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Our aim is to promote all local football but specifically the 38 teams of the Sydenhams Wessex League.

So far, we have had managers, chairmen, players, press officers and secretaries joining us as studio guests and phone guests; from many Sydenhams Wessex League clubs, as well as guests from local teams both higher up and lower down the pyramid. This is your show and is a platform for your club to promote its events and raise its profile. If your club produces post-match interviews please either email us a copy of the audio or give permission for us to play them on air straight from your website or social media sites, as we will aim to play them on the show.

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## STAT ATTACK

### LEADING GOALSCORERS – LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

*Details are based on clubs being up to date with records on Full Time at time of going to press.*

<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>	Connor Duffin	Horndean	<b>11</b>
	Cameron Munn	Hamworthy United	<b>10</b>
	Dan Cann	Hamworthy United	<b>9</b>
	Lee Wort	AFC Portchester	<b>9</b>
	Ashley Elson	Alresford Town	<b>8</b>
	John McKie	Cowes Sports	<b>8</b>

<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	Russell Jones	Laverstock & Ford	<b>14</b>
	George Bowerman	Alton	<b>12</b>
	Clayd Roach	Folland Sports	<b>11</b>
	James Franklyn	United Services Portsmouth	<b>10</b>
	[four on]		<b>9</b>

### WATCHING BRIEF – TOP THREE LEAGUE ATTENDANCES

<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>	AFC Portchester	V	Blackfield & Langley	<b>300</b>	31 October
	AFC Portchester	V	Hamworthy United	<b>300</b>	12 December
	AFC Portchester	V	Baffins Milton Rovers	<b>286</b>	15 December

<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	Andover Town	V	Andover New Street	<b>289</b>	29 September
	East Cowes Victoria	V	Newport IOW	<b>288</b>	29 September
	Laverstock & Ford	V	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	<b>287</b>	13 October

### SHARPEST AND MEANEST

*Leading goalscoring teams in the League and the meanest defences*

<b>PREMIER DIVISION</b>	<b>SHARPEST</b>		<b>MEANEST</b>	
	Hamworthy United	<b>50</b>	Lymington Town	<b>4</b>
	AFC Stoneham	<b>35</b>	Christchurch	<b>8</b>
	Fareham Town	<b>33</b>	Hamworthy United	<b>9</b>
	Horndean	<b>32</b>	Fareham Town	<b>12</b>
	Fleet Town	<b>28</b>	[three on]	<b>15</b>
	Blackfield & Langley	<b>27</b>		

<b>DIVISION ONE</b>	<b>SHARPEST</b>		<b>MEANEST</b>	
	Laverstock & Ford	<b>47</b>	Romsey Town	<b>13</b>
	Folland Sports	<b>33</b>	United Services Portsmouth	<b>13</b>
	United Services Portsmouth	<b>30</b>	Alton	<b>14</b>
	Alton	<b>29</b>	Folland Sports	<b>17</b>
	Newport IOW	<b>29</b>	Verwood Town	<b>17</b>
	[three on]	<b>25</b>	[two on]	<b>18</b>





## LEAGUE TABLES

RANK	PREMIER DIVISION	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hamworthy United	14	12	1	1	50	9	41	37
2	Lymington Town	12	11	0	1	23	4	19	33
3	Horndean	13	10	1	2	32	15	17	31
4	Fareham Town	11	8	2	1	33	12	21	26
5	Blackfield & Langley	13	8	1	4	27	20	7	25
6	Christchurch	11	7	2	2	23	8	15	23
7	Fleet Town	14	6	4	4	28	20	8	22
8	AFC Stoneham	12	7	0	5	35	15	20	21
9	AFC Portchester	12	6	1	5	20	15	5	19
10	Bashley	12	6	0	6	19	22	-3	18
11	Tadley Calleva	11	5	2	4	17	18	-1	17
12	Baffins Milton Rovers	13	3	4	6	21	25	-4	13
13	Bournemouth	14	3	3	8	15	39	-24	12
14	Hamble Club	13	2	5	6	16	23	-7	11
15	Brockenhurst	10	3	2	5	10	20	-10	11
16	Shaftesbury	12	3	1	8	19	34	-15	10
17	Cowes Sports	11	2	2	7	16	24	-8	8
18	Portland United	15	2	2	11	16	51	-35	8
19	Alresford Town	13	1	4	8	14	39	-25	7
20	Amesbury Town	12	0	1	11	5	26	-21	1

RANK	DIVISION ONE	PL	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Laverstock & Ford	14	11	3	0	47	18	29	36
2	Alton	11	9	1	1	29	14	15	28
3	Folland Sports	12	7	2	3	33	17	16	23
4	United Services Portsmouth	10	7	0	3	30	13	17	21
5	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	11	6	3	2	25	18	7	21
6	Newport (IOW)	11	6	1	4	29	19	10	19
7	Andover Town	12	5	4	3	25	22	3	19
8	Ringwood Town	12	5	2	5	25	30	-5	17
9	Verwood Town	11	4	4	3	20	17	3	16
10	Hythe & Dibden	11	4	4	3	19	21	-2	16
11	Andover New Street	12	4	3	5	16	20	-4	15
12	Petersfield Town	10	4	2	4	15	19	-4	14
13	Downton	14	3	2	9	20	29	-9	11
14	Fawley AFC	11	3	1	7	15	27	-12	10
15	East Cowes Victoria	12	2	4	6	13	29	-16	10
16	Romsey Town	8	3	0	5	11	13	-2	9
17	Whitchurch United	11	3	0	8	18	32	-14	9
18	New Milton Town	11	2	2	7	19	27	-8	8
19	Totton & Eling	12	1	0	11	10	34	-24	3

## TAKING A LOOK AT FARNBOROUGH NORTH END

Farnborough North End Football Club was formed as Farnborough Covenanters in 1967 and initially played in the Woking and District League. In 1981 they changed their name to **Covies** and joined the Surrey Intermediate League (Western) where they quickly gained promotion to the top Division before joining the newly formed Hampshire League Division Three in 1991/92, finishing in eighth place and, as Covies, they completed seven seasons at that level without improving on that eighth placing.

In 1998/99 they changed their name to **Farnborough North End** and took eleventh place in the table behind the winners Clanfield. Re-organisation by the Hampshire FA saw them placed in Division Two the following season where they finished third behind Micheldever. There were fourteen Clubs in the Division at the start of the season but Basing Rovers withdrew in mid-season meaning only twenty four League matches were played. The following season, 2000/01, saw them top the Division and promoted to Division One. Runners up were the perhaps now forgotten Fareham Sacred Heart in the first of just three seasons they spent in the League, while current Wessex League stalwarts Alresford Town were third.

North End had three further successful seasons in Division One, finishing second, sixth and second again. This saw them join the Wessex League Division Three in 2004/05 which was a successful year for the Club. A third place finish behind Colden Common and Hayling United in the league was paired with the winning of the Hampshire Intermediate Cup and also a move to the Cody Sports Ground (which was never the easiest to find!)

The Club had one season in Division Two before reorganisation and the advent of the Premier Division saw them play in Division One for four seasons with a best placing of third behind Tadley Calleva and Laverstock & Ford and ahead of such as Blackfield & Langley and AFC Portchester. During this period – in 2007/08 – they entered the FA Vase for the first time, losing at home to Chalfont St Peter, but in four seasons of entry they won only one game and were beaten by both Bemerton Heath and Moneyfields.

At the end of season 2009/10 having finished eighteenth, they switched to the Combined Counties League Division One but unfortunately endured a disastrous time finishing bottom of the League with only five wins and over one hundred goals conceded. They also lost the use of the Cody Sports Ground and moved to Southwood Playing Fields. The League incidentally included Hartley Wintney, who have since gone on to greater things, and a side called Hayes Gate. They had been promoted from the Middlesex County League at the start of the season, finished in mid table but resigned at the end of the season. North End's brief dalliance with the Combined Counties League was followed by relegation to the Surrey Intermediate League and, sadly, another disastrous season. They gained only three points from twenty eight matches and conceded one hundred and twenty three goals whilst scoring just seventeen.

As one would suspect by the name the League consisted almost entirely of Clubs based in Surrey, including the delightfully named Battersea Ironsides and AFC Cubo, a club based in Barnes. This led to relegation to the Surrey Intermediate League (Western) and it was a further decline as they again finished bottom of the table, gaining only eight points and finishing fifteen points adrift of the Club immediately above them. In Division One in 2013/14 they improved, finishing fifth of twelve, and they improved further by finishing third of twelve the following season and returning to the top Division.

They continued their rise with runners up spot in 2015/16. albeit sixteen points behind the winners, but things went badly awry in the following campaign, 2016/17, as they finished bottom again with just eight points from twenty four matches and one hundred and twelve goals conceded. At that point the trail goes cold as they do not appear in the final League Table in 2017/18 and the assumption has to be that they failed to complete the season. The following season the Club re-surfaced in the Aldershot Junior League and were still member of that Leagues when the current season was halted.

Not exactly a switchback existence, more a rise and fall, with the start of the decline coinciding with the loss of the use of the Cody Sports Ground, though the ground grading criteria may well have affected same- but more importantly the retirement from the Club of John Marchment who had very much been the driving force for many years.

We wish them well for the future. *Thanks to Gary Day for his help with some of the information.*



## THE NUMBERS GAME

**29**

Number of consecutive penalties converted in the Hampshire Senior Cup tie between Brockenhurst and Andover Town in October 2013.

**153**

Number of league goals scored by Andover in their title winning season of 2000/01.

**538**

The top recorded top Division attendance figure in 2004/05 on 27 December 2004, between Thatcham Town and AFC Newbury.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

### FA VASE 21 October 2000

#### St Blazey 4-1 Bournemouth

Poppies fell at the First Round hurdle of the F A Challenge Vase to Jewson South Western League side St. Blazey. Poppies troubles began in the warm up for the game when Matthew Parkin had to withdraw from the starting line up owing to a back injury.

Sammy Bryning was booked in the opening minutes for a late challenge then Graham Waters had a shot which hit the bar for St Blazey. St Blazey finally scored their early goal after nine minutes, Mike SOUTHGATE turned in the area before shooting home.

After all their early pressure and this breakthrough St Blazey sat back and let Poppies attack them. Bryning was unfortunate to see an effort cleared off the line on 24 minutes whilst Southgate went close again for St Blazey. As the game approached the interval St Blazey full back Shaun Sullivan almost sliced the ball into his own goal.

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Within two minutes of the restart, Poppies were level. A Bailey-Pearce free kick was firmly headed home by Danny WEST. For a short time Poppies seemed to be holding the upper hand but their lead lasted five minutes before a strike from thirty yards from Graham WATERS left Spillane helpless watching the ball fly into the net.

Shortly after St Blazey were unfortunate not to have added a third, Southgate was denied by Spillane but Ian Gosling headed just wide of the target. St Blazey did add a third goal on 58 minutes, Southgate took the ball round Spillane and laid the ball off for Glynn HOOPER to shoot home.



Two minutes later Jon Malbon created an opening for Bailey-Pearce but the strikers shot hit the bar. St Blazey had the ball in the net again on 68 minutes by the effort from Gosling was disallowed, then Poppies had a quick free kick from Malbon pushed away by keeper David Philp. St Blazey were awarded a penalty on 73 minutes Spillane brought down Hooper, Spillane was sent off to be replaced in goal by Jon Brown, Browns first job was to pick the ball out of the net as Justin HARRINGTON converted the spot kick.

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*Above: a picture of the stand at Blaise Park, from around that time.*

**Poppies** : Spillane, Thornley (Brown 74), Woodward, brew, West, White, Malbon (Anjorin 81), Bryning, Taylor, Langrish (Parkin 54), Bailey-Pearce. Unused subs Merritt and O'Donnell  
Attendance 181.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PYRAMID- FROM THE LEAGUE SECRETARY

[written by Norman Cook, League Secretary, August 1991]

The introduction of a Pyramid of football has enabled clubs who start off in their local Junior league to progress right through to the Football League. Naturally this is very difficult to achieve but is possible if the commitment within the club is there.

Initially, progress depends upon a club's playing strength- as an example, a club starting in the Southampton Junior League has to win its way up through to the Senior Divisions, then into the Hampshire League, the Wessex League and the Southern League from where they are only one stepping stone away from progression into the Football League- the Conference which is non-League football's highest league, as well as being its only 100% national league.

However it is not enough for a club to prove itself merely on the field of play in order to make progress. It has to have the sole use of a ground. The further a club goes up the Pyramid, the more demanding the standards of the ground become. In the Junior leagues' clubs can play on local recreation grounds, but when they reach the Senior leagues, certain requirements regarding pitches come into effect. The Hampshire League requires higher standards in ground and facilities and the Wessex League demands are even higher. The majority of clubs within the Wessex League are ambitious to progress to the Southern League and further. In order to make the jump from the Wessex to the Southern League as easy as possible the Management Committee of the League has set very high standards in grounds and facilities. For example some of the requirements are as follows:

1. A pitch perimeter barrier of solid construction and fixed securely to the ground with hard standing on the spectator side.
2. Floodlighting with an average LUX value of at least 80 to be increased to 120 by season 1992/93.
3. Covered accommodation for at least 50 spectators to include adequate seating for visiting club officials and guests. By 1995/96 all clubs will be required to have a stand with seats for at least 150 spectators.
4. Adequate toilet facilities for players, match officials and spectators (both Ladies and Gentlemen).
5. All clubs must charge at the gate with turnstiles or a paybox at each entrance to the ground.
6. A stretcher and a telephone must be available on the ground.
7. A boardroom for entertaining visiting club officials and guests at half time and full time.
8. Refreshments (drinks and sandwiches) to be provided for players and match officials.
9. Refreshment facilities available to spectators before, during and after the match.
10. A Public Address system.

These are just a few of the requirements needed for entry into the Wessex League. The Management Committee have introduced these standards gradually over the past five years since the League was formed, as they are ever mindful of the costs involved in meeting these standards.

*The following shows the entries in a Guide called "Kicking Around Wessex" that was published at that time*

## GROUND GUIDE

CLUB	Aerostructures Sports & Social
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Folland Park Kings Avenue Hamble Southampton
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Southampton Senior Cup winners 1944/45, 1984/85, 1986/87.



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	Hampshire Intermediate Cup winners 1979/80 Hampshire League Division Three Champions 1980/81 Hampshire League Division Four Champions 1979/80
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Yes, for about 50 spectators.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	A tea hut in the ground and a licensed bar in the clubhouse.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is sufficient car parking at the ground.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It cannot be used by the public or be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>BAT</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Ringwood Road Totton Hampshire
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None, at Ringwood Road since the club was formed.
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Southampton League, Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire League Division One Champions 1987/88, 1988/89 Hampshire League Division Three Champions 1974/74 Russell-Cotes Cup winners 1989/90 Southampton Senior League Champions 1935/36 Southampton Senior Cup winners 1975/76, 1988/89 Southampton Premier League Champions 1970/71
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Yes, there is covered room for about 50 spectators
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Hot drinks are available at the ground.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is plenty of car parking space available.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The clubhouse is appropriate for public usage, but it can only be hired by members.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Bemerton Heath Harlequins</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Westwood Recreation Ground Western Way Bemerton Heath Salisbury SP2 9DR
<b>Previous grounds</b>	South Wiltshire Sports Ground.
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	None.
<b>Major honours</b>	Salisbury Hospitals Cup winners 1990/91.
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	At present a 250 seater stand under construction.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	A wide range of refreshments available in the ground.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is room for 50-60 cars on tarmac and up to 100 on grass at the ground.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It is available to the public and can be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Bournemouth</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Victoria Park Winton Bournemouth
<b>Previous grounds</b>	East Common Dean Park
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Bournemouth League, Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire Intermediate Cup winners 1949/50, 1969/70 Bournemouth Senior Cup winners 1966/67
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Yes, there is covered accommodation available.



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<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	A bar which serves sandwiches, snacks, hot beverages and other refreshments.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is limited space available at the ground.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It is available to the public and can be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Brockenhurst</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Brockenhurst Sports & Social Club Grigg Lane Brockenhurst
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Bournemouth League, Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Bournemouth Senior Cup winners 1960/61 Hampshire League Division One Champions 1975/76 Hampshire League Division Two Champions 1970/71 Hampshire League Division Three Champions 1982/83
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Seating for 200
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Available at various places in the ground.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is space for 80 vehicles within the ground and a large public car park at the rear.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It has a membership scheme and can be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone in the clubhouse.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Christchurch</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Hurn Bridge Ground Avon Causeway Christchurch Dorset
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Christchurch Recreation Ground
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire Intermediate Cup winners 1986/87 Hampshire League Division Two Champions 1985/86 Bournemouth Senior Cup winners
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Yes, covered accommodation is available for spectators.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Hot drinks available during the game and afterwards there is a licensed bar open to the public.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is a fair amount of car parking space available both in and around the ground itself.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The clubhouse is open to the public as well as being available for public hire.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>East Cowes Victoria</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Beatrice Avenue East Cowes Isle of Wight
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Recreation Ground at Frank James Hospital, Morris Castle Ground, Beatrice Avenue.
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Isle of Wight League, Hampshire League.
<b>Major honours</b>	Wessex League Cup winners 1987/88 Hampshire League Division One Champions 1985/86, 1986/87 Hampshire League Division Two Champions 1952/53, 1982/83 Hampshire League Division Three Champions 1947/48, 1963/64, 1971/72.

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	Isle Of Wight Gold Cup winners 1979/80, 1981/82, 1982/83, 1983/84, 1984/85, 1985/86, 1988/89
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Sufficient space for about 300 people.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	There is a tea hut at the Ground and further facilities in the clubhouse.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is ample car parking space at the ground.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The clubhouse is open to the public and can be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone in the clubhouse which can be used.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Eastleigh</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Ten Acres Stoneham Lane North Stoneham Eastleigh
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Southampton Common Walnut Avenue
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Southampton League, Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire League Division 3 (West) Champions 1950/51 Hampshire League Division 2 Champions 1969/70 Hampshire Intermediate Cup winners 1951
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Covered room for 210 and seating for 110.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Refreshments provided by Watts Catering including fish and chips and half time refreshments.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is a reasonable amount of car parking space.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It is available for public use. It has a comfortable lounge, bar facilities and can seat up to 200 people.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There are public telephones in the clubhouse.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Fleet Town</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Calthorpe Park Crookham Road Fleet
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Church Road, The Meadows
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Aldershot Senior League Basing stoke & District League Hampshire League Athenian League
<b>Major honours</b>	-
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Yes
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Various refreshments on sale in the ground and in the main clubhouse
<b>Car parking</b>	Ample space is available at the ground
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It is appropriate for public usage and it can be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Horndean</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Five Heads Park Five Heads Road Horndean
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Blendworth Hill
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Waterlooville & District League Portsmouth League Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Portsmouth Senior Cup winners three times Hampshire League Division 4 Champions Hampshire League Division 3 Champions



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	Hampshire League Division 2 Champions Portsmouth Senior League winners 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Covered room for 200 including 50 seats.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	There are refreshments available at the ground.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is adequate space available at the ground
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The public can use the clubhouse on match days.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>AFC Lymington</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Lymington Sports Ground Southampton Road Lymington
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	None
<b>Major honours</b>	Wessex League Cup winners 1988/89
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Covered room is available.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Hot and cold drinks, rolls, sandwiches, beers are all on sale.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is only a small amount of space at the ground
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The clubhouse cannot be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Portsmouth Royal Navy</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	The Navy Stadium Burnaby Road HMS Temeraire Portsmouth
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Victory Stadium
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire League Division 2 Champions 1967/68, 1977/78, 1980/81
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Covered seating for 400 people
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	There is a clubhouse bar serving alcoholic beverages and tea along with soft drinks
<b>Car parking</b>	Due to security there is only very limited parking inside the ground.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It is open to the public and can be hired by the public
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is no public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Romsey Town</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	By Pass Ground South Front Romsey
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Southampton League, Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire League Division 2 Champions 1978/79 Hampshire League Division 4 Champions 1975/76 Hampshire Senior Cu winners 1978/79 Southampton Senior Cup winners 1973/74
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	A very small area with no seating
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	A tea bar in the ground
<b>Car parking</b>	There is ample space available at the ground
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It is open to the public and can be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	A public telephone is available behind the bar during licence hours.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Ryde Sports</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Smallbrook Stadium

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	Ashey Road Ryde
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Partlands Ground from 1888 to 1989
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	[Founder members of] Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire League Division 1 Champions three times Hampshire Senior Cup winners eight times Portsmouth Senior Cup winners seven times Isle of Wight Gold Cup winners eight times
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	500 tip up seats which are covered along with 1500 covered standing places.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Cafeteria in the stand and a restaurant and two bars in the clubhouse.
<b>Car parking</b>	Sufficient room for 500 cars at the ground
<b>Clubhouse</b>	A luxurious main building housing many lounges along with the restaurant which are all fully licensed. The functions held in these rooms are fundamental to the operations of the club.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There are several public telephones available.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Sholing Sports</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Birch Lawn 137 North East Road Sholing Southampton
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Mayfield Park
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hampshire League Division 3 East Champions 1952/53 Hampshire League Division 3 Champions 1961/62 Hampshire League Division 1 Champions 1973/74, 1982/83, 1983/84 Southampton Senior Cup winners 1961/62 Russell-Cotes Cup winners 1971/72, 1982/83 Hampshire Senior Cup winners 1973/74, 1982/83
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Total covered room for 300 including 150 seats
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	A limited number of refreshments are on sale within the ground, but more can be purchased from the clubhouse.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is ample car parking room at the ground.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	There is a large social club with a bar but it cannot be hired by the public.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone in the Social Club.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Swanage Town &amp; Herston</b>
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Days Park Swanage
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Dorset Football Combination Western League
<b>Major honours</b>	Dorset Senior Cup winners 1989/90 Mark Froud Cup winners 1989/90
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	There are approximately 200 covered seats
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	Tea, coffee, soft drinks, light snacks and other beverages are available.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is plenty of room for cars at the ground
<b>Clubhouse</b>	It is open to the public and can be hired for functions
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	<b>Thatcham Town</b>



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<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Lancaster Close Thatcham
<b>Previous grounds</b>	Browns Meadow
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Hellenic League, Athenian League, Spartan League
<b>Major honours</b>	Hellenic League Division 1 Champions 1958/59, 1964/65, 1972/73 Hellenic League Premier Division Champions 1974/75 Hellenic League Cup winners 1974/75
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Covered seating for 48 people and covered room for 100 in total.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	There is a tea bar at the ground.
<b>Car parking</b>	There is room for about 200 cars at the ground.
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The clubhouse can only be hired by members of the club.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a payphone on the clubhouse.
<b>CLUB</b>	AFC Totton
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Testwood Park Testwood Place Totton
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Hampshire League
<b>Major honours</b>	Russell-Cotes Cup winners 1938/39, 1981/82 Hampshire Intermediate Cup winners 1947/48, 1966/67, 1982/83 Southampton Senior Cup winners 1928/29, 1929/30, 1946/47, 1980/81, 1981/82 Hampshire League Division Four Champions 1978/79 Hampshire League Division Two Champions 1930/31, 1966/67 Hampshire League Division One Champions 1981/82, 1984/85
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	Yes, there is plenty of covered room for spectators
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	There is a tea bar selling a variety of refreshments
<b>Car parking</b>	There is plenty of car parking space at the ground
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The clubhouse is open to the public and can be hired.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone at the ground.
<b>CLUB</b>	Wimborne Town
<b>Name and address of ground</b>	Cuthbury Cowgrove Road Wimborne
<b>Previous grounds</b>	None
<b>Previous Leagues</b>	Dorset League, Dorset Combination, Western League
<b>Major honours</b>	Dorset League Division Two Champions 1931/32, 1934/35, 1936/37 Dorset League Division One Champions 1980/81
<b>Covered accommodation for supporters</b>	There is covered room for about 350 with seating for about 100.
<b>Refreshment facilities</b>	There is a refreshment kiosk during matches along with the clubhouse and bar which are open before, during and after matches.
<b>Car parking</b>	There are very extensive car parking areas
<b>Clubhouse</b>	The clubhouse is comprised of a club room, a separate committee room, a skittle alley, two bars, two television rooms and a pool table.
<b>Public telephone</b>	There is a public telephone available in the clubhouse ante-room.



## HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP

### WINNERS IN THE WESSEX ERA

Season	Winner	Season	Winner
1986/87	Christchurch	2003/04	Colden Common
1987/88	Basing Rovers	2004/05	Farnborough North End
1988/89	Farnborough Town Reserves	2005/06	Colden Common
1989/90	Frimley Town	2006/07	Fleetlands
1990/91	Malshanger	2007/08	Liphook United
1991/92	Portsmouth Civil Service	2008/09	West Wight
1992/93	Portsmouth Civil Service	2009/10	Liphook United
1993/94	Hedge End	2010/11	Liphook United
1994/95	Locks Heath	2011/12	AFC Portchester Reserves
1995/96	West End	2012/13	Colden Common
1996/97	Newport IOW Reserves	2013/14	Richmond Park Con Club
1997/98	Vosper Thornycroft	2014/15	Baffins Milton Rovers
1998/99	Clanfield	2015/16	Otterbourne
1999/00	Westover Bournemouth	2016/17	Whitcroft & Barton Sports
2000/01	Brendon	2017/18	Paulsgrove
2001/02	Winchester City Reserves	2018/19	Bush Hill
2002/03	Westover Bournemouth		



### 1986/87

#### Final

Wednesday 13 May

Christchurch

5-0 Alton Town

Jubilee Sports Ground (Pirelli)

*The 1986/87 winners were Christchurch, who of course as we know were accepted into the Wessex League for the following season. The club have been members since and therefore missed only the league's inaugural season.*

**MATCH REPORT:** Alton had created a couple of chances, but it was Christchurch who took control with a blistering spell of three goals late in the first half (on 34, 40 and 43 minutes).

A fine pass through the middle by Lee Matthews caught out the Town defence and Mike KEARLEY fired low past Alton keeper Cook. The Alton defence was again caught on the hop and Dave HULL took the ball past Cook and slotted home. The two scorers combined for Church's third goal when Hull got down the right and crossed for KEARLEY to send a deft header into the far corner.

Christchurch's fourth goal came eight minutes into the second half when Graham Hill's corner was headed in by Pete GARDNER.

KEARLEY completed his hat-trick late in the game, again getting clear of the Alton defence and a superb finish over the diving keeper to complete the 5-0 victory. The match was played in a fine spirit throughout and the Alton lads took credit for their part despite the heavy defeat. The referee Mr J P McFaul and his supporting linesman also officiated well.

**Christchurch:** Leonard; Haynes, Lewis; Snelling, Hayes, Matthews; Lynn (sub: Lacock 83), Hill, Gardner, Hull, Kearley (sub: Payne 83)

**Alton Town:** Cook; I Jones, Craib; Hawtin, Grant, Kavanagh; Bennett (sub: Adlam 76), G Jones, Baverstock, Rhodes (sub: Davies 8)



## 2004/05

### Fifth Round

Colden Common	0-3	Sporting BTC
Fleetlands	2-0	Tadley Calleva
Hayling United	0-2	Farnborough North End
Locksley Sports	0-1	Eastleigh Reserves
Otterbourne	4-0	Burridge Sports
Paulsgrove Reserves	2-1	Co-op Sports
Shanklin	1-3	Gosport Borough Reserves
Westover Bournemouth	3-4 aet	Yateley FC

### Quarter Final

Eastleigh Reserves	H-W	Gosport Borough Reserves [*]
Farnborough North End	3-2	Yateley FC
Otterbourne	3-3 aet	Fleetlands [++]
Paulsgrove Reserves	3-2	Sporting BTC

[\*] Result not known

[++] Abandoned in penalties at 4-4, Cup Committee Decision was made awarding tie to Otterbourne.

### Semi Final

Eastleigh Reserves	0-1	Otterbourne
Paulsgrove Reserves	3-5 aet	Farnborough North End

### Final

Saturday 7 May		
Farnborough North End	2-0	Otterbourne
Cams Alders, Fareham		

*The Cup Final win rounded off a successful start to North End's Wessex League membership. A third placed finish, three points adrift of champions Colden Common and scoring a nelson of league goals (111 for the uninitiated) in Division Three.*

## 2005/06

### Fifth Round

Bentley Athletic	3-2	Wellow
Fleet Town Reserves	1-1 aet	Fleetlands [Away win on penalties]
Four Marks	1-7	West Wight
Mottisfont	0-3	Colden Common
Romsey Town Reserves	0-2	Gosport Borough Reserves
Solent WTL	0-3	Yateley
Southbourne	4-1 aet	Christchurch Reserves
VT FC Reserves	1-0	Netley Central Sports

### Quarter Final

Colden Common	1-0	Southbourne
Fleetlands	0-1	Bentley Athletic
Solent WTL	0-1	West Wight
VT FC Reserves	2-0	Gosport Borough Reserves

### Semi Final

Bentley Athletic	0-1	West Wight
Colden Common	3-1	VT FC Reserves

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## Final

Thursday 11 May

Colden Common

2-1 aet West Wight

Hurn Bridge, Christchurch

*The 2005/06 competition was won by Colden Common who beat West Wight 2-1 after extra time. Richard Lang (8) and Dean Higgins (118) winning it for the Commoners. Harry Dye grabbed an 88<sup>th</sup> minute leveller to send the game into extra time.*

## 2006/07

### Fifth Round

Broughton	2-1	Brockenhurst Reserves
Colden Common	0-3	Netley Central Sports
Eversley	4-1	Nursling
Fleet Town Reserves	3-2	Horndean Reserves
Fleetlands	1-0	Clanfield
Shanklin	5-0	Hayling United Reserves [*]
Waterlooville Social Club	0-4	Suttoners Civil
Wellow	1-0	Yateley Green

[\*] Home side removed- ineligible player.

### Quarter Final

Broughton	1-2	Eversley
Fleetlands	3-0	Netley Central Sports
Hayling United Reserves	1-3	Suttoners Civil
Wellow	4-0	Fleet Town Reserves

### Semi Final

Suttoners Civil	3-0	Eversley [at King George V Playing Fields Ferndown]
Wellow	1-2	Fleetlands

### Final

Wednesday 2 May

Fleetlands

2-1 Suttoners Civil

Hurn Bridge, Christchurch

*Fleetlands achieved a double this term by also winning the Wessex League Division Two title. A Dave Blake goal on 71 minutes was sandwiched by a pair from Nathan Mansell (69 and 88) before a crowd of just 82.*

## 2014/15

### Quarter Final

Cadnam United	1-0	Stockbridge
Hamble Club	0-0	Otterbourne [Home win on penalties]
Hedge End Rangers	0-4	Baffins Milton Rovers
West Wight	2-0	Netley Central Sports

### Semi Final

Baffins Milton Rovers	4-1	West Wight
Hamble Club	6-1	Cadnam United

### Final

Friday 8 May

Baffins Milton Rovers

3-2 Hamble Club

Testwood Stadium, Totton





*An attendance of 146 is recorded for the Final. Luke Watts (53) and Dan Cox (86 pen) on target for the Monks, with Chaz Gardner bagging a brace (22 and 85) and Shane Cornish (73) sealing a win for the Portsmouth side. Just two seasons later the pair became members of our League, and Hamble Club marked a return to us by winning the Division One title amassing 99 points from their 40 game schedule. Baffins were runners up some 14 points adrift. And the rest, as they say, is history.*

**MATCH REPORT:** Today was the day following the General Election and the reds of Hamble Club met the blues of Baffins Milton Rovers [*kit pictured here*] as the top two teams in the Hampshire Premier League competed to win the Hampshire Intermediate Cup at AFC Totton, *writes Gary Day*. Both sides were playing in their first final, although Baffins did get to the semi-final stage a year ago.



The initial sparring was fairly even although Cornish took a free kick on the right but Kneller, the Hamble keeper, made a low save. Baffins nosed ahead in the 22nd minute when Watts played a good ball down the left and GARDNER got behind a Hamble defender and completed a neat finish. As the half progressed, Baffins began to create further opportunities as Gardner set up Harris whose first-time effort from the right missed the target. Gardner was again involved, showing good feet on the left to get to the dead ball line but a Hamble defender covered well to prevent the Baffins man making further progress. White had a half-chance for Baffins, but he rather hurried it and the ball went wide. Kneller had to be alert to get down well in front of a Baffins attacker to cut out and hold a dangerous Harris cross. A scuffed back pass from Lewis almost inadvertently gave Baffins a further chance but Kneller sprinted from his goal to clear from an onrushing forward.

HT 1-0.

Hamble levelled early in the second half with Cox starting a move on the left and passes were made with Flocks and Bull, who in turn found WATTS in the inside-right channel, who hit it firm and into the top far corner of the Baffins goal for an excellent build-up and a fine finish. Hamble's tails were now up and it took a fine tackle by Mallory to concede a corner as Flocks had found Crook in a dangerous position.

At the other end, a Boam header from a Harris corner was held by Kneller as Baffins looked to edge back ahead. It was Hamble though who created chances when Crook made good progress to work a shooting chance but was off the mark and Baffins keeper Male got down well to hold a further Crook effort.

Baffins did go back ahead when a move that started with a good pass by Mallory in midfield was crossed in by Gardner and eventually came out to CORNISH who hit a crisp 25-yard effort that caught a deflection whilst on the way into the corner of the net. Hamble were now chasing the game and they were hit by a classic counter-attack when, in the 84th minute, a clearance found GARDNER who sprinted clear to shoot firm and low into the goal.

It would be easy to say the destination of the cup was then decided but Hamble set-up a worrying last few minutes for the Portsmouth team as Moret was adjudged to have handled the ball in the box and COX drilled the penalty firmly home to make it 3-2 with four minutes left.

The game finished with Hamble piling forward, even Kneller looked to renew his former goalscoring exploits by joining in with the attack in the dying embers of stoppage time, but Baffins held on to take the cup.

Finals can often be disappointing, but this one was very well played, both teams putting in a good show. It was therefore a final fitting of the occasion, being well competed by the teams but without malice and therefore a credit to the Hampshire Premier League.

FT 3-2.

A final thought: there are times when football can often be reflective of life or even current affairs; in this game the blues won it by a small majority!

**FOOTNOTE:** The competition was renamed and rebranded in 2019/20, and the Final is yet to be contested, the Covid-19 Pandemic effectively ending the competition. It was scheduled for being played at Westwood Park on Saturday 7 November 2020. The finalists would have been Shanklin and former members Brading Town- having disposed of Fareham Town Reserves and Moneyfields Reserves respectively in the last four.

*My thanks to Steve Farmery and Gary Day for providing lots of the general background results and reports to help in the completion of this story.*

## QUESTION TIME – PAT McManus

Currently the longest serving Manager with the same club within our League, we took some time out to get Pat's thoughts on the past, present and future. I am very grateful for the time he has taken in putting together his responses.

### **How did you find your way into the game?**

*My addiction started at a young age, and I started playing competitively as soon as possible from the age of 8 for Brendon FC. It was a long journey progressing from the Tyro football system into Southampton Boys and subsequently into Wessex League, Hampshire League and Southampton Senior Football.*

*My experiences of playing in the Wessex League came at AFC Totton and BAT Sports. One of my most memorable games for the Stags was against Wimborne on the Tuesday evening at Cuthbury after they had won the Vase at Wembley on the Saturday...,there were about 2000 spectators there in party mood, and to cap it all the Magpies downed us 3-2.*

*This was in addition to the local derbies with BAT Sports which were always eventful.*

### **The step into Management seemed to happen quite early in your career, why was that?**

*I had stepped away from Wessex football principally because of work commitments and was playing in a very successful Brendon FC side and was asked to player/manage it when the Manager stepped down. There was progression from there with League and Hampshire Cup titles. After more success with Nursling and QK Southampton- Tony Patten who was my Assistant at the time and I were invited to Brockenhurst in 2013.*

### **You certainly created a good background with your organisation and match preparation at QK before moving to the New Forest. So what would be the most memorable game be during your spell with the Badgers?**

*The top one would have to be the record breaking shoot-out against Andover Town in a 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Hampshire Senior Cup tie where 29 consecutive penalties were scored, giving the club some national media coverage in the process.*

*More recently the Trophy cabinet was opened for the Bournemouth Senior Cup victory in 2020 again via another shoot-out thereby returning some silverware to the club for the first time in 50 years. Thankfully the tie was resolved much sooner than that one back in October 2013.*

### **You've worked with a number of players down the years, so who would be in your starting eleven?**

*Now that would be difficult, so apologies to anyone who feels they should be in it!*

*Based on a four-four-two line-up, I'd have to start with Jon Webb between the sticks.*

*The back four would be made up from Andrew Milton- who was a Hampshire League player who could have easily made the grade at Wessex or Southern League level; Seamus McManus, Dave Marden and Paul Bailey.*

*The middle of the park I'd have to plump for a couple who have been with me at Grigg Lane; Will Tickle- my club captain there and Warren Kenna, with the other two spots taken up by Liam Dyer and Gary Joseph. Up front would have to be proven goalscorers- so that would be Scott Joyce and Darren Pitter.*



### **Where do you see things going both for yourself and for the club?**

*As it currently stands, the future will see us cementing our development model at the football club which we now take great pride in. Our senior side will continue to be a mixture of the very best of our youth prospects mixed with a group of individuals engaged with our club for the right reasons.*

*If my brief at the club changes to progression out of the league and the tools are supplied to do that, we'll also be ready.*

This is the second in our Question Time feature. If you'd like a chance to get involved, then please do get in touch with the Newsletter Editor. Thanks in advance.



## PROMOTION FROM THE FEEDER LEAGUES

TEAM	CURRENT LEAGUE	NOTE
Basildon Town	Anglican Combination	
Berkhamsted Comrades	Spartan South Midlands 2	
Berks County	Thames Valley Premier	[1] [2]
Blidworth Welfare	Central Midlands South	
Boldon CA	Wearside League	
Bude	St Piran League	
<b>Bush Hill</b>	Hampshire Premier League	[4]
Caister	Anglican Combination	
Chester Le Street United	Wearside League	
Clay Cross Town	Central Midlands League (South)	
Codicote	Spartan South Midlands League	
Coton Green	Midland League	
Cottesmore Amateurs	Leicestershire Senior League	
Cranfield United	Bedfordshire County League	
Crewe	Cheshire League	
Darlington Town	Wearside League	
Dinnington Town	Central Midlands League (North)	
Dussindale & Hellesdon	Anglican Combination	
Eaton Socon	Cambridgeshire County League	
Egerton	Cheshire League	
Ellistown	Leicestershire Senior League	
Euxton Villa	West Lancashire Premier	
Faversham Strikeforce	Kent County League	
Fc Darlaston	West Midlands Regional	
FC Parsons Drove	Peterborough & District League	
FC St Helen's	Cheshire Football League	
FC Stratford	Midland League	
<b>Fleetlands</b>	Hampshire Premier League	[4]
Foley Meir	Staffordshire County Senior League	
Friar Lane & Epworth	Leicestershire Senior League	
Gala Wilton	Gloucester County League	[2]
Gateshead Leam Rangers	Wearside League	
<b>Gillingham Town</b>	Dorset Premier League	[4] [5]
Gornal Athletic	West Midlands Regional	
Gornal Colts	West Midlands (Regional) League	
Grantham Academy	Lincolnshire League	
<b>Hamworthy Recreation</b>	Dorset Premier League	[4]
Harleston Town	Anglian Combination	
Harworth Colliery	Central Midlands League (North)	
Hayle AFC	St Piran League (West)	
Horden Community Welfare	Wearside League	
Hykeham Town	Lincolnshire League	
Ilkeston Academy	Nottinghamshire Senior League	
Ilkley Town AFC	West Yorkshire League	
<b>Infinity</b>	Hampshire Premier League	[4]
<b>Kintbury Rangers</b>	Wiltshire League	[2] [4]
Knowle	Midland League	

Letchworth Garden City Eagles	Herts Senior County League	
Linby Colliery Welfare	Central Midlands League (South)	
Lincoln Moorlands Railway	Lincolnshire League	
Littlehampton United	Southern Combination	[3]
Mendip Broadwalk	Somerset County League	[5]
Montpellier Villa	Southern Combination	[3]
Moulton	Northamptonshire Combination	
Mundford	Anglian Combination	
Nailsea and Tickenham	Somerset County League	[5]
Netherton United	Peterborough & District League	
Newark Town	Central Midlands League (North)	
Newcastle Blue Star	Northern Football Alliance	
Newtown	Devon League (N&E)	
Okehampton Argyle	Devon League	
Ottery St Mary	Devon League	
Penryn Athletic	St Piran League (West)	
PFC Victoria London	Middlesex County League	[1]
Pinxton	Central Midlands League (South)	
Pitshanger Dynamo	Middlesex County League	
Redcar Town	North Riding League	
Renishaw Rangers	Central Midlands League (North)	
Retford United	Central Midlands League (North)	
Richmond Town	Wearside League	
Rocklease Rangers	Gloucester County League	[5]
Royston Town Reserves	Herts Senior League	
Rugby Borough	Leicestershire Senior League	
Sandiacre Town	Nottinghamshire Senior League	
Sharpness AFC	Gloucester County League	[5]
Sheffield Town	Sheffield and Hallamshire	
Shirehampton	Gloucester County League	[5]
Sileby Town	Leicestershire Senior League	
South Liverpool	West Cheshire League	
Spartan Youth	Surrey Elite	[1]
St Francis Rangers	Southern Combination	[3]
Staplehurst Monarchs United	Kent County League	
<b>Stockbridge</b>	Hampshire Premier League	[4]
Stockport Georgians	Manchester League	
Sudbury Sports	Essex and Suffolk Border	
Teignmouth	Devon League (N&E)	
Thorne Colliery	Central Midlands North	
Thrapston Town	Northants Combination	
Tipton Town	West Midlands (Regional) League	
Truro City Reserves	NO CURRENT LEAGUE	
UEA	Anglian Combination	
University of Exeter	Devon League (N&E)	
Upper Beeding	Southern Combination	[3]
Wakefield AFC	Sheffield and Hallamshire	
Wellington Amateurs	West Midlands (Regional) League	
Willenhall Town	West Midlands Regional	
Wolviston	Wearside League	



The list shown above is for those clubs who applied for promotion by December 31st 2020, together with the 2019/20 applicants which were rolled over.

Clubs who did not meet the minimum criteria for promotion are not shown; there are 22 such clubs, including Dorchester Sports and Melksham Town Reserves.

It may be that some leagues have already undertaken inspections from 2019/20 applicants, and this must NOT be taken as an indication as to which League the (successful) applicants could join. Locally the Inspecting League are identified as Combined Counties [1], Hellenic League [2], Southern Combination [3], Wessex League [4] and Western League [5].

In regard to inspections, clearly at this time these are not essential and as such cannot currently proceed. Copies of ground grading questionnaires and also preliminary assessments of ground grading and acceptance for promotion could be made.

To conclude, it is now confirmed that the league fixtures are curtailed for the 2020/21 season. The above list was based on the assumption that 2020/21 was still 'active'. Any impacts on promotion applicants will be sent by the FA as and when recommendations are finalised.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continuing our alphabetical stroll through football.

**F**

Fulham. Perhaps unique for being the only ground with a cottage within the stadium boundary, the club were founded in 1879, the same as our own Ringwood Town, with a somewhat mouthful of a name as Fulham St Andrew's Church Sunday School; and they lay claim to being one of our capital's oldest football clubs playing professionally.

They moved to Craven Cottage in 1896 and adopted the white shirts and black shorts as kit in the early 1900s.

The club's first season in the Football League was in 1907/08, with 2020/21 being the fifth visit to the top flight in the national game.

Arguably the most well-known player was Johnny Haynes, who amassed over 50 international caps for England, 22 as captain. However off the pitch the owner from 1997 to 2013 was Mohamed al-Fayed, of Harrods fame can also lay claim to that honour. Television presenter Richard Osman is also a well-known supporter.

**U**

Ujpest [Dozsa]. Formed in 1885, the club reached the first division of the Hungarian League in 1905 and has been relegated only once since then. Based in the capital of Budapest they are nicknamed the Purples, so no prizes for guessing their home kit colours.

Like so many former Eastern bloc clubs, other sports are represented under the club name, with Ice hockey and water polo in this case, the club name also gives reference to the Communist regime of the time with the Police Force.

The club have over 25 League and Cup titles to their name, whilst at international level the most successful period was in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In the 1968–69 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup they were runners up to Newcastle United and a few years later reached the European Cup semi-finals before losing out to Bayern Munich.



## CLUB NEWS

It was reported in the Isle Of Wight County Press last weekend that **Newport IOW** Football Club could be coming home to a ground closer to the town than originally planned with a proposal for a new community-based ground for the club in Seaclose Park (which is the site of the Isle of Wight Festival for the uninitiated) rather than the Whippingham that is approximately two miles from the town centre.

As we understand it there is a wide range of proposals being made to rejuvenate facilities at the site with the skate park, cycling routes, walking routes and provision for cricket and football.

The main focus of the plan envisages a football ground with grandstand, clubhouse, floodlights and the latest all-weather pitch providing a new home for the club, that would continue to be owned by the local Authority. The club would pay a peppercorn rent providing that other community users – including women's football, youth football and also sport for those with disabilities may use the venue.

Please visit [www.countypress.co.uk/news/19099726.newport-football-club-relocate-seaclose-park](http://www.countypress.co.uk/news/19099726.newport-football-club-relocate-seaclose-park) for the whole story.

## JENNER BROWN



Local soccer has been saddened by news of the death, after a brave and gruelling battle against Alzheimer's, of former Eastleigh and Romsey Town manager Malcolm 'Jenner' Brown. He was 74.

He began his career as a striker with Netley Sports and later played a lead role in Basingstoke Town's 1971 Hampshire League championship triumph before, in the early Eighties, going into management.

Southampton born and bred, he was a regular in the successful Southampton City and Hampshire Boys sides of the day.

Jenner cut his teeth in local youth soccer with Northam Boys before joining Netley Sports, where he stayed for six years and became a regular pick for the number nine shirt in the Hampshire FA representative side.

A carpenter by trade, he was also a prolific rower in his early days, winning numerous trophies with the River Itchen based Coalporters Amateur Rowing Club, *writes Mike Vimpany*.

In 1969/70, he moved to Poole Town before Taffy Davies took him to Basingstoke Town, where he achieved instant goal scoring success in the club's unbeaten championship season.

He made over 250 appearances for Basingstoke in the Seventies, helping them win the Hampshire League championship in 1971 and gain entry to the Southern League in the process.

Jenner scored over 100 goals in his five-year stay at the Camrose Ground and was prolific in Basingstoke's unbeaten HL title triumph.

At the time, team-mate and former Saints defender Cliff Huxford, who took over the managerial reins from Taffy Davies, described Brown as "a very professional player and a good club man" – before both departed to join Eastleigh-based AC Delco for the 1977/8 season.

Brown re-united with Davies at Andover in 1980, when the Lions were playing at the Walled Meadow in the Southern League, after which he moved to Eastleigh (1981/2), where he linked up with Dave Husbands in a joint managerial role before taking sole control of then then Hampshire League club the following season.

He scored six goals in 35 appearances for the Spitfires in his initial season at Ten Acres before retiring to the dug-out.

Jenner enjoyed spells at Romsey Town, managing the team between 1983 and 1985, during which time they finished in the top half of Hampshire League Division 1.

He had a brief spell with Brockenhurst, but throughout the 1980s indulged his big passion, gaining coaching qualifications and enjoying a long association with Saints and then Bashley.

Jenner bowed out in a father-and-son managerial combination back at Romsey, where they took over the reserve team in 2007/8, finishing fourth in the Sydenham Wessex Combination and reaching the Southampton Senior Cup final at St Mary's.



## THE LAST WORD

**Released on Wednesday 24 February, here is the update on Steps 3-6 of the NLS issued by the FA**

The FA's Alliance and Leagues Committees have now considered the large amount of data and information submitted by clubs across the National League System (NLS) Steps 3-6 as part of a survey to gather views on the continuation or conclusion of the 2020-21 league season, in addition to the information set out in the Government's roadmap this week.

Submissions were made by 99.1% of clubs at Steps 3 and 4, and 95.8% of clubs at Steps 5 and 6. We would like to thank the clubs for submitting their views and the time taken in providing responses during what we appreciate is an incredibly challenging period for everyone.

The results of the survey showed that over 76% of all clubs across Steps 3-6 indicated a preference to curtail the 2020-21 league season if it could not be restarted with limited spectator numbers and hospitality before 1 April 2021.

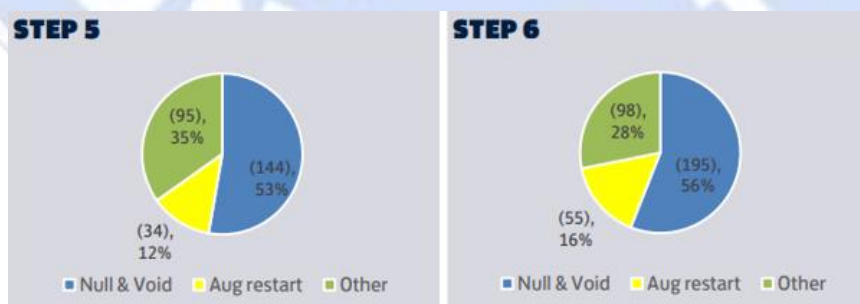
During this process, taking into account views of clubs and leagues it was decided that extending the 2020-21 league season beyond the end of May 2021 would not be a viable option. This was due to various considerations, including the financial implications for many clubs, player contracts and the extent of the fixture scheduling issues caused by the national lockdown and various postponements which had resulted in there being 81% of matches left to complete for Steps 3 and 4, and 75% at Steps 5 and 6.

Taking into account the survey results and the ongoing impact of Covid-19, which continues to adversely affect incomes for clubs due to restrictions on both spectators and hospitality, The FA's Alliance and Leagues Committees have reached a consensus that subject to the approval of FA Council, the 2020-21 league season for Steps 3-6 of the NLS should be curtailed with immediate effect, **with no further league matches taking place this season.**

The Committees will now present their collective recommendations to The FA Council for ratification.

It has also been decided that subject to FA Council's decision regarding the curtailment of the season at Steps 3 to 6, both committees will revisit discussions around a potential restructure at Steps 4-6 of the NLS, which was previously agreed and has been on hold since the 2019-20 season. A further update on this will be provided in due course.

**Background-** On Friday 15 January 2021, at the request of the FA's Alliance and Leagues Committee, a survey was circulated to all clubs at Steps 3 to 6 of the National League System (NLS), which asked Clubs how they wish to proceed with the 2020/21 season. The options set out in the Survey followed discussions by both Committees about what were the most feasible options available to determine the season given the difficult circumstances that Clubs found themselves in following the national lockdown announced on 4 January 2021. Whilst a number of different views were provided by clubs, ultimately, the results of the survey showed that 76% of all clubs across Steps 3 to 6 indicated a preference to curtail the current season if it could not be restarted before 1 April 2021 with limited spectator and hospitality.



Overall for Steps 5 and 6, 339 (55%) voted for null and void- 24 of our member clubs chose that option. With 89 (14%) voting for an August restart (5 from our League) and 193 (31%) selecting other, of which 12 were Wessex clubs. For some reason two of our clubs completed the survey twice. By means of perspective, the null and void vote for Step 3 was 64% and in Step 4 it was 61%.