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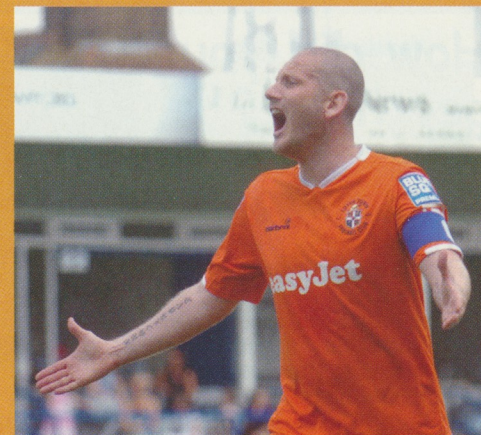
... a word from the editor

LIFE is certainly never dull down at Kenilworth Road.

The status quo is not something that any of us are probably too familiar with.

Relegation and silverware in the same season last term, and this campaign there's been more twists and turns than a twisty-turny thing.

Big Mick's record wasn't so bad, but we certainly weren't where we wanted to be. However, I'm sure we all felt he'd assembled a squad good enough to get us back into the Football League. But it appears that Dickie Dosh has different ideas and is bringing in a new broom to



PASSIONATE: Kevin Nicholls will no doubt have plenty to say about being put on the transfer list by manager Richard Money

ring the changes at Kenilworth Road.

Brave or foolhardy? Even us here at HTO aren't entirely sure.

Only time will tell and we're all hoping for the best for Luton Town Football Club.

Kevin Nicholls and Kevin Gallen have both provided plenty of great memories for Hatters fans and, if we have all seen the last of them, I'm sure we all wish them well. What do you think?



Life at Luton Town is never dull. So why not send us your views on the Hatters by emailing orange@bedsnews.com

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The news at

How did you get home?

IT'S been a miracle that the Hatters managed to get any games on over the Christmas period.

Thankfully the Eastbourne game went ahead and the crowd enjoyed a 4-1 victory. Fans' attention then turned to the treacherous journey home. From this photo it looks like one chap decided to ditch the car for the day and was planning to go home on his sledge instead!



Who got Jake this fab gift?

IT was all smiles as the Hatters players enjoyed their Christmas party.

The lads swapped presents as they played their own little game of Secret Santa. Poor Jake Howells didn't come out of it too well, though, as the pint-sized defender unwrapped, and then was forced to wear, an XXL cardigan.

Armless up front

FINALLY, the truth is out about why Steve Basham couldn't cut it at the Hatters – and we can't believe we didn't realise it sooner. The striker is on loan at Hayes and Yeading and he's doing remarkably well there considering he's been playing without a right arm!



Ken

Rumours, speculation, gossip and half-truths



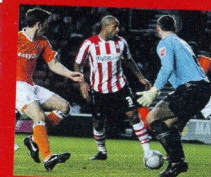
Digging for a vital victory

THE big freeze has been a bit of a pain.

We're already playing catch-up in the league so we could have done without any postponements.

These volunteers came along to try in vain to clear the pitch for the Histon game. They were heard muttering about the freezing temperatures but, boys, at least it hasn't plummeted to -30 this season.

Adam's a bit hit and miss

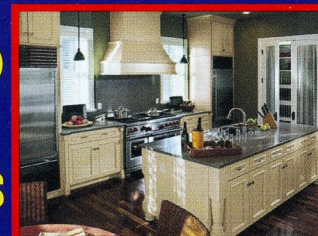


WINGER Adam Newton has had an up and down season. He smashed in a belter against Kidderminster, but then contrived to miss from two inches against Southampton. Has there been a worse miss over the years for the Hatters? How about Iain Dowie's scoop over the bar from point-blank range against Millwall in the early '90s? Email your nominations to orange@bedsnews.com



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Town 2 Salisbury 0
The Hatters need a good run and this City win gets them started.

G'head 0 Town 2
Northerners provide a stern test but two second half goals do it.

Histon 0 Town 2
Local 'derby' proves to be a comfortable affair as Luton ease to victory.

Town 4 Ebbsfleet 1
The Fleet are sunk by a Barnes-Homer hat-trick, but net a late goal.



Town 2 Salisbury 1
A little ring rusty, but Town still manage to sneak a win.

G'head 1 Town 2
Gateshead put up a good fight on home turf, so another real battle is likely.

Histon 1 Town 1
Plucky hosts fight back to cancel out a Barnes-Homer early goal.

Town 4 Ebbsfleet 0
The only thing that can stop an easy home win is more heavy snow!



Town 1 Salisbury 0
Fresh from a winter break, the Hatters squeeze past the visitors.

G'head 1 Town 1
A long trip, a scrappy game and the reward of a battling point.

Histon 1 Town 3
The home side have their moments, but the Hatters have more.

Town 3 Ebbsfleet 0
No contest at Kenilworth Road as Luton stroll past Ebbsfleet.




Town 3 Salisbury 1
Decent win for the Town despite falling behind early in the game.

G'head 0 Town 1
A scrappy game sees the Hatters battle to a hard-fought win.

Histon 1 Town 2
Hatters take the points despite a good showing from the home side.

Town 4 Ebbsfleet 0
Town ease to victory with show of class to complete a perfect month.

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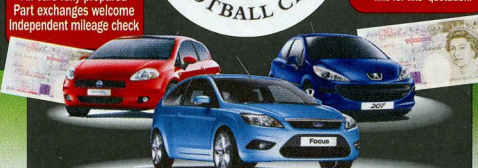


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Ramblings
from a Luton
fan up north...

THREE homes games over Christmas, a chance to put some points on the board and some fixtures that I, home on holiday, could attend.

That was the plan any way!

The wintry conditions put paid to the Forest Green and Histon clashes, despite the valiant efforts of supporters who helped shovel snow off the pitch.

One fan told me he'd been rewarded for his hard work with 'three helpings of Shepherd's Pie.'

I wonder whether this was the same pie that Mick Harford professed to be such

an excellent cook of earlier in the season...

Anyway, following the Eastbourne victory – what turned out to be the 'Matthew Barnes-Homer show' – I became tempted to journey to Southampton for our cup tie (I know, he was ineligible!)

However, a busy week in the Skinner household meant that my dad began to reconsider making the lengthy trek and, in the meantime, the tickets on advanced sale were quickly snapped up.

Nevertheless, armed with student railcards, my friend and I were determined to travel



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down by train.

There was one snag – although there would

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Having listened to reports from Oxford's Kassam Stadium in September, where Luton fans were locked out of the ground despite the promise of hundreds of tickets on the gate, I couldn't bear the thought of being involved in a similar scenario.

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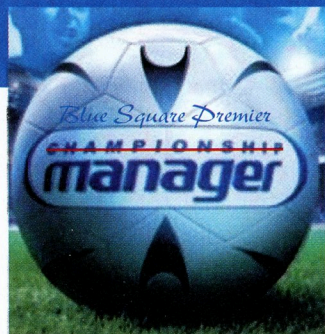
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If Half-time Orange's Steve Nolan was in charge of the team, this is what he'd do.



IF Dickie Dosh has as much trouble remembering the last time a game wasn't snowed off as I do then he might struggle to remember what some of the players' names are let alone pick a starting line-up. With the current backlog of fixtures we'll still be playing rearranged Tuesday night games in the summer instead of the usual pre-season warm-ups, but at least it might be a little sunnier by then. But assuming today's fixture hasn't succumbed to another snow flurry then here's my line-up.

Kevin Pilkington gets the nod between the sticks with Mark Tyler still out injured, with his ever-reliable name-sake George partnering Shane Blackett in the centre of defence.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye takes the right-back slot while Freddie

Murray comes back into the side at left-back.

With Nicholls potentially out of the picture by the time this goes to press, Keith Keane would sit in the middle with Asa Hall, and Adam Newton would retain his place on the right despite that shocker of a miss at St Mary's (oh dear!).

Rossi Jarvis would complete my midfield line-up on the left.

Up front, I'd like Matthew Barnes-Homer to partner Nwokedi and see if they can form a decent pairing and start banging in some goals. Kevin Gallen (providing he hasn't gone elsewhere) and Craddock could sit on the bench and provide added options should Barnes-Homer and Nwokedi not gel.

Roll on the big thaw (if it hasn't already happened) and the summer! Up the Hatters!

Steve's line-up for today



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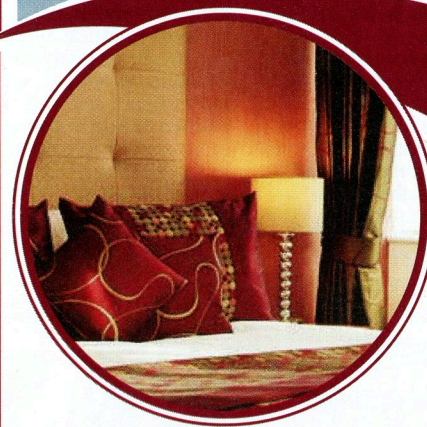
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From the Kenny End



With Petey Staniforth

IS there anything worse than bad weather and football being cancelled?

I write this as we've just started our second spell of heavy and disruptive snow, and it's really starting to get on the nerves of most people I know.

But what we often forget, in our disappointment of matches being postponed, is that it must be utterly frustrating for the players as well.

Getting prepared mentally to play a match and then having it taken away and rescheduled is something that we can't truly understand, I would imagine, unless we're in that same situation.

On the positive side, there was a recent effort against Southampton in the FA Cup, to be proud of.

I felt we were good enough for a draw at the very least and possibly even deserved more.

This kind of so near, so close, yet just falling short, experience has to be what drives us on to the level we need to be at by the end of the season.

We need to chase and fight, and show the one thing that I've really noticed in a lot of the 'lesser name' teams in this division - heart.

And with us fans behind the boys, every game, I know we can do it.

As for myself, my year is about to begin with many upcoming shows.

A lot of changes have happened in my life the last month, including the decision to shave my head!

I shaved it Kevin Nicholls style short, and it's grown back to a somewhat more Keith Keane type look at the moment.

It's something I recommend to all of you guys reading this, it certainly feels a lot better!

I also have to throw in a quick bit of promotion for my next Luton based show, which takes place on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Chalfney School For Girls, in

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Until next time, let's keep cheering our Hatters as much as we can, home or away, as we chase that promotion spot and the chance to stand defiantly and proud - back in the Football League where we belong.

*Take it easy,
Petey*



O'Cahan you believe it?

Hatters fan John O'Cahan gives his verdict on the latest Kenilworth Road news

WHEN I first saw the fixture, I thought for a minute that we were to be visited by a contingent from Africa (if that's gone over your head, don't worry, it ain't very funny).

Mrs O'Cahan and I made the trip down south to darkest Southampton a couple weeks ago, the first away trip we've been able to make together for a while due to work restrictions. With us were young Steven, her nephew (recently described by Tom Craddock as a big lad for 11. Thankfully he took it as a compliment) and Jack, who is some sort of relative of

hers although I'm still not completely sure how.

After a long and confused journey we found ourselves in Southampton, and soon found St Mary's. The stadium is impressive, but lacks a character of its own, like so many of the modern generic bowls you see nowadays. If you took the colours and letters away, I honestly couldn't tell you the difference between St Mary's and the Ricoh Arena, and that just ain't how it ought to be!

We were sat right up in the top corner of the ground, and

the first thing that I noticed on reaching our seats was the fact that the sun was shining right in our eyes. I hadn't thought to bring a baseball cap or anything even resembling one, so I spent the entire first half shielding my face so that I could see the game. I suspect that they deliberately place the away fans there. It can hardly be the first time it's happened.

On our performance, I thought we played pretty well once we settled down in the second half. Pilkington played well in goal and Gnaka made a few storming runs,

but that miss from Newton was quite simply unbelievable! In my opinion, our battling performance merited a goal and the replay that would have resulted would have been well deserved on our part.

The best part of our trip was a visit to an Asian cash and carry on the way back to the car to get a drink for the way home; I found a can of... something... it tasted like Sprite, but I couldn't even begin to tell you what it said on the label! A load of squiggly stuff and lines, a wonderful souvenir of Southampton.

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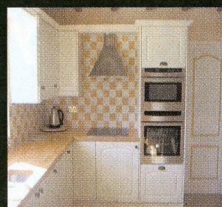
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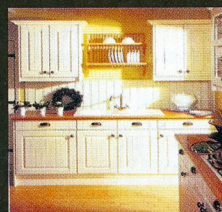
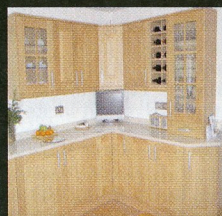


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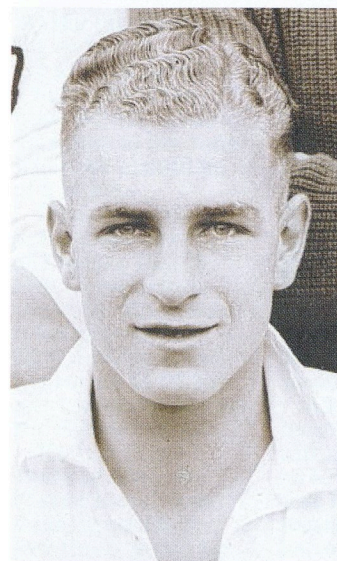
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The 10-goal haul was a Football League record and he broke another record the following season when bagging 55 goals as the Hatters won Division Three (South) and with it promotion.

A call-up for the England squad on a tour to Scandinavia in the summer of 1937 ended with

him winning a full cap against Finland and as the Town set about playing Division Two football for the first time since 1900 he found the net regularly.

Invariably, the big clubs came sniffing around and it was no surprise when he was transferred to Chelsea in March 1938 for a big fee.

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SO the big freeze has hit us hard.

I'm writing this on a Saturday afternoon which, as we all know, is the time when we should be at a game.

Unless you're getting thumped at Chelsea that is, like we were last week, in which case it helps pass the time and block out the image of 35,000 glory-seekers taking the rise out of you.

My last three visits to Chelsea. Played three, won none, drawn none, lost three, goals for nil, goals against 13. Not happy.



Yep, looking down the fixture list there wasn't much doing

All the Scottish league was off – although it's unclear as to whether that was because of the weather or just because everyone's realised it's rubbish and it's not worth

bothering with.

Even League Two was a wipeout – although the same reason may apply, particularly as Rochdale are top. And even you beat them. And they haven't been promoted or relegated since about 1668 – not a situation you'll be too familiar with.

Our game against the Blades in the Championship was called off early, although suspicions have been raised that the referee, apparently a Mr Blackwell from Sheffield, wanted it postponed far too easily.

Apparently he's on a mission to take yet another club on a slide down the Championship.

You know things are bad when a few games in the Premiership go for a Burton.

In a day of almost total carnage it was good to see the televised clash of Birmingham versus Man United go ahead. TV match goes ahead? Funny that...

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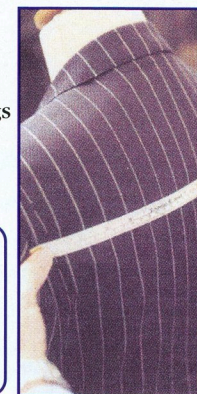
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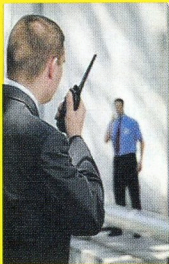
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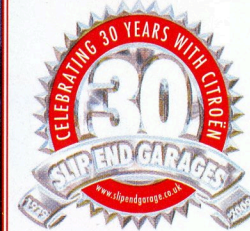
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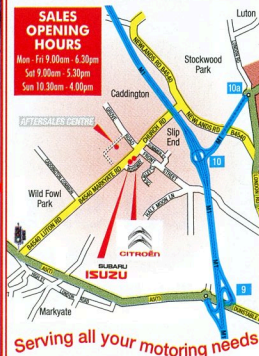
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