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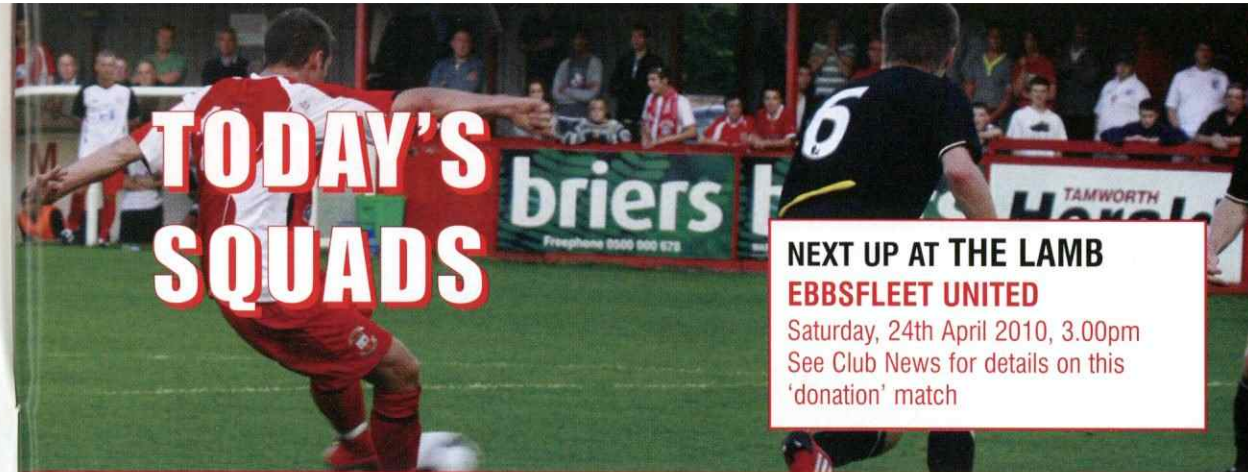
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CLUB NEWS

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls and welcome to The Lamb. It was a difficult situation to have to put our own supporters in, but after consultation with the Police earlier this week and after taking all factors into consideration we had to make the tough decision to allocate our famous 'Shed' to the visiting Luton fans this afternoon. Although this was not a decision we made easily it was necessary to ensure the safety of everyone both inside and outside of the ground today.

As some form of recompense for your understanding in this matter we have decided to make our last home game of the season, against Ebbsfleet United a fortnight today, a 'donation match'. If you feel you would like to make a donation of your choosing on entering the ground, to watch the match from the terraces, then it will be wholeheartedly appreciated.

We would like to place on record our thanks to all of the fans who have supported this enforced change and we can assure you that a number of different plans are being looked into to ensure that the scenario does not happen again by utilising other areas of the ground, for this purpose, in future.

ENGLAND AT THE LAMB

Don't forget that on Friday 16th April we are hosting an English Schools Football International (under 18's) when England take on New Zealand. Kick off is 2pm and admission is just; Adults - £3 and Children - Free. The New Zealand team will be travelling in style with one of our sponsors - Solus Coaches - to Port Talbot for a game against Wales a few days later. This level of England team has, in the past, seen players like Chris Smallman, Michael Owen, Wes Brown and Jermaine Defoe play so why not come down and see how many stars of the future you can spot.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

If you haven't already voted on-line at www.thelambs.co.uk or by using the voucher printed in the Tamworth Herald, then pop along to the clubhouse today and pop your vote for your player of the season in the voting box. Alternatively, you can vote by sending your name, address and contact details + your vote to the club to clubsec@thelambs.co.uk.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

We would like to wish happy birthday to Oliver James Kingscote, son of Scott and Shelley, who celebrated his 1st birthday on Easter Sunday.

ON THE WRIGHT TRACKS

We are pleased to let you know that Nick Wright is making good progress following his ankle injury and is pictured here warming up at Forest Green with club physio Fran Harper



COUNTY VASE AT THE LAMB

On Wednesday 14th April, we are hosting the BCFA Saturday Vase Final between Stretton Eagles and Alvis (Coventry) with a 7.30pm kick off and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a small admission charge for this match.

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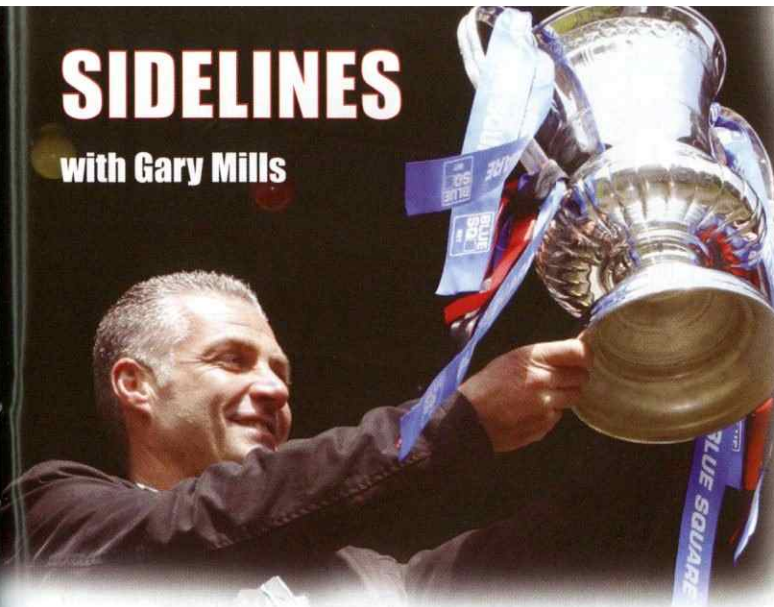
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SIDELINES

with Gary Mills



Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to today's match. I would like to welcome the players, officials and supporters of The Hatters to The Lamb on their first visit and hope they enjoy their brief stay with us and have a safe journey home at the end of the game. In the not too distant past playing a club of the size and stature of Luton Town at The Lamb was something most would only have dreamt of and we are all relishing the challenge this afternoon.

With a big crowd expected today, bigger than we are perhaps used to, I know that you will all do your utmost to get behind the lads and if we can play as we have done over the season and work hard once again then there is no reason why we can't give a good account of ourselves once again, against one of the sides vying for promotion this season.

Looking back over the past few games and after some good results against the likes of Oxford United, Mansfield Town and York City we knew going into the Easter break that it was important for us to continue picking up points against two sides who were with us in the bottom six of the table at the time.

And so to have completely dominated the game against Barrow last Saturday and record a fine 3-0 victory was superb. Goals were something we had been struggling to find consistently all season and so to then go to Forest Green and score four away from home was more than welcomed and quite rightly celebrated.

Following the earlier six point deduction which definitely knocked us all back mentally, having to work hard again for something we lost through no fault of our own but with

that firmly in the past, it set us a challenge and the lads rose to it, and then some, to push us back away from the relegation zone and to a position of relative safety as we enter the final couple of weeks of the season.

We are not safe yet as there are still games to play and points to be won and so the dressing room atmosphere is now one of wanting to finish the job by continuing where we have left off in the past few games.

I spoke to my players about how good they have been so far this season and so the attitude is that we want to continue in the same vein and try and make it three out of three ahead of our next two long away trips.

There is a positive feeling in the dressing room and I have told the squad to try and build on it, by going out and playing on the front foot to make it difficult for the opposition, by playing our football how I think it is supposed to be played and how we know we can and how we have shown we can.

On the playing front it is good to be able to select from a virtually fully fit squad for the final matches. Michael Blackwood has had trouble with his knee which ruled him out against Forest Green but will hopefully be available for selection today and it is also very encouraging to have Nick Wright back training again. Although Wrighty may not make it into the squad today, we are extremely hopeful that he will take some part in the final three games of the season as we strive to ensure of our league status for next season on our own terms and not have to rely on the fate of others.

Enjoy the game,

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As mentioned in our last programme we would like to thank Gordon T. Watson B.Sc.(Hons), F.S.S.Ch., M.B.Ch. A Chiropractor & Podiatrist for their support of Tamworth FC and in particular the sponsorship of Nick Wright, whom they wish a speedy recovery from injury. GT Watson's surgery is located at 11B Victoria Road, Tamworth, B79 7HS with parking, providing treatments for all aspects of foot disorders and you can book and an appointment by contacting them on 01827 62079.

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Kevin Blackwell signed eight players during the summer of 2007 in preparation for a tilt at promotion.

But form began to tail off and worse news followed when the club were deducted 10 points for falling into administration in November and the New Year saw the beginning of player sales which affected the team's performances. Town lost their final six matches and were relegated to League 2.

With the new owners – a consortium headed by famous Hatters fan and TV presenters Nick Owen – set to take full control of the club in the summer the only problem the Hatters prepared themselves for was beginning their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree to a Company Voluntary Agreement.

However the Football League decided that because the club had been in administration for the third time in nine years, they would punish them by deducting a further five points.

Worse news followed. The club were still being investigated by the Football Association for the past financial irregularities made public during Mike Newell's time at the club two years previously and as a result the club had a further 10 points docked by the FA which meant the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty.

The burden of the points deductions proved too much to shoulder and relegation out of the Football League came, meaning the club starting life in the Blue Square Premier this season after 89 years in the Football League.

LUTON TOWN - CLUB HONOURS

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Finalists 1988

1958/59 the Wembley band wagon took off as the Town fought their way past Leeds, Leicester, Ipswich and Blackpool before seeing off Norwich in the semi-final. The final itself was a massive disappointment compared to the run up, with Town not performing on the day, leaving ten man Nottingham Forest to win comfortably 2-1.

From that moment, the Hatters' fortunes went into a steady decline. They sank to Division Three at the end of 1962/63 and only six years from their FA Cup Final appearance, they slumped to the football basement of Division Four in 1965 amidst apathy and crowds of less than 3,000.

Gradually things improved with manager Allan Brown's enthusiasm and astute playing of the transfer market. They went to the top of the table in February 1968, never looked back and walked away with the title.

The Hatters seemed capable of walking through Division Two back to a top flight they had left in 1960, but the March 1970 announcement of the collapse of directors Reggie Burr and Tony Hunt's Vehicle and General business reverberated around the corridors at Kenilworth Road for some time and made the club sellers rather than buyers.

In 1973/74 promotion from a very average Division Two was achieved and new manager David Pleat led a return to Division One in 1981.

Pleat found the call of Tottenham too great and he departed amid much acrimony. His replacement, John Moore, led Town to seventh in Division One of seventh in 1986/87. But they sank back down in 1992 and did not find life much easier at the new level and in 95/96 the loss of talismanic goalscorer, Dwight Marshall, with a broken ankle, knocked the stuffing out of the side with relegation the inevitable consequence.

On April 12, 2005, the club celebrated gaining a place in the Championship after 10 years in the bottom two divisions of the Football League. However, the success of the team was always under scrutiny from rival managers and it wasn't long before the club was receiving substantial bids for the team's top performers. A £3m bid from West Bromwich Albion for centre-back Curtis Davies was too good to turn down.

Season 2006-2007 was largely dominated by the Hatters' off-the-field problems beginning with manager Mike Newell blowing the whistle on underhand transfer activity that he knew of within the game. The Hatters then went on to equal their all time record of eight consecutive defeats and relegation was confirmed.

Luton Town Football Club was formed on April 11, 1885 with the merger of two local clubs, Wanderers and Excelsior. With a strong committee behind them, the club began to attract stronger opposition, better players and more spectators, such was the growth in industry in Luton at the time.

The foresighted decision to pay three players was taken in 1890 with the remainder being included the following year. Because of this expense friendly matches were not enough to keep finances straight and an invitation to become a founder member of the Southern League in 1894 was grabbed with both hands.

Their initial bid for election to the Football League failed and a season had to be spent in the United League before they were accepted into Football League Division Two in 1897.

It was a predominantly northern based competition with the subsequent high cost of travel gradually becoming a burden. After three years of increasing struggle the club took the decision to rejoin a, now much stronger, Southern League.

After hostilities ceased, the Southern League, en bloc, was asked to form a new Division Three of the Football League and Town then enjoyed 17 seasons at this level.

With the population growth of the town and surrounding area, the board, in the mid-1930s, decided to make a concerted bid to achieve a higher status. Players were brought in to help achieve this objective and in 1936 when they finished runners-up to Coventry in the days when only one side was promoted. The next season promotion was secured.

Over Easter 1939, good results forced the team into the promotion positions but a draw and two defeats from the final three games meant they missed out. Unfortunately, no one will ever know how far this squad could have progressed as in September 1939, with the Town sitting proudly at the top of the table, war broke out.

After a seven-year break, it was back to a few seasons of mid-table mediocrity until, in 1954/55 a Division One spot came when Town clinching the runners-up spot on goal average.

They swept all before them early in the following season, beating Newcastle, Blackpool, Wolves and league leaders Sunderland in quick succession. They finished eighth in 1957/58 and early the following campaign actually hit top spot before dropping back to mid-table.

The Hatters had never progressed beyond the quarter-finals in the FA Cup but, in



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MANAGER –
Richard Money

Lowestoft-born Richard became the Hatters' 24th post-war permanent manager to succeed Mick Harford. Dubbed "Dicky Dosh" by Walsall fans after he guided the Saddlers to the League 2 title in 2006/07, Richard played 49 times during his season-long stay at Kenilworth Road in 1982/83.

He scored once – in a 2-2 draw at Rotherham – and made his final appearance in a Luton shirt at Old Trafford as the Town went down 3-0 to Manchester United just days before the famous victory at Maine Road which kept the Town in the top-flight.

Richard cut his managerial teeth at Scunthorpe United – who he also served as a player, before going continuing his education overseas with two clubs in Sweden.

After a brief stint in Australia it was to the Bescot where he enjoyed his most successful spell before joining Newcastle United as academy director prior to returning to Bedfordshire.

FIRST TEAM COACHES –
Alan Neilson

Alan joined the Kenilworth Road coaching staff in the summer of 2008 as youth team coach but was appointed first team coach alongside Kevin Watson in January 2009.

Neilson was once a player with the Hatters when his experience and versatility made Neilson him valuable member of the Hatters' squad between 2002 and 2005 and 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.

Following the departure of Mick Harford on 1st October, Neilson was appointed as caretaker manager.



Kevin Watson

Kevin joined the Hatters coaching staff as first team coach in January 2009.

He originally signed for the Town on a free transfer in August 2008 after being released by Colchester United but only managed 11 appearances in the Luton first team before taking his first coaching role.

He started his career with Tottenham, making a handful of first team appearances and spending time on loan at Brentford, Bristol City and Barnet.

In 1996 he moved to Swindon Town, where he helped assure their Division 1 status, from the County Ground Watson went on to spend three successful years with Rotherham United, where made 109 appearances and captained the Millers to two successive promotions.

His influence was noted by then Reading manager Alan Pardew who took him to the Madejski Stadium for a £150,000, where he won yet another promotion.

He then joined Colchester United where he started 132 league games and added a fourth promotion to his list of achievements.

GOALKEEPERS –
Mark Tyler

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United.

Shane Gore

Former Wimbledon stopper who arrived at Kenilworth Road on a short-term deal on the eve of the 2009/10 season.

DEFENDERS –
Gavin Caines

Centre-half who signed on-loan from Kidderminster Harriers in March 2010 to give further competition for places in the season's run-in.

Claude Gnaka

A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves

and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell.

Keith Keane

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured.

George Pilkington

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly regarded defender was named player of the year twice and club captain.

George Beavan

A highly promising central defender Beavan was spotted by former Youth Team coach Marvin Johnson, who initially gave him a trial at the club. He impressed tremendously and soon became a consistent member of the Luton Town Youth team during the 2006/07 season.

Lewis Emanuel

Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. Lewis made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice. Out of contract at the end of the 2008/09 campaign, Lewis signed a new contract in July 2009.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

Jake Howells

The young left back came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half

substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 he was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May.

Janos Kovacs

Giant Hungarian-born defender who signed for the Hatters in January 2010 from League 2 side Lincoln City.

Shane Blackett

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United.

Freddie Murray

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009 and was made permanent in January 2010.

MIDFIELDERS –

Adam Newton

Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford. Predominately used as a right winger, the pacy wide man is equally as comfortable at right-back.

Rossi Jarvis

Adaptable player who can play on the left or right hand side of defence or midfield. Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free transfer.

Asa Hall

Versatile player capable of playing in midfield or defence. Hall began his football career in Wolverhampton Wanderers youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004. While at the Blues he was a regular in the reserve team and was

named young player of the year in the 2004/05 season. He also received caps for England at Under-19 and Under-20 levels and went on to have loan spells with Boston United, Ashford Town and Shrewsbury Town, starting 13 games for the latter.

Kevin Nicholls

Kevin Nicholls needs no introduction to most Hatters fans. The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004-2005 season.

FORWARDS –

Ryan Charles

An energetic striker who has made a huge impact at Kenilworth Road since making his debut in 2007. Charles, who has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, had worked his way through the ranks at the Club before scoring 17 goals in his debut season for the Luton Town youth team. He followed that form up by scoring 12 goals for the youth team last season and his exploits during those two campaigns earned him his first team debut as a second half substitute at Southend in March. He was given his full team debut in the following game against Carlisle before scoring on his home debut against Oldham. Charles had turned down the chance to join local rivals Watford as a youngster.

Tom Craddock

Originally a defender, Tom developed into a promising forward who has done well at youth and Reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. He was the eighth member of Boro's 2004 FA Youth Cup-winning side to progress to first team level, following James Morrison, Tony McMahon, Andrew Taylor, David Wheeler, Matthew Bates, Adam Johnson and Jason Kennedy. He joined the Hatters on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008 and scored twice on his debut in a 2-2 draw with Grimsby Town. Two further goals followed in the games against Bury and Chesterfield and once his loan expired Mick Harford moved quickly to snap up the striker on a permanent basis.

Jordan Patrick

Promising young forward who became the youngest ever player to feature for the Hatters. Patrick made his first team bow when appearing as a substitute at Grimsby Town in October 2008 aged 16 years and seven days and set-up Tom Craddock for 90th minute equaliser. With pace to burn the striker is tipped to have a big future ahead of him and is a regular for the Town's Under 18s.

Kevin Gallen

A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at QPR. He notched up over 400 appearances and hit 97 goals for the R's in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Gallen joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 10 goals in 30 starts for the Terriers, Gallen moved across Yorkshire to join Barnsley the following summer, but the call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months. He scored nine goals in 16 league starts for MK Dons before joining Luton on loan.

Liam Hatch

The 6ft 3in Striker signed for the Hatters on a season-long loan from Peterborough United in June 2009.

Steve Basham

Experienced striker who joined the Hatters on a one-year deal in August 2009 following his release from Exeter City.

Mark Nwokeji

Lightening quick striker with superb goalscoring record at non-league level who signed on loan until January from League 2 outfit Dagenham & Redbridge.

Matthew Barnes-Homer

Prolific striker who joined the Hatters initially on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers and has agreed a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently when the transfer window re-opens on 1st January.

Taiwo Atieno

Kenyan international striker Taiwo signed in March 2010 until the end of the season after returning to the UK after a spell playing in Puerto Rico and America.





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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to The Lamb for today's game against Luton. It will be strange running out to see the oppositions teams fans in The Shed but I am sure it won't stop everyone giving our team a great welcome from the terraces at 3pm. So make lots of noise and hopefully we can go one better than Easter Monday and score 5 today!!

Tammy

p.s. if you spot my trainer, Jase, today please wish him happy 40th birthday!!

Tammy's wordsearch

Just in case you missed it in our last programme here's the wordsearch – can you find your favourite players?

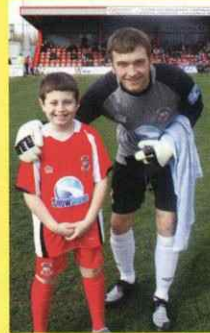
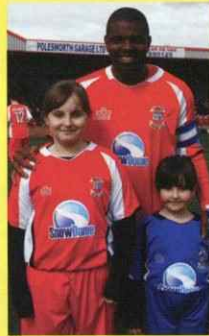
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- SHAW
- LYTTLE
- BRISCOE
- CHRISTIE

MASCOTS HAD A GREAT DAY!

Pictured are our matchday mascots v Barrow last weekend and I hope that Jack Coley, Jenna May Wright and Amelia Jessie Wright all enjoyed their time on the pitch before kick off as well as getting to meet their favourite Lambs players.



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• On Monday April 12th you are invited to The Lamb for a tour of the ground. You will be allowed behind the scenes to see what makes the Lamb special. Meet at reception at 12.15p.m. and don't forget to bring your camera along! You can even bring an adult with you (as long as they are well behaved!). We'd love to see you and if you are able to attend please contact Jay as soon as possible.

Ask an adult to e-mail him at community@thelambs.co.uk or get in touch on (01827) 284096.



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to The Lamb and I hope you like our new look pages!

I am sure you will join me in wishing Gary

Mills and the players the best of luck for today's match.

What a week it's been for our T.F.C Easter Soccer Schools with over 120 children coming along to take part and improve their footy skills. Also, don't forget the Evening Centre that is starting on Monday 19th April for 10 weeks and you can find details later on this page.

Enjoy the game

Jay

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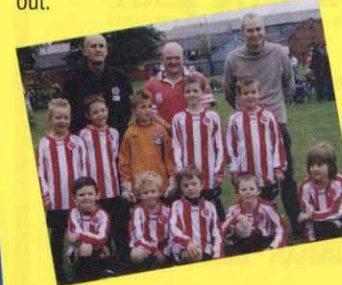
To book on this 10 week course please contact The Community

Department – there are only 25

places available

TODAY'S BALL BOYS

I'd like to welcome Whittington Colts Under 8's to The Lamb this afternoon. They lads play in the Burton Junior League and have had a great season so far. With only two matches left the boys have only lost 3 games all season and I hope everyone involved with Whittington Colts Under 8's have a great day out.



As I mentioned earlier, we had a great turn out for our Easter Soccer School this week and here is a snap of me and 10 year old Thomas Hayward who was a Cross-Bar Challenge winner on Wednesday.



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AUGUST																											
Sat 8	Stevenage Borough	A	-	BSP	1 - 1	2130	Alcock	Tait	SmithC	Wylde	McKenzie	Wright	Rodman	Pritchard	1	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Blackwood ²	Benjamin ³	Lyttle	Lake-Gaskin	Nicholson	-	-		
Sat 15	Grays Athletic	H	9	BSP	2 - 1	729	Alcock	Tait	SmithC	Wylde	McKenzie	Wright	Rodman	Pritchard	1	Sheridan	1	Shaw	Briscoe	Blackwood ²	Lake-Gaskin ³	Nicholson ⁶	Lyttle	Benjamin	-	-	
Tue 18	Gateshead	A	12	BSP	1 - 1	429	Alcock	Tait	SmithC	McKenzie	Wright	1	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	Nicholson ⁶	Hurren	Mills	Lake-Gaskin	Benjamin	-	-		
Sat 22	Cambridge United	H	15	BSP	0 - 0	1316	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	McKenzie	Wright	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Hurren	Nicholson	Lyttle	Lake-Gaskin	Benjamin	-	-			
Tue 25	Wrexham	H	7	BSP	2 - 1	1290	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	1	McKenzie	Wright	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	1	Shaw	Briscoe	Lyttle	Hurren	Nicholson	Lake-Gaskin	Benjamin	-		
Sat 29	Barrow	A	13	BSP	0 - 1	1051	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	McKenzie	Wright	Rodman	Pritchard	•	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Hurren ¹	Benjamin ⁴	Nicholson	Lyttle	Lake-Gaskin	-	-		
Mon 31	Kidderminster Harriers	H	8	BSP	2 - 1	1237	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	McKenzie	Wright	1	Rodman	1	Sheridan	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	Nicholson ³	Hurren	Mills	Lake-Gaskin	Benjamin	-		
SEPTEMBER																											
Sat 05	AFC Wimbledon	H	8	BSP	2 - 2	1669	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Wright	1	Hurren	Rodman	•	Sheridan	•	1	Shaw	•	Lyttle	Briscoe	Nicholson ²	Benjamin ³	Mills	Bruce	Lake-Gaskin
Tue 08	Chester City	A	5	BSP	2 - 1	1199	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	1	Wright	Rodman	Sheridan	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	•	Lake-Gaskin	Benjamin ⁵	Hurren	Nicholson	Mills	Bruce	Bruce		
Sat 12	Hayes & Yeading	A	7	BSP	2 - 2	355	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	1	SmithC	•	Wright	Pritchard	•	Sheridan	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	•	Lake-Gaskin	Benjamin	Appes	Appes			
Sat 19	Salisbury	H	3	BSP	2 - 0	1003	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	1	SmithC	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	1	Lake-Gaskin	Russell	Koranteng ⁶	Mills	Bruce	Benjamin	Andrew	-		
Tue 22	Altrincham	A	4	BSP	0 - 0	843	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	Lake-Gaskin	Russell	Mackenzie ⁷	Andrew ⁸	Bruce	Benjamin	Koranteng	Koranteng				
Sat 26	Eastbourne Borough	A	7	BSP	1 - 1	1053	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Pritchard	Sheridan	1	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	Lake-Gaskin	Russell	Wright ⁷	Andrew ⁴	Mills	Benjamin	Koranteng				
OCTOBER																											
Sat 03	Luton Town	A	10	BSP	1 - 2	6297	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Wright	Rodman	1	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Russell	Lyttle ⁶	Wylde	Lake-Gaskin	Andrew	Koranteng	-	-		
Tue 06	York City	H	10	BSP	2 - 3	1118	Alcock	Tait	2	Blackwood	Wylde	Wright	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	•	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	Andrew ⁸	Lake-Gaskin ³	Mills	Belford	Koranteng	-		
Sat 10	Histon	H	12	BSP	1 - 3	1090	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	Wylde	1	Wright	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	Russell ⁷	Lake-Gaskin ³	Andrew ⁷	Mills	Koranteng	-	-		
Sat 17	Rushden and Diamonds	A	13	BSP	2 - 3	1313	Alcock	Tait	1	Blackwood	Wylde	1	Pritchard	Sheridan	•	Shaw	Lyttle	Briscoe	Russell	Andrew ³	Wylde ³	Mills	Bruce	Looker			
Sat 24	Ilkeston Town	A	-	FAC4Q	0 - 2	699	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	•	Wylde	Wright	Pritchard	•	Sheridan	•	Shaw	Briscoe	Russell	Lyttle ⁵	Mills ³	MacKenzie ³	Bedford	-	-		
Tue 27	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	-	BSC1	1 - 2	292	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	Wylde	•	1	McKenzie	Pritchard	Mills	Lake-Gaskin	Ulker	Russell	Briscoe ⁶	Lyttle ⁷	Bedford	Salmon	Harrison	-			
Sat 31	Hayes & Yeading	H	14	BSP	0 - 2	919	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	Wylde	McKenzie	Pritchard	Sheridan	•	Shaw	Briscoe	Lake-Gaskin	Russell	Gaughan ⁷	Ulker ⁷	SmithC	Lyttle	Langdon	-			
NOVEMBER																											
Sat 14	Chester City	H	13	BSP	3 - 1	955	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	McKenzie	1	Wright	1	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Brown	Christie ⁸	Wylde ⁷	Ulker ⁴	Lake-Gaskin	Russell	-		
Sat 21	Ebbsfleet United	A	11	BSP	1 - 0	867	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	•	McKenzie	Wright	Pritchard	1	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Brown	Christie ⁸	Wylde ³	Ulker ⁶	Lyttle	Lake-Gaskin	-		
Tue 24	Altrincham	H	12	BSP	0 - 2	630	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	•	SmithC	Wright	McKenzie	Wright	Pritchard	•	Shaw	Russell	Brown	Christie ⁹	Lake-Gaskin ⁸	Shaw	Langdon	Ulker			
Sat 28	Grays Athletic	A	12	BSP	0 - 1	498	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	Wylde	McKenzie	Wright	Pritchard	•	Sheridan	Langdon	Russell	Brown	Christie ⁹	Shaw	Lyttle	Lake-Gaskin	Ulker	-			
DECEMBER																											
Tue 01	Kidderminster Harriers	A	13	BSP	0 - 0	1166	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	Wylde	McKenzie	Wright	Pritchard	Sheridan	Langdon	Russell	Brown	Christie ¹	Briscoe ³	Shaw	Lake-Gaskin	Ulker	-	-			
Sat 05	Crawley Town	H	14	BSP	0 - 1	729	Alcock	Tait	SmithC	•	Wylde	McKenzie	Wright	Pritchard	Sheridan	Langdon	Russell	Brown	Briscoe ⁷	Lake-Gaskin ⁸	Ulker ⁷	Shaw	Christie	-			
Sat 12	Mansfield Town	A	14	FAT1	2 - 0	1467	Alcock	Tait	SmithC	Wylde	McKenzie	Pritchard	•	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Brown	Christie1	Newbold ⁸	Lyttle	Belford	Lake-Gaskin	Ulker	-			
Sat 26	Kettering	A	14	BSP	0 - 0	1250	Alcock	Tait	SmithC	Wylde	McKenzie	Rodman	Wright	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Brown	Christie	Blackwood ⁷	Lyttle	Langdon	Lake-Gaskin	Ulker	-			
Mon 28	Forest Green Rovers	H	14	BSP	0 - 0	868	Alcock	Tait	SmithC	•	Wylde	Rodman	Pritchard	•	Sheridan	•	Shaw	Briscoe	Brown	Christie	Blackwood	Lyttle	Langdon	Lake-Gaskin	Ulker		
JANUARY																											
Sat 16	Oxford United	A	13	BSP	1 - 0	5690	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	Wylde	•	McKenzie	Wright	Pritchard	Sheridan	•	Shaw	Briscoe	Christie1	Ulker ²	Langdon ¹	Hurren ⁸	Lyttle	Mills	-		
Tue 19	Gainsborough Trinity	A	-	FAT2	0 - 0	291	Fankem	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	McKenzie	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Christie	Wright ⁶	Lake-Gaskin ⁶	Lyttle	Langdon	Ulker	-	-			
Sat 23	Eastbourne Borough	H	12	BSP	1 - 1	883	Fankem	Tait	SmithC	•	Wylde	McKenzie	Wright	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Christie1	Blackwood ⁸	Murdock ⁴	Lyttle	Langdon	Lake-Gaskin	-			
Tue 26	Gainsborough Trinity	H	-	FAT2R	2 - 1	392	Fankem	Tait	SmithC	•	Wylde	McKenzie	Pritchard1	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Lake-Gaskin	Christie1	Wright ⁸	Langdon ⁸	Mills	Belford	-	-			
FEBRUARY																											
Tue 2	Guiselley	A	-	FAT3	1 - 0	291	Alcock	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	McKenzie	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Lake-Gaskin	Christie	SmithJ ⁸	Murdock ⁷	Wright	Rodman	Lyttle	-	-			
Sat 06	Stevenage Borough	H	12	BSP	1 - 0	841	Alcock	Blackwood	SmithC1	Wylde	Wright	Pritchard	Sheridan	•	Shaw	Briscoe	SmithJ	Christie	Lake-Gaskin ⁴	Murdock ⁸	Hurren	Fankem	Lyttle	-			
Tue 09	Wrexham	A	12	BSP	0 - 0	2435	Alcock	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	SmithJ	•	Lake-Gaskin	Christie	MacKenzie ³	Murdock ³	Hurren	Fankem	Lyttle	-			
Sat 13	Mansfield Town	H	12	BSP	2 - 4	1389	Alcock	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	1	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	SmithJ	Lake-Gaskin	Christie	Murdock ¹	Tait ⁸	MacKenzie ⁷	Hurren	Fankem	-			
Tue 16	Salisbury	A	13	BSP	0 - 1	586	Alcock	Tait	Wylde	McKenzie	Hurren	Murdock	Sheridan	Lyttle	Briscoe	SmithJ	Lake-Gaskin	Pritchard ³	Shaw ⁸	Christie ⁷	Blackwood	SmithC	-	-			
Sat 20	Salisbury	A	-	FAT QF	1 - 2	1012	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	Shaw	Christie	Murdock ⁸	Rodman ⁸	MacKenzie ³	Lyttle	SmithJ	-	-			
Tue 23	Kettering	H	14	BSP	1 - 3	473	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	•	Wylde	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Briscoe	SmithJ	Murdock ⁴	Lake-Gaskin ³	Lyttle ⁸	MacKenzie	Fankem	-			
MARCH																											
Tue 02	Gateshead	H	13	BSP	1 - 0	483	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	•	Wylde	McKenzie	Rodman	Pritchard	Shaw	Lake-Gaskin	Christie	1	Murdock ⁸	Hurren	Fankem	Lyttle	Briscoe	-		
Sat 06	Rushden and Diamonds	H	13	BSP	0 - 1	1016	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	McKenzie	Rodman	Pritchard	Shaw	Lake-Gaskin	Christie	Sheridan ⁴	Murdock ⁸	Lyttle	Briscoe	SmithJ	-	-			
Tue 9	Histon	A	17†	BSP	0 - 1	350	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	Shaw	Lake-Gaskin	Christie	Briscoe ⁷	Murdock ⁸	SmithJ ⁷	MacKenzie	Lyttle	-	-			
Sat 13	Mansfield Town	A	17	BSP	0 - 0	2954	Alcock	Tait	Wylde	Murdock	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	Lyttle	Briscoe	SmithJ	Christie	Mitchell ⁸	Lake-Gaskin ³	MacKenzie	Fankem	Shaw	-	-			
Sun 21	Oxford United	H	16	BSP	0 - 0	1572	Alcock	Tait	Wylde	Murdock	•	Rodman	Pritchard	Sheridan	Lyttle	SmithJ	Mitchell	Christie	Blackwood ⁷	Lake-Gaskin ⁷	MacKenzie	Fankem	Shaw	-			
Wed 24	Cambridge United	A	16	BSP	0 - 2	2121	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	Wylde	Rodman	Pritchard	Lyttle	SmithJ	Mitchell	Christie	Lake-Gaskin ⁸	Murdock ³	Pritchard ⁷	Fankem	Shaw	-	-			
Sat 27	York City	A	16	BSP	1 - 1	2863	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	SmithC	1	Wylde	Rodman	Pritchard	Lyttle	SmithJ	Mitchell	Christie	Shaw ⁸	Lake-Gaskin ⁸	Murdock ⁸	MacKenzie	Fankem	-			
APRIL																											
Sat 03	Barrow	H	16	BSP	3 - 0	817	Alcock	Tait	Blackwood	Wylde	Pritchard	Sheridan	1	Shaw	Lyttle	Smith J	Mitchell	Christie	1	MacKenzie ⁸	Lake-Gaskin ⁸	Murdock ⁴	Fankem	Briscoe			
Mon 05	Forest Green Rovers	A	15	BSP	4 - 3	1370	Alcock	Tait	Wylde	Pritchard	1	Sheridan	1	Shaw	Lyttle	Smith J	Mitchell	Lake-Gaskin	Christie	1	MacKenzie ⁸	Briscoe ⁸	Murdock	Fankem	Mills		
Sat 10	Luton Town	H		BSP																							
Sat 17	Crawley Town	A		BSP																							
Tue 20	AFC Wimbledon	A		BSP																							
Sat 24	Ebbsfleet United	H		BSP																							

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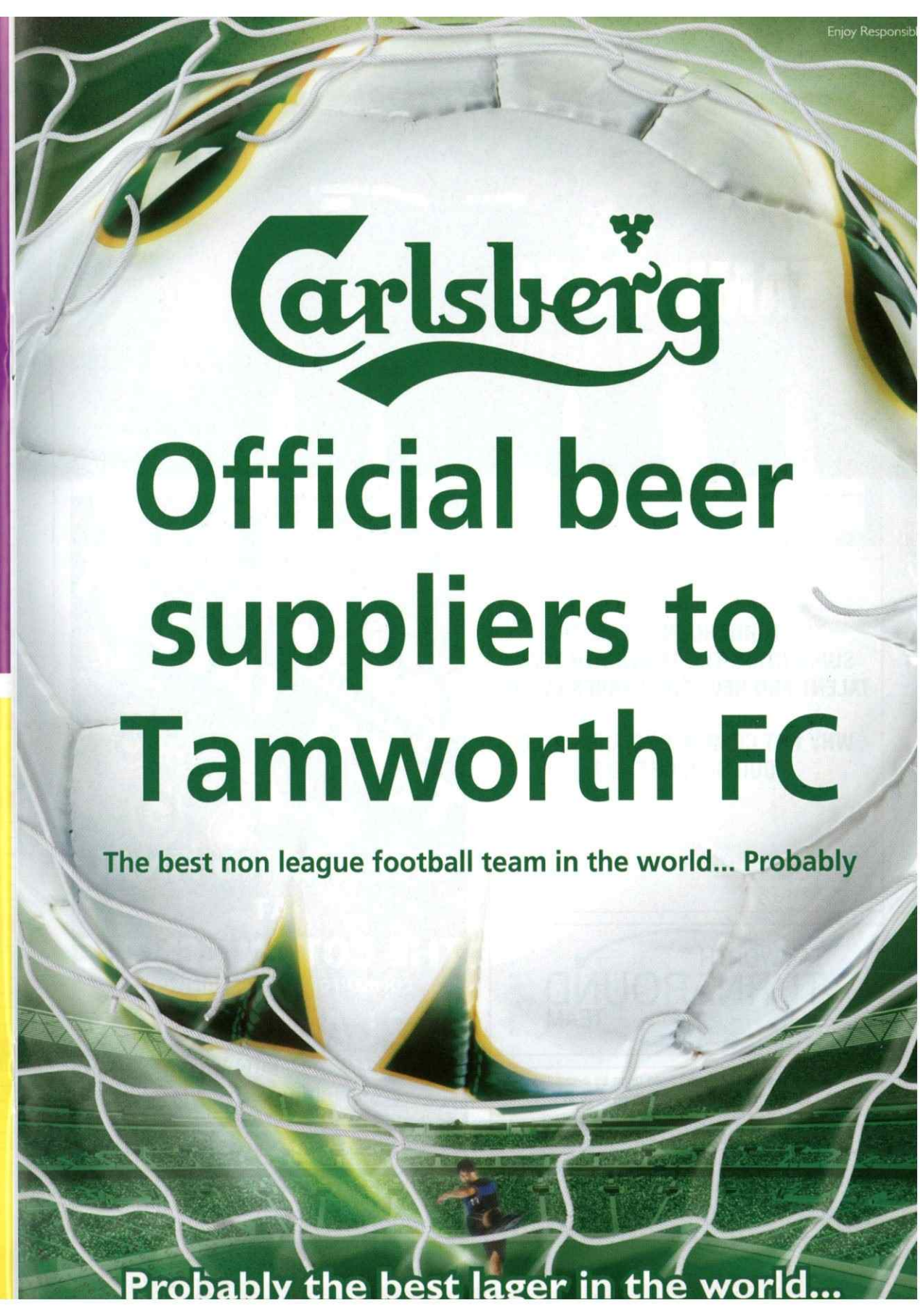
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TAMWORTH FC – STATS

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE (AS AT 6 APRIL 2010)

Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Stevenage Borough	39	25	9	5	72	24	84
2	Luton Town	40	25	7	8	76	35	82
3	Oxford United	39	22	10	7	60	30	76
4	Rushden & Diamonds	40	20	12	8	71	35	72
5	York City	39	20	11	8	52	30	71
6	Kettering Town	41	17	11	13	46	38	62
7	AFC Wimbledon	39	17	10	12	60	38	61
8	Crawley Town	39	17	8	14	45	51	59
9	Mansfield Town	40	16	10	14	63	52	58
10	Altrincham	39	13	14	12	52	43	53
11	Cambridge United	40	13	13	14	58	50	52
12	Kidderminster Harriers	38	14	10	14	49	42	52
13	Wrexham	40	13	13	14	42	37	52
14	Hayes & Yeading	39	12	10	17	54	74	46
15	TAMWORTH	40	10	15	15	37	45	45
16	Histon	40	11	12	17	39	56	45
17	Salisbury City *	39	16	5	18	46	60	43
18	Gateshead †	40	12	7	21	45	64	42
19	Barrow	37	10	11	16	40	58	41
20	Eastbourne Borough	41	9	13	19	38	67	40
21	Forest Green Rovers	40	10	9	21	46	72	39
22	Ebbsfleet United	41	10	8	23	44	77	38
23	Grays Ath	40	3	12	25	30	87	21

* Salisbury City docked 10 points for entering administration
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Saturday, 10 April 2010

Altrincham v Oxford Utd
Eastbourne Boro v York
Gateshead v Kidderminster
Grays Athletic v Wrexham
Hayes & Yeading v Barrow
Histon v Crawley Town
Mansfield v AFC Wimbledon
Rushden & D'mnds v Ebbsfleet United
Salisbury v Cambridge Utd
Stevenage v Forest Green
Tamworth v Luton

Tuesday, 13 April 2010

AFC Wimbledon v Grays Athletic
Forest Green v Crawley Town
Luton v Histon
Mansfield v Rushden & D'mnds
Oxford Utd v Cambridge Utd
Salisbury v Hayes & Yeading
York v Barrow

Wednesday, 14 April 2010

Altrincham v Stevenage

Thursday, 15 April 2010

Barrow v Crawley Town
Hayes & Yeading v Kidderminster

2009-10 Total

Name	p	+	n	g	p	+	n	g
own goals				0				149
Alcock, Danny	46		0	0	72		0	0
Andrew, Daniel	5	+	2	0	5	+	2	0
Apps, Joshua	0	+	1	0	0	+	1	0
Belford, Dale	0	+	5	0	145	+	26	0
Benjamin, Trevor	5	+	8	1	5	+	8	1
Blackwood, Michael	39	+	2	2	48	+	3	3
Briscoe, Michael	41	+	3	1	112	+	5	3
Brown, Simon	9		0	1	9		0	1
Bruce, Anthony	0	+	6	0	0	+	6	0
Christie, Iyседen	27	+	1	7	27	+	1	7
Fankem, Chamberlin	3	+	11	0	3	+	11	0
Gaughran, Sam	4		0	0	4		0	0
Harrison, Dell	0	+	1	0	0	+	1	0
Hurren, Gavin	4	+	9	0	4	+	9	0
Koranteng, Nathan	1	+	5	0	1	+	5	0
Lake-Gaskin, Seb	29	+	16	0	29	+	16	0
Langdon, Dominic	5	+	6	0	74	+	9	1
Looker, Wayne	0	+	1	0	0	+	1	0
Lyttle, Des	23	+	20	0	117	+	22	2
MacKenzie, Neil	32	+	6	1	32	+	6	1
Mills, Gary	3	+	12	0	57	+	16	3
Mitchell, Aaron	6		0	1	6		0	1
Murdock, Jerome	16	+	1	2	16	+	1	2
Newbold, Adam	1		0	0	1		0	0
Nicholson, Stuart	4	+	5	0	15	+	14	1
Pritchard, Bradley	46		0	6	92	+	2	16
Rodman, Alex	23	+	1	2	65	+	3	14
Russell, Simon	13	+	1	0	13	+	1	0
Salmon, Lamar	0	+	1	0	0	+	1	0
Shaw, Tom	43	+	7	2	75	+	10	5
Sheridan, Jake	44		0	6	120	+	26	14
Smith, Chris	37	+	2	5	81	+	5	7
Smith, Jay	13	+	2	0	13	+	2	0
Tait, Richard	46		0	4	49	+	4	5
Ulker, Gohkan	6	+	7	0	6	+	7	0
Wright, Nick	28	+	1	5	109	+	5	33
Wyde, Michael	36	+	1	3	85	+	2	6





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The onset of 2010 saw us still needing to visit a number of schools to complete our aim of taking the Blue Square trophy into every one in Tamworth. We now had two months to achieve this before the trophy had to be returned to Conference Headquarters.

January saw us visit Longwood, William McGregor and St Elizabeth's RC schools and again the trophy cast its spell as the children 'oohed' and 'aahed' as they saw the trophy for the first time. But it was not a first meeting for some kids as, at William McGregor, we met one young girl, Katie, who had been a mascot at the Lamb in our championship winning season and had already had her photograph taken with the trophy in April 2009. The final visit in January saw us at Heathfields Infants school and it was amazing to see the interested faces of these tiny tots as they had a close up view of the shining silverware.

Bad weather in January and February did not help us get to schools and one scary journey over ice covered roads in and around Harlaston almost brought our entire scheme to a halt - we managed to stay on the road which was more than could be said for a few people travelling on the same country lane that February morning.



As the snow and ice subsided we visited a few more schools with Greenacres and Ashcroft infants being our next visits and we finished our school tours by visiting the two smallest schools in the area – St. Andrews primary school at Clifton Campville and Mary Howard primary school in Edingale with the latter being the smaller of the two. At Edingale we also had the opportunity to present one of our Junior Lambs with a belated Christmas gift from the club! The two schools are so small that they share a headteacher, who unfortunately we never managed to meet, but both schools, like all those we visited, made us extremely welcome. The February half term break also saw the trophy at the clubs soccer school for a photographic opportunity with the footy mad girls and boys.

The trophy then had two final events to attend before leaving us but one other job had to be done. We took the trophy down to Ron Cheney at his shop on Bell Corner in the town where "TAMWORTH 2008-09" was finally engraved onto the trophy base. Once engraved it attended the February meeting of the Tamworth Probus Club where some of the towns more senior members were able to get a few photos with the trophy.

The trophy then had one more public event to attend and it was quite



a fitting end to its ten month stay in the Borough. In May 2009 the Mayor had invited the team and the trophy to a civic reception just a few days after we had won the Blue Square North league title and now, in February 2010, the trophy took centre stage at the Mayors Civic Dinner at Drayton Manor Park – a fitting end to very good and proud year.

A few days into March saw us head off to Conference HQ in Birmingham to return the trophy. Dennis Strudwick and Dave Boddy (pictured right) happily took it off our hands and we photographed the occasion just to confirm we had returned the trophy to its temporary custodians before new winners come along.

Despite the disappointment that we had failed in our aim to visit every school we were very pleased that the majority of children in the Borough had seen the trophy "up close and personal".



It seems an age since the trophy made it's home in Tamworth following that wonderful April evening after our victory over Hinckley United. The decision to take the

trophy out into the community in the ten short months since then means it has been seen by thousands of people and has brought admiring looks from one and all. The trophy had been won by Gary Mills' squad of Tamworth FC players and witnessed by a few thousand fans along the way but the whole town has now shared and seen the trophy and we are delighted that we had been a part of making this possible. It was also great to read that one school visit had converted an entire family to becoming followers of the Lambs and we hope that it will encourage many more youngsters to The Lamb in the future.

It had been an amazing experience – thanks for the memories!



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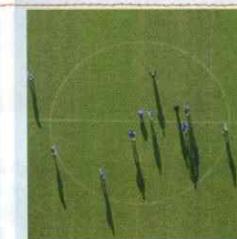
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All the Action from Monday's Games
With the race for promotion and scrapping to avoid relegation going down to the wire there were some important games on Monday. Leaders **Stevenage Borough** past their first test - by securing at least a play-off place after 3-0 win over **AFC Wimbledon**. Boro needed just 9 minutes



to stamp their authority when Andy Drury's flick back into the area was finished by Mark Roberts. Just 2 minutes later the Dons were left shell-shocked as Lawrie Wilson (pictured) found the bottom corner from Joel Byrom's pass. Boro were completely dominant and should have had a third when Tim Sills missed from close range with the goal at his mercy. Wimbledon - their own play-off hopes fast fading - made a rare foray forward and Sam Hutton forced Chris Day into a fine save. Danny Kedwell and Glenn Poole did their best to find a way back into the clash for the Dons but the home side rounded off the win when Eddie Odhiambo notched number three in added time.

Today's visitors **Luton Town**'s merciless pursuit of Stevenage continued as they demolished already-relegated **Grays Athletic** 6-0 at Kenilworth Road. Having plundered seventeen goals in their previous four games at home, Richard Money's men notched another six to remain two points behind Boro. It actually took the Hatters some time to get going but they



never looked back after Tom Craddock (pictured) headed home Simon Heslop's cross with 32 minutes on the clock. Veteran Kevin Gallen quickly joined him on the scoreboard by firing home from 25 yards after Keith Keane played a free kick into his path before the same player made it three 5 minutes before the break when

he took in Craddock's pass. Craddock made it four on the stroke of half time with a clinical finish from close range before Gallen completed his treble with a header shortly before the hour-mark. Substitute Craig Nelthorpe also hit a post for Luton before Liam Hatch completed the rout with 10 minutes to go.

Alfie Potter's late winner fired **Oxford United** to only a second victory in nine games against struggling **Salisbury City**



at the Kassam Stadium. The home side dominated the game but had to wait until 5 minutes from time when Potter (pictured) headed past James Bittner from Mark Creighton's flick-on. The goal came moments after the substitute winger had an effort ruled out for offside following Bittner's parry from Adam Chapman's shot. Matty Tubbs had City's best chance but his speculative effort went over. Their play-off place will be guaranteed if they pick up one more point in their remaining five games - or if AFC Wimbledon fail to win one of their remaining games. Salisbury are just four points clear of the relegation places after Potter's late intervention.

Rushden & Diamonds maintained their play-off push with a hard-earned 1-1 draw at Aggborough against **Kidderminster Harriers**. They could have gone ahead early on when Rob Wolleaston fired wide



from close range after 4 minutes. The deadlock was broken in the 26th minute, courtesy of Diamonds' midfielder Max Porter (pictured), who tried his luck from range to net

his third goal of the campaign. But the hosts needed just 9 second half minutes to draw even, Darryl Knights on target from the edge of the box after a Robbie Matthews nod down. Harriers almost won it, thanks to Brian Smikle's left-footed effort that was tipped round a post by Diamonds' keeper Dale Roberts. And they should have won it when Roberts was adjudged to have fouled Smikle in the box in added time but he redeemed himself to block Chris McPhee's well-struck penalty.



Richard Brodie's (pictured) injury-time penalty saw **York City** come from a goal behind to extend their unbeaten run to six

games with a 2-1 victory over **Altrincham** at the KitKat Crescent. The play-off chasing Minstermen went behind after a goalless first half when Chris Denham fired from outside the area to give Alty the lead. But Martin Foyle's men were level within 6 minutes when David McGurk struck with a close-range shot. Brodie secured the win from the spot after being brought down by Greg Young. The Minstermen could have taken the lead straight after the break but the referee waved away Brodie's protests after he was brought down in the area. City's top scorer also had a header cleared off the line before then having a goal ruled out for offside.

Kettering Town's slim hopes of reaching the play-offs are all but over after they were held 1-1 by ten-man **Histon** at the Elgood Brewery Stadium. The Stutes played an hour with ten men after Daniel Wright was



dismissed for shoving James Jennings (pictured), following a tackle by the Poppies defender. Jennings then fired Kettering into the lead from 10 yards out after David Knight saved his initial effort. Nathaniel Knight-Percival hit a post for Histon, before Lee Smith's 25-yard free kick rescued a point.

James Dance rattled the woodwork with 16 minutes left for the Poppies, who would need to win their remaining three games and hope York lose their final five - making up fourteen goals in the process.



A late Danny Crow (pictured) penalty handed ten-man **Cambridge United** victory against **Mansfield Town** at the Abbey Stadium. The U's took the lead

when Josh Coulson headed in Jai Reason's cross but their lead lasted just a minute as Jake Speight fired home to make it even. Cambridge took the lead again from a Lee Phillips header but a 20-yard strike from Kyle Nix cancelled it out. David Partridge saw red after two yellow cards but Crow's penalty sealed the win for the U's, with Jon Shaw missing from the spot minutes later.

Crawley Town dominated their encounter with **Hayes & Yeading United** at the Broadfield Stadium but were only able to pick up a narrow win. Crawley started the far stronger of the two teams and they were nearly ahead inside a minute when Adam Quinn headed wide from six yards out. The hosts continued to press and Clark Masters had to be alert to deny Michael Malcolm and then Danny Forrest. Hayes held firm, however, and despite losing Esmond James to a serious injury,



they were able to go into the break level. But their resistance was finally broke in the 57th minute when Crawley won a penalty after Matt Ruby sent Malcolm tumbling in the box. Forrest (pictured) stepped up to take the kick and he blasted straight down

the middle to hand his team the points. **Wrexham** failed to break down a resolute **Gateshead** defence at the Racecourse Ground as the Tynesiderds claimed a crucial point in their relegation battle. The home side also ended with ten-men after



Wrexham substitute Luke Holden (pictured) picked up a second yellow card late on. Gateshead had goalkeeper Paul Farman to thank for a fine display. Kristian O'Leary

and Andy Mangan went close for Wrexham early on, before Farman was again called into action to deny Mangan and then Wes Baynes.

Moses Ashikodi's second half double kept **Ebbfleet United**'s survival hopes alive as they beat fellow strugglers **Eastbourne Borough** 3-1 at Stonebridge

Road. Knowing the importance of three points, the Fleet were in the ascendancy from the start and took an early lead through a moment of real quality after 7 minutes Midfielder Stefan Bailey teed up the ball just inside the Boro half, before firing a low shot past Danny Knowles from 30 yards. Boro came out strongly after the break, though, equalising through Matt Crabb's wonder strike 3 minutes into the second period. The visitors' equaliser forced a response from Ebbfleet as Ashikodi (pictured) put them back in front in the 63rd minute, before grabbing a second a minute later, his first goal a 25-yard screamer. Joey Benjamin pulled a goal back but Eastbourne, but they could not grab an equaliser with Simon Weatherstone having an 81st-minute penalty saved by Lance Cronin after he was brought down by Dean Pooley, who saw red.



Other News



The Football Conference are pleased to announce that Blue Square, part of the Rank Group, has signed a new three year - seven figure deal, to continue as Title Sponsor for all three divisions for the next three seasons. To bring more emphasis to their sponsorship, the respective divisions will now be known as BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER, BLUE SQUARE BET NORTH and BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH. Mark Jones, the MD of Blue Square stated, "We are delighted to be continuing our sponsorship of the Conference competition. Football is a vital part of our company strategy and we are delighted to support that with our investment into the grassroots game." Brian Lee, the Chairman of the Football Conference, in response commented "The partnership with Blue Square has seen The Football Conference grow in stature in the last three years within the professional game.

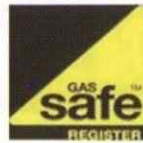
As the present season draws to an end we are absolutely delighted that we are renewing our sponsorship with Blue Square and look forward to continuing our successful working relationship with them in the future.

Sky Sports will show the Blue Square Premier 'Promotion Final' exclusively live and in high definition on Sunday 16 May from Wembley Stadium. The competition showpiece will kick off at 5pm and is one of eight finals live on Sky Sports this season. This great news for the fans of the game comes at a time which will only add extra spice to the run in for the top spots as this season draws to a conclusion. Announcing the deal to show the 'Promotion Final' live Brian Lee, Chairman of the Football Conference said: "The Football Conference are delighted to be renewing their relationship with Sky Sports in showing the Blue Square Premier 'Promotion Final' from Wembley. After a highly contested top of the competition this season, it promises to be a well supported game with the prize - a place in The Football League, alongside previous winners like Carlisle United, Shrewsbury Town and Doncaster Rovers". Meanwhile the FA Trophy Final between Stevenage Borough and Barrow will be shown live on ITV4.

The Wembley showpiece on Saturday May 8, will be screened on the channel, enabling Freeview viewers to watch Non-League football for the first time ever. Laura Wootton, publicity manager for ITV, confirmed that the game was on the station's schedule, and that it would be screened live. General manager Martin Lewis said: "I honestly don't think it will put people off going. "People will want to go to Wembley and sample the atmosphere like in 1990. There's nothing like actually being there." He added: "There are those, of course, who can't make it, so it's good for them if it's on the TV. It might encourage those doing the Keswick to Barrow walk (on the same day as the final) to complete it that bit quicker!"



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NEWS FROM THE BLUE SQUARE North & South



Leadership of the Blue Square North changed hands on Bank Holiday Monday with **Southport** overtaking neighbours **Fleetwood Town**. That was due to Fleetwood being beaten at **Workington** and Southport winning 2-1 at Haig Avenue against **Northwich Victoria**. Phil McLuckie's 14th minute effort for Workington at Borough Park in front of 731 not only knocked the visitors off top spot but it also boosted the Reds' own play-off chances. Port fell behind to a 27th minute Mark Danks goal for Vics, but were back on level terms right on half time through Michael Powell. The crowd of 1,107 had to wait until the very last minute of normal time when Matty McGinn (pictured) popped up with the home side's winner.



It was a good day all-round for the majority of the play-off contenders, with all-bar Stalybridge Celtic winning. Third-placed **Alfreton Town** earned a useful 2-1 win at the Rockingham Triangle against **Corby Town**, earning a 10th minute lead through Paul Clayton. Jack Moulton then put the Reds 2-0 ahead 7 minutes after half time, with Steve Diggin pulling one back for the Steelmen on 69 minutes.

Droylsden and **Hinckley United** also won to keep Workington out of the top five. The Bloods edged **Blyth Spartans** 2-1 at the Butcher's Arms with goals from Andy Brown on 14 minutes and Tony Gray's 72nd minute penalty after Ian Graham had equalised on 35 minutes. The Knitters won 2-0 at **Redditch United** with goals from Andy Hall after 11 minutes and Adam Webster after 29.



Stalybridge, meanwhile, went down to a surprise 3-2 defeat at virtually-doomed **Vauxhall Motors**. Jonathan Egerton put Motors in front after 29 minutes and Karl Noon (pictured) doubled their lead 8 minutes later. Keith Briggs reduced the arrears just past the hour-mark only for Noon to make it game over with his second 4 minutes from time, despite Warren Peyton's last-minute spot-kick reply. **AFC Telford United**'s second successive Easter defeat, this time 1-0 at home to lowly **Gloucester City**,

virtually ends their hopes of a top five finish. Jack Harris was the Tigers' match winner with the only goal of the game in the 12th minute. Elsewhere on Monday, a stoppage time effort from David Brown earned **Eastwood Town** the spoils at Coronation Park against **Gainsborough Trinity**, while **Solihull Moors** and **Stafford Rangers** shared a 1-1 draw at Damson Park in which both goals came within a minute around the hour-mark – Dom Merella for Rangers and a Jake Edwards spot-kick reply for Moors.



With the title race in **Blue Square South** over ages ago, the race for the play-offs is the main focus of attention on Bank Holiday Monday. **Dover Athletic** have assured their place in the extra games after winning 1-0 at Kent neighbours and fellow contenders **Welling United** – Nicky Southall

(pictured) the scorer 10 minutes into the second half. **Chelmsford City** and **Braintree Town** are all-but there too and shared the spoils when they met at Melbourne Park. George Purcell gave the visiting Iron a great start with a goal inside 2 minutes, but Dave Rainford equalised just before the hour-mark. **Bath City** pulled to within a point of fifth-placed **Staines Town** after beating relegation-threatened **Worcester City** 2-0 at St George's Lane. Lewis Hogg was the Bath hero, bagging a brace in the 37th and 85th minutes.



Thurrock are a further two points adrift and would perhaps have wanted more than a goalless draw from their visit to **Bishop's Cleeve**. **Woking** kept their interest alive after a 2-0 win at the Sparshatts Stadium against **Eastleigh** with goals from Giuseppe Sole after 41 minutes, followed by Eastleigh's Tom Jordan's dismissal, and Nathaniel Pinney's 77th minute spot-kick before which home keeper Jason Matthews saw red.

Already doomed **Weymouth** went down to a 3-1 defeat at **Havant & Waterlooville**, whose Mustafa Tyriaki (pictured) netted a hat trick with goals in the 8th, 44th and 81st minutes – Stephen Reed replying on 46 minutes for the Terras but was subsequently sent-off. **Lewes** kept Worcester within sight after beating **Bromley** 1-0 at the Dripping Pan, courtesy of David Wheeler's 10th minute effort. David Tarpey bagged a brace for



Hampton & Richmond Borough as they beat **St Albans City** 3-0 at the Beveree. Tarpey's goals came in the 25th and 82nd minutes, with Lawrence Yaku having opened the scoring in the 9th minute – in between the Beavers having been reduced to ten-men with the dismissal of Chris Robinson. **Dorchester Town** were the day's biggest winners, however, hammering **Basingstoke Town** 6-1 at the Jewson Avenue Stadium. Neil Martin, Gary Bowles, Ryan Moss, Jamie Gleeson, Michael Walker and Kevin Hill being the Magpies' marksmen after Stoke had actually taken a 3rd minute lead through Benedict Akwuegbu.

The Latest Blue Square League Awards

MANAGER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2010

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER – **RICHARD MONEY** (Luton Town)
BLUE SQUARE NORTH – **BRIAN LITTLE** (Gainsborough Trinity)
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – **GLENN PENNYFATHER** (Chelmsford City)

PLAYER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2010

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER – **CLAUDE GNAKPA** (Luton Town)
BLUE SQUARE NORTH – **ADAM WARLOW** (Fleetwood Town)
BLUE SQUARE SOUTH – **LEE CLARKE** (Welling United)



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Honorary President: Henry Farrington, **Chair:** Dave Brown, **Vice Chair:** Alan Fitzpatrick, **Treasurer:** Dave Clayton
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Contact us: All, most or one of the team will undoubtedly be at every game this season or you can find us in the clubhouse on a Thursday night or just e-mail tfsc@hotmail.co.uk

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to The Lamb for this very big game! It was great to see us get 6 points over the Easter holiday and I would like to say well done to Gary, Darron and the players for the two wins and it was good to hear you all getting behind the team and being the 12th man and I'm sure you will all keep it up to the end of the season no matter where you are on the ground.

I would also like to welcome the Luton fans here today and hope they all enjoy their stay with us and have a safe trip back home

Enjoy the game,

DB

AGM DATE ANNOUNCED:

The nominations form is now up in the clubhouse if you would like to put your name forward to the 2010/11 TFCSC team. Our AGM is on Thursday 13 May and it would be great to see a record turnout for the meeting. We can already announce that SC membership for next season is still just £4 adults and £2 concessions.

END OF SEASON PARTY

Can't make the official TFC Dinner Dance at The Belfry? Don't worry, we're holding our own party on the Friday night (23 April) and as it's St. Georges Day we'll be decking the club out to celebrate the fact. It's free to get in and there will be a disco and the usual (and unusual!) goings on so we'd love to see you there. And talking of the Belfry do, if you are an SC member and are going along to celebrate the season with the club and players please see Dave Brown ASAP.

THANKS A MILLION

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our away coaches this season and don't forget that there are only two away trips left so if you would like to let the SC and Solus take the strain

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

please don't hesitate to book your place ASAP. Our aim at the start of the season was to run the coaches to give you great value for money whilst not aiming to make a profit out of the venture. We are currently running slightly 'in the black' which means we have nearly fulfilled our aim – not an easy feat over a season which has included a number of called off, postponed, and rearranged midweek trips and we'd like to thank Eric Clayton for his hard work in this respect.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please remember that alcohol is not allowed on any coaches travelling to any sporting fixture and anyone found repeatedly abusing the rules will be banned from travelling. The actions of a few may jeopardise the journey of fellow fans to the game, should the Police board the coach en-route to any match.



To book a place on any forthcoming coach, please contact Eric Clayton on (07968 045359), Dave Brown on (01827) 266839 during office hours, on his mobile 07949 911072 or via our tfsc-travel@hotmail.co.uk e-mail address for this trip. And don't forget that a deposit of £5 per person is required when booking.

If you would like to become a member of the Supporters Club (£4 adults, £2 concessions) then you can do so by popping along to our table in the clubhouse before the game (under the dart board) or by contacting us via our e-mail address: tfsc@hotmail.co.uk. SC enamel badges are also still available priced at £2.50 each



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A VIEW FROM... THE CASTLE END (for one match only)

Circumstances beyond our control, but for the right reasons if you look at the bigger picture, mean that for the first time, possibly ever for some fans, we are having to watch today's match, not from BTAD, but from TCE. And although we won't be getting the same view of the gaffer and his opposite number as they motivate their respective players and take the heckling from the usually partisan crowd I hope there will be no let up in enthusiastic singing today and perhaps the enforced closeness of the Lambs fans will make for some extra-ordinary banter this afternoon - only time will tell.

But looking back to last weekend's action, when we left FGR last Saturday it was with a feeling of suddenly, with one bound, we were (almost) free.

And suddenly, with one bound, we were (almost) free. In this column seven days ago, I predicted that the Bank Holiday weekend would make or break our season. Little did I imagine that we would raise our 'goals scored' total for the campaign by nearly 20 per cent and all but certainly stave off the lingering threat of relegation.

This has been the kind of season when anything can happen and probably will, so I am not getting complacent until we are mathematically safe. But it would take a dramatic turn-around to see us slip up now so some of us can already start planning trips to the likes of Darlington and Newport County for 2011-12.

Last weekend's game against Barrow provided a perfect example of the opposition shooting themselves in both feet. This column normally avoids

pointing fingers at our rivals and laughing but this was irresistible. There they were, FA Trophy final bandwagon in full flow complete with banners, flags and hundreds of travelling supporters - but there was their managerial duo, so obsessed with a bit of banter from the Shed that they had their backs turned to the first goal while they argued with the fourth official, missed the third goal for the same reason, then saw one of them sent off for arguing over the merits of a perfectly reasonable 50-50 tackle.

And as I've said before, one of the great merits of The Lamb is the proximity of fans BTAD. If visiting managers are going to argue with the ref, it's probably wise not to do it in front of the Shed.

Monday's trip to Forest Green was great fun. The BTAD boys were let off our leashes and enjoyed a cracking day. The seven-goal thriller was enough although Forest Green's admission prices, the lack of away terracing and the Everest-like climb to the ground took the edge off somewhat, but we had more than that.

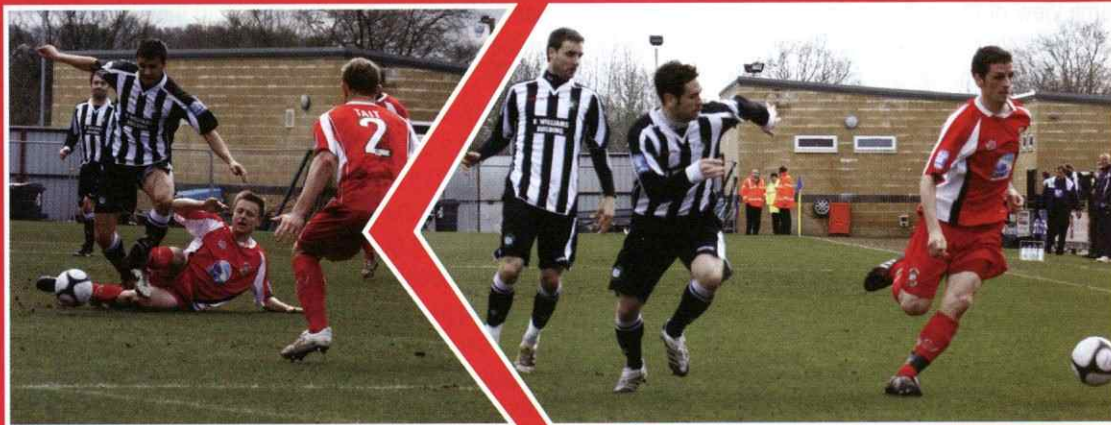
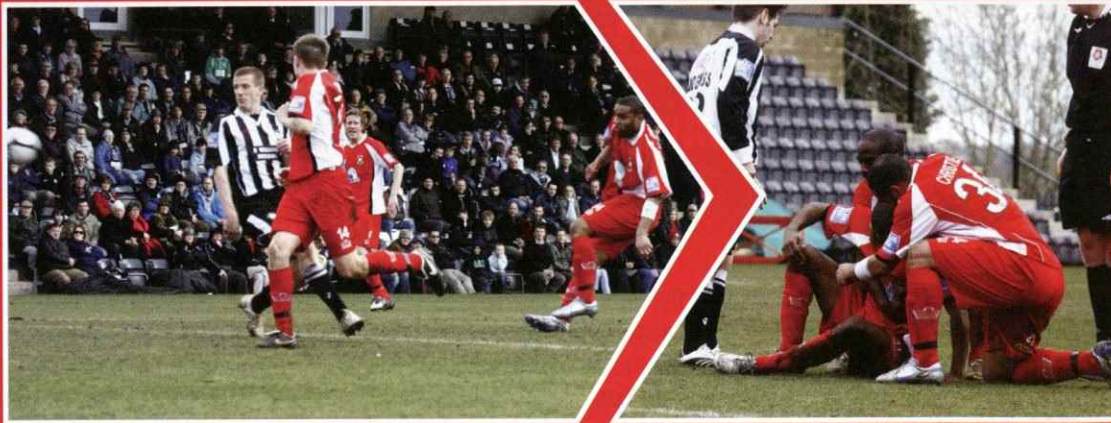
While our driver enjoyed touring some historic West Country churches, we took in some historic West Country pubs. Villages like Painswick, Slad and Amberley are why we still make the occasional away trip and it's not just the outstanding real ale.

It's the craic and the stories that will still be being told in five years' time. I'm sure the incident with the overflow pipe in the gents in the pub in Amberley was a complete accident; my socks and trousers weren't that wet when I got to the ground, honestly.

Martin Warrillow



Forest Green Rovers 3 – Tamworth 4



THE LAST WORD

NAME: Caroline Elson

ROLE AT CLUB:
Fan

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED WITH FOOTBALL?

I've always had an interest in football, but Tamworth came into my life when Kenny Roe, a lifelong fan, moved in next door. He introduced me to (in no particular order!) Tamworth FC and my husband! Both of which have become permanent fixtures!!!

WHEN WAS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE LAMB AND WHY?

I came down to the clubhouse first before coming to a game. I came down, with friends, to watch England in the European Championships.

HOW THE LAMB COULD BE IMPROVED FOR FEMALE SUPPORTERS?

The toilets could definitely be better both in the Clubhouse and behind the Shed.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE AWAY TRIP AND WHY?

Carlisle away was excellent as we made a weekend of it, camping on my birthday!

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON FEMALE OFFICIALS?

They can do exactly the same job as the Men so why shouldn't they?



CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE OFFSIDE RULE?

Yes. However, I would love someone to explain to me how any opposing player can be not deemed offside and not interfering with play if he is in the line of sight of the defender as he is, therefore, in play?

WHAT OTHER ROLES COULD AND SHOULD LADIES HAVE ON THE PLAYING SIDE OF FOOTBALL?

I would love to see more Ladies commentating and presenting factual programmes to prove that we are not all just looking at player's bums!

THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE LAMB OR TV SOAPS?

I hate Soaps so definitely The Lamb.

SEXY FOOTBALLERS OR FOOTBALL SKILLS?

Football skills every time.

NEW FOOTBALL SHIRT OR DESIGNER BAG/SHOES

I have to admit Shoes. I just don't look good in Football Shirts. Although I loved the T-Shirts the TFC Club Shop sold with Lambs Angels on a few seasons ago.

MATCH OF THE DAY OR NIGHT OUT WITH THE GIRLS

I don't watch other teams especially, but love watching great goals so I do like the Goal of the Month competition.

BUY A PROGRAMME OR GIRLS MAGAZINE

We must have hundreds and hundreds of programmes - some in the shed, some in drawers and loads at my Mother in Law's so I tend not to buy them anymore and just borrow my Dad's.

NAME FOUR FOOTBALLERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE FOR DINNER AND WHAT WOULD YOU COOK

Super Bob Taylor, Gary Lineker, Lee Sharpe and Freddie Ljungberg. I think cooking is out so drinks and Domino's Pizza would be the order of the day. I think it would make for an excellent night and a good laugh!





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From Outside London: Leave the M25 at Junction 10 and take the A3 northbound into London. At the exit for New Malden/Worcester Park, turn off and take the left into Malden Road (A2043) towards Kingston. Follow this to the next roundabout. Take the first exit into Kingston Road (A2043 still) and Kingsmeadow is one mile on the left.

RAIL TRAVEL - Nearest station: Norbiton Station

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GROUND RULES...

TAMWORTH FC – Ground Rules

All persons entering The Lamb on all match days are only admitted subject to the following rules and regulations of the Football Association.

The club reserves the right to eject from the ground and take further action against any person on the premises who is considered by the club to be in breach of any of the following

- Entering the ground by any other means than through the proper turnstiles or gates
- Entering the field of play before, during or after the game
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- Using terms of abuse, racial or otherwise, likely to offend
- Being drunk or under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Making vulgar or obscene gestures
- Carrying any offensive objects or throwing any article onto the field of play
- Smoking in prohibited areas

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