jefferies
4-Oct-15	Cirencester Town	A	League	L 1 - 3	Gammon
18-Oct-15	AEK Boco	H	L. Cup	L 1 - 4	Bogg
25-Oct-15	Dursley Town	A	League	D 2 - 2	Gammon, Hook
1-Nov-15	Forest of Dean	H	League	W 6 - 0	Bogg, Gammon, Rose, Edwards, Hook, Egerton
8-Nov-15	Longlevens	H	League	W 4 - 2	Bogg 2, Gammon 2
22-Nov-15	St Nicholas	H	League	W 3 - 1	Jefferies 2, Gammon
20-Dec-15	Almondsbury UWE	H	League	W 1 - 0	Turner
17-Jan-16	Bristol & West	H	League	D 1 - 1	Wood
24-Jan-16	Bristol Ladies Union Dev	A	League	W 2 - 0	Rose, Bogg
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	A	League		
13-Mar-16	St Nicholas	A	League		
3-Apr-16	AEK Boco	H	League		
17-Apr-16	Bristol & West	A	League		
24-Apr-16	Almondsbury UWE	A	League		
8-May-16	AEK Boco	A	League		

## Gloucestershire County Womens League Season 2015-16

### Division One League Table as at 24th January 2016

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Cheltenham Town Development	10	8	0	2	31	11	24
2 Almondsbury UWE	8	5	2	1	17	6	17
3 <b>Wootton Bassett Ladies</b>	10	5	2	3	26	22	17
4 AEK Boco Ladies	5	5	0	0	20	3	15
5 St Nicholas Ladies Reserves	9	3	3	3	21	18	12
6 Forest of Dean Ladies	9	2	4	3	7	16	10
7 Dursley Town Ladies	8	2	2	4	10	25	8
8 Cirencester Town Ladies	8	1	3	4	9	12	6
9 Longlevens Womens FC	9	1	3	5	8	20	6
10 Bristol & West Ladies	7	1	2	4	7	15	5
11 Bristol Ladies Union Development	7	1	1	5	9	13	4

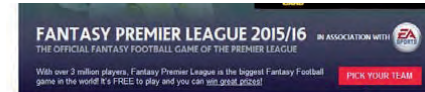


# Fantasy Football

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

As at 26th January 2016

	Week	Total
1 Largie's Lads	Scott Large	50 1,316
2 Iatorrefc	Alejandro Stock	56 1,309
3 Dirty Oars	Andrew Guppy	74 1,286
4 Benford Rejects	Benny Brown	50 1,262
5 Viva Paul Curtis...	SJ Lawro	69 1,261
6 Cupid Punts	Michael Case	50 1,241
7 Gerrard's Slippers	Chris Green	30 1,229
8 SuarezBitesBack	Rockin Robin	36 1,226
9 High flying	Samuel Case	59 1,222
10 HAYDEN'S XI	Jacob Hayden	46 1,217
11 Liverpool	Ethan Joe	42 1,211
12 Gillie's Army FC	Ryan Gillie	42 1,199
13 Inter Minan	Joe topping	46 1,196
14 Square Ball Tel	David Topping	70 1,194
15 Michu at De Gea Ba	Dane Moulden	36 1,192
16 JoseParksTheBus	Jose Moanalot	43 1,187
17 C-Bomb's	Jack Paish	49 1,185
18 Shumps Gooner get ya	Steven Humphrey	40 1,184
19 Fantasy XI	Reece Holloway	40 1,183
20 Tekkerslovakia	Ryan Collins	36 1,167
21 Gotta be my year	Becky Gammon	44 1,167
22 SMG	James Skinner	50 1,167
22 The Koeman League	Stuart Smedley	46 1,167
24 Jose Fonte Baby	Josh Dimond	32 1,161
25 MerckelsPanzaDivision	Helmut Cheese	43 1,159
26 Charlie's Angels	Karen Avery	39 1,145
27 Yoyo XI	Scott Smedley	44 1,143
28 Sims United	Simon G	44 1,142
29 Footysavedmybacon	Ken G	52 1,131
30 Sticks & John Stones	Ollie Sinclair	47 1,130
31 barcaloaner	Murcia Guy	49 1,128
32 Stick The Blue Flag	Mark Smedley	35 1,124
33 David Beldon's kids	Rhys Holdsworth	55 1,120
34 Kids R Utd	Paul Gillie	38 1,119
35 royal woodpecker utd	bryan wood	36 1,113
36 Hannover Hangover	Ben Gerrish	46 1,110
37 Le Saux Solid Crew	Ryan Thomas	39 1,110
38 PC's Havin A Party	Paul Curtis	50 1,104
39 fc barcelona	Ethan Alejandro	42 1,104
40 Swift's bathwater FC	Phillip Forster	34 1,097
41 Moves like Agger	Andy Tye	33 1,075
42 Royal rovers	Teresa Andow	39 1,073
43 Winning Fc	Jayden Handel	49 1,069
44 Gregs Demons	Ian Bull	45 1,060
45 FirstTimeLucky?	Keren Brojde	53 1,059
46 Nottingham Florist	James Evans	35 1,049
47 Spiral Tribe FC	joe hockham	64 1,040
48 FC United of Wood	Ali Wood	35 1,028
49 Pathetic Athletic	Alex Webb	46 1,027
50 Swagenham&Redbridge	Dave Groom	35 1,025
51 Irish Allstars	Sam Jackson	42 1,016
52 BainesONtoast	Oliver Case	50 1,013
53 ???????? enough!!!!	luke jones	49 1,005
54 REUS krispies	Harry Gough	27 1,005
55 Halls' Town	Tim Hall	50 999
56 Rigs Warriors	Paul Haworth	37 995
57 Crazy's Robins	Paul Burke	31 990
58 poops	thomas haworth	48 955
59 MyLittleBony FC	Euan Burke	39 946
60 Wrighty's Warriors	Callum Wright	46 943
61 QPR	joe Wych	40 939
62 United We Stand	Simon Jones	42 929
63 bassett legend	steve thomas	32 927
64 Joe's hoe's	joe dixon	20 899
65 Mein Bergkampf	george Fry	20 892
66 Monye XI	hugo vivash	24 872
67 Who Ate All Depays?	JACK HOLDER	34 834



### 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)

Gameweek 23 Dream Team

Total score: **133 PTS**

Top player: **Firmino** (Liverpool) 18 pts

Lineup details:

- Goalkeeper: Foster
- Defenders: Ivanovic (12), Drinkwater (14), Valencia (13), Ayew (13)
- Midfielders: Caticart (10), Agtiero (12)
- Forwards: van Aanholt (9), Firmino (18)

# The Non-League Paper Article

# Reserves In Focus



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By Steven Coney

## What is in a Name?

If you think of the FA Cup and Whitehawk, it probably brings back memories of boss Steve King's maverick dress sense or his terrace jig after the Hawks had earned a replay against Dagenham & Redbridge in December.

The colourful manager certainly grabbed a lot of headlines, trended on Twitter and was even called Non-League's best dressed manager by BT Sport (although I'm sure some bosses out there would disagree!). One crafty internet user edited the club's Wikipedia page to show their manager as 'Harry Enfield' - and an edit to the National League South outfit's name could have been on the cards too before the U-turn this week. The Hawks outlined their plans to become Brighton City FC last week, a move they tried three years ago before it was shelved, announcing they had formally applied to the Football Association. It's fair to say the news didn't exactly go down well with Whitehawks' vocal supporters who set up an online petition which received almost 1,500 signatures - over double the amount of people that attended the club's last home game against Ebbsfleet United.

Chairman John Summers reckoned the move would have helped the club become more sustainable and pointed out that Whitehawk have never actually played in Whitehawk. That may be the case but Whitehawk has been included in the club's name since its creation in 1945 - history fans clearly want to keep hold of and rightly so. Summers, and Whitehawk as a club, are clearly very ambitious and their rapid rise from the Sussex County League to Step 2 - masterminded by Darren Freeman - should be celebrated. Yes, they may not be sustainable in their current model but as any club that plays that way, as long as the owner(s) are willing to continue their support, things won't change.

What Summers and the rest of the Hawks' board must take credit for is listening to supporters, admitting they got it wrong and withdrawing the application. We've seen owners such as Assem Allam at Hull and Cardiff's Vincent Tan trying to "rebrand" clubs despite fans' opposition - more proof if needed that football is seen more as a business than a sport nowadays, especially at the top of the game. Summers, however, went to get the answers from the horse's mouth. He swapped a comfy seat with his fellow directors and joined the Whitehawk Ultras at their game against Chelmsford on Saturday.

"I made a point of standing on the terraces with The Ultras at the Chelmsford match to engage with them first hand," the chairman said.

"It was good to be amongst them and listen to their views personally and I thank them all for their input. Nobody should have had any doubts about the club's aspirations, all of the investors and members had voted for it, however we have listened to the fans.

"They have made it very clear to us that if we are changing our name they prefer other options such as 'Brighton Whitehawk' or 'Brighton East End' so we will all have a beer together and work to build the club."

There may still be a name change for the club but fans will get their say. With the added TV exposure from this season's Cup run - where they were desperately unlucky to lose out to Dagenham & Redbridge in round two - the Whitehawk name surely holds some weight. It seems as if Championship club Brighton & Hove Albion are going to be the toughest obstacle to climb - the Seagulls not overly keen on another club sharing the city's name. Whitehawk also claim that Brighton threatened them with legal action due to the header on their website reading "Whitehawk FC, of Brighton and Hove City". They have since changed it to "Brighton's Whitehawk FC... 'We have more fun than you!'. I don't think anyone can dispute that!



## 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	
Tue	25-Aug-15 Chippenham Park Dev	H	League	W 3 - 1	Shaw 2, Clark
Sat	29-Aug-15 Wroughton	H	League	L 4 - 5	Clark, Ellis, Shaw, Large
Sat	05-Sep-15 Wilts Calne Town	A	League	W 4 - 2	Clarke 2, Tidy, Hayden
Sat	12-Sep-15 Shrewton United	A	League	L 1 - 6	Tidy
Sat	19-Sep-15 Devizes Town Res	H	League	L 2 - 4	Tidy 2
Sat	26-Sep-15 Corsham Town Res	A	League	D 1 - 1	Shepherd
Sat	03-Oct-15 Andover New Street Sw*	H	League	D 3 - 3	Shepherd 3
Sat	10-Oct-15 Vale of Pewsey	A	League	D 1 - 1	Matthews
Sat	24-Oct-15 Devizes Town Res	A	League	L 0 - 1	
Sat	31-Oct-15 Trowbridge Wanderers	H	League	L 2 - 3	Adams 2
Sat	14-Nov-15 Corsham Town Res	H	League	W 4 - 3	Tidy, Shepherd, Groom, Adams
Sat	28-Nov-15 Chippenham Park Dev	A	League	L 2 - 3	Collins, Shepherd
Sat	05-Dec-15 Malmesbury Vics	A	League	W 1 - 0	Bolton
Sat	16-Jan-16 Trowbridge Town	H	League	L 1 - 2	Shepherd
Sat	30-Jan-16 Sarum Youth	A	League		
Sat	06-Feb-16 Wilts Calne Town	H	Cup		
Sat	13-Feb-16 Ludgershall Sports	H	League		
Sat	20-Feb-16 Trowbridge Wanderers	A	League		
Sat	27-Feb-16 Marlborough Town	A	League		
	Malmesbury Vics	H	League		
	Marlborough Town	H	League		
	Melksham Town Res	H	League		
	Sarum Youth	H	League		
	Shrewton United	H	League		
	Vale of Pewsey	H	League		
	Wilts Calne Town	H	League		
	Trowbridge Town	A	League		

\* Andover New Street Swifts have withdrawn from the league

### Wiltshire County Football League

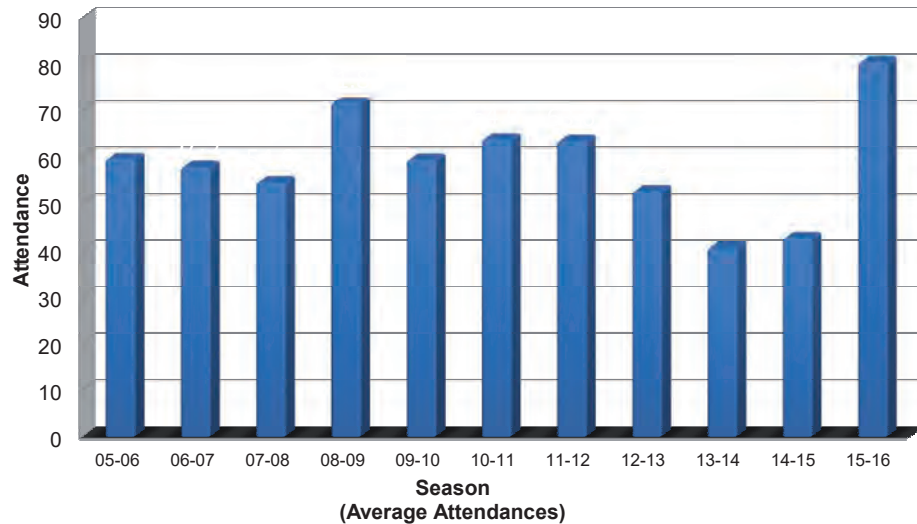
Premier Division Season 2015-16 as at 24th January 2016

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Trowbridge Town FC	14	13	1	0	67	12	40
2 Shrewton Utd FC	18	12	2	4	61	27	38
3 Melksham Town FC Res	15	11	1	3	46	14	34
4 Malmesbury Victoria FC	16	10	1	5	53	27	31
5 Trowbridge Wanderers FC	14	9	1	4	33	22	28
6 Wroughton FC	15	8	2	5	43	36	26
7 Ludgershall Sports FC	16	7	4	5	35	29	25
8 Chippenham Park FC Development	17	8	1	8	37	34	25
9 Corsham Town FC Res	17	8	1	8	39	39	25
10 Devizes Town FC Res	17	7	1	9	23	40	22
11 <b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC Res</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>
12 Marlborough Town FC	15	4	3	8	24	36	15
13 Vale of Pewsey FC	15	3	3	9	14	59	12
14 Wilts Calne Town FC	16	1	3	12	23	55	6
15 Sarum Youth FC	17	0	1	16	13	73	1

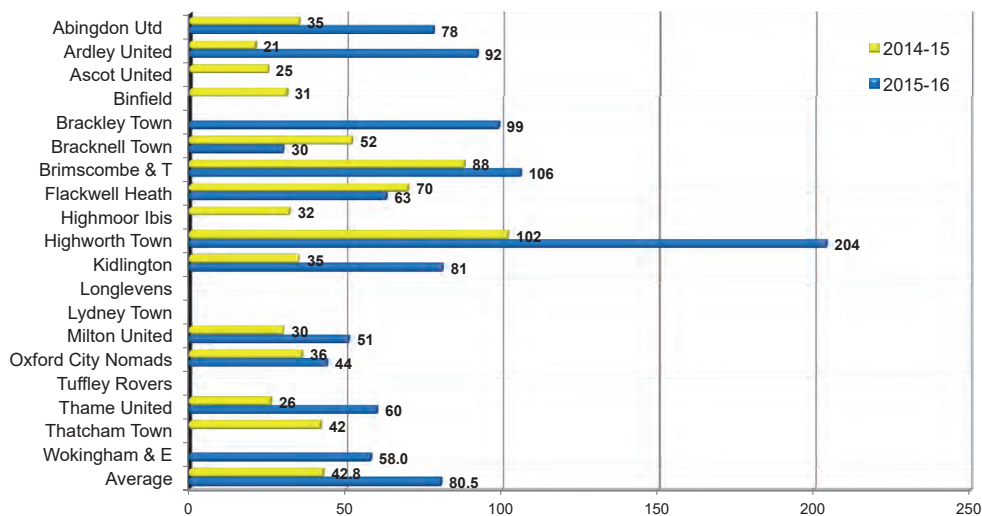
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**WBTFC Average Home League Attendances - Last 10 Years plus current season**



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



## Sent West?

In the dark days of the Summer of 2011, when our appeal against the FA enforced demotion for a ground grading technicality was thrown out and emotions were running high, with fingers being incorrectly pointed at Hellenic League management, I was asked to run some numbers relating to the travelling involved were we to move across to the Western League or the Wessex League. What that analysis showed was that despite the geographic spread of the Hellenic League the travelling was actually the least of the three leagues. At that time the total travel for a season in the Hellenic would have been 1,892, whilst in the Western League Premier Division it would have been 2,560 and in the Wessex a whopping 3,326 with the average trip being Hellenic (86), Western (135) and Wessex (151). In the end this went nowhere and with relations with the Hellenic League well and truly repaired under current Chairman Andy Walduck we are certainly not looking to go anywhere else but could a move of league be forced upon us?

On Sunday the excellent Non-League Paper (£1.50 from all good newsagents) carried a letter from a Mr Alan Fell from Topsham in Devon under the headline "Civilisation in the wild south-west" which suggested changes to the leagues in the south-west of the country. The letter stated the following:

"Every year the debate regarding league re-structuring rumbles on – not least in the south-west of the country where it's clear that more careful planning is required.

So here's my two-penneth's worth...a suggestion of how to solve the anomalies that exist in the region's Step 5 and 6 set up.

- 1) The 10 most southerly/westerly Western League clubs and Portland United from the Wessex League move to the SW Peninsula League to enable a standard two-division Step 5/6 SWPL. Surplus clubs (Step 7) merge back into the local scene to establish two feeder leagues from Cornwall and Devon (alongside the Somerset County and Dorset Premier).
- 2) The eight most westerly Hellenic League clubs [Ed: this would seem to include Royal Wootton Bassett Town as well as today's opponents Longlevens, Tuffley Rovers, Brimscombe & Thrupp, Highworth Town, Cheltenham Saracens, Purton, Cirencester Development, New College and Fairford Town] move across to the Western League to give a proper two division set-up centred on and balanced geographically about Bristol.
- 3) Hellenic League to become a standard two-division Step 5/6 arrangement.

This type of logic could also be applied to solve the anomalies involving the East Midland Counties League and West Midlands Regional League, the one division Essex Senior League and the separate leagues in Kent."

When I had carried out the exercise in 2011 the Western League would have included 4 greater than 200 mile round trips to Barnstable, Willand Rovers, Dawlish and Ilfracombe. The latter two sides have now dropped out of the Western league altogether and if the 10 most southerly/westerly teams are taken out, which will include a number in the Premier Division, then the travelling distances will certainly have been greatly reduced.

	Total Mileage	Average Round-Trip	Longest Round-Trip	Shortest Round-Trip
<b>Uxbridge Hellenic League</b>				
Premier Division	1,892	86	136	24
First Division	590	62	112	6
<b>Toolstation Western League</b>				
Premier Division	2,560	135	254	46
First Division	1,766	93	206	20
<b>Sydenham's Wessex League</b>				
Premier Division	3,326	151	208	30
First Division	2,330	129	216	46

\* Based on 2011-12 Season  
Wootton Bassett Town Football Club

When it comes to looking at the split of leagues across the pyramid the FA Leagues Committee are not renowned for actually listening to anyone and with everyone at Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC more than happy in the Uxbridge Hellenic League at present let's hope no-one from the FA involved in looking at the constitution of the various Step 5/6 leagues actually read the Non-League Paper this weekend and gets any ideas!

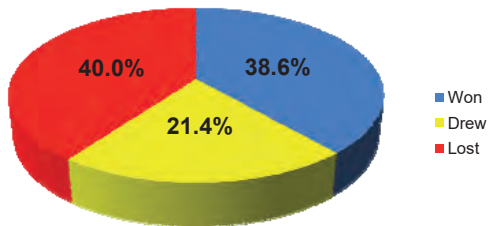
# RWBTFC Hellenic Record

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

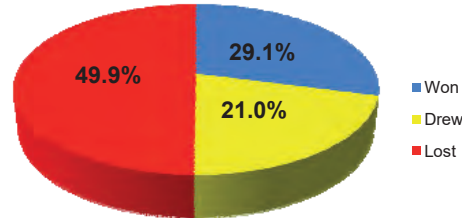
22nd	21st	20th	19th	18th	17th	16th	15th	14th	13th	12th	11th	10th	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
Season	Div	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Manager	Top Scorer										
1988/89	1	28	11	7	10	50	41	40	5 out of 15	Mick Woolford	Damon York										
1989/90	1	30	13	8	9	52	35	47	7 out of 16	Mick 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	9	22	39	75	42	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	25	11	2	12	38	57	35	11 out of 20	Paul Braithwaite	Steve Robertson 25										
Total		953	368	204	381	1,483	1,553	1,302		Division 1	Premier Division										
Won:Drew:Lost Ratio		38.6%	21.4%	40.0%																	

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)

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



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



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# F.A. Cup

## 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 Shortwood United	A		£3,000
26-Sep-15	Second Qualifying Round	v Oxford City	A		£4,500
14-Oct-15	Third Qualifying Round	v Bogner Regis Town	A		£7,500
24-Oct-15	Fourth Qualifying Round	v Wealdstone Town	A		£12,500
7-Nov-15	First Round	v Colchester United	H		£18,000
5-Dec-15	Second Round	v Altrincham	H		£27,000
9-Jan-16	Third Round	v Charlton Athletic	H		£67,500
30-Jan-16	Fourth Round	v Tottenham	H		£90,000
20-Feb-16	Fifth Round				£180,000
12-Mar-16	Sixth Round				£360,000
23-Apr-16	Semi-Final		Wembley		£900,000
21-May-16	Final		Wembley		£1,800,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£Nil</b>



# F.A. Vase

## 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 Windsor	A		£800
31-Oct-15	First Round Proper	v Croydon	H		£900
21-Nov-15	Second Round Proper	v Hartley Wintney	A		£1,200
12-Dec-15	Third Round Proper	v Colliers Wood United	A		£1,500
9-Jan-16	Fourth Round Proper	v Bradford Town	H		£2,000
30-Jan-16	Fifth Round Proper	v Hereford	H		£2,500
20-Feb-16	Sixth Round Proper				£4,500
12-Mar-16	Semi-final		Two legs		£6,000
22-May-16	Final		Wembley		£25,000
<b>Total Prize Money Won</b>					<b>£600</b>

# Match Reports

## Bassett exorcise demons in Nomads victory

New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016

After the humiliation of last weekend, Royal Wootton Bassett Town manager Paul Braithwaite got the reaction he demanded from his troops - and more - as Oxford City Nomads were comfortably dispatched 3-0 thanks to a controlled, professional display.

Across the pitch the Bassett boss saw his players pitch in with the requisite amount of effort, something which had been clearly lacking at Ardley last weekend.

Defensively, that allowed Bassett to thwart a Nomads side who, though pleasing on the eye, lacked the savvy to break through the wall of resistance thrown up by their hosts. Rarely this season has 'keeper Curtis Meare had as quiet an afternoon as this one.

At the opposite end of the pitch, meanwhile, Bassett were clinical, taking the chances when they arrived. Thus a valuable three points was secured against the side who began the day immediately below them in the Hellenic League Premier Division.

On another blustery day at the New Gerard Buxton Sports Ground, Bassett began the afternoon playing into the wind. It was therefore necessary for them to spend the better portion of the opening period on the defensive.

Yet, they acquitted themselves in this task with aplomb. Only once did they come under any real danger when, quarter of an hour into the game, the lively Amer Awadh latched onto a through ball played into the left side of the box and cut inside Matt Cheetham before shooting straight at Meare from an acute angle. In fact, the two best chances of the half fell to the home side. Thirty minutes in, Dale Richards made a darting run down the left wing before cutting the ball back from the byline for Steve Robertson, who fired on the turn from twelve yards only to be denied by a well timed block. Moments later Robertson set a pass back for Richards on the edge of the area, from where the full back blazed a shot narrowly over. When the duo combined for the third time a minute into the second half the result was the game's opening goal. And a well worked one it was too. Cheetham's diagonal ball from right full back evaded opposite number Drew Boyd. Richards, charging forward, controlled the ball perfectly before shuffling a square pass inside to Robertson, who made no mistake with a firm strike from twelve yards.

With the lead, Bassett were playing with confidence. They still had to be alert though, and were grateful for the presence of centre half Nathan Hawkins who blocked Louis Joyce's goalbound header on the line after the Nomads forward had connected with an Awadh delivery. Substitute Matt Woodley then cut inside onto his left foot and flashed a drive just wide of the left post. The cutting edge that the visitors lacked, Bassett possessed and their lead was doubled with 69 minutes on the clock.

Another ball over the top from Cheetham caught the Nomads defence square, allowing Harvey Scholes a free run at Christian Lawrence. Advancing off his line and narrowing the angle, the Nomads' stopper repelled Scholes' shot. However, the rebound broke for Robertson, and from the left corner he delivered a delicate cross to the far post which Dan Bailey nodded in. Defensively sound and with the midfield finding their rhythm, Bassett ensured that it wasn't until the first minute of stoppage time that their opponents could muster any kind of response to falling two goals behind. Yet Woodley was unable to cut the deficit as his powerful drive rattled the crossbar.

A neat three player move then allowed the hosts to add extra gloss to a hugely satisfying afternoon for the team and a landmark appearance for club captain Steve Yeardley. Latching onto an intricate Bailey flick after an inside pass from Robertson, Sam Packer outmuscled Matt Knapton before being clumsily brought down by the lumbering defender inside the box. A penalty was duly given, which Yeardley - whose introduction as a substitute took his first team appearance total to 400 - clinically put away.

A solid performance, a clean sheet, and three valuable points, not a lot more could have been asked for. It was more than enough to turn last week's frowns upside down.

**Man of the Match: Nathan Hawkins** - marshalled the defence alongside Jamie Richards expertly, ensuring a trouble free afternoon for 'keeper Curtis Meare. Louis Joyce, a player with Southern League experience and Hawkins' responsibility on this afternoon, was silenced.

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First Round		
<b>Bracknell Town</b>	4 - 0	Rayners Lane
<b>Highmoor-Ibis</b>	2 - 0	Binfield
Highworth Town	0 - 3	<b>Brackley Town Saints</b>
<b>Lydney Town</b>	2 - 1	Shortwood United
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>	3 - 1	Fairford Town
Shrivenham	0 - 1	<b>Carterton</b>
<b>Thame United</b>	4 - 0	Milton United
<b>Thatcham Town</b>	4 - 2	Didcot Town
Tuffley Rovers	2 - 4	<b>Kidlington</b>

Second Round		
<b>Abingdon United</b>	3 - 1	Henley Town
<b>Ardley United</b>	4 - 2	Hook Norton
Brackley Town Saints	1 - 3	<b>Lydney Town</b>
Bracknell Town	2 - 3	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>
Cheltenham Saracens	1 - 2	<b>Carterton</b>
<b>Chinnor</b>	2 - 0	Wokingham & Emmbrook
<b>Cirencester Town Dev</b>	2 - 1	Longlevens
<b>Clanfield</b>	3 - 2	Wantage Town
Holyport	1 - 2	<b>Kidlington</b>
<b>New College Swindon</b>	2 - 1	Bicester Town
North Leigh	0 - 3	<b>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp</b>
Oxford City Nomads	1 - 4	<b>Thatcham Town</b>
Reading Town	0 - 5	<b>Ascot United</b>
Sandhurst Town	3 - 7	<b>Flackwell Heath</b>
<b>Tytherington Rocks</b>	1 - 2	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>
Woodley United	0 - 2	<b>Thame United</b>

Third Round		
Abingdon United	0 - 3	<b>Thatcham Town</b>
<b>Ardley United</b>	5 - 0	New College Swindon
<b>Ascot United</b>	5 - 0	Chinnor
<b>Carterton</b>	4 - 1	Highmoor Ibis
Cirencester Town Dev	v	Brimscombe & T
Kidlington	3 - 4	<b>Flackwell Heath</b>
<b>Thame United</b>	3 - 0	Clanfield
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett</b>	1 - 2	<b>Lydney Town</b>

Quarter Finals		
Ardley United	3 - 4	<b>Flackwell Heath</b>
Carterton	v	Ascot United
Cirencester Dev or Brimscombe & T	v	Lydney Town
Thatcham Town	v	Thame United

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# Football Pyramid 2015-16

# Bluefin Hellenic Challenge Cup

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</b>   <b>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 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					

## HELLENIC LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP SPONSORED BY BLUEFIN SEASON 2015-16

First Round		
Ardley United	1 - 2	<b>Carterton</b>
<b>Ascot United</b>	1 - 0	Wokingham & Emmbrook
<b>Bracknell Town</b>	1 - 0	Chinnor
Chalfont Wasps	0 - 4	<b>Thatcham Town</b>
Cheltenham Saracens	1 - 2	<b>Longlevens</b>
<b>Cirencester Town Dev'</b>	2 - 2	Kidlington ( 4 -2 on pens)
<b>Fairford Town</b>	3 - 3	Highworth Town (3-2 on pens)
<b>Flackwell Heath</b>	3 - 0	Didcot Town
Henley Town	1 - 2	<b>Binfield</b>
<b>Hook Norton</b>	2 - 1	Tytherington Rocks
<b>New College Swindon</b>	5 - 3	Purton
<b>North Leigh United</b>	2 - 0	Shrivenham
Old Woodstock Town	0 - 7	<b>Highmoor Ibis</b>
Oxford City Nomads	4 - 0	Abingdon United
<b>Penn &amp; Tylers Green</b>	2 - 0	Bicester Town
<b>Rayners Lane</b>	2 - 1	Stokenchurch
Reading Town	L - W	<b>Holyport</b>
Wantage Town	1 - 8	<b>Lydney Town</b>

Second Round		
<b>Brackley Town Saints</b>	5 - 2	Headington Amateurs
<b>Bracknell Town</b>	0 - 2	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>
<b>Brimscombe &amp; Thrupp</b>	6 - 0	Woodley United
<b>Cirencester Town Dev</b>	1 - 0	Letcombe
<b>Finchampstead</b>	2 - 1	Fairford Town
<b>Flackwell Heath</b>	3 - 2	Highmoor Ibis
<b>Longlevens</b>	4 - 1	Clanfield
Milton United	1 - 3	<b>Tuffley Rovers</b>
Moreton Rangers	0 - 3	<b>Binfield</b>
New College Swindon	0 - 2	<b>Lydney United</b>
North Leigh United	0 - 5	<b>Thatcham Town</b>
Penn & Tylers Green	0 - 2	<b>Ascot United</b>
Rayners Lane	0 - 4	<b>Hook Norton</b>
Holyport	1 - 3	<b>Oxford City Nomads</b>
<b>Shortwood United Res</b>	2 - 0	Carterton
<b>Thame United</b>	2 - 0	Easington Sports

Third Round		
Ascot United	v	Thame United
Brimscombe & Thrupp	v	Tuffley Rovers
Finchampstead	v	Binfield
Hook Norton	v	Brackley Town Saints
Longlevens	v	Flackwell Heath
Lydney Town	v	Oxford City Nomads
<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town</b>	v	<b>Cirencester Town Development</b>
Thatcham Town	v	Shortwood United Res

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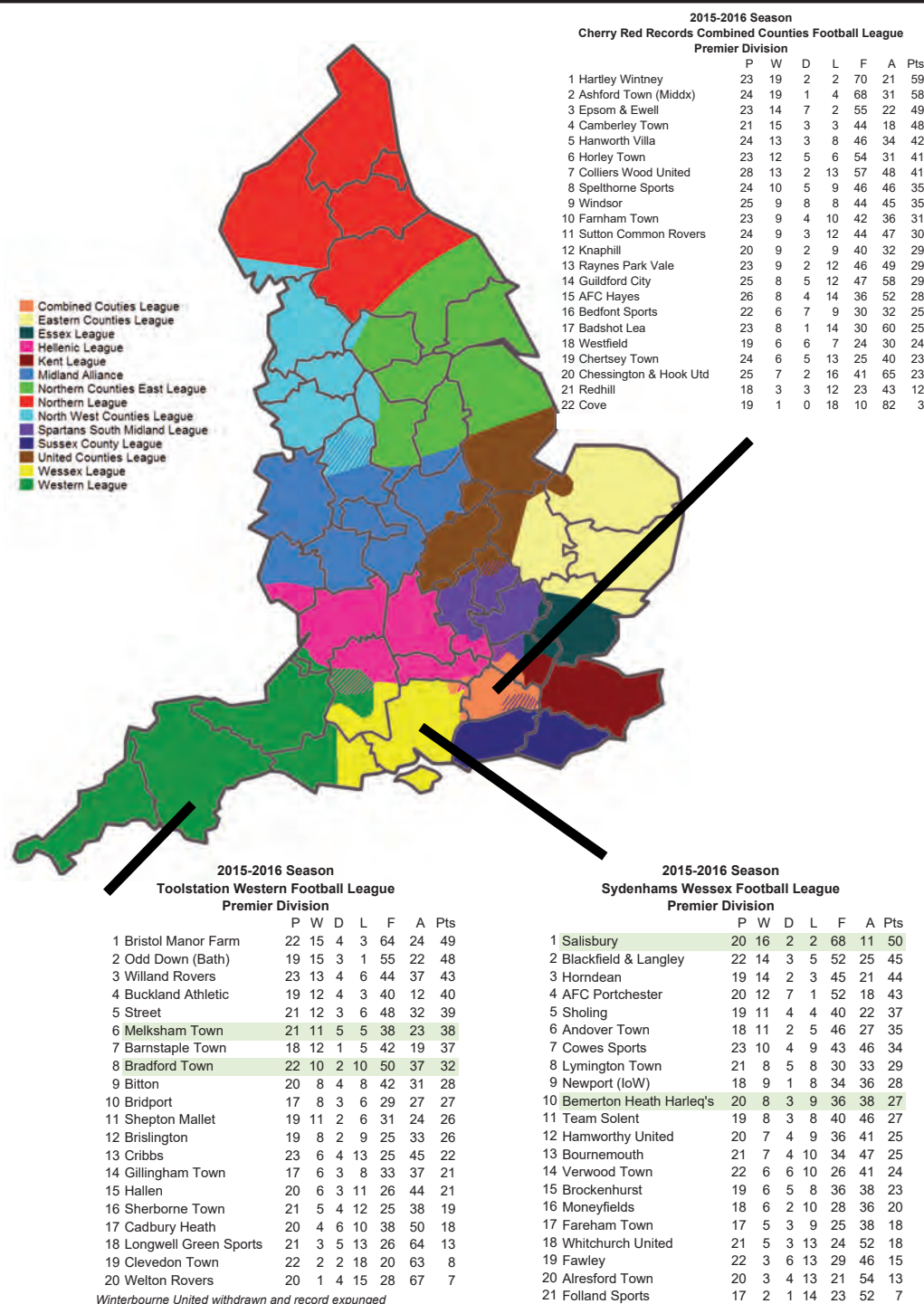
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# Pyramid Levels Steps 5 & 6



# 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 08-Aug	Brackley Saints	H	D 1 - 1	99	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Wright	Hawkins	Packer	Olphert (1)	Bailey	Youngsam	Sheppard	R.Carter	Thomas	Scholes	Moulden
Wed 12-Aug	Oxford City Nomads	A	W 2 - 0	72	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Moulden	Hawkins	Packer	Olphert	Bailey	Youngsam	Corcoran	R.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	R.Carter	Thomas	D.Richards	Cheetham
Wed 20-Aug	Ardley United	H	W 2 - 1	92	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Moulden	Drewitt	Packer (1)	Scholes	Bailey (1)	Robertson	Thomas	R.Carter	Ellis	Skinner	Youngsam
Sat 22-Aug	Flackwell Heath	A	L 2 - 7	46	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Moulden	Corcoran	Packer	Sheppard	Bailey	Robertson (2)	Yeardley	R.Carter	Youngsam	Gambling	Cheetham
Wed 26-Aug	Lydney Town	A	L 2 - 3	87	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Hawkins	Corcoran	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Yeardley (1)	R.Carter	Youngsam	Gambling	Olphert
Sat 29-Aug	Ascot United	A	W 4 - 1	67	Kuczynski	Comer	D.Richards	Hawkins	Corcoran	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (3)	Yeardley	Gambling (1)	Olphert	Sheppard	R.Carter
Mon 31-Aug	Highworth Town	H	L 0 - 2	204	Kuczynski	Comer	D.Richards	Drewitt	Corcoran	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Gambling	Yeardley	R.Carter	Youngsam	Hawkins	Cheetham
Sat 05-Sep	Binfield (FAV 1st QR)	H	D 1 - 1	83	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Hawkins	Corcoran	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Yeardley	Youngsam	Thomas	Drewitt	Sheppard
Mon 07-Sep	Binfield (FAV 1st QR Rep)	A	W 4 - 3	84	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Drewitt	Hawkins (1)	Packer	Scholes (2)	Bailey (1)	Youngsam	Cheetham	Olphert	Skinner	Vivash	Sheppard
Sat 12-Sep	Thame United	A	L 1 - 3	67	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Cheetham	Hawkins	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Yeardley	Olphert	Youngsam	Drewitt	Sheppard
Wed 16-Sep	Fairford Town (F/L1)	H	W 3 - 1	84	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Drewitt	Hawkins	Packer	Scholes	Thomas	Robertson (3)	Yeardley	Cheetham	R.Carter		
Sat 19-Sep	Abingdon United	A	W 4 - 2	49	Meare	Comer	Thomas	Drewitt	Hawkins	Cheetham	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (3)	Yeardley	Olphert (1)	R.Carter	Sheppard	
Mon 21-Sep	Binfield	A	L 0 - 2	92	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Drewitt	Hawkins	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson	Cheetham	Olphert	R.Carter	Covey	Millar
Sat 26-Sep	Wokingham & Emmbrook	H	W 2 - 1	58	Meare	Comer	Yeardley	Corcoran	Hawkins	Packer (1)	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson	Cheetham	Olphert (1)	R.Carter	Drewitt	
Tue 29-Sep	Tuffley Rovers	A	D 2 - 2	60	Meare	Yeardley	D.Richards	Corcoran	Hawkins	Packer (1)	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson	Cheetham	Olphert (1)	Thomas	Drewitt	Sheppard
Sat 03-Oct	Windsor (FAV 2ndQR)	A	L 1 - 2	106	Kuczynski	Comer	D.Richards	Corcoran	Hawkins	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Yeardley (1)	Cheetham	Olphert	Thomas	Drewitt	Sheppard
Sat 10-Oct	Ludgershall Sports (CC1)	H	W 3 - 1	54	Kuczynski	Comer	Yeardley	Corcoran	Hawkins	Thomas	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (2)	Cheetham	Olphert (1)	Millar	Hiscock	Smith
Sat 17-Oct	Abingdon United	H	W 2 - 0	78	Kuczynski	Comer	Yeardley	Hiscock	Sinclair	Packer	Scholes	Bailey (1)	Robertson	Cheetham	Olphert(1)	Smith	Walduck	Sheppard
Tue 20-Oct	Longlevens	A	L 2 - 3	47	Meare	Comer	Yeardley (1)	Corcoran	Hawkins	Packer	D.Richards	Bailey	Robertson	Cheetham	Olphert	Scholes (1)	Drewitt	
Sat 24-Oct	Flackwell Heath	H	L 0 - 3	63	Kuczynski	Comer	Drewitt	Corcoran	Hawkins	Packer	Scholes	Bailey	Hiscock	Cheetham	Olphert	Millar	Sinclair	
Mon 26-Oct	Highmoor Ibis	A	L 0 - 4	54	Kuczynski	Comer	D.Richards	Walduck	Hawkins	Sinclair	Scholes	Bailey	Hiscock	Cheetham	Olphert	Millar		
Wed 04-Nov	Tytherington Rocks (F/L2)	A	W 2 - 1	51	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Corcoran	Drewitt	Sheppard (1)	Scholes	Bailey	Hiscock	Cheetham	Olphert	Vivash	Thomas	
Sat 07-Nov	New College (CC2)	H	W 4 - 0	66	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Drewitt	Hawkins	Sheppard (1)	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (2)	Packer	Olphert	Hiscock (1)	Thomas	Cheetham
Tue 10-Nov	Bracknell Town (BICC2)	A	W 2 - 0	82	Meare	Cheetham	D.Richards	Drewitt	Hawkins	Thomas	Scholes (1)	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Packer	Olphert	Sheppard	Smith	Vivash
Sat 14-Nov	Thatcham Town	A	W 2 - 1	96	Meare	Comer	Cheetham	Drewitt	Hawkins	Corcoran	Scholes (1)	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Packer	Olphert	Thomas		
Sat 21-Nov	Milton United	H	L 0 - 2	51	Kuczynski	Comer	Cheetham	Drewitt	Hawkins	Corcoran	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson	Packer	Olphert	Vivash	Sheppard	Hiscock
Sat 28-Nov	Bracknell Town	H	W 2 - 1	30	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Sheppard	Hawkins	Corcoran	Scholes (1)	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Packer	Olphert	Hiscock		
Wed 02-Dec	Lydney Town (F/L3)	H	L 1 - 2	70	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Drewitt	Hawkins	Thomas	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Packer	Olphert	Vivash	Sinclair	Collins
Sat 05-Dec	Thame United	H	W 2 - 0	60	Meare	Comer (2)	D.Richards	D.Carter	Hawkins	Thomas	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson	Packer	Olphert	Hiscock	Sinclair	
Wed 09-Dec	Kidlington	H	L 0 - 2	81	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Cheetham	Hawkins	Corcoran	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson	Packer	Olphert	Hiscock	Wright	Fowler
Sat 19-Dec	Melksham Town (CC3)	H	L 0 - 1	74	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Cheetham	Hawkins	Thomas	Scholes	Bailey	Wright	Drewitt	Olphert	Hiscock	Yeardley	
Mon 28-Dec	Highworth Town	A	L 0 - 8	189	Meare	Comer	D.Carter	Cheetham	Hawkins	Corcoran	Yeardley	Bailey	Robertson	Packer	Olphert	Hiscock	Scholes	Thomas
Sat 02-Jan	Brimscombe & Thrupp	H	W 2 - 1	106	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Cheetham	Hawkins	Drewitt	Scholes	Bailey (1)	Robertson	Packer	Olphert	Hiscock (1)	Wright	
Sat 09-Jan	Cirencester Town Dev (BICC3)	H	L 2 - 3	74	Meare	Wright	Oakley	Cheetham	Hawkins	Drewitt	Scholes	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Packer	Olphert (1)	Fowler	Williamson	
Sat 16-Jan	Ardley United	A	L 1 - 7	58	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Cheetham	Hawkins	Corcoran	Oakley	Bailey	Robertson (1)	Packer	Olphert	Hiscock	Scholes	J.Richards
Sat 23-Jan	Oxford City Nomads	H	W 3 - 0	44	Meare	Comer	D.Richards	Cheetham	Hawkins	J.Richards	Scholes	Bailey (1)	Robertson (1)	Packer	Olphert	Yeardley (1)	Corcoran	
Sat 30-Jan	Longlevens	H																
Sat 06-Feb	Wokingham & Emmbrook	A																
Sat 13-Feb	Kidlington	A																
Wed 17-Feb	Tuffley Rovers	H																
Sat 27-Feb	Lydney Town	H																
Wed 02-Mar	Highmoor Ibis	H																
Sat 05-Mar	Milton United	A																
Tue 08-Mar	Bracknell Town	A																
Wed 16-Mar	Brackley Saints	A																
Tue 22-Mar	Brimscombe & Thrupp	A																
Sat 19-Mar	Binfield	H																
Sat 26-Mar	Ascot United	H																
Sat 02-Apr	Thatcham Town	H																

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