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FROM THE BOARDROOM



We welcome Stratford Town to Latimer Park today and we are looking forward to hosting you and hoping for a great match.

It's been an exciting build up to the season and we have been looking forward to this match since the announcement of the fixtures. We hope all our visitors, home and away, have a fantastic day.

It's been three months since we have been at the club and what a whirlwind it has been.

We have learnt so much in this short period of time and met such fantastic people, whether it be the fans, community, volunteers, local businesses and the Management Committee.

We truly feel honoured to be leading this club on its next phase into the future of this wonderful club.

We have been busy at work putting lots of changes in place to make for a better fans experience.

Some of our most notable changes include investing in a new drainage system for the pitch which we hope will pay dividends towards our first team and secure us a strong position this season.

In addition, the clubhouse has had a

facelift with a brand-new entertainment system alongside Sky TV and TNT, so we look forward to spending more time with you in the clubhouse with our new extended hours. We are now open seven days a week and will be offering all sorts of sporting options on our brand-new big screen.

We also have a new bar available in the ground so if you fancy another beer whilst the match is on, you won't have to miss another second.

We also have widened our food options available with something for everyone's taste, whether it's pizza from Ciao Bella outside the clubhouse, Burgers from Lemon Tree inside the ground or Smash Burgers in our hospitality suite. Feel free to hang around and check out which are your personal favourites.

A few things to look forward to, we are looking to invest in a new stand to offer more seating during match days, better bathroom facilities in the ground and investment into our own 4G pitch.

Watch out for further announcements.

Enjoy the game.

Kind regards,

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RICHARD LAVERY

THE THOUGHTS OF THE POPPIES BOSS

Following our excellent 4-0 home victory on Tuesday night against Spalding United we make a swift return to home action for today's game against Stratford Town.

I am expecting a tough encounter today against 'The Bards' as I personally expect them to finish the in the top three at the end of the season.

They enjoyed a good season last time out and have made some excellent close-season signings which has strengthened their squad even more.

They have made an excellent start to this campaign as well winning both of their opening league games and it's a game that we are all looking forward to.

Needless to say I was delighted with the result and our performance on Tuesday against Spalding United.

I thought that we played well at Halesowen Town, on the opening day of the season, but we didn't take our chances and I think that was the difference on Tuesday.

We played some fine football on the night and taking our chances certainly made a huge difference to us.

We bought Wes York into the starting line-up and he had a fine game scoring two goals and with the two wingers both on the scoresheet as well it was pleasing to see our front three all scoring.

That should be a real confidence booster for us all moving forward although I must stress that no-one is getting carried away.

After all nothing is won or lost in the opening games of a new season but the lads have set a bench mark and they have something to match, and improve upon, in the coming weeks and months.

I was also delighted with our supporters on the night as well. The attendance of 889 was pleasing as well especially when you think it was



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a midweek game in the middle of the school holidays.

It would be nice to see an increase in this afternoon's attendance and I would like to congratulate them for they backing they gave the lads.

I know it's an old cliché but they were like the twelfth man on Tuesday and it really does inspire the players.

Players do thrive on the backing they get from the fans and we will be looking for more of the same this afternoon please.

The games are coming thick and fast at the moment and we are back on the road next Saturday with a trip to Hitchin Town and then forty eight hours later we are back at Latimer Park for the visit of Harborough Town, which should be an interesting

game. The first month of the season comes to an end on Saturday 31st August when we enter the first qualifying round of the Emirates FA Cup and we shall learn who our opponents are this coming Monday when the draw is made.

I also believe that our 4-0 home win on Tuesday was our highest win, in our first home league game since 1990/91 when we beat Cheltenham Town 5-1.

Thank you all for coming out to support the lads today and I hope that we give you a performance that you all deserve.

Enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

Lavs

OUR VISITORS

STRATFORD TOWN



The Club was founded by Paul Bartlett in 1941, as Stratford Rangers, changing its name to Stratford Town in 1949.

Stratford competed in local leagues until 1947 when they joined the Birmingham Alliance (which became the Warwickshire & West Midland Alliance). Following league and cup successes, Stratford joined the Worcestershire Combination (which became the Midland Combination) in 1954.

Over the following years Stratford played in various leagues including the Birmingham & District League and the Hellenic League, until 1994 when they became founder members of the Midland Football Alliance.

Alan Hawkins - Town's Mr Stato has unearthed previously undocumented history of STFC.

A Brief Outline of the Club prior to joining the Worcestershire Combination in 1954/1955...

Although being first registered with the Birmingham County FA in 1944, the Club was formed under the name of Stratford Rangers in 1943 by Paul Bartlett with the original intention to give local serving players on leave during the Second World War the opportunity of a game as there was no organized football.

From initially playing "friendly" games at a number of locations (including the Recreation Ground and a field off the Birmingham Road) to playing competitive football after the war, the team achieved rapid progress and became a successful junior club in it's formative years. The team won 24 and lost 6 of their 35 games in season 1945/1946. After winning the Alcester Nursing Home Cup and finishing Division 1 runners-up of the Stratford-upon-Avon & District League in 1946/1947 a suggested merger with champions and the longer established Stratford Men's SC did not materialize but both clubs left the Stratford League for the 1947/1948 season, MSC joined the Leamington & District League while Stratford Rangers joined the Birmingham

Alliance. During their seven seasons of membership in the senior division of this league, the Club won many trophies and by the late 1940's were playing on the Alcester Road Ground (which was adjacent to the present site) with the pitch being moved on at least one occasion. Off the field a strong committee was complemented by a thriving supporters club.

In their first season outside local football, 1947/1948, Stratford Rangers finished in a good position in the league with the Club's record victory being achieved in an away game at Terrys Athletic, 19-0! The team also competed in the Birmingham Junior Cup while membership of the Stratford League was retained when the Club ran a Reserve side which replaced the first XI in Division 1.

In 1948/1949, with the help of trainer Harry Shaw, the team finished 8th, entered the FA Amateur Cup and reached the semi-final of the Birmingham Junior Cup. Over 1,000 supporters travelled to Villa Park to see the team narrowly lose to Castle Rovers in the Aston Villa Cup Final. At the end of the season the Club, with approval from the town's Council, changed name to the present title of Stratford Town, inheriting the town's crest for it's badge and colours.

In their first season as Stratford Town, 1949/1950, the team finished 7th in the league and became the first winners of the RAFA Cup.

The 1950/1951 season saw the team finish runners-up under the guidance of manager Vic Manley. The highest scoring victory under the name of Stratford Town was achieved when Walsall Colts were beaten 14-1 in a home league game. The Town also became joint-holders of the League Cup (Alliance Senior Cup) after two drawn Finals against Coventry Amateurs. The Final of the Aston Villa Cup was again reached but The Town lost to Hall Green Amateurs.

However, in 1951/1952 The Town gained revenge by beating Hall Green Amateurs in the League Cup Final

which was played at Lockheed Leamington FC. The team finished 4th in the league.

By the 1952/1953 season the West Midland Alliance as it had become known (which incorporated the Birmingham Alliance in which The Town's Reserve team were members) had changed title to the Warwickshire & West Midland Alliance and Stratford Town finished runners-up under player-manager Len Livingstone who older supporters remembered as the best centre half to play for the Club. The Aston Villa Cup was won for the first and only time as was the Presidents Cup. A massive 164 goals were scored in all competitions of the campaign.

A prolific goal-scorer for The Town during their membership of the Alliance was Gordon Hillman and his 50 goals scored in the 1953/1954 season contributed to the Club becoming league champions, the title being secured when Dudley Town Reserves were beaten 6-2 in front of a "record crowd". Stratford Town again lost to Castle Rovers in the Aston Villa Cup Final and Birmingham City Colts beat them in the League Cup Final which was played at St Andrews. A friendly against Pegasus attracted over 2,000 spectators at the Rugby Club and an end of season friendly against Evesham United attracted 1,000. The Reserves finished in a high position while Stratford Town Colts held their own scoring 126 goals in their inaugural season.

With further building development of what was becoming an industrial use area ongoing (the fire station had only opened in 1953), the pitch was moved northwards and enclosed with the installation of changing rooms and a stand. The Ground, which initially had only a short lease, has changed very little until the move to the new stadium in Knights Lane.

With improved facilities the Club were accepted into the Midland Combination (then known as the Worcestershire Combination) for the 1954/1955 season, replacing

Kingswinford & Wallheath FC, although the original intention appears to have been joining the stronger semi-professional Birmingham Combination which had ceased at the end of the 1953/1954 season. A new manager was also appointed, Allan Sands.

In their first season, Stratford finished 4th. In 1956 Stratford were runners-up and the following year they won the title by 5 points from Wolverhampton Wanderers. In 1955-56 Stratford reached the I Challenge Cup Final but were beaten by Bromsgrove Rovers. Between 1954 and 1957 the Club played 102 games, winning 65, drawing 15 and losing 21, scoring 313 goals and conceding 138. As a result Stratford decided to join the Birmingham and District League and were in Div 2 for 3 years, before the League was reorganized. It was a very strong League and Stratford's fortunes slipped, although they did win the Birmingham Senior Cup beating Lockheed Leamington in the Final 2-1 in 1963, the game was played at Moor Green, and Sid Keenan scored both goals.

In 1970-71 Stratford went back to the Midland Combination, where they stayed for 5 seasons before joining the Hellenic League. In their first season they finished 10th but the next year they finished bottom and they went back to the Midland Combination. However lack of success continued as they finished with only 13 points and were relegated to Div 2. Being relegated gave the Club time to regroup and within 3 years they were back in the premier Division. After winning the League in 1987, Stratford applied to join the Southern League, but the Ground was not up to standard. A new Club House and Changing Rooms were built and floodlights were installed in 1990.

In 1994 Stratford were elected as a founder member of the Midland Football Alliance and finished 3rd in their first season. To cap this, Andy Smith was voted MFA player of the season. In 1997-98 the Club suffered severe financial problems, and a number of local business men got together and took over the Club to get it back on its feet.

Lennie Derby was brought in as manager, but it was not until the 1999-

2000 that things improved when they were runners-up to Alliance new boys Oadby Town. The next two seasons saw Stratford setting the pace and sitting top of the table at Christmas. However spells of bad weather and postponements led to a backlog of fixtures with Town failing to hold onto the top spot.

For the 2002-03 campaign, Stratford were in contention for most of the season with Stourbridge, Rushall Olympic and early pace setters Oadby Town who got to the semi final of the F A Vase. Stourbridge won the league, but it was not until the last game of the Season that Rushall, pipped Stratford for 2nd place. Stratford won the League Cup for the first time beating Causeway United 1-0, with Leon Mitchell getting the goal in extra time.

The 2003-04 season got off to a great start, Stratford winning their 2nd trophy in 3 months, beating Stourbridge 1-0 to win the Joe McGorian Cup and Stratford were unbeaten after the first 12 games of the season, winning the Team of the month for August. After 3 mid season defeats Stratford only lost twice in the next 20 games to keep in the title race, suffering 3 more defeats Town Came back with 5 wins. A win or a draw in the last game of the season against Willenhall at Masons Road, would secure 2nd place and promotion but Willenhall won and gained the promotion spot.

The 2004-05 season got off to a great start when Stratford became the first team to retain the League Cup with a 3-1 win over Rushall Olympic in the rearranged Final at Willenhall. However it was the opposite in the League with Town losing their first 4 League games and were in the relegation zone for the first half of the season. It was a shock when Lennie Derby resigned in January. In his 6 years at the Club he had been close to promotion several times. With his departure Assistant Manager Ian Britton took charge for the rest of the season.

After being reinstated in the FA Cup after Sutton Coldfield played an ineligible player, Stratford got to the 3rd qualifying round the best they had ever done but were beaten 3-0 at Masons Road by Southport and were beaten 3-0 by Sutton Town in the FA

Vase. Stratford striker Craig Pountney won the MFA Golden Boot award for the 2nd time in 4 years, scoring 32 goals, and was supporter's player of the year.

After a good pre season build up to the 2005/06 season hopes were high, but this form was not transferred to the new League campaign, despite winning the first two games, results were indifferent and again Stratford were fighting in the lower half of the table. With a good win against Stourport Swifts in the FA Cup it looked as if things might improve, but no, as Stratford went out of every other cup competition at the first hurdle. With results not improving and not being able to bring in new faces to strengthen the Squad, manager Ian Britton resigned.

Former player Dennis Mulholland was appointed as the new manager. Bringing in a lot of new faces to try and improve results had little effect, as Stratford were still having a mixed bag of results and eventually finished 14th in the League at the end of the season, their lowest position for a number of years.

The 2006/07, season was a successful one for Stratford, finishing 4th in the League and having good runs in the FA Cup and the FA Vase. Going out to Conference South side Bishops Stortford away 2-0, in the 3rd qualifying round and losing 2-1 to MFA rivals Quorn 2-1 at Sutton Park in the 4th round respectively.

The 2007 / 2008 season saw the appointment of Micky Moore and Town riding high in the MFA until a disastrous post Christmas run put an end to any promotion hopes.

The 2008 / 2009 season was Town's first full one at its new Knights Lane facility and expectations were high for the season ahead. An historic run in the FA Vase ended in 5th round defeat to eventual winners Whitley Bay but again league form was inconsistent. Despite a great run in the last two months Town ended in 6th place having never threatened the top three and manager Micky Moore paid the price at the end of the season. New manager Rod Brown was appointed, with the task of bringing that elusive promotion top of his list of priorities. A first season finish in third place was

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followed by a dismal start to the 2010 / 2011 season and by September Brown had left.

Former player Morton Titterton replaced Brown, once again a top six finish was gained, along with a fine end of season league cup win over Boldmere St Michaels. The 2011 / 2012 season was again disappointing and Carl Adams was brought in as co-manager for the 2012 / 2013 campaign. Unfortunately Morton Titterton had to relinquish his duties leaving Carl Adams in sole charge. Town went top of league in early September and remained there, at one point opening up a 19 point lead. But with the terrible winter causing fixture chaos Town secured the title with 4 games left to play thus ending their 19 season stay in the MFA and promotion to the Southern League Div 1 South & West.

The 2013/14 season saw Town finish in 10th position playing a brand of attacking football that produced 103 goals and the league's leading goalscorer in Richard Gregory with 39.

The 2014/15 season saw the majority of the previous year's squad re-signed and together with some additional signings Town made an impressive start hitting the top of the table after 10 consecutive wins. Despite a poor run of results around the turn of the year they produced a 12 match unbeaten run to secure a 3rd place finish and reach the play off's. Having overcome Taunton Town 2-1 in the semi-final they beat Larkhall Athletic in the final in front of a ground record crowd of 1054 supporters to gain promotion to the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League.

After winning promotion to the Southern League Premier the 2015/16 season was all about consolidation. The previous season's end of season form continued with Town making a bright start to life at the highest level in their history.

By Christmas Town were comfortable in mid table but a poor run of form into the new year meant a promising start turned into a 19th place finish. Mission

Reece Styche



accomplished and onto a tough second season in the Division.

2016/17 saw Town achieve their highest league position. A young developing side finished 14th and but for 14 drawn games could have been higher.

Season 2017/18 saw a 15th place finish highlighted with a good run in the FA Cup with Town being beaten in a replay in the 3rd Qualifying Round by Scarborough.

2018/19 was a year of changes with a new board taking over the running of the club. Carl Adams 300 match reign as manager ended with the appointment of Darren Byfield as manager, but after and indifferent start he was replaced by former Kettering Boss Thomas Baillie. It proved to be Town's most successful season reaching the 1st Round of the FA Trophy, winning the Southern League Cup and finishing 5th in the League, losing to Kings Lynn in the play off semi-final.

2019/20 saw Thomas Baillie depart to Tamworth and Town appointed former Darlington and Corby manager Tommy Wright. In what proved to be a difficult season he was replaced by Paul Davis and Town struggled to emulate the form of the previous year. The Covid pandemic cut the season short with 9 games left play with them lying in 18th place. The 2020/21 season was officially ended on 19th March 2021, with the last matches being played on Wednesday 4th

November 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. All results were expunged. The Bards were in 3rd spot when the season came to an end after just 8 games.

2021/22 was an historic season for The Bards as they reached the 1st Rd Proper of the Emirates FA Cup with the game against Shrewsbury shown live on TV. But the league form dipped after the excitement of the FA Cup and flirted with relegation before finishing in 13th place.

2022/23 saw the appointment of new Management pairing of Dean Holdsworth and Gavin Hurren but Holdsworth departed after the FA Cup exit to Banbury in September. This was followed by a run of just two wins in 24 games. But with relegation looming a change in the squad in mid-February saw a dramatic change of events and a championship

winning run of form which saw The Bards finish the season in 14th place. But the season will be remembered for the tragic death of Cody Fisher on Boxing Day which had a huge impact on the football club.

Last season saw the Bards end in a final position of sixth just missing out on a play-off place through goal-difference and they will be looking to go one better this time around.

MEET THE 'BARDS' PLAYERS & MANAGER

Gavin Hurren - Manager

Gavin was appointed Stratford Town Manager following the departure of joint Manager Dean Holdsworth in September 2022. He let the team through the Cody Fisher tragedy and pulled the team through a tough relegation battle last year before finishing in mid-table. An accomplished Football League player with Mansfield Town and a Welsh junior cap adds to the experience looking for success in his first full season in sole charge of The Bards

Paul McCone - Club Captain

Macca takes over the captaincy this season, a role he is accustomed to

taking after successful cup campaigns in that role with Stourbridge and Halesowen. The no nonsense centre back can be heard all over the field. Leading by example he hopes to take The Bards forward this season.

Callum Smith

Goalkeeper Callum joined The Bards from Boldmere St. Michael, last season he was a league winner with Walsall Wood and left to join Leamington at the start of this season, he has also previously played for Nuneaton.

Dan Vann

Vannsy joined from Walsall where he started in youth team football. Where he progressed to the first team, a few loan spells away from the Saddlers and this brought him to Stratford where the versatile defender has been an inspiration to the dressing room, fully recovered from a season ending injury last year he will be back at whatever position needed.

Alex Worley

The nineteen-year-old defender went through the youth system at Walsall being loaned to Welsh outfit Haverfordwest for senior football experience, joining from Stourbridge on the recommendation of Lee Vaughan he has impressed in the preseason friendlies.

Finlay Brennan

Accomplished left back who has joined The Bards this season. Finally Started his career at Milton Keynes Dons and progressed through their Academy to make two appearances in the EFL Trophy in 2019/20.

Dan Lafferty

Laffs came straight to Stratford from Coventry City where he went through their youth system, he also gained Northern Ireland youth caps at U17 level. The midfielder showed his true passion for the club when he admirably switched to full back for most of the latter end of last season. Preseason has seen him excel in midfield and getting himself several goals.

Lewis Ison

Former Hednesford club captain joined The Bards in February last year and instantly added the foundation to the midfield, his all-action style made him an instant fan favourite who can score spectacular goals. The 25-year-

old had a couple of years in the Bristol Rovers academy before injury stopped his progress.

Tom Solanke

Tom was brought through the youth ranks at West Brom before moving into senior football at Stourbridge he has risen through the divisions and last year was at Boston. The rock-solid tenacious midfielder was the interest of several higher league clubs this summer, but he chose The Bards after seeing the potential that had been gathered at The Arden Garages Stadium.

Josh Hawker

Midfield general Hawks has returned to Stratford from Halesowen, He was joint top scorer for The Bards last season. His career start in the Birmingham youth set up and he has played at higher levels with Hereford, Leamington, and Solihull Moors.

Charlie Williams

Charlie is a product of the Burton Albion Youth system and had loan spells at Leamington and Banbury before signing on at Stratford last season, he made an immediate impression for The Bards in his debut coming on as substitute against the then league leaguers Leiston and with his first possession beating three players with his dipping shout hitting the bar then scoring an injury time equaliser for The Bards. The pacy winger will look top progress even more this season.

Callum Ebanks

Callum was of interest to a host of clubs this summer following his release from Cheltenham. It was Stratford he chose after he really enjoyed his loan spell with The Bards last season. The 20-year-old forward is looked to bounce back into the football league by help The Bards which he did last season until an injury ruled him out for the run in. Scored twice on the opening day of the season in a 3-0 home win over Leiston

Reece Styche

Reece is a very experienced striker who has played International football for Gibraltar which saw him up against Virgil van Dyke. Known as a physical attacker, he is also known as "Brutus" by fans in Gibraltar after the nickname was given to him by head coach Julio

Cesar Ribas. Reece has played throughout the non league system with success at Forest Green in the Conference Premier which earned him a call up to the England C side. He has also played in League Two for Wycombe Wanderers. Reece will be a major asset for the Bards this season.

Andre Wright

Andre moved to The Bards from Mickleover where he missed much of last season due to a nasty injury, before which he was leading the Golden Boot charts. Andre has previously played for The Bards. Andre was a product of West Brom Academy. He has featured for West Brom and Coventry City.

Kieron Berry

Striker with an eye for a goal and a new addition this season. Kieron is an enthusiastic player full of energy.

Devonn O'Sullivan

Devonn is in his first season with the first team having progressed the Stratford Town Academy, the versatile player has fitted in with the team and is continuing to hone his silky skills, He recently was on trial with Northampton after they were impressed with his ability.

Lewis Wilson

Lewis is back for his sixth spell with The Bards, He is a versatile player that can play anywhere other than goalkeeper. Starting his career in the Rushden & Diamonds youth system the 30-year-old has played 236 senior games scoring 125 goals.

Jamie Molyneux

Moly is a big favourite in The Bards dressing room, The tricky forward/winger has the moves to put the opposition in a spin and his career at Hereford shows he also has an eye for goal.

Owen James

A quick winger Owen has returned to the Bards this season. He started his career at Oxford United at the age of 14 he made his senior debut in May 2018. Owen was part of the Bards's successful FA Cup side in 2012/22

Max Clutterbuck

Max is a young goalkeeper from the Stratford Town academy who has come the ranks and earn his reward of backing up Callum Smith

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| 2015-16 | H | ESP | 3-1 | 467 | Popa, Weir-Daley, Carvalho |
| | A | ESP | 1-2 | 418 | Mulligan |
| | A | RIC1 | 3-3* | 132 | Sandy, Baker-Richardson, Kinniburgh |
| 2016-17 | H | ESP | 0-3 | 430 | |
| | A | ESP | 1-4 | 309 | Baker |
| 2017-18 | H | ESP | 2-0 | 508 | Stevens, Howe |
| | A | ESP | 4-0 | 248 | Solkhon, Richens, Stevens, O'Connor |
| 2018-19 | H | ESLSCP | 5-1 | 660 | Hoenes.2, Solkhon, O'Connor, Stanley |
| | A | ESLSCP | 3-1 | 396 | Milnes, Stohrer, Kelly-Evans |
| | A | CSSCC4 | 3-3+ | 116 | Hoenes, Graham.2 |
| 2023-24 | H | PISLPC | 1-0 | 612 | Jarvis |
| | A | PISLPC | 0-2 | 983 | |

* lost + lost

POPPIES WINS: 6 GOALS FOR: 26

TOWN WINS: 6 GOALS AGAINST: 20 DRAWS 0

POPPIES STATS:

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| Highest home win: | 5-1 | 2018-19 (ESLSCP) |
| Highest away win: | 4-0 | 2017-18 (ESP) |
| Highest home defeat: | 0-3 | 2016-17 (ESP) |
| Highest away defeat: | 1-4 | 2016-17 (ESP) |
| Highest home attendance: | 660 | 2018-19 (ESLSCP) |
| Lowest home attendance: | 430 | 2016-17 (ESP) |
| Highest away attendance: | 983 | 2023-24 (PISLPC) |
| Lowest away attendance: | 116 | 2018-19 (CSSCCQF) |

Most goals in a game for the Poppies v Stratford Town (2)

Luke Graham, Rhys Hoenes (2018-19)

Most goals in career Poppies v Stratford Town (3)

Rhys Hoenes

Played for both clubs (19)

Will Grocott, Ben Stephens, Justin Marsden, Nabil Shariff, Lewis Wilson, Wilson Carvalho, Ross Oulton, Joel Gyasi, Michael McGrath, Mo Sebbeh, Joe Curtis, Rhys Sharpe, Kyle Perry, Liam Hughes, Harry Reilly, Andre Wright, Liam Daley, Kieron Dawes, Sidik Atcha.

Managers (1) Carl Adams.

Managed both clubs (1) Thomas Baillie.

League debuts (7)

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Liam Canavan | 05:08:15 (a) |
| Kaid Mohamed | 27:08:16 (h) |
| Ethan Lee | 15:04:17 (a) |
| Kalern Thomas | 09:12:17 (h) |
| Ibby Akanbi | 09:12:17 (h) |
| Matthew Foy | 01:09:18 (a) |
| Arlo Doherty | 09:03:24 (h) GK |

Club debuts (3)

| | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Rafael Garcia | 27:10:15 (a) RIC1 |
| Bleu McNeill | 27:10:15 (a) RIC1 |
| Arjan Hundal | 08:01:19 (a) CSSCCQF |

Kettering Town players sent off v Stratford Town (1)

Dion Kelly-Evans 2018-19 (a)

Poppies players who have scored against Kettering Town (3)
Wilson Carvalho, Will Grocott, Nabil Shariff

STRATFORD TOWN - THE LAST 10 SEASONS

| | LEAG | P | W | D | L | F | A | PTS | POS |
|----------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|
| 2023-24 | PISLPC | 40 | 21 | 6 | 13 | 69 | 57 | 69 | 6th |
| 2022-23 | PISLPC | 42 | 13 | 13 | 16 | 58 | 70 | 52 | 14th |
| 2021-22 | PISLPC | 40 | 13 | 8 | 19 | 48 | 70 | 47 | 13th |
| 2020-21* | PISLPC | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 3rd |
| 2019-20* | BVSLPC | 33 | 8 | 4 | 21 | 42 | 74 | 28 | 18th |
| 2018-19 | ESLSCP | 42 | 21 | 9 | 12 | 55 | 49 | 72 | 5th |
| 2017-18 | ESP | 46 | 15 | 10 | 21 | 68 | 81 | 55 | 12th |
| 2016-17 | ESP | 46 | 15 | 11 | 20 | 49 | 70 | 56 | 15th |
| 2015-16 | ESP | 46 | 12 | 11 | 22 | 54 | 68 | 47 | 20th |
| 2014-15 | SLSW | 42 | 28 | 5 | 9 | 82 | 62 | 89 | 2nd |

* Season null & void - Covid-19

THE BARDS IN PRE-SEASON

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Stratford Town | 3-0 Pershore Town |
| Stratford Town | 1-1 Birmingham City XI |
| Stratford Town | 2-0 Lye Town |
| Stratford Town | 1-2 Leamington |
| Stratford Town | 1-1 WBA XI |
| Stratford Town | 3-3 Coventry City XI |
| Stratford Town | 6-3 Loughborough Students |
| Stratford Town | 0-0 Hungerford Town |

TRIVIA

Last season's 983 at Stratford is the highest league attendance between the two sides. The highest and lowest League attendance both came away at Stratford (248).

In both league cup games, we have faced Stratford (both away) the Poppies have lost on penalties 1-4 & 5-4.

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This season we are giving fans the opportunity to show their support by ALL WORKING TOWARDS THE SAME GOAL. Along with the annual membership subscription of £10 for adults, £100 lifetime membership (juniors free) you can, for an additional £10, have your name on an advertising board inside Latimer Park.

The Trust will pay the going rate for the advertising board. You can find full information and sign up on our new website at <https://ktfctrust30.blogspot.com/p/membership.html>.

Martin Bellamy will be in his usual spot in the Social Club pre-match to take your money along with Dave Tailby today.

We will also be handing out flyers at the turn-styles with all the information you need to join the Trust and or buy a spot on the advertising board.

One of the questions people do ask is why should I join the Trust or what is the benefit of joining? Good question. In a very literal sense, there is no discernible benefit in joining.

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around for 32-years (the second one formed in the whole country after Northampton Town) and has helped, and continues to help, fund and support projects small and large behind the scenes at our football club.

An organisation that has placed itself between KTFC and at least two and, if you count George Rolls's debatable tenure, three potentially ruinous owners pushing the Poppies towards oblivion.

An organisation that continues to amass and save for future generations the largest archive of random Poppies-related memorabilia that mean nothing to the general public, but the whole world to Poppies fans.

An organisation that is supportive but also ever-watchful of the running of our club and stands ready to help out again should the need arise.

Thanks, always, for your continued support.

SUPPORTERS TRUST

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RAMBLING ROSE

WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF LEE CARSLY AS INTERIM ENGLAND MANAGER HERE IS THE CAREER OF ENGLAND'S OTHER CARETAKER MANAGER, JOE MERCER WHO WAS APPOINTED IN 1974 FOLLOWING THE SACKING OF SIR ALF RAMSEY FOR FAILING TO QUALIFY FOR THE 1974 WORLD CUP FINALS.

Born in 1914 in Ellesmere Port, the son of a professional footballer also called Joe. Mercer played local football for Ellesmere Port Town before signing amateur terms with Everton aged 18. Three years of steady progress saw him claim a regular first team spot in the 1935-36 season. A defensive minded left half he was tactically astute and won a Championship medal in the final pre-war season 1938-39 during which he also made his England debut winning 5 caps.

Aged 25 and in his prime the Second World War intervened costing him seven seasons of football and others so much more. He served in the Army during the war playing in 26 war-time internationals. During this time relations between Mercer and the Everton management broke down with the club refusing to fund a cartilage operation required by Joe which saw the player self-funding the treatment.

When football resumed Mercer was surplus to requirements at Goodison and Arsenal were convinced to pay £9,000 for the 32 year old in November 1946. Such was Everton's desire to move Mercer on that they took his boots to the transfer negotiations so that he would have no reason to return to say goodbye to his teammates.

Arsenal's investment paid off. Joe was quickly installed as captain and led the team to two league titles and a FA Cup in a eight year period including being voted Footballer of the year in 1950. His aying career was ended in April 1954 when he was nearly 40 and suffered a double fracture to his leg in a freak collision with a teammate.

His first year of retirement saw Joe concentrate on his grocery business but in 1955 he was tempted into management at Sheffield United but suffered relegation in his first season. A

move to Aston Villa in 1958 saw them likewise be relegated in his first season in charge. Suffering a stroke in 1964, Mercer, on his recovery, was shown the door by the club.

In 1965 Mercer was appointed manager of Manchester City. His first task was to recruit Malcolm Allison as coach and together they led the team to one of it's most successful periods, not withstanding the current regime,s unlimited financial resources and blatant disregard for FFP rules. He reversed his own trend by winning promotion in his first season winning Division 2 and in a five year period won the League title and the FA, League, and European Cup-Winners Cups. In doing so he became the first man to win Championship and FA Cup medals as both player and manager. The end at City came acrimoniously as a syndicate headed by Peter Swales sought to oust the incumbent board. Allison promised sole leadership of the team sided with Swales who carried the day with Mercer sidelined into a general manager position. Joe left the club shortly after and moved to Coventry City. It was here that the call came to lead his country was made.

Mercer's first game in charge was a Home International at Cardiff. It was a day of firsts, Emlyn Hughes first as captain, Leicester's Keith Weller debut and Kevin Keegan and Stan Bowles first international goals in a 2-0 win. Four days later, his team beat Northern Ireland 1-0 at Wembley. The England side that evening featured three Leicester players Peter Shilton in goal, Weller scoring his only England goal and a debut for Frank Worthington coming on as a substitute. The final game of the Home International tournament saw Scotland win 2-0 at Hampden with both goals coming from own goals. This game marked World Cup winner Martin Peters last England



appearance. England's remaining games of the Mercer reign were all friendlies against teams who'd qualified for the West German World Cup finals. The first was a 2-2 Wembley draw with Argentina. England surrendered a two goal lead in a second half. The game teetered on the brink of descending into chaos when personal feuds were resolved as retaliation for reckless tackles threatened to take over the match. Argentinian pride was upheld when Mario Kempes converted a 90th minute penalty awarded by the Argentinian referee.

A mini-tour of Eastern Europe followed resulting in a 1-1 against East Germany where England hit the woodwork four times prompting Mercer to quip "We hit the woodwork more times than a team of lumberjacks. A 1-0 win against Bulgaria with a dominant England performance with Keegan, Worthington and Mick Channon running the Bulgarian defence ragged. Mercer's final game was a 2-2 against Yugoslavia with Keegan savouring scoring the equaliser after two days previously being arrested and beaten up by security guards at the airport.

With a record of 3 wins 3 draws and a solitary defeat there were calls in some quarters for Mercer to be given the job full time but the FA had their hearts set on Don Revie so Mercer returned to Coventry where he eventually became a director before retiring from football in 1981. He was awarded an OBE in 1976 for services to football. In later life he suffered from Alzheimer's disease and passed away peacefully sitting in his favourite armchair on his birthday in 1990 aged 76.

Roger

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THE EXILE

SIMON WARD WRITES FROM DEEPEST SUSSEX



So, the first week is over and everyone has got accustomed to those new faces in new kits. Down this way, Lewes unveiled toilet roll company Who Gives A Crap? as their shirt sponsor just a few days before the first ball was kicked.

This caused a mixture of amusement and bemusement in pretty much equal measure from what I can see. Perhaps unsurprisingly, there were concerns that shirts emblazoned with the 'c' word would provide opposition fans with easy ammunition. Other people questioned why that word had been allowed. As others pointed out, this is an Australian-owned company where the word is used a lot more freely.

And some were happy that Lewes were again standing out a bit from the crowd (this is the club that pays men and women the same and campaigned for equal prize money in both FA Cup competitions). And a few said it was all a big publicity stunt. But what's that phrase about all publicity...

Signings-wise, I'd say the biggest news in Sussex was not at Brighton, Crawley or any of the bigger non-league clubs,

but the registration of Gareth Barry at Step 9 club Hurstpierpoint. Barry's friend and former agent is heavily involved with the club and Barry lives locally so he's agreed to put his boots on again. We'll see if it's more than just a token few games...

I've also noticed a lot of siblings with familiar names around. We've got another Kelly Evans this season, of course. Laurence Maguire did very well at (surprise, surprise) centre-half for Crawley last season, earning a permanent move to MK Dons. And Gareth Barry's nephew Bradley is also in these parts at Eastbourne Borough. Meanwhile, Conor Gallagher's brother Dan is at Dorking Wanderers.

I'm now at an age where there are also lots of children of famous names of my earlier life playing the game. We've got Isiah Noel-Williams, son of Gifton, in our ranks. Gifton credits his son with helping him revive his love of football after injury ended his career. Gifton's now a coach, he says partly because he ended up having to take some of Isiah's team's sessions when the coach didn't turn up when they lived in America. We should see Isiah's brother Dejon

when we play Bedford Town. Check out the series Boot Dreams on iPlayer to see Gifton as one of the mentors of a group of players who've been released from professional sides and who are trying to work their way back up again. One of the players, Alfie Young, is down here with Worthing, having been let go from the Watford academy.

Back on the offspring of heroes past, away from Erling Haaland and the like, there's also Liam Delap, Andre Dozzell, Angus Gunn, George Hirst, Charlie Sheringham, D'Margio Wright-Phillips, and a fair chunk of the Sheffield Wednesday squad.

It was great to be plugged into Poppies Media's coverage at 3pm last Saturday once again – you forget how much you love something until it's gone.

Enjoy the game.



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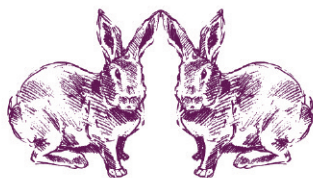
all enjoy sampling the food from our new chef, and also the atmosphere and build up to today's game.

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Thank you as always for your continued support with all things commercial, it really does make a difference to the heights we can reach as a club.

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PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION CENTRAL TABLE (UP TO AND INCLUDING TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST 2024)

| | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | | GD | PTS |
|-------------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | | | |
| 1. Stourbridge | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | +5 | 6 | |
| 2. Stratford Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | +5 | 6 | |
| 3. Stamford AFC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | +3 | 6 | |
| 4. Halesowen Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | +1 | 4 | |
| 5. Royston Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | +1 | 4 | |
| 6. Bishop's Stortford | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | +1 | 4 | |
| 7. Redditch United | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | +1 | 4 | |
| 8. Banbury United | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | +1 | 4 | |
| 9. Kettering Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | +3 | 3 | |
| 10. St Ives Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | +1 | 3 | |
| 11. Bromsgrove Sporting | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | |
| 12. Spalding United | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | -3 | 3 | |
| 13.AFC Sudbury | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | |
| 14.Biggleswade Town | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| 15.Alvechurch | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -1 | 1 | |
| 16.Bedford Town | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 | |
| 17.Harborough Town | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | |
| 18.Leiston | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | -3 | 1 | |
| 19. AFC Telford United | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | -4 | 1 | |
| 20. Barwell | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -2 | 0 | |
| 21. Lowestoft Town | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -3 | 0 | |
| 22. Hitchin Town | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | -4 | 0 | |

PLAYER STATS

2024/2025 SEASON

| PLAYER | LEAGUE | | | CUPS | | | TOTALS | | | | CAREER | |
|---------------------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| | STARTS | SUB | GOALS | STARTS | SUB | GOALS | STARTS | SUB | GAMES | GOALS | GAMES | GOALS |
| SIDIK ATCHA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| REMAEY CAMPBELL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| HUW DAWSON | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 2 |
| DANIEL EMOVON | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| KAI FIFIELD | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| BEN HART | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| DAN JARVIS | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 7 |
| DAN JEZEPI | 1 | 0 | GK | 0 | 0 | GK | 1 | 0 | 1 | GK | 13 | GK |
| CONNOR JOHNSON | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 50 | 3 |
| DEVON KELLY-EVANS | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| HARLAIN MBAYO | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| LUCA MILLER | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 1 |
| ISIAH NOEL-WILLIAMS | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| AARON POWELL* | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| ANDI THANOJ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| JACK THOMPSON* | 1 | 0 | GK | 0 | 0 | GK | 1 | 0 | 1 | GK | 1 | GK |
| TYREE WILSON | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| WES YORK | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

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POPPIES IN 2024/2025

FOLLOW OUR MATCH BY MATCH PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE 2024/2025 CAMPAIGN.

| AUGUST | OPPO | H/A | COMP F/A | ATT | POS | STARTING ELEVEN |
|------------------|---------------------|-----|----------|------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 10 | Halesowen Town | A | Lge 1-2 | 1216 | 16 | Thompson, Hart, Powell (77), Kelly-Evans, Johnson (77), Atcha (77), Jezeff, Hart (77), Powell (64), Kelly-Evans, Johnson (77), Atcha, FIF |
| Tue 13 | SPALDING UNITED | H | Lge 4-0 | 889 | 9 | |
| Sat 17 | STRATFORD TOWN | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 24 | Hitchin Town | A | Lge | | | |
| Mon 26 | HARBOROUGH TOWN | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 31 | | | FAC 1QR | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
| Sat 7 | Royston Town | A | Lge | | | |
| Mon 9 | St Ives Town | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 14 | | | FAC 2QR | | | |
| Sat 21 | LOWESTOFT TOWN | H | Lge | | | |
| Tue 24 | STAMFORD | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 28 | | | FAC 3QR | | | |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | | | FAT 3QR | | | |
| Sat 12 | AFC Telford United | A | Lge | | | |
| Tue 15 | Bromsgrove Sporting | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 19 | AFC SUDBURY | H | Lge | | | |
| Tue 22 | STOURBRIDGE | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 26 | | | FAT 1R | | | |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 | Barwell | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 9 | REDDITCH UNITED | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 16 | Alvechurch | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 23 | LEISTON | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 30 | Bedford Town | A | Lge | | | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | | |
| Sat 7 | Banbury United | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 14 | BISHOP'S STORTFORD | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 21 | Spalding United | A | Lge | | | |
| Thu 26 | BIGGLESWADE TOWN | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 28 | Stratford Town | A | Lge | | | |
| JANUARY | | | | | | |
| Wed 1 | Harborough Town | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 4 | HALESOWEN TOWN | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 11 | ALVECHURCH | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 18 | Redditch United | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 25 | BROMSGROVE SPORTING | H | Lge | | | |
| FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
| Sat 1 | AFC Sudbury | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 8 | BARWELL | H | Lge | | | |
| Sat 15 | Stourbridge | A | Lge | | | |
| Sat 22 | BEDFORD TOWN | H | Lge | | | |
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| Sat 1 | Leiston | A | Lge | | | |
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CONNOR JOHNSON

Congratulations to Connor Johnson who made his 50th first class appearance for the Poppies against Spalding United on Tuesday night.

He made his first-class debut against Nuneaton Borough in the FA Trophy in December 2020, before joining Peterborough Sports, after two seasons away Connor returned during pre-season to further his career at Latimer Park.

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ACADEMY NEWS

As we look forward to season 2024-25, I'd just like to congratulate all our Academy players that have successfully come through this year's trials. It's a fantastic achievement to do so and we look forward to working with you during the forthcoming campaign.

All of our KTFC Academy and community affiliated youth players receive free match day tickets for first team games, so for many of our successful Academy players, this will be the first match they will be joining us at Latimer Park.

Let's hope our first team boys can put on a show today and entice these players to become our Poppies fans of the future.

Last year was probably our most successful Academy season ever, with the majority of our Junior Premier League (JPL) teams competing at the right end of the table.

To top this off, our U12's and U14's were also crowned JPL champions, with our U14's going on to become the regional champions and earning themselves a place at the National Finals weekend.

Playing against all the other regional JPL winners, our boys put on some superb performances, narrowly missing out on bringing

the coveted trophy home.

Congratulations to our U12's & U14's for last season, pictures can be seen of both squads on this page.

COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS

Our successful holiday camps are continuing to run, with fantastic numbers so far. If you know anyone who may be interested in attending, we have HAF funded and paid spaces available - see poster included in this programme for further details.

KTFC continues to run free of charge 'Street Football' sessions at the Grange Pocket park.

We have a range of children attending from ages 7 - 17 years.

The sessions are all about having fun, meeting new people and giving children the opportunity to play.

For details of when we run and how to enrol, please see poster in this programme for further details.



MASCOT MAGIC

Today we welcome:

Name: Megan Winter

Age: 8

School: Barton Seagrave Primary

Hobbies: Football, singing, attending United Theatre Group and Cubs

Favourite Football Team(s): England; especially Lionesses

Favourite Player: Bukayo Saka

Favourite Joke: Why shouldn't you give a balloon to Elsa - because she'll let it go!

Favourite TV: I woke up a vampire

Shrimps or Bananas: Bananas

Pasta or Pizza: Pizza

A bit about Megan: Megan lives with her great Aunt and Uncle. Megan is known as a CODA - child of deaf adults.

Megan is an altar server at her church.

We hope to have other mascots with us this afternoon, from invites sent out to our holiday



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1991. The Poppies kick off the new season in the GM Vauxhall Conference. The previous season we finished 4th behind winners Barnet, Colchester Utd and today's opponents Altrincham. We are on the road to Moss Lane. Peter Morris's charges fought out a creditable 1-1 draw with Trevor Christie on the scoresheet, with 1293 spectators watching on.

1996. We are on the road to Macclesfield Town. We're in the GM Vauxhall Conference with Gary Johnson at the helm. Not an enjoyable Saturday afternoon on the wrong end of a 2-0 defeat. The Silkmen went on to win the league. 1250 in attendance at Moss Rose.

1999. We are on the road again, it's a Tuesday night, this time down in Surrey to take on a Woking side, where remarkably Geoff Chapple isn't the manager. The league is now called the Nationwide Conference. We drew 1 a-piece with the Cardinals, Carl Adams on the score sheet for the Poppies. 2205 crammed into Kingsfield Stadium

2002. Carl Shutt's newly crowned Southern league Premier champions open their new season back in the Nationwide Conference with a trip to Cheshire, to take on Chester City. It ended goalless with 2367 in the Deva Stadium.

2010. Our first home game of the season, see us welcome Luton Town to Rockingham Rd. It's a Tuesday night and the league is now called Blue Square Bet. The Hatters ran out winning 1-3. Future Poppies striker Barnes-Homer put them one up from the

spot in the 25th minute. On 32 minutes lyseden Christie equalised. Christie was red carded on 71 minutes with Barnes-Homer scoring a couple of minutes later.

ANDY GOODING



Potters Bar. This was Dean Thomas's first game in charge. Not a very good start to the season, the Scholars winning 2-0. To make matters worse Andy Gooding received his marching orders. With 191 at Lantern Stadium.

2019. The Southern League Premier Central Champions, Poppies are now back in the Conference North, now called the Vanarama National North. Nicky Eaden is the manager. Incredibly this is our 5th league match of the season. Today we entertain the Tynesiders Gateshead FC at Latimer Park. Marcus Kelly opened the scoring in the 6th minute. We held out until the 65th minute with the Heed snatching all 3 points in injury time. Finishing in a 1-2 defeat. 701 watching the match unfold. It was going to be a struggling long start to the season.



Ian Roper received his marching orders on 83 minutes with Barnes-Homer completing his hat-trick, once again from the spot a minute later. 2906 spectators in attendance.

2013. After yet another relegation, the Poppies are now playing their trade in the Southern League 1st Div. We have also now moved home again and now reside at Latimer Park, Burton Latimer. Although today we are on the road to the Hertfordshire town of

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PLAYERS FROM THE PAST

THROUGHOUT THIS 2024/2025 SEASON WE WILL BE TAKING A LOOK AT PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR KETTERING TOWN AT SOME STAGE DURING THEIR CAREER. FOR THIS EDITION OF THE SERIES THE PLAYER IN FOCUS IS ERNIE BACON.

Ernest Frederick Bacon was born on 19th February 1896 in Leicester. As a youngster, Ernie played youth football for Oxford Street and St Andrews FC. However, his fledgling career was interrupted by the outbreak of the First World War in which he served for the Royal Garrison Artillery in Salonika. After the conflict had ended, Ernie who was a Right Half, signed for Leicester Fosse where he played four games in the Football League Second Division in the 1919/1920 season.

Following his brief spell with the Foxes, Ernie then moved to Watford in May 1920 and played for the club in their inaugural fixture in the Football League. In July 1921 he joined Charlton Athletic on a free transfer and stayed at The Valley for two years but only made five first team appearances in that time.

District League, before joining Kettering Town in the December of the same year. Other clubs followed including Barwell United, Rothwell

Town, Erith & Belvidere, and finally finishing his career at the superbly named Callendar Athletic in circa 1929.

In addition to enjoying a more than decent club career, Ernie also had the honour of representing England at schoolboy international level.

Ernie Bacon died on the 9th of January 1972 in Aylestone, Leicestershire.

Gareth Thomas

HALF TIME TEASERS

It might be a new season but we are back with ten more questions every game to test your footballing knowledge.

See how you get on with our first ten questions of the new season Poppies fans. Good luck!

- 1:** Who holds the record for the fastest hat-trick in the Premier League?
- 2:** What is the record number of goals scored by a player in a single Premier League match?
- 3:** Which club has spent the most seasons in the Premier League without ever winning the title?
- 4:** Who was the first player to reach 100 assists in the Premier League?
- 5:** What is the largest margin of victory in a Premier League match?
- 6:** Which Football League club is nicknamed the Cobblers?
- 7:** Which player holds the record for the most Premier League Player of the Month awards?
- 8:** Which team won the inaugural MLS Cup in 1996?
- 9:** Which MLS team has won the most MLS Cups?
- 10:** Who scored Manchester United's goals in the 2024 FA Cup Final?

1: Sadio Mane (2 minutes 56 seconds for Southampton)
 2: Five goals (shared by multiple players) 3: Tottenham Hotspur 4: Ryan Giggs 5: Manchester United's 9-0 win against Ipswich Town in 1995 and Southampton in 2021.
 6: Northampton Town 7: Harry Kane 8: DC United
 9: Los Angeles Galaxy 10: Alejandro Garnacho and Kobke

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ACTION REPLAY

KETTERING TOWN 4-0 SPALDING UNITED Tuesday 13th August 2024 - Kick-Off 7.45pm Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central



Two goals in each half paved the way for the Poppies first win of the new season and they did it in style.

Before an encouraging crowd of 889 the home side played some excellent attacking football throughout the game and were rewarded with four excellent goals.

After an even start in which the Poppies looked the more threatening the home side made the break through after nineteen minutes when Isiah Noel-Williams cut the ball back from the left and found WES YORK who finished superbly into the bottom corner. Twelve minutes later Kettering had

doubled their advantage when this time York turned to provider to set up TYREE WILSON who fired under visiting goalkeeper Tony Breenen.

On thirty three minutes the Tulips came close to pulling a goal back but Glenn Walker saw his shot come back off the post but then the home side hit back, Devon Kelly-Evans shot narrowly wide and Andy Thanoj was denied brilliantly by Breenen who parried his shot out to Noel-Williams who couldn't finish.

Into the second half and with twenty minutes of the game

remaining the Poppies put the match to bed by adding a third goal.

A brilliant 1-2 between Wilson and Kai Fifield saw the former pull the ball back to FIFELD who finished off another fine move and seven minutes later it was 4-0 when a lovely interchange down the right between Fifield and Ben Hart ended with the full back sending a lovely low ball into the area and YORK had the simple task of tapping the ball over the line.

Overall an excellent night's work for the Poppies!



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Barwell vs Lowestoft Town
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Halesowen Town vs Bedford Town
Kettering Town vs Stratford Town
Leiston vs Harborough Town
Redditch United vs Bishop's Stortford
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Biggleswade Town vs Barwell
Bishop's Stortford vs Stamford AFC
Halesowen Town vs St. Ives Town
Harborough Town vs Bedford Town
Hitchin Town vs Kettering Town
Lowestoft Town vs Bromsgrove Sporting
Royston Town vs Alvechurch
Spalding United vs AFC Telford United
Stourbridge vs AFC Sudbury
Stratford Town vs Redditch United



Stratford Town's Callum Ebanks scored the fastest goal of the day in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Division Central in the 'Bards' opening day 3-0 home win over Leiston. Callum went on to score a brace in his side's excellent win.

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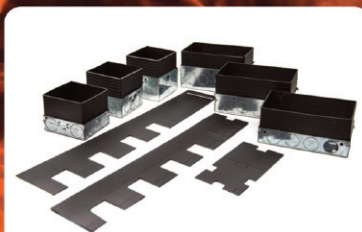
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WE CATCH UP WITH CHAIRMAN, DAVID MARTIN, AHEAD OF THE NEW CAMPAIGN

The start of the 2024/25 Southern League season is upon us!

It promises to be a season of thrills and spills across all four of our divisions and we will be there every step of the way to give our member clubs the coverage that they deserve.

On the eve of the season, we sat down for a chat with Southern League Chairman, David Martin, to discuss what's ahead.

"With the Euro's taking up much of the summer it does not seem we have had a summer break from football," he admitted. "Every club starts the new season with high hopes and expectations of a successful season.

"The championship may be a dream, but the chance of a play-off place is a reality for most clubs.

"In addition, the FA Cup still hold a romance for most football supporters. It is unfortunate that some clubs at Step 4 had to play their first FA Cup match before the League fixtures commence. The congested fixture schedule and extra clubs in Step 4 divisions left no other option.

"For the new season there is a rule change around substitutions, in that clubs will be allowed to use all five nominated substitutes in a match, and this can happen in five breaks of play. This will, potentially, lead to even more added time!

"Last season the amount of rainfall was extraordinary, and it was a tribute to clubs that all fixtures were completed on time. According to the Met Office website, the rain fall for the 18-month period from October 2022 to March 2024 was the



highest amount of rain fall since the Met Office began collecting data in 1836.

"I am pleased to see many clubs carrying out significant pitch improvement work this summer that, I hope, will reduce the number of postponements this coming season.

"You will have read about the uproar over an agreement between The FA, the Premier League and The EFL to abolish replays in the FA Cup competition proper for 2024/25 season.

"The FA now accept there should have been more comprehensive consultation, but there was no alternative due to the expanded Champions League. The change has

meant all rounds in the competition proper will now be on a Saturday, giving more prominence and exposure.

"I would stress this is from the first round proper onwards and does not affect the qualifying competition in which our clubs participate. If there was ever a discussion to extend this to the qualifying competition, I would argue strongly at The FA that the clubs affected should be consulted and vote on any change.

"I wish all clubs the best of luck for the new season and please remember whether you win, lose or draw, please be respectful to your opposition and match officials.

Let's all have a great season!"

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HARBOROUGH TOWN

Our next home game takes place on August Bank Holiday Monday when we play hosts to newly-promoted Harborough Town.

The Bees played their first ever game at Step 3 on the opening day of the season and they went down to a narrow 1-0 home defeat against Stamford AFC in front of a crowd of 494.

For much of last term, the side were flying high at the top of the Pitching In Northern Premier League Division One Midlands.

All was looking good until an administration error saw them deducted six points and plunged them into the play-offs where they were able to beat Hinckley LRFC and Anstey Nomads to secure their place in the Pitching In Southern League Premier Central for the season ahead.



Harborough Town celebrate winning promotion at the end of last season.

Harborough won promotion at the end of last season winning the play-off final of the Pitching In Northern Premier League Midlands Division after beating Anstey Nomads 2-0.

An early goal from Kai Tonge put them ahead on five minutes and they sealed victory with a goal in time added on

when Luis Rose made sure of the win and with-it promotion. They also gave a good account of themselves in the Emirates FA Cup, where they beat Step 3 Stamford before narrowly bowing out by the odd goal at Vanarama National League North high-fliers, Tamworth, and they also reached the second round of the Isuzu FA Trophy.

Manager of the club is Mitch Austin a person of course who is well known to Poppies fans having served the club as Assistant Manager to Marcus Law and he has done a terrific job since joining the club as Manager in October 2020.

We should also be able to welcome back several ex-Poppies on Monday and we should be set for an interesting afternoon.

It would be great to see a big crowd down here for the local derby which kicks off at 3.00pm.

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MEET THE POPPIES

CONNOR JOHNSON

DEFENDER

Connor originally joined the Poppies in December 2020.

The Kettering born defender previously played for Sunderland U23, Wolverhampton Wanderers, and had had spells on loan at Boreham Wood, AFC Telford United, Walsall and Kilmarnock.

He made his Poppies debut in the 1-1 draw at Brackley Town making impressive strides during the 2021-22 season as the Poppies finished in eight position in the Vanarama National League North.

He also chipped in with three goals along the way and was voted by his peers as the 'Players Player of the Season', a fine tribute to a fine man.

Connor left the Poppies though in June 2022 to join Peterborough Sports.

After two seasons away Connor under manager Richard Lavery's new look squad.

AUTOGRAPH



The Teams



Manager: Richard Lavery
Colours: Red & Black Stripes

DAN JEZEPH (GK) ○○
JACK THOMPSON (GK) ○○
CONNOR JOHNSON ○○
BEN HART ○○
HUW DAWSON ○○
HARLAIN MBAYO ○○
KAI FIFIELD ○○
ANDY THANOJ ○○
SIDIK ATCHA ○○
ISIAH NOEL-WILLIAMS ○○
TYREE WILSON ○○
DAN JARVIS ○○
WES YORK ○○
REMAE CAMPBELL ○○
LUCA MILLER ○○
DEVON KELLY-EVANS ○○
AARON POWELL ○○
DANIEL EMOVON ○○



Manager: Gavin Hurren
Colours: White

CALLUM SMITH (GK) ○○
MAXX CLUTTERBUCK (GK) ○○
FINLEY BRENNAN ○○
ALEX WORLEY ○○
CHRISTOPHER HUSSEY ○○
PAUL MCCONE ○○
BABATOMIWA SOLANKE ○○
REECE STYCHE ○○
LEWIS LUDFORD-ISON ○○
CALLUM EBANKS ○○
DANIEL LAFFERTY ○○
OWEN JAMES ○○
JOSH HAWKER ○○
ANDRE WRIGHT ○○
JACK CUND ○○
LEWIS WILSON ○○
DAN VANN ○○
DEVONN O'SULLIVAN ○○
KIERON BERRY ○○
JAMIE MOLYNEUX ○○
TYREEL SKEEN-HAMILTON ○○
CHARLIE WILLIAMS ○○

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee

Alistair Wilson

Assistant

James Truman

Assistant

Aimee Kerr

NEXT UP AT HOME

Monday 26th August 2024

Kick-Off 3.00pm

Pitching In Southern League Premier
Division Central

HARBOROUGH TOWN

NEXT ON THE ROAD

Saturday 24th August 2024

Kick-Off 3.00pm

Pitching In Southern League Premier
Division Central

HITCHIN TOWN