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Good afternoon, a very happy Christmas from all at the AGL Arena to the players, management, officials and supporters of Coggeshall Town, as well as the match officials and our own superb set of fans.

This afternoon's match is only the second match to be played in December, with our last two league games being postponed due to frozen pitches. The Bury Town home game was particularly hard to bear, with no doubt a very large crowd would have been in attendance and as such a boost to the financial coffers of the football club, however this game has been re-scheduled for Tuesday 10th January which will be difficult to match the attendance for the original planned fixture. It is obviously beyond anyone's control, but it is still frustrating none the less! Talking about frustrating, during this extremely cold period it has also been difficult to find a suitable training venue twice a week, I know Boards and AC have left no stone unturned in their

quest to provide facilities for the players to train, but it brings home the realities of the benefits of having a 4G surface at the level we are now playing at.

As we play our last game of the 2022 at the AGL Arena, we will no doubt look to extend our 100% home record in the league this season. We return on the back of an impressive 4-1 home win against Witham Town, and I have no doubt we will be looking to secure another three points in this afternoon's fixture, as we sit just outside the play offs on goal difference before we travel along the A14 to embark on another Suffolk Derby, this time versus our old rivals Stowmarket town in our first game of 2023 on 2nd January.

As a club we recently had some more very sad news that of the passing of another Felixstowe & Walton Utd FC, legend in Ron Churchyard. Ron was one of the nicest gentlemen you could ever want to meet, and we pass on our deepest sympathies to Jan, Kate and family.

I hope you all enjoy this afternoon's game, and hopefully come this evening our 100% league home record will still be intact!!

A safe journey home to both sets of supporters, players, management, and today's match officials and a Happy New Year to all.

Kind regards Matt

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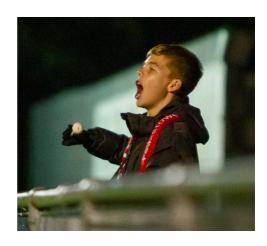


#### We welcome you all to the AGL Arena today after what Stuart and I hope has been a Happy festive period for you all!

Today sees our last fixture of 2022 and we both welcome and wish Jason the very best as the newly appointed manager of Coggeshall. Over the years, this fixture has seen many well contested games with the stand out being that finale to the promotion winning season. Whilst the result and league title went to Coggeshall that day, the squad will be fully focused on making sure that the result is in our favour today.

With this fixture originally scheduled for Boxing Day, the extra 24 hours has given both sides the opportunity to enjoy Christmas and Boxing Day with their families. A sensible decision that will support a good game of football and what we hope will be a bumper crowd right behind the boys. The support we continue to receive both at home and away continues to blow us away and it has been particularly pleasing to see the different generations that come together to make up that support. We have loved having the U7's and 9's as mascots in recent weeks - Harry my own son who plays in the U7's continues to talk about it and has loved coming up to games with his Grandad since. We also have Dylan and his now famous drum singing his very own Felixstowe & Walton chants behind the goal each week. Dylan you are an absolute star and whilst we hope to keep hearing you at games, more importantly, I have loved seeing the enjoyment that being a part of the football club means to you. The whole squad think you are an absolute star! On behalf of us all, I hope we can thank each and every one of you today with the type of performance that sends you home looking forward to the new year!

A couple of quick squad updates, you will have seen both Armani and Curtis agreeing



to signing dual registration forms with Woodbridge prior to the weather getting the better of most local leagues. It is important for the whole squad to get good competitive minutes on their return to full fitness and we hope to see both ready to compete for those starting roles after a few more games. Thanks also to Luke and Woodbridge for making both players feel very welcome. We were pleased to be able to name Henry amongst the substitutes last time out and although he would have missed the Bury game after picking up a knock in the U23s in the following days, I am sure you will be pleased to see him back in the squad today. It's going to get tough for us both over the coming weeks with only Callum H, Lamell and Ainso keeping the medical department busy – our intentions to go one further than last year remain the same but we are going to need the whole squad to do it!

Finally, I just wanted to finish the year by saying a big thank you to all that make this possible! It's a huge operation driven mostly by a volunteers who do a remarkable job and make us both proud to stand on the touchline managing this club! Thanks for all you continue to do for Felixstowe & Walton Utd!

Best wishes.

Andy



## Raymond Stanbridge 7th October 1946 – 12th November 2022

#### Ron Churchyard 4th February 1943 - 10th December 2022



While December is usually a month of Joy, December 2022 will prove to be a difficult and sad month for many dyed in the wool Seasiders.

On the 7th December, we said our final farewell to Big Ray and this week we say our final goodbye to 'Church' who lost his battle with cancer on the 10th.

Ron Churchyard's funeral is tomorrow - it will be a quiet family affair with a few close friends but on Thursday there is an opportunity to raise a glass to Ron here at the club from Mid-Day when Ron's wife Jan would love to see his friends gather to have a sandwich and cup of tea, or something stronger, possibly - the bar will be open, please come along and raise a glass to the nicest person you could ever wish to meet.

Two guys who became synonymous with Felixstowe Town, Felixstowe Port & Town, Walton United (in Ray's case) and Felixstowe & Walton United.

### Sleep well my friend, sleep well... Thanks for the memories

## Ray or Ron would never want me to stop writing about football to write about them so ......

On average we are doing pretty good. I'm talking, of course, about our attendance stats - this is our 5th season playing at step 4 of the non-league pyramid and our figures stand up against the vast majority of step 4 clubs countrywide. We are not the highest, but by no means are we anywhere near the lower end across the leagues.

It goes without saying, or should do, that the team on the field and in the dugout on match days are the major influence on the levels of attendance, but It's my firm belief that attendances are also closely related to the level of facilities on offer and accessesability. Since promotion in 2018 the facilities here at the AGL arena have improved in leaps and bounds, thanks to some incredibly hard work by our facilities manager and his team of volunteers, and we have an entertaining squad who feed the fever on a weekly basis and bring joy to many on Saturday evenings after a good afternoon.



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## OUR SQUAD

Introducing the Felixstowe & Walton United playing squad and management team of 2022/2023.



#### STUART BOARDLEY MANAGER

Stuart started his footballing career at Ipswich Town leaving in 2004 after 10 years. He went on to play for Torquay United, Sudbury, Leiston and Felixstowe. In 2018 he was appointed as Manager of Leiston but left in 2019 to become Manager of Felixstowe & Walton United.

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#### ANDY CRUMP ASSISTANT MANAGER

Andy returned to Felixstowe & Walton United as Assistant Manager following the appointment of Stuart Boardley in 2019. Having enjoyed success in previous spells at the club as both player and First Team Coach.

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#### KOTRYNA STOKNAITE SPORTS THERAPIST

Kotryna Stoknaite is a BSc Sports Therapy graduate from the University of Essex. During her undergraduate degree she had the opportunity to work as a Sports Therapist for the Colchester Rugby First team, as well as treating patients weekly at the university clinic.

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## STUART STEVENSON COACH

After hanging up his boots Stuart joined Felixstowe Utd as a fitness coach/physio, then on to Trimley to help coach his son's team from the U8s-U16s. Stuart rejoined the Seasiders to coach the U18s which lead him on to being part of the first team staff. Stuart is an FA level 2 coach and an FA level 1 mentor.

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#### GARY HAMMOND GOALKEEPER COACH

Gary is in his fifth season with the club. He was part of the double winning team with Walton Utd before the merger with Felixstowe. He has a wealth of experience having previously played for Stowmarket, Woodbridge and Ipswich Wanderers.

Gary is also Club Treasurer.

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#### CALLUM ROBINSON GOALKEEPER

Callum joined the club in 2020 from Stowmarket Town. He started his career at Colchester United before playing for Wroxham, AFC Sudbury and spent time on loan at Brantham Athletic.

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#### STUART AINSLEY LEFT BACK

Stuart joined the club for his second spell in 2014 from Lowestoft Town. Previous clubs include Chelmsford City and AFC Sudbury. Stuart spent 10 years at Ipswich Town, winning the FA Youth Cup in 2005. Stuart has a sweet left foot and a great work ethic.

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#### JOE WHIGHT DEFENDER

Joe came through the ITFC Youth system before playing for the likes of Needham, Bury and most recently AFC Sudbury where he captained their side. A left sided defender, Joe offers composure, a wonderful left foot and a toughness and desire to defend to the back line.

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#### CALLUM BENNETT RIGHT BACK

Callum is in his second spell at the club having re-joined in late 2018. An attacking full back with one of the best ball deliveries in non-league football. Callum has plenty of experience from his time at lpswich U18s, Stoke City U21s and Notts County.

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## **CURTIS HAYNES-BROWN DEFENDER**

Curtis joined in 2020 from Stanway Rovers and has a fine Isthmian league pedigree. Previous clubs include AFC Sudbury, Lowestoft Town, Yeovil Town, Cambridge Utd, AFC Wimbledon, Macclesfield Town and Maldon & Tiptree.

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#### MILO GRIMES DEFENDER

Milo joins the Seasiders from Coggeshall Town where he was ever present during the last campaign. A tough tackling centre half but with ability to play out from the back. A good leader and talker for a 22 year old, and sure to become a firm fan favourite.

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#### HARRY KNOCK DEFENDER

Harry joins the Seasiders on a permanent deal following his hugely successful loan spell in 2021/22 season. Harry, a former Scholar at ITFC, quickly became a fan favourite and an integral part of the side finishing in the play offs.

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#### HARRY BLACKBURN RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER

Like Charlie Warren, Harry graduated through the Needham Market academy and joins the Seasiders predominantly as an attacking fullback. Harry plays with confidence in possession and supporters will enjoy seeing him create chances for our forward players.

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#### BILLY HOLLAND MIDFIELDER

Billy started life at Ipswich Wanderers and has had spells at Needham, Leiston and AFC Sudbury. He's established himself as a mainstay in the centre of midfield. Players player and Supporters player of the year last season has led to him being appointed captain for the forthcoming year.

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#### NOEL AITKENS MIDFIELDER

Noel's signing for the club in 2020 caused a stir amongst the non-league world, joining from step 3 Leiston and being described by manager Boardley as "the best midfield player in this area". Noel is quick strong, can tackle, is athletic and can really play football!

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## **LEON OTTLEY-GOOCH MIDFIELDER**

Leon signed for the club in 2020 and is another vastly experienced player at step 3 and 4 level. Previous clubs include Leiston, Bury Town, Hadleigh Utd and Stowmarket Town. Leon is very versatile but is predominantly a dynamic midfield player.

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#### JOSH HITTER MIDFIELDER

Josh signed for us in 2021 having played his football at Step 3 side Leiston for the previous three seasons and gained a vast amount of experience at that level. Josh is a dynamic attack minded player who likes to arrive in the box late and score goals.

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#### CALLUM HARRISON MIDFIELDER

Former Colchester United, Needham, Sudbury and more recently Chelmsford midfielder joins the Seasiders for the 22/23 campaign. A highly sought after creative and technically gifted midfield player that loves to get forward and provide the team with both goals and assists.

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#### RORY PORTER MIDFIELDER

Rory is one of the brightest players in recent years to progress through the youth system at Felixstowe & Walton. Having worked hard in the U23's during the 2021/22 season, Rory progresses permanently into the first team squad for the up and coming season.

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## HENRY BARLEY MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

Henry signed for the club in 2019 following his contract expiring at Ipswich Town. Another popular young player who had also been on loan from the then EFL Championship club the previous season.

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#### LAMELL HOWELL MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

Lamell signed from
Brightlingsea Regent in 2020.
He can play on both wings
or in the number 10 position
and brings pace and trickery
to the side. He has previously
played for Stowmarket
Town, Debenham FC and
Brantham Athletic.

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#### CHARLIE WARREN MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

Having initially joined on loan from Needham Market, Charlie made an instant impact on his debut in the FA Trophy win at Hastings. Following a number of impressive performances, manager Boardley moved quickly to secure the permanent services of one of Suffolk's brightest young players.

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#### ARMANI SCHAAR MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

Armani played for Felixstowe & Walton back in 2016 before moving on to Leiston and then Lowestoft Town where he helped them avoid relegation. Armani has also had spells at Needham Market and brings with him plenty of experience playing at step 3 level.

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#### **GEORGE CLARKE** FORWARD

George joined the Seasiders from Stowmarket Town in 2020 and has previously played for Ipswich Town, AFC Sudbury, Needham Market, Brightlingsea Regent and Brantham Athletic. George is a powerful and dynamic centre forward that is looking to make his mark following a lengthy spell on the sidelines through injury.

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#### **ZAK BROWN FORWARD**

A sought after and highly rated young striker with blistering pace and a great goal scoring record. At just 17, Zak penned a two year pro contract with ITFC where he was a regular marksman in the U23's. Zak started life in the Seasiders Youth sections and has returned to lead the forward line as the clubs No. 9.

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#### **OLLIE CANFER FORWARD**

Ollie made a dramatic impact when he joined the club in November 2019, signing from Mildenhall Town. "Canfs" burst onto the scene scoring 9 goals in 13 games. The fans love his non-stop running and desire to cause defensive headaches for the opposition.

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#### **ANDRE HASANALLY** FORWARD

Andre joins the Seasiders following a successful loan spell from Colchester United in the 2021/22 season. A versatile forward with the ability to create as many as he scores.

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#### SAM FORD **FORWARD**

Having spent a successful period with Arbroath last season that saw them just miss out on promotion to the Scottish Premiership, Sam spent the Summer with Hume City FC in Australia before returning to Felixstowe. Coming through ITFC and later West Ham's academy. Sam is a local talent who will provide real firepower in front of goal.

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The joint-second oldest original football club in Essex, Coggeshall Town was formed at a meeting held at the White Hart Hotel, Coggeshall on September 27th 1878. The official report of that meeting was published in Coggeshall Parish Magazine in October 1878 and reads as follows:

"A meeting was held on Friday last 27th ult, at the White Hart Hotel for the purpose of forming a Football Club in this town. The chairman (Mr. G. F. Beaumont) announced that Mr. Hanbury had kindly consented to act as President to the club, and he was accordingly unanimously elected. The meeting next appointed Mr. G. F. Beaumont as Hon. Sec and the following gentlemen were chosento form a Committee: The Rev. J. P. A. Bowers, Messrs. T. W. Haddon, A.T. Bremner, F. Beard, A. Judges, C. Poulton and J. Webster. Play is to commence on Saturday next, the 5th inst. At 3 o'clock punctually in Mynheer Park, kindly lent by Mr. T. C. Swinborne. The rules of the game may be obtained from the Secretary or any member of the Committee. It is hoped that the club may be strongly supported by players and non-players. The subscriptions for players is 1/- and for non-players 2/6d".

Records held at the Coggeshall Museum, suggest that the Football Club was founded by J. K. King & Sons, a local family seed business. The account of the inaugural meeting makes no mention of the company although its role may be acknowledged through the club's nickname, "The Seedgrowers" that remains to this day.

Coggeshall provided the first opposition for both Braintree FC, in January 1879 and Halstead, in November of the same year. In 1880, at this time the traditional colours of Scarlet and Black were adopted. Abandoning the steep slope of Myneer Park the 1880-81 season was played on Mr Fuller's Barnard Field in Pointwell Lane, Little Coggeshall, before spending the rest of the decade on the Highfields Farm Park. Then "Fabians" field in Colne Road was played on until 1895 when a permanent move to Highfields was made, this became the club's home for 65 years.







Coggeshall's early competitive football was in the Essex Junior Cup, in which they were losing finalists in 1898 - 99, before joining the North Essex League the following year. They won the N.E.L. four times and the Colchester & District League Division II B twice, becoming founder members of the Border League in 1911–12. Always known as the "Town" team, after the Great War the club resumed as Coggeshall Town, although they played with a degree of success in the Braintree, Kelvedon and Halstead Leagues it was with the N.E.L. Division II that they really made their mark, increasing their titles to an amazing 14 times up to 1939. The post -war period became boom time for the club as they switched from the North Essex League to the Braintree and District League, before broadening their horizons in the fledgling Colchester and East Essex League, where their previous pedigree rewarded them with a Division 1 start in 1950-51. Runners up. A season later, they were promoted to the Premier Division and built up an impressive Supporter's Club with a membership in excess of 200. Long serving officials, Secretary, John Alston and Treasurer, Norman Burton, provided a sound administrative base.

The Club's ambitious committee, led by Chairman Lou Marks, then Tom Ritson were soon targeting the Border League as their next step up the football ladder, a goal they duly achieved in 1958-59. However, a shock awaited the Seedgrowers, when, in the summer of 1960, they were given notice to quit Highfields, their home for 65 years. Colonel F.t. Hill came to the rescue, first with an interim pitch at his Holfield Grange and then by offering the use of a bit of land behind the Cricket pitch at "The Crops". Complete with a new pavilion, which is now the changing rooms.

"The Crops" opened with a Coggeshall Brotherhood Cup –tie against Courtaulds in August 1961. The covered stand was added in 1964.

Now the Seedgrowers began to blossom, winning Division 1 in 1962-63 and under the managership of ex-Colchester United player, Bob Dale the championship in 1966-67, Alf Marshall was in charge when they retained their title and won the Knock-Out Cup in 1968-69. Another former Colchester star, Derek Parker, led them to the Border League and Cup double, the Essex Intermediate Cup, 2-0 v Great Wakering in 1970-71. The clubhouse was added in 1971. From 1972 onwards, the club played in the Essex Senior League without winning any honours.

The club's future was threatened again in 1981 when the landowner announced that he wished to sell the land. Once more, the club embarked on a fundraising campaign. The commitment of those involved is evident from the efforts of the club manager, Peter Barlow, who embarked on a run from "The Crops" to FA Headquarters at Lancaster Gate to hand in an appeal for support to save the ground. A little behind schedule, he arrived at the FA to find it closed. Nevertheless, he raised £500 toward the fund. With the help of Coggeshall Parish Council and the Sports Council, the club raised the funding to buy the land and for the first time, just over 100 years since they were formed, Coggeshall Town owned their own facilities.

The Border League was again joined in 1990-91 followed by two spells in the Essex intermediate League which sandwiched a single season in Division IV of the Colchester and East Essex League. Since the last return to the Border League in 2000-01, the club has risen from Division III to the Pemier Division and back to the first Division.









Ivan Gooday was Manager when first losing 1-0 to Harwich and Parkeston in the 2011-12 League Cup Final and then winning promotion back to the Premier Division as runners up in 2012-13.

The start of the 2013-14 season saw major changes at Coggeshall Town with the club accepting a proposal from local businessman Graeme Smith to become involved in running the club. Initially Smith's involvement was in an advisory role coupled with managing the reserve team, which he took over midway through that season, leading them on to winning the Essex and Suffolk Border League Reserve Cup and saving the team from relegation. During the remainder of that season Smith's influence at the club led to many improvements on and off the pitch.

The 2014-15 season saw Graeme Smith take full control of the football club and become first team manager alongside his assistant and long-term friend John Pollard. During this season, significant improvements were made throughout the whole club. On the pitch, the team secured a 6th place finish in the Border League Premier Division and were runners up in the League Cup final.

The 2015-16 season again saw many improvements to the newly named "West Street" ground. It was a very successful season on the pitch also with Smith and Pollard leading the team to the league and cup double securing promotion to the Eastern Counties League division one. 2016-17 saw floodlights installed at "West Street" for the first time in the club's history, which meant the club met all the requirements to compete in the league above.

The continued ground upgrading and success of the team on the pitch led to great interest in Coggeshall Town highlighted by an attendance

of 1022 against an Ipswich Town XI in a pre-season fixture. More evidence of the growing popularity of the club followed with attendances soaring throughout the season. The opening match under the new floodlights was another big attendance when Braintree Town Reserves were the visitors to West Street with the "Seedgrowers" recording a fine 6-1 victory. It was another tremendous season with the team again achieving promotion as runners up to take their place in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division for the start off the 2017-18 season.

For the 2017-18 season, Coggeshall Town lined up in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division for the first time in the club's history. There was another major development at the club with pop star Olly Murs becoming joint owner of the club with Graeme Smith. Further ground improvements were carried out, with Smith and Murs overseeing a total refurb of the dressing rooms and Murs himself funding a complete transformation of the clubhouse inside and out which was well overdue. The facilities at the club were now ready for the team to move up another level and again the team did not disappoint winning the league at the first attempt by six points with a goal difference of +116 scoring 146 league goals in the process.

The last week of the season was an exciting one, with Coggeshall gaining two wins in five days against their nearest rivals for the title, Felixstowe who were 2nd and Stowmarket who were 3rd. The Away Match at Felixstowe, which was the title deciding game, played in front of a crowd of over 1541, with Coggeshall recording a 4-2 victory. This meant that the team achieved its third promotion in a row and moved up to step 4 of the football pyramid for the first time in their 140 year history as they took their place in The Isthmian League Division One North.

The 2018 – 19 season saw further development to the clubs facility's at West Street, as well as creating new records on the pitch. We were now playing in step 4 for the first time in the clubs History, as well as making our debut's in the F.A. Cup and the F.A. Trophy. A few additions to the squad were made which enabled us to have a good run in the F.A. Cup, finally losing 1 – 0 away to Weston-Super-Mare in the 3rd Round Qualifying. The good form was carried on throughout the season with the club making the play-offs finishing in 4th place, losing 1 – 0 away to

Maldon & Tiptree in the semi-final.

The 2019 – 20 season was brought to an early close in March due to the Coronavirus pandemic; at this stage, the club had played eight Cup and twenty-six League games. With only four defeats in the league, Town were sitting in sixth place with games in hand over most of their closest rivals and looking in a strong position to make the play-offs for the second season running. Disappointingly, due to the unprecedented circumstances it did not happen.

The 2020 – 21 season. Due to the continued pandemic, the season got under way in September, which was later than usual. We had made some good summer signings and the squad was looking strong, with the hope of challenging for the play-offs again. However, after only 10 games, six League and 4 Cup on 31st October the season suspended due to the continued Coronavirus. In the hope of being able, to make restart, Clubs were allowed to keep training and at the beginning of December, we played three friendlies behind closed doors, but with the pandemic worsening the football season was cancelled.

The 2021 - 22 season, saw some enforced changes due to the ill health of Chairman and Manager Graeme Smith. John Pollard took over the reins supported by Stuart Nethercott & Liam Aves. Several additions to the squad were made and some players returned to the club after having a spell away. There was a mixed bag of results at the start but after playing 11 games, due to family reasons, John Pollard stepped down from his role of manager and on the 20th October, Karl Duguid and Stuart Nethercott were appointed joint managers to lead the Club and bring some stability to the side. The results on the pitch continued in much the same vein, but a good run in the Essex Senior Cup saw us reach the Semi-Final for the first time, where we lost out to Premier division side Bowers and Pitsea. The final twelve games saw Town have their best run of season, which saw the side finish in a respectable thirteenth place in the League. Cliff Akurang, has been appointed Manager for the forthcoming 2022 - 23 season. Cliff who has a long association with club and along with assistant Brian Sawyer will embark on a total rebuild of the side. It is going to be an interesting time at West Street and the supporters are right behind Cliff, everyone wishes him the very best of luck for the season.

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## UNDER 23'S FIXTURES

#### SEPTEMBER

| 12 | BURY TOWN | H L 4-0 |
|----|-----------|---------|
|    |           |         |

#### **OCTOBER**

| 3  | HARINGEY BOROUGH     | Н | W 2-0 |
|----|----------------------|---|-------|
|    | Clarke (P), Curtis   |   |       |
| 12 | BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT | Α | W 7-2 |
| 17 | BRENTWOOD TOWN       | Н | W 3-1 |
|    | Ford(3)              |   |       |

1 6-2

#### NOVEMBER

**BURY TOWN** 

31

|    | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS     | ۸ | D 2-2 |
|----|----------------------|---|-------|
| 10 | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS     | А | D 2-2 |
| 21 | HARINGEY BOROUGH     | Α | P-P   |
| 28 | BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT | Н | W 4-2 |

#### DECEMBER

| 7  | BRENTWOOD TOWN   | D | 0-0 |
|----|------------------|---|-----|
| 12 | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS | Н | P-P |

#### JANUARY

| 18 | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS     | Α   | 7.45PM |
|----|----------------------|-----|--------|
| 23 | BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT | . H | 7.45PM |

#### FEBRUARY

| U  | DUILI TOWN        |       | 7.401 III |
|----|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| 15 | BRENTWOOD TOWN    | A     | 7.45PM    |
| 20 | HADINGEV BODOLIGH | E III | 7 AEDM    |

#### LEAGUE TABLE

|                      | 1000 | - |    |   |     |
|----------------------|------|---|----|---|-----|
| TEAM                 | P    | W | D  | L | PTS |
| Heybridge Swifts     | 7    | 4 | 2  | 1 | 14  |
| F&W Utd              | 7    | 4 | 2  | 2 | 13  |
| Bury Town            | 6    | 4 | 0  | 2 | 12  |
| Brentwood Town       | 7    | 3 | -1 | 3 | 12  |
| Haringey Borough     | 7    | 3 | 0  | 4 | 9   |
| Brightlingsea Regent | 8    | 0 | 1  | 6 | 1   |

### ISTI-IMIAN NORTI-I DIVISION TABLE 2022/23

| POS |                            | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | GD  | PTS |
|-----|----------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1   | AFC Sudbury                | 17 | 14 | 2 | 1  | 48 | 18 | +30 | 44  |
| 2   | Hashtag United             | 17 | 13 | 1 | 3  | 37 | 18 | +19 | 40  |
| 3   | Stowmarket Town            | 16 | 11 | 4 | 1  | 34 | 13 | +21 | 37  |
| 4   | Heybridge Swifts           | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3  | 33 | 19 | +14 | 35  |
| 5   | Lowestoft Town             | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4  | 33 | 14 | +19 | 32  |
| 6   | Felixstowe & Walton United | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4  | 37 | 19 | +18 | 32  |
| 7   | East Thurrock United       | 17 | 9  | 3 | 5  | 27 | 25 | +2  | 30  |
| 8   | Bury Town                  | 17 | 8  | 5 | 4  | 19 | 11 | +8  | 29  |
| 9   | Grays Athletic             | 17 | 9  | 2 | 6  | 27 | 21 | +6  | 29  |
| 10  | New Salamis                | 17 | 8  | 4 | 5  | 34 | 33 | +1  | 28  |
| 11  | Brentwood Town             | 17 | 7  | 2 | 8  | 22 | 22 | 0   | 23  |
| 12  | Basildon United2-1         | 18 | 5  | 5 | 8  | 18 | 27 | -9  | 20  |
| 13  | Witham Town                | 16 | 5  | 1 | 10 | 25 | 32 | -7  | 16  |
| 14  | Wroxham                    | 17 | 3  | 7 | 7  | 21 | 32 | -11 | 16  |
| 15  | Tilbury                    | 15 | 4  | 3 | 8  | 17 | 28 | -11 | 15  |
| 16  | Hullbridge Sports1-2       | 18 | 4  | 3 | 11 | 21 | 34 | -13 | 15  |
| 17  | Great Wakering Rovers      | 18 | 3  | 3 | 12 | 23 | 40 | -17 | 12  |
| 18  | Maldon & Tiptree           | 17 | 3  | 2 | 12 | 20 | 34 | -14 | 11  |
| 19  | Gorleston                  | 17 | 2  | 2 | 13 | 16 | 43 | -27 | 8   |
| 20  | Coggeshall Town            | 17 | 0  | 4 | 13 | 8  | 37 | -29 | 4   |

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## FIXTURES 2022/23

| A        | UGUST                                      |      |       | 19  | HULLBRIDGE SPORTS Brown, Ford | W   | 2-1    |
|----------|--|------|-------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|--------|
| 13       | BRENTWOOD TOWN Hitter                      | Α    | D 1-1 | 26  | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS Whiaht       | L   | 2-1    |
| 16       | GORLESTON                                  | Н    | W 3-2 |     | Willyiii                      |     |        |
|          | Warren, Harrison, Canfer                   |      |       |     | ECEMBER                       |     |        |
| 20       | DEREHAM TOWN*                              | Α    | L 2-0 | 3   | WITHAM TOWN                   | w   | 4-1    |
| 27       | BASILDON UNITED                            | H    | W 2-0 |     | Aitkens, Hitter, Whight 2     |     | 4      |
| 29       | Howell, Holland COGGESHALL TOWN            | Α    | W 3-1 | 27  | COGGESHALL TOWN               | Н   | 1PM    |
|          | Aitkens, Harrison, Hitter                  |      |       | JA  | NUARY -                       |     |        |
| S        | EPTEMBER                                   |      |       | 2   | STOWMARKET TOWN               | Α   | 3PM    |
| 13       | BURGESS HILL TOWN**                        | н    | D 2-2 | 7   | BRENTWOOD TOWN                | Н   | 3PM    |
|          | Whight, Harrison                           |      | la.   | 10  | BURY TOWN                     | Н   | 7.45PM |
|          | Burgess Hill Town win 3-2 on pens          |      | £ A   | 14  | GORLESTON                     | Α   | 3PM    |
| 17       | NEW SALAMIS Harrison 2, Canfer 3           | Н    | W 5-0 | 21  | LOWESTOFT TOWN                | H   | 3PM    |
| 27       | WITHAM TOWN***                             | Н    | W 3-1 | 28  | TILBURY                       | Α   | 3PM    |
|          | Holland 2, Maycock                         |      |       |     | EBRUARY                       |     |        |
| 0        | CTOBER                                     |      | wio a | 4   | HULLBRIDGE SPORTS             | H.  | 3РМ    |
| 1        | WROXHAM                                    | A    | D 2-2 | 11  | GREAT WAKERING ROVERS         | Α   | 3PM    |
|          | Brown, Harrison                            |      |       | 14  | AFC SUDBURY                   | H   | 7.45PM |
| 8        | MALDON & TIPTREE                           | W    | 3-1   | 18  | MALDON & TIPTREE              | Ā   | 3PM    |
| 11       | Hitter, Holland, Whight CHERTSEY TOWN****  | W    | 2-0   | 21  | NEEDHAM MARKET *****          | Α   | 7.45PM |
|          | Brown, Holland                             | VV   | 2-0   | 25  | WROXHAM                       | · H | 3PM    |
| 15       | GRAYS ATHLETIC                             |      | 3-2   | 1.5 |                               |     |        |
|          | Hitter, Holland                            |      |       |     | ARCH!                         |     |        |
| 22       | HASHTAG UNITED                             | W    | 4-0   | 4   | NEW SALAMIS                   | Α   | 3PM    |
| 25       | Brown, Warren, Clarke, Hitter  AFC SUDBURY | Fr.  | 1-0   | 11  | GRAYS ATHLETIC                | H   | 3PM    |
| 29<br>29 | GREAT WAKERING ROVERS                      | 10 P | 2-1   | 18  | HASHTAG UNITED                | Α   | 3PM    |
| 29       | Hitter, Clarke                             | W    | 2-1   | 25  | BASILDON UNITED               | A   | 3PM    |
| N        | OVEMBER                                    |      |       |     | PRIL                          |     |        |
| 5        | LOWESTOFT TOWN                             | L    | 2-1   | 1   | EAST THURROCK UNITED          | H   | 3РМ    |
|          | Clarke                                     |      |       | 8   | BURY TOWN                     | Α   | 3PM    |
| 8        | ENFIELD TOWN***** Ford                     | L    | 2-1   | 10  | STOWMARKET TOWN               | H   | 3PM    |
| 12       | TILBURY                                    | W    | 2-1   | 15  | WITHAM TOWN                   | A   | 3PM    |
| - 12     | Ford, Warren                               | vv   | 2-1   | 22  | HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS              | Н   | 3PM    |

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Brian Clough's ill-fated tenure at Leeds is well trodden ground. Taking over the side he had spent the previous seasons criticising, replacing his long-term nemesis Don Revie who had been awarded the ultimate honour in English football – the national team job – he struggled to win round the dressing room, won only one of his seven games, and was summarily dismissed, just 44 days after arriving in Yorkshire. Four years later, another footballing genius would turn up at Elland Road. His own time would, in a twist of fate, last only 44 days. But unlike Clough's rancorous period in charge, there was nothing but disappointment when Jock Stein left the job.

By 1978, Jock Stein's legacy at Celtic was secured. The first Protestant manager at the club, he had ended an unprecedented eight-year dry spell at Parkhead in his first season. In his second, he retained his title and became the first British manager to win the European Cup. A further seven titles in a row followed, a dominance that was only ended in a season in which he suffered a near-fatal car

crash. Despite returning to the team, and leading them to the 1977 title, he was eventually persuaded to resign as Celtic manager. Offered a token role as a figurehead, rather than the position of influence he felt he had earned, he left the club completely. In 1978 he was probably the most successful British manager ever, and he was looking for a job.

Leeds had recovered after the trauma of Clough's time in charge, and under Jimmy Armfield had even reached the European Cup final in 1975, but were never able to recapture the dominance they had enjoyed under Revie. Armfield did what he could with what was available, but the ageing team started to slide and were beginning to feature at the wrong end of the table. And the conclusion of the 1977–78 season he was dismissed. It would be too much to claim that they acted because of Stein's availability – they sounded out other managers before him, and in a panic at the protracted negotiations even asked Armfield back at one



point – but once Stein was approached and accepted, it seemed a perfect fit.

Stein walked into a different Elland Road to the one Clough had left. No longer looking to maintain dominance, they were more concerned with arresting the decline that had started four years earlier. In securing a European Cup manager, they must have been certain of a period of stability, especially given that the one job Stein had also been linked to – as Scotland manager – didn't seem to be available for some time, after the Scottish FA confirmed that Ally MacLeod had done enough at the 1978 World Cup to keep his job.

His first game in charge was against Manchester United, having missed the first game against Arsenal. As fierce as that rivalry was becoming, it was all the more significant because of the sale of Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen to Old Trafford in the previous season, a symbol of the breaking up of Revie's old squad. Leeds slipped to a 3-2 defeat, but if the performance of the team was disappointing, the new manager made all the right noises. Quiet, thoughtful and respectful, he was much more in the Revie mould than the Clough.

He focussed on making Leeds hard to beat, and initially at least, it worked. Four clean sheets followed, before a growing injury crisis started causing problems. Already mixing and matching at the back, a Bryan Robson challenge robbed Stein of his creative outlet, Tony Currie, and in their next match away at Maine Road, Man City beat them 3-0. A defeat to Tottenham followed, a draw with Coventry. Frustrated in his attempts



to sign players, living in a hotel room, his family still in Scotland, it was no surprise that he was interested when, just a few weeks after confirming his future, the SFA sacked Ally MacLeod.

Popular folklore says that Stein asked a commentator friend to spread the rumour that the SFA wanted him. Certainly he wanted them. A 3-0 win over bottom of the table Birmingham was followed up with a victory over West Brom in the cup, before the Leeds board saw the writing on the wall. On the 3rd October 1978, they gave him permission to talk to the SFA. Two days later, he was Scotland manager.

While his record wasn't markedly better than Clough's, it was much more acceptable four years after Revie's departure than four weeks. The cruel irony, however, wasn't in the record, it was in the time. Like Clough, Jock Stein had lasted just 44 days as Leeds United manager.

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