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*From the Editor*

*Good evening &  
**Welcome**  
to Nene Park*



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**Luton link**

While I was on school boys forms at Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1958, I played for the Wolverhampton Boys Under-15 side with a lad called Graham French .

I was shocked one day when during a fixture between Wolverhampton School Boys and Birmingham Boys, Graham failed to turn up. I had always considered myself extremely privileged to be selected for that team and how anyone could just fail to turn up was beyond me.

Graham eventually went on to play for Luton Town and the England Under-21 side. Graham was a great talent and unfortunately, I lost touch with him shortly after his move to Luton. I sincerely hope he is well.

**Tribute Night**

Robbie Supreme & Atomic Kitee will be performing a Tribute Night on Friday 7th November 2003 in the Kimberley Suite. The evening is backed by a fantastic disco and basket meals will be available to purchase on the night. Only £10 per ticket - Buy one, get free offer!

**Christmas meals**

Christmas lunch and evening menus will be available from 2nd December in Seasons Bistro. Bookings are now being taken. Seasons is the perfect venue to celebrate Christmas with friends, family and work colleagues. Contact Trish on (01933) 652316 to book a table.

Also in Seasons Bistro on 20th November, we have a fantastic 70s Music Evening featuring Steve Collazo from Odessey. Tickets for this are priced at £25.50. Contact Seasons for more information.

Enjoy tonight's game...

*Ted*



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**on the cover...**

Onandi Lowe holds off his marker during our league clash with Luton back in August...

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# Teamtalk with Brian Talbot...



Welcome to the directors, staff, players and fans of Luton Town Football Club and in particular their manager Mike Newell.

We hope to progress in the LDV Vans Cup this evening. A successful cup run would greatly help the financial position at the club and keep team confidence at a high level.

We have a difficult draw in the FA Cup away to Swansea City who are

playing very well and in the top few teams in the Third Division. Again a run in the FA cup would greatly assist our current position.

Survival in the Second Division is our priority this season and all my players and staff are working extremely hard to ensure we achieve this.

The return of Onandi Lowe has been a great boost for everyone at the club. Let's hope he returns to

his scoring form this evening.

Another boost for the club this week was the news that former West Ham and Derby County striker, Paul Kitson, has agreed a four week contract. Paul's footballing experience will be of value to everyone at the club.

Enjoy the game and many thanks for your support.

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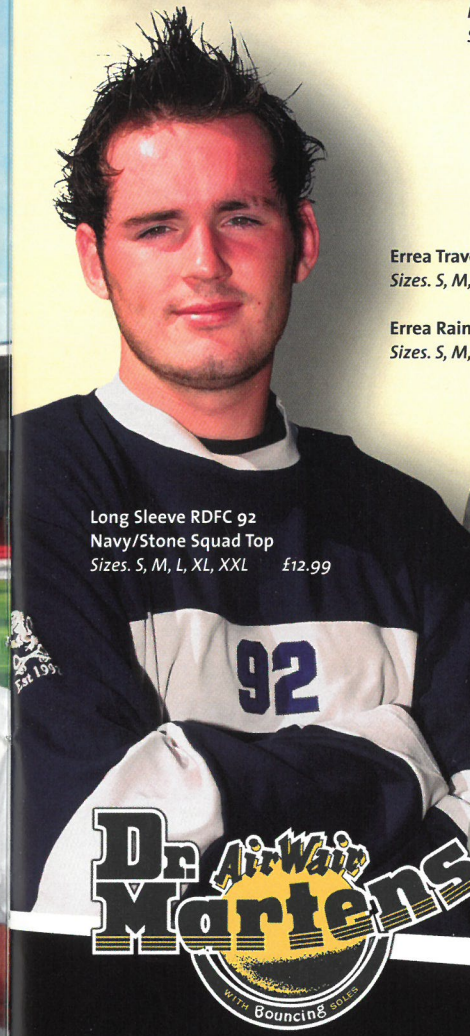
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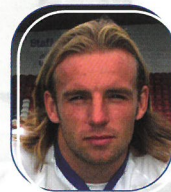
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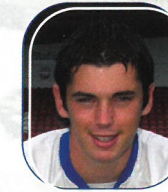
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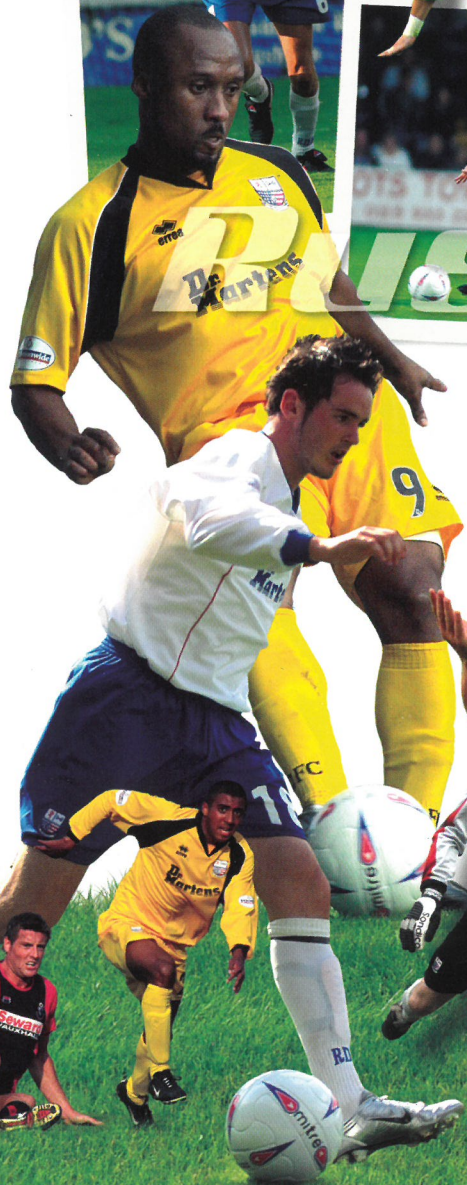
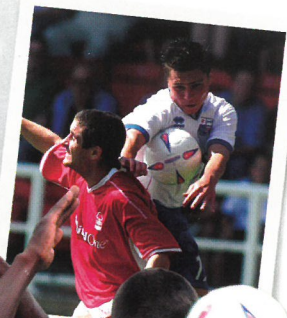
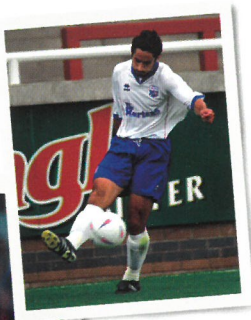
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Action replay

*the season so far...*



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Tuesday 4th November  
Kick-off 7.45pm

# Luton Town



Visiting today

manager Mike Newell  
stadium Kenilworth Road  
capacity 9,975  
nickname The Hatters  
year founded 1885  
captain Kevin Nicholls  
website www.lutontown.co.uk



LUTON TOWN  
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## DAVID BAYLISS

Signed in November 2001, Bayliss soon became a regular in Luton's Division Three promotion campaign of 2001/02, but injuries cut down his chances last

season. Happily he was back to full fitness when this season began. Ironically, an injury crisis led to the defender joining the Hatters. Then manager Joe Kinnear had 24 players unavailable, and discovered to his great delight that Rochdale were prepared to release their longest-serving player. An inch under six feet tall, he made over 200 first-team appearances for Rochdale before deciding not to accept a new contract with them.

## ROBERT BECKWITH

Quietly learning his trade in the Luton youth team, the teenager became the seventh goalkeeper Luton used last season when a crippling run of injuries forced his early promotion to the league side. He did well in four appearances at the end of the season, but in the summer found that at 18 he was the most senior keeper on the books. Luton were in receivership, deep in debt, and could not prevent their two senior keepers leaving on Bosman free transfers. So as the new season kicked off, Beckwith, who had come up through the ranks, was back in the firing line.

## EMMERSON BOYCE

One of the many to come through from Luton's schools and youth development programme, the defender was signed as a YTS boy in the summer of 1995, and made

the breakthrough to the League squad at the age of 19 midway through the 1999/2000 season after occasional appearances following a debut in the Auto Windscreens Shield in January 1999. He became a regular at right back, with a liking to attack on the overlap, and signed a new contract in the summer of 2002.

## AHMET BRKOVIC

Believing a move would be good for his career, the midfield playmaker refused new terms at Leyton Orient in the summer of 2001, to join Luton on a Bosman free transfer. Orient had signed him on a free from HNK Dubrovnik in the autumn of 1999. He was bitterly disappointed when Orient failed in the play-offs to win promotion to the Second Division, and decided he might have a better chance if he joined Luton. He was right, playing a valuable role, mainly on the right flank, to help Luton return to the Second Division at the first attempt.

## CHRIS COYNE

The centre-half was playing for Perth Soccer Club when he was selected for the Australian under-17 squad for the 1994 youth World Cup, and came to the notice of Harry Redknapp, then manager of West Ham. Coyne signed for the Hammers as a teenager, but Premiership chances were few and far between, and after loan spells at Brentford and Southend, Coyne went to Dundee. A £50,000 cheque persuaded the Scottish Premier League club to let the defender move to Kenilworth Road in September 2001 and

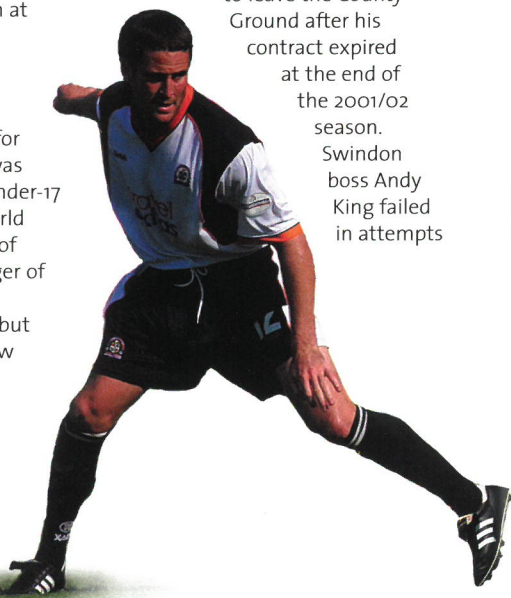
Coyne rapidly became a crowd favourite in the promotion run that followed.

## DEAN CROWE

The striker was signed on loan from Stoke City in September 2001 when an injury crisis decimated the Hatters squad. He made an immediate impact, scoring on his debut at Plymouth, and was soon signed on a permanent deal, and he helped Luton win promotion that season. Crowe began his career as a YTS boy at Stoke, but was frozen out by a change of management and an influx of Scandinavian players. He had loan spells at Northampton and Bury before joining Luton.

## SOL DAVIS

It was a huge disappointment to Swindon Town, and a coup for Luton, when the highly-rated defender decided to leave the County Ground after his contract expired at the end of the 2001/02 season. Swindon boss Andy King failed in attempts



to persuade him to sign a new deal, and the Luton manager swooped for the tough-tackling left back. Davis had joined Swindon as a trainee in the summer of 1998, and made rapid progress through the youth and reserve teams to become a regular in the Nationwide League.

## KEVIN FOLEY

Great things are expected of this cultured defender, who was promoted to the first team squad at the start of this season, despite still being eligible for youth football. He has been brought through the junior ranks at Kenilworth Road, and in pre-season games was pitchforked into the first team because of injuries to other defenders. He settled in rapidly, to suggest he will be competing on merit for a regular place in the league side.

## ADRIAN FORBES

After considerable First Division experience, and with an England youth cap to his credit, Forbes was a surprise inclusion on Norwich City's list of players available for transfer in the summer of 2001, and Luton were delighted to pay £75,000 for a right winger to add width to his attacking formation. Forbes is noted for his ability to run at and past defenders, either to deliver crosses from out wide, or to cut in and have a crack at goal. But last season was a nightmare for him: he suffered cruciate ligament damage in a pre-season friendly, and missed all but the final six weeks of the campaign. He is keen to make up for lost time this season. Forbes had been at Carrow Road for four years, starting as a trainee, before his move to Kenilworth Road.

## IAN HILLIER

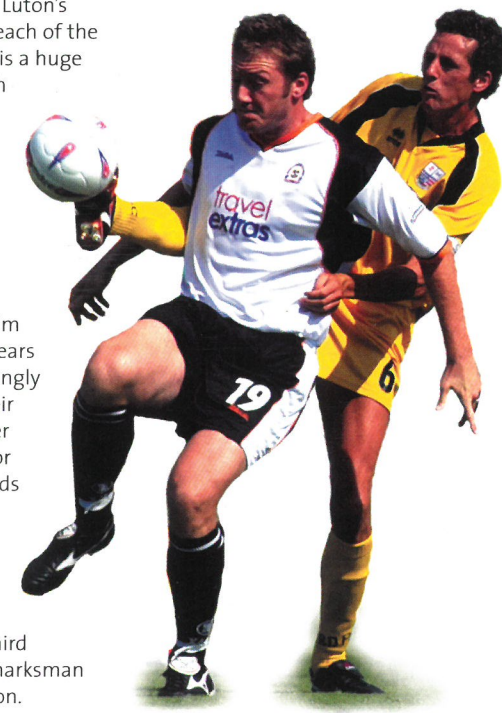
No-one was more surprised than the Welsh under-21 international himself when he made his league debut for Luton in the second game of the 2001/02 season. The day before he was training with Spurs, where he was captain of the reserves, but a crop of injuries at Kenilworth Road led to Luton taking the young right back on loan, and Hillier settled in so quickly that Luton soon decided to buy him for a bargain £30,000 fee and he became a regular squad member.

## STEVE HOWARD

Rarely can £50,000 have been better spent in football than the fee Luton paid Northampton on deadline day in March 2001 to prise the bustling striker away from the Cobblers. He has been Luton's leading marksman in each of the past two seasons and is a huge favourite at Kenilworth Road - he was the fans' player of the year in 2002, and the players' player of the year 12 months later. Howard had cost Northampton a then record fee of £120,000 when they recruited him from Hartlepool two years previously. They grudgingly accepted a third of their asking price for a player who would have left for nothing soon afterwards under the Bosman ruling. Howard exploded into action in his first full season with Luton, and his 24 goals made him the Third Division's top league marksman as Luton won promotion.

## PAUL HUGHES

A promising career that began at Chelsea was cruelly interrupted after the gifted midfielder earned the admiration of, among others, Glenn Hoddle. Hughes worked his way up at Stamford Bridge from trainee to Premiership, learning his trade under Hoddle's management, and gained experience on loan to Stockport, Norwich and Crewe. When Hoddle became manager of Southampton he soon recruited Hughes, but a serious groin injury put the midfielder out of football for nine months. Gordon Strachan succeeded Hoddle, and listed Hughes, who joined Luton at the start of the 2001/02 season.





# Visiting today Luton Town



## MICHAEL LEARY

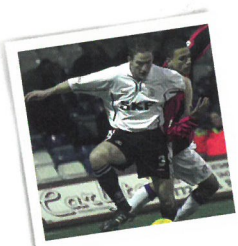
Luton's receivership in the summer might mean that former trainee Leary gets his chance this season. The club was under a Football League transfer embargo, but the coaches had no hesitation in promoting the young Londoner to the first team squad after a string of impressive performances in the youth and reserve teams.

## LEE MANSELL

The young midfielder is hoping to make the permanent breakthrough into Luton's first team this season, after making a dramatic surprise debut. Because of injury absences, he had to make the transition straight from the youth squad to the first team in January 2001, and was just 58 seconds into his debut against Queens Park Rangers, in an FA Cup third round replay, when he scored. Luton had looked after him since he was an 11-year-old, and signed him as soon as he left school. His dramatic emergence at Loftus Road led to him being rewarded with a full professional contract, but he went into this season still fighting for a permanent place in Luton's side.

## ALAN NEILSON

Experience and versatility has made Neilson a valuable member of Luton's squad, and he has filled any role asked of him with dependable consistency – anywhere in the back four, or in midfield. The former Welsh international was signed from Grimsby in 2002 as part of a cost-cutting exercise. His



international career began with appearances for Wales at youth and under-21 level, followed by five full caps, and he enjoyed a good career in the Premiership, with his first club Newcastle and then with Southampton and Fulham.

## KEVIN NICHOLLS

The tough-tackling midfielder began his career as a trainee at Charlton and quickly made an impact after skipping England youth teams at under-18, under-19 and under-20 levels. Surprisingly, Wigan decided to put him on the transfer list in the summer of 2001, for a bargain fee of £150,000, and Luton snapped him up. Charlton had sold him for £250,000 to Wigan in the summer of 1999. The move to Luton suited Nicholls and the Hatters alike. He quickly became team captain, and his huge enthusiasm and ferocious tackling soon made him a big favourite with Luton fans, although opponents did not always view his all-action style with similar relish.

## PARYS OKAI

Small, but very quick, the young midfielder kicked off this season with high hopes that it will be the start of a successful senior career. At Kenilworth Road since he was a schoolboy, he began the campaign with only one brief first team appearance behind him, as a sub in the LDV Vans Trophy at Woking. But with Luton's league squad cut to the bone by receivership in the summer, he was hoping to make the breakthrough this season.

## RUSS PERRETT

Having helped Cardiff City win promotion to the Second Division in May 2001, the big central defender was the victim of a huge recruitment drive at Ninian Park and Perrett knew his first team future at Cardiff might be limited. He accepted an offer to join Luton, and won promotion from Division Three with the Hatters 12 months later. His career had begun with non-league Lymington before he went to neighbouring Portsmouth in 1995 and then to Cardiff four years later.

## STEVE ROBINSON

Looking to add experience to a young midfield department, Luton snapped up a man who had earned respect wherever he played. They paid £50,000 to Preston North End in the summer of 2002 for a player who had been capped five times by Northern Ireland. He had made his name at Bournemouth after joining the Cherries on a free transfer from Spurs, where he had been a trainee. He hit 60 goals in 286 appearance for Bournemouth, an enviable strike rate from midfield, and Preston paid £375,000 for him. But he failed to make the same impact in two years at Deepdale, and jumped at the chance to get his career moving again when Luton came in for him.



## MATTHEW SPRING

There was relief all round when the competitive midfielder accepted a

new contract at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2002. Spring has been at Luton since he was a schoolboy, and was a driving force in the side which reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals in 1997. After a league debut when still only 17, he soon became a regular in Luton's Second Division team, and his first 100 appearances were clocked up while he was only 20. He has developed into a very consistent midfielder, always willing to drive forward and look for goals. His long-range shooting is particularly admired by the Hatters fans, and a 30-yard cracked against Watford in the Worthington Cup last season was the runaway winner for their award for goal of the season.

## The Manager

### MIKE NEWELL

The former striker is unique among managers - Luton fans helped him to get the job in a telephone poll just before this season began. They had suffered agonies as Luton underwent a change of ownership, which resulted in the sacking of the previous manager, Joe Kinnear. The new owners enlisted supporters' help in drawing up a shortlist to fill the vacancy, and Newell, who had been a popular player at Kenilworth Road two decades earlier, was installed.

He was delighted to get the job, but soon discovered he had taken on a huge challenge. He had hardly settled in before the club went into receivership, with debts of £11million. The Football League imposed a transfer embargo, and with eight players having left earlier in the summer Newell found himself having to do the best he could with limited resources.

Fortunately the core of the Luton team was still intact, and the receiver allowed the new manager to make the major new "signing" he most wanted when Luton legend Mick Harford was brought back to be Director of Football and first team coach. Harford had been sacked two months previously by the new owners.

Newell has been in football for more than 20 years, beginning as a striker at Crewe before joining Wigan. After three years at Springfield Park he moved to Luton for £80,000 in January 1986. He was recruited as a replacement for Mick Harford, who was on the injured list. Luton were then in the old First Division, now the Premiership, and Newell flourished at top level, with 19 goals in 68 matches for the Hatters.

He racked up a succession of big money transfers after that: £350,000 to Leicester, £1.1million to Everton, £1.1million to Blackburn, where he won a Premiership winner's medal, and £900,000 to Birmingham. West Ham, Bradford, Aberdeen, Crewe again, and Blackpool were also grateful for his goal-scoring abilities before he moved into coaching at Tranmere.

In November 2002 he was given his first job as a manager, at Hartlepool. He guided them to promotion a few months later, but surprisingly his contract was not renewed. But Luton fans hadn't forgotten him, and gave him a huge welcome back when he took charge for the first time. It was a



nice occasion. On the final day of the previous season, Newell's last game in charge of Hartlepool was at Rushden, where a draw meant that Rushden were Division Three champions, and Hartlepool runners-up. And the first day of this season saw Luton meet Rushden - and run out 3-1 winners, to set the young manager's record straight.







## TODAY'S OFFICIAL

Rushden & Diamonds would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Keith Hill from Hertfordshire and his assistants to Nene Park for this evening's game.

Mr Hill comes to Nene Park for the first time this season. In actual fact, it's Mr Hill's first visit to our ground since he officiated in our 3-0 triumph against Shrewsbury in March 2002.

That was the day when Ritchie Hanlon went into the referee's notebook along with three Shrewsbury players.

Prior to the weekend fixtures, Mr Hill had officiated in 11 games this season and shown only 26 yellow cards and had yet to dismiss any player.

The last time Mr Hill had officiated in a Luton game was during their 3-2 win over Northampton Town at Kenilworth Road last season.

## SILVER GOAL

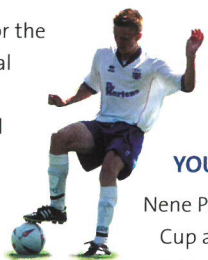
Tonight's cup clash could be settled by the new 'silver goal' ruling.

The amendment to Rule 10 was agreed in June at the Football League's AGM and replaces the golden goal regulation.

If the game ends in a draw after 90 minutes, a first 15 minutes of extra time will be played. If one team is in the lead at the end of the 15 minutes, they will be declared the winners of the match.

If the two teams are still level after 15 minutes of extra time, a second 15 minutes period will be played. If the result remains deadlocked at the end of the second period of extra time, a penalty

shoot-out will determine the winners.



## YOUTH ACTION

Nene Park stages FA Youth Cup action on Thursday night when Diamonds take on Hayes for a place in the Third Round of the competition.

Supporters wishing to attend this game can do so. Entry to Nene Park is £3 for adults and £1 for children. So why not come down and support the kids of the future.

## FA CUP REPLAY DATE

Rushden & Diamonds take on Swansea City in FA Cup action on Saturday and both clubs have confirmed the date of a replay, should it be required.

Ticket information for our trip to the Vetch Field can be found opposite.

However, should a replay be required, it will occur on Wednesday 19th November. Swansea are due to play Northampton Town on Monday 17th November.



## EVACUATION PROCEDURE

Rushden & Diamonds Football Club has a detailed evacuation procedure in place should the need arise.

Supporters who visit Nene Park on a regular basis will become aware that throughout the season we will occasionally broadcast the following message: 'STEWARDS TO POST'.

In the event that the message is given, please remain seated (if applicable) and listen carefully for further announcements. The Public Address system at Nene Park is designed to reach people both inside and outside of the stadium. Any Emergency messages may also be announced in the Corporate Hospitality areas.

Whole stands, part of stands, or the entire stadium may have to be evacuated. Depending on the nature of the incident, the evacuation may be forward onto the playing area, once play has stopped, or out of the stadium.

The Public Address System operates on a zone to zone basis throughout the whole stadium. It may be that certain zones are affected but not others. Therefore any announcements will be directed to the area affected and attention will be specifically focused on the spectators using that part of the ground.

If you hear an announcement broadcast within the stadium, which is not directed at the area where you are situated, please ignore it. You should only respond to messages directed at your section of the stadium.

All spectators are asked to respond calmly, but as quickly as possible if you are in the affected area and comply with stewards' instructions without delay.

In the event of an abandoned match, regardless of the amount of playing time remaining, stewards will issue vouchers at all exits from the stadium.

Advice regarding these vouchers will be published on the club website at [www.thediamondsfc.com](http://www.thediamondsfc.com) and in the local press in the days immediately following the match.



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**Saturday 8th November**  
**Swansea City (A)**

Kick-off 3.00pm

FA Cup

Admission to the Vetch Field is by payment at the turnstiles. Standing only (West Terrace) - £11 adults & £6 concessions.



### Travel to Swansea

Supporters Club: Depart Rushden 7.30am, Nene Park 7.45am.  
Fares Members £14, £11 concession.  
Non-members £17.00, £14.00 concession.  
Service area break and lunch stop.

RDISA: Depart Rushden 7.45am, Nene Park 8.00am.  
Fares: Members £12 (£9 concessions).  
Non-Members £15 (£12 concessions)

By Car: Exit the M4 at Junction 42 and follow Swansea (A483) signs. After 4 miles follow signs for City Centre West. After 1/2 mile turn right (opposite the County Hall) into West Way. At the first set of traffic lights, turn left into Glamorgan Street for Vetch Field.  
Approx mileage: 410

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## COACH BOOKINGS

**SUPPORTERS CLUB** via Graham Smith on 07850 070524

**RDISA** via Rachel Roberts on 01933 313200 or 07818 676826 or visit the RDISA desk at the old Radio Diamonds office near the Airwair Stand.



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**Saturday 15th November**  
**Hartlepool United (A)**

Kick-off 3.00pm

Nationwide League Division Two

Admission to Victoria Park is by payment at the turnstiles. Seating only (Rink End) £15 adults and £7 concessions.



### Travel to Hartlepool

Supporters Club: Depart Rushden 8.00am, Nene Park 8.15am  
Fares: Members £11.00, £8.00 concessions. Non-members £14.00, £11.00 concessions.  
Service area break and lunch stop.

RDISA: Depart Rushden 7.00am, Nene Park 7.15am  
Fares: Members - £12 (£9 concessions)  
Non Members - £15 (£12 concessions)

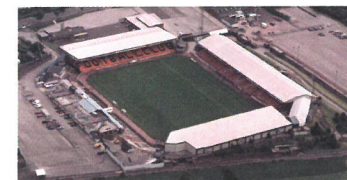
By Car: Exit the A19 at signpost Hartlepool A689, Motorway A1(M). At roundabout turn right (Hartlepool A689) and continue on the A689 for 4.3 miles, through the village of Newton Bewley, to the roundabout by the Owton Lodge pub. Go straight on (Town Centre A689) and follow Town Centre signs for 2.8 miles, over two roundabouts. At the traffic lights just past the Blacksmiths Arms on your left, go straight on. At the next traffic lights go straight on again over the bridge into the new marina complex and straight on again at the roundabout into Marina Way. This is the area for the Jackson's Wharf parking. To get to the ground itself continue to the next roundabout and turn left (The North A179, A1048). Turn left at the lights into Clarence Road to the ground.  
Approx mileage: 396

**Saturday 29th November**  
**Port Vale (A)**

Kick-off 3:00pm

Nationwide League Division Two

Admission to Vale Park is by payment at the turnstiles. Seating only (Cordwell Stand) £15 adults, £8 OAPS, £6 juniors.



### Travel to Port Vale

Supporters Club: Depart Rushden 11.15am, Nene Park 11.30am.  
Fares: Members £9.00, £7.00 concessions. Non-members £11.00, £9.00 concessions.

RDISA: Depart Rushden 8.45am, Nene Park 9.00am  
Fares: Members - £7 (adult & concessions) Non Members - £10.

By Car: Leave M6 at junction 15 and take the A500 north to Stoke-on-Trent. Continue straight across the two large roundabouts on the A500 heading north. After the second roundabout take the fourth exit signposted Tunstall A527. At the roundabout turn right (fourth exit signposted Tunstall A527, Longport Road). After 0.5 miles turn right on to the B501 (second exit, Newcastle Street) at the small roundabout. Carry on up to the next roundabout and go straight across to the cross-roads. Go straight across the cross-roads into Moorland Road. Take the second left on to Hamil Road and Vale Park is on the left.  
Approx mileage: 214

## TICKET OFFICE HOTLINE

Mon & Thurs 11:00am - 7:00pm  
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**NEXT AT NENE PARK:**

Nationwide League Division 2  
 Saturday 22nd November  
**Colchester United**  
 Kick-off 3.00pm

# Tonight's squad check



**MATCH OFFICIALS**

**REFEREE**

Mr KD Hill

**ASSISTANT REFEREES**

Mr DG Cooke

Mr AR Parker

**FOURTH OFFICIAL**

Mr GS Evetts

**Tonight in the LDV Vans Trophy**

**NORTHERN SECTION**

Blackpool v Doncaster

Carlisle v Huddersfield

Hull City v Scunthorpe

Lincoln City v Chesterfield

Scarborough v Halifax

**SOUTHERN SECTION**

Brighton v Boston United

Hereford v Northampton

Peterborough v Brentford

Plymouth v Wycombe

QPR v Dagenham & Redbridge

Swansea v Southend

Yeovil v Colchester

**RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS**

**MANAGER: BRIAN TALBOT**

SHIRTS: WHITE | SHORTS: BLUE | SOCKS: WHITE

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|----|----------------|------------------|---|
| 1  | BILLY TURLEY   | <i>EVANS</i>     | ✓ |
| 2  | MARCUS BIGNOT  |                  | ✓ |
| 3  | PAUL UNDERWOOD |                  | ✓ |
| 4  | GARY MILLS     |                  | ✓ |
| 5  | ANDY EDWARDS   |                  | ✓ |
| 6  | BARRY HUNTER   |                  | ○ |
| 7  | STUART WARDLEY |                  | ○ |
| 8  | RITCHIE HANLON |                  | ✓ |
| 9  | RODNEY JACK    |                  | ✓ |
| 10 | DUANE DARBY    |                  | ○ |
| 11 | ANDY BURGESS   |                  | ✓ |
| 12 | STUART GRAY    |                  | ✓ |
| 14 | JOHN DEMPSTER  |                  | ✓ |
| 15 | ANDY SAMBROOK  |                  | ✓ |
| 16 | ROBERT DUFFY   |                  | ○ |
| 18 | DAVID BELL     | <i>STOL</i>      | ✗ |
| 19 | DANIEL TALBOT  |                  | ○ |
| 20 | PAUL KITSON    |                  | ✓ |
| 22 | PAUL HALL      |                  | ○ |
| 31 | ONANDI LOWE    | <i>OKOUNGHAE</i> | ✗ |

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**LUTON TOWN**

**MANAGER: MIKE NEWELL**

SHIRTS: ORANGE | SHORTS: BLUE | SOCKS: BLUE

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|----|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 3  | ALAN NEILSON    |                 | ○ |
| 4  | MATTHEW SPRING  |                 | ○ |
| 5  | RUSSELL PERRETT |                 | ○ |
| 7  | ADRIAN FORBES   |                 | ○ |
| 8  | KEVIN NICHOLLS  |                 | ○ |
| 11 | STEVE ROBINSON  |                 | ○ |
| 12 | CHRIS COYNE     | <i>KEANE</i>    | ✓ |
| 14 | COURTNEY PITT   |                 | ○ |
| 16 | ENOCH SHOWUNMI  |                 | ✓ |
| 17 | EMMERSON BOYCE  |                 | ○ |
| 18 | AHMET BRKOVIC   |                 | ✓ |
| 19 | STEVEN HOWARD   |                 | ○ |
| 21 | PAUL HUGHES     | <i>DEENEY</i>   | ✗ |
| 22 | DAVID BAYLISS   | <i>SEAFIELD</i> | ✗ |
| 23 | IAN HILLIER     |                 | ✓ |
| 24 | SOL DAVIS       |                 | ✓ |
| 25 | GARY MCSHEFFREY |                 | ○ |
| 32 | LEE MANSELL     |                 | ✓ |
| 33 | DEAN BRILL      |                 | ✓ |
| 35 | NATHAN ABBEY    | <i>CROWE</i>    | ✓ |
| 38 | MICHAEL LEARY   |                 | ✓ |
| 39 | STEVEN O'LEARY  |                 | ✓ |
| 41 | KEVIN FOLEY     | <i>DAVIES</i>   | ○ |
| 43 | MATTHEW JUDGE   |                 | ✗ |
| 44 | PARY OKAI       |                 | ✗ |
| 45 | LEON BARNETT    |                 | ✓ |
| 47 | ROB BECKWITH    |                 | ○ |



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