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CRISIS ISSUE

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

If a week's a long time in football, then how do you sum up what's happened to our football club since I last wrote. One newsletter ago, our main concerns were the Kohlerdome planning application and the team's chances of a place in the play-off's.

With less than three months of the season left, we now wonder what the future of Luton Town FC will be and whether indeed the club has much of a future at all.

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Before the Wrexham match, the Loyal Luton Supporters Club gave out leaflets questioning David Kohler's running of and ambitions for Luton. Now that the outrageous behaviour of one or some so-called supporters have precipitated David Kohler's resignation as Chairman, many of those questions will remain unanswered. The Loyal Luton Supporters Club have a very different *modus operandi* to LTSC but many of the issues they addressed in their leaflets are very valid and ones that concern all supporters.

We all understand the financial situation at the club - full houses for every home game would still leave a trading loss. That does not explain, however, the lack of activity to attract new, and lapsed, fans to home games.

While our rivals down the road in Hertfordshire offered children and OAP's entry to their (First Division) match during school half-term for only one pound, Luton's corresponding fixture against Wrexham remained a full-priced match. With declining attendances culminating in the paltry 4,021 crowd against Notts County, of which there were 150 County fans, the club have introduced no special offers for the home game against Blackpool.

Doncaster Rovers in the Football Conference have so far attracted over 14,000 spectators through their "Quid for Kid Scheme" this season and even assuming those children did not buy a drink / hot dog / programme /

souvenir, I'm sure the extra £14,000 revenue has come in very handy.

Kenilworth Road is situated in the largest Asian area in the town and yet we see very few Asian spectators at Kenilworth Road. While racist chanting has, for the most part, been eliminated from the terraces, why does the Asian community still not lend its support to their local football team? With a burgeoning Asian football league in Luton, the age old excuse of Asians not being interested in football just does not hold water any longer.

LTSC has come in for criticism from various quarters, often questioning its independence from the football club. We do have a good working relationship with LTFC which enables us to arrange events with the players which many supporters and LTSC members enjoy.

However, as a committee, we raise many issues with the club, albeit in a less confrontational manner than some groups. Like all Luton supporters, we are desperately worried about the team's loss of form, player sales and lack of money available for transfers and player's wages.



Is there a buyer out there for David Kohler and his Father's shares?

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Read our Vice-President BRIAN SWAIN'S column
"TALK OF THE TOWN"

CRISIS ISSUE



VIEW FROM THE CHAIR cont...

Now we have to wait and see who is prepared to buy Kohler's shares in the club and what that person's vision for the club is. We all know the questions. Will Lennie Lawrence ever have any money to strengthen a first team squad that each week comes to resemble the youth team more closely? Can the club survive? Let's hope the new person at the helm has some answers but personally I'll be having a look at how things are run at

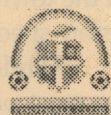
Bournemouth in the meantime.

While we wait for developments in the boardroom, LTSC have recently held a meeting with the Sports Minister, Tony Banks, MP for Luton South Margaret Moran and representatives of other Luton Town Supporters groups to discuss the club's future, with particular regard to ground relocation & community issues. It is our aim to work closely with all interested parties; we will also take the opportunity to raise these issues with club representatives at committee meetings.

Through this column I know I'm preaching to the converted, but to anyone who think's LTSC is unrepresentative of their views, I'd say, get in touch with us, tell us what you think. Negative criticism is very easy, it's much more difficult to come up with some answers or positive suggestions. I know, it's all I've been thinking about for the last few weeks.

Keep supporting the HATTERS

Yvonne Fletcher
- LTSC Chairperson



Season View to Date...

Prior to Saturday's home victory, the Town appeared to be in free fall down the league. A promising start to the season made a play-off position seem realistic, but a run of successive poor results suddenly opened up the possibility of yet another relegation battle.

Home defeats by Notts County, Wigan Athletic and Wrexham have forced us to consider the quality and commitment of the current squad. Poor performances against lowly Notts County, in front of the lowest gate of the season. Away form had been somewhat better, with good displays in the 2-2 draw at Colchester United and the undeserved defeat at Preston, and a superb victory at Burnley (despite Steve Davis being in the opposition!) At the time of writing, we occupy 12th position in the league, on the back of a well-deserved home victory over Blackpool, courtesy of an excellent goal by Stuart Douglas.

Whilst criticism of the team can be justified by the poor quality of some performances, it should however be noted that the teams put out against Bournemouth and Burnley cost nothing to assemble. Injuries and suspensions have forced Lennie to rely heavily on young, inexperienced players, with

league debuts having been given to Tanny Abbey, Jimmy Cox, Tresor Kandol, Michael McIndoe, Andre Scarlett and Chris Willmott - all products of the youth team. To date, thirty players - have been regular contenders for selection since Steve Davis's departure; ten different players have occupied the number eleven shirt so far.

It would be naive not to realise the impact of the off-field situation : the current state of limbo has affected the morale of players, management and supporters alike. There is a noticeable lack of atmosphere in and around Kenilworth Road and a lack of spirit amongst the playing staff which must be overcome by positive management directives, if league gates are to pick up.

Given that Luton reputedly has one of the highest salary bills in Division Two, the current level of operating losses suggests that major changes may be necessary in the playing squad, with some of our more costly players having to make way for fresh blood, thus reducing the necessity to having to sell young, promising players in order to survive financially.

At the beginning of the season, the estimated projected loss was reputed to be in the region of 1.8 million. Income from gate receipts has been relatively low; the cup run raised approximately £370,000, the sale of Steve Davis £800,000. These, together with revenue

from commercial activities and incidental receipts will be insufficient to pay the bills. It seems inevitable that another player will be sold before the deadline day; Spring, Evers and Davis are the likely sacrifices. As we write, we have secured the services of Gerry Harrison for another month; the purchase of Harrison and Dyche would be a positive move but seems unlikely in the current climate.

The new managing director, when appointed, faces a tough challenge : the club needs to be completely restructured financially and needs a secure working capital base in order to move forward. An urgent priority should be the establishment of a youth academy so that the development of the youth squad is assured.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Kohler is able to sell his shares in the future so that the club has a strong committed management at the helm. In the meanwhile, the Luton Town Supporters' Club will be working closely with all interested parties to ensure that the future or our club is protected and assured.

We need you more than ever to support the Hatters through this unstable time.

Yours - Mark Chapman -
LTSC Treasurer/Committee

TALK OF THE TOWN

Marvin Johnson - the new skipper

A **PLAYING** lifetime spent at one club is a real rarity in football nowadays. But not in the eyes of Marvin Johnson, whose 14th year with Luton Town has seen him become captain of the club he loves.

It was no big surprise when Lennie Lawrence made his choice after the departure of Steve Davis. At 30, Marvellous Marv had amassed a stack of experience in more than 300 games, and Lennie was just the latest in a line stretching back to David Pleat who knew they could rely on a committed defender to give 100 per cent, week in week out.

Commitment comes naturally to Marv, who never thought of joining any other club bar Luton after Town scouts saw him in local youth football at Aylesbury. "When I was 15 we had a match against a Luton Town side, and after that I was invited to Kenilworth Road, and I got into the youth team before I left school," he recalled.

"Aston Villa were also interested, but for me it was a love affair with Luton from day one, and it was an ambition achieved the following year when I became an apprentice."



Marvin Johnson

Who was made a well deserved Club Captain after the departure of Steve Davis to Burnley

the Town were in what is now the Premiership.

Not surprisingly, one of his most vivid memories dates back to then, even though it was a game the Town lost. It was at Anfield in March 1989, and with Steve Foster suspended Ray Harford's team, with Marv and David Beaumont at centre-back, was overwhelmed 5-0, with John Aldridge netting a hat-trick, and Steve McMahon and Peter Beardsley completing our misery.

"It was a terrible result, but a memorable occasion, and something special for me. Kenny Dalglish was my idol. I used to have posters of him on my bedroom wall. He was player-manager of Liverpool, and came on as sub for the last 20 minutes, and it was a dream come true to be on the same pitch, let alone mark him. I'm glad to say he didn't score, but he will always be one of the best players I have ever seen, with a great touch and tremendous awareness."

The biggest disappointment in Marv's career came in May 1997, when we lost the play-off semi-finals to Crewe. *"David Oldfield gave us the lead up there in the first leg, but we lost 2-1. I missed that match, but played in the second leg. We knew we were good enough to get a result in the second leg, on our own pitch. Oldfield got two in the first half-hour at Kenilworth Road, and we were on our way. But Crewe came back quickly, David missed a great chance, and they pulled it back to 2-2, and we lost. It was the worst disappointment I had ever felt. I felt it for myself, for the club, and for the supporters. I knew how supporters felt - I was one, always have been and always will be. We none of us believed we would lose, so the blow was all the harder to take."*



Marvin scoring a rare 'Solo' goal v Tranmere Rovers (Away) Division One which the Hatters went onto win 2-0 - WELL DONE MARV !!

Now turned 30, Marv says he has learned to take just about anything football can dish out in his stride. He has had to in the past, with a succession of injuries that would have broken a lesser man.

Small wonder that today he still gets immense pleasure out of playing football for a living. "I'll keep going as long as my body can," he said. "I know the clock will tell me when it is time to pack in."

A stable background - he has wife Cassandra, six-year-old Kristian and 12-month-old Yazmin depending on him - is part of Marv's enjoyment of life.

And after football? "I'll do anything to support my family. Perhaps a retail business... or perhaps I can stay in football. I would like to stay in the game, and I wonder if I would take to it if I had the chance to try management. I just don't know. But I am taking my coaching badge this year, and that will give me a qualification that can help.

"In the meantime I am enjoying my football, despite the mixed results recently. I am enjoying the captaincy too, and the attitude of the lads has been tremendously helpful. It's still a good club."

Brian Swain

DID YOU KNOW??

Penalties: We were awarded more Penalties in 4 minutes against Oxford United than in the whole of last season!



A Regular Feature on great Matches & Players from the past ...

Hatters Classics

Part Two - Hughie Billington - A Great Centre-Forward



Hugh Billington
Centre Forward

Every season throws up one or two outstanding games that linger in the memory. In 1946 it was the glorious comeback against Newcastle. A game of such epic proportion it eventually persuaded the Tynesiders to filch the Luton manager. There was another memorable cup match in January 1947.

Merely mentioning the Cup was enough to set hearts racing. It produced a euphoria of local pride and passion rarely seen nowadays. Lutonians devoutly followed the Town because media coverage did not concentrate solely on the big clubs and the only football they saw was staged at Kenilworth Road. Consequently local folk wore Luton colours with a brand of locality and admiration that really bubbled on cup days.

Much of the admiration focused on Hughie Billington who wore Luton's lillywhite shirt with pride and purpose.

His ability to head the ball as fiercely as he could shoot made him feared on any ground and he was, irrefutably, one of our greatest centre forwards. One had heard of Ernie Simms who played for England in 1922, and of Andy Rennie, who allegedly walked from Scotland to play for the Town and rewarded them with 163 goals, and, of course, Joe Payne whose awesome records remain unbeaten. But for all the excellence of these wonderful players, Hugh Billington ranked just as highly in status and ability. At 23 he had been leading scorer in Division Two and after

missing seven years due to the war, he returned to score 28 goals in the 1946-47 season. What might he have achieved, one wonders, had he not been deprived of his most athletic years?

On January 11th 1947, Billington played like 'Roy of the Rovers' against Notts County in the Cup. County had actually won the Cup years and years ago, but Billington showed scant regard for their historic tradition.

Almost 22,000 excited supporters, including 3,000 visitors, bowled up in black and white only to see Luton turn out in their changed strip of Red and County in Blue. But niceties didn't really count, because the match got off to a cracking start. Billington flashed a header straight at the goalie, County had a stinging shot saved at full length by Bywater, and the pattern was set. A ding-dong battle ensued in typical cup-tie fashion. After 8 minutes Billington charged onto a miskick by a defender and smashed in goal number one, and 86% of the black and white danced in delight, and 14% froze.

County battled back, won two corners and shot inches wide. Luton counter-attacked, Duncan fizzed one past the far post. Then showed them how. Tearing down the middle he shrugged off one tackle, drew the goalie out and neatly sidefooted the ball in off the post. Jubilant celebrations soon hushed as County retaliated and sent a shot whistling just over the bar. But on this day there was no

holding Billington. He attracted opponents

like a flock of migratory magpies and coolly slipped the ball into space for Daniel to drive in number three.

The rain came lashing down at half-time and the crowd on open terrace covered their heads with newspapers. Seven minutes after the restart they were scattered all over the place as Billington hooked in a glorious goal to complete his hat-trick. Thirteen minutes later he took a centre from Waugh, jinked round his marker, wrong footed the goalie and slammed in another.

Hughie Billington was in fearsome form. His diving header missed by a fag paper's width. Minutes later he was tackling back, thumping the soggy ball forty yards to Waugh's feet. He even took the corners. In fact, his only fault that day was that he was too slow to get anywhere near his own accurate centres. But he soon made amends; in the 85th minutes he took another with a cracking shot. 86% of the black and whites were going bananas, 14% were going home.

It finished Billington 5 other 1 County 0

Billington's power and control were masterful. He had the footwork of O'Rourke, the power of McDonald and the aerial ability of Ron Davies. And if anyone should doubt it who last scored five for Luton?

Frank Batt - LTSC Member.

DID YOU KNOW?? Young Players: THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE TEAM PLAYING IPSWICH TOWN (AWAY) WAS UNDER 23.5 - THE YOUNGEST FOR MANY YEARS

Report our last two social Events
Christmas Fun Quiz
 and
Phil Gray & Paul McLaren
 Guest Player Evening



Our annual Christmas Fun Quiz, as in previous years was a great success. With the Luton Town players present they were each made team captain, of the 11 teams. As the night progress there seemed

to be alot of competitive competition to win one of first three places.

With five rounds plus 'Guess the Player Photo' round at the half-time interval, it was touch-and-go to the very last with only a handful of points seperating the top four teams. The final placings were as follows:

1st - Hatters Heroes Captained by Stuart Douglas

2nd - The Stadium of Light Captained by Liam George

3rd - Something really stupid Captained by Herve Bacque

Our most recent 'Guest Player Evening' were Phil Gray & Paul McLaren, who gave their thoughts about playing at a club like Luton and many other topics, on the subject of Football, and their long term future in the game. Phil Gray, having obtained has coaching badges would like some day to get involved in the coaching side of the game, but 'Macca' felt it was too early to consider his future apart from playing. **We are hoping to hold another evening before the end of the season.** Picture above - The Winning Team with Stuart Douglas and their trophies.

The 40th Anniversary 1959 Cup Final Quiz

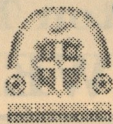
Questions:

1. What was unusual about the two teams fielded for the final?
2. Where were the two venues for the semi-finals against Norwich City?
3. What two records were set in the 1-0 quarter-final win over Blackpool?
4. Which striker was controversially left out of the Cup final line-up?
5. Who was Luton's top scorer en route to Wembley?
6. Who was the Nottingham Forest winger in the final later to line-up for the Hatters?
7. Who refereed the Cup Final?
8. Who was the Town's only hat-trick scorer in the competition.
9. What was the score when Luton met Forest in the First Division under a month before the Cup Final?
10. True or False, Luton won more F.A. Cup games than league games on opponents' grounds that season?

Answers are on back Cover ...

LOOK OUT for News on 40th Anniversary Event !

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Now for the first time on video - The Littlewoods Cup Final v Arsenal 3-2 24th April 1988

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Full 90 mins with Match Commentary plus preview and review including footage of the cup being displayed around the Town.

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 & 10.00-5.30pm (approx) on Matchdays
 Non-matchdays until the away coaches leave**

PRESENTATION EVENING Player of the Season Preview Who gets your vote ?

IT'S THAT BIG DECISION TIME ONCE AGAIN ! - One of the advantages of being a LTSC Member is that you have the right to vote for your Player of the Season. Since the S.C. was formed back in 1988 we have had many fans favourites with a list that would still grace the First Division.

- 1988/89 **Mick Harford**
- 1989/90 **Tim Breacker**
- 1990/91 **Alec Chamberlain**
- 1991/92 & 93/94 **David Preece**
- 1992/93 **John Dreyer**
- 1994/95 **Trevor Peake**
- 1995/96 **Ian Feuer**
- 1996/97 **Tony Thorpe**
- 1997/98 **David Oldfield**

and this Season ???

**Deadline for
your vote is
Monday 19th
April '99**

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB
 "Player of the Season"
 VOTING FORM

My Choice is: _____

Name: _____ Post Code: _____

Address: _____

LTSC Membership No. _____

NB - Only LTSC Members can vote

Please return slips to: Mrs. M. Farnell, c/o LTSC,
 20, Millers Lane, Luton, MK5 8DP

or hand in at our Kiosk on 1st Team matchdays only
 By 19th April 1999

Your Vote Counts!!

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND
 BACK YOUR VOTING SLIP
 WHICH IS ENCLOSED WITH
 THIS NEWSLETTER!!**

**If you haven't received one
 please get in touch with
 us, or just use a plain
 piece of paper with your details & vote.**



Brian Swain's Tribute

to one of Luton Town's Greatest Players

SYD OWEN – 1922 - 1998



MUCH has been written in recent weeks about the death of

Syd Owen, skipper of arguably the finest Luton Town team many of us have ever seen.

That's a debate that could rage for ever. Many would say the side David Pleat built to take us back up into the First Division was at least as good, if not better. Perhaps so. The trouble for my generation is that as with all things in life your memories of when you were young inevitably filter out the less agreeable aspects of life, and the rose-tinted specs do a better job with every passing day. In ten or twenty years' time I don't doubt Town fans will look back at the 1980s team as the best ever.



▲ Syd shows off his Football Writers' Association Footballer of the Year Award 1959.

Let me take you back to the early 1950s, when I was a schoolboy and a trip to Kenilworth Road was a highlight anticipated keenly in the 13 days leading up to home matches. We were Second Division (now the First) and thought that was our rightful place. Relegation and promotion were things other clubs worried about, not us.

Then came Syd Owen, a young fair-haired wing half from Birmingham City to join a team that gradually got better and better. In those days teams played two full-backs, three half-backs, and five forwards. Two of the front men were wingers, and two were inside

forwards, midfielders in today's formations. But the strength of every team was the half-back line, and after Syd's arrival and conversion to captain and centre-half, we had the best in the business. Morton, Owen, Shanks was the foundation of a team that staggered us all by winning First Division status for the first time in our history in 1955. I spent a whole summer that year kicking myself to make sure it had really happened, and was not just a dream.

There followed five wonderful years, great matches, great Town performances, and visits by the best footballers in the land. But none of the visitors was better than Owen, not even Billy Wright, who was to bring Syd's England career to a premature end.

It went wrong for Syd after the 1959 FA Cup final, which we lost to Nottingham Forest a few days after he had become the only Town player to be voted Footballer of the Year. The team was collectively past its best, although we never realised it at the time. Relegation followed in Syd's unsuccessful season as manager, and the wheels really fell off in the next six years as we slumped to the Fourth Division.

Syd became a respected coach, and was assistant to Don Revie as Leeds United were built into the best team in Britain.

I was lucky enough to get to know Syd in later years, and thus news of his death was a personal thing as well as something to be reported. And there was the last sadness. Just before Christmas Ken Hawkes, one of Syd's team-mates and still a Town fan, heard from John "Granny" Gregory a whisper that Syd had died. "Can't be true," we both said. "Luton Town would know. So would Leeds United. It would have been in the papers."

Kenilworth Road had heard nothing. I rang Elland Road. Leeds United knew nothing. "Can't be true," was the general view. I then rang

Syd's home number, wondering if he was still there after the death of his wife. I still don't know what I would have said if he had answered. But he didn't. "We've lived here for some months," said the Yorkshire voice at the other end of the line. "Syd Owen? Who's he?"



▲ Syd exchanging pennants with the Forest Captain prior to the 1959 Cup Final.

My heart sank. I rang Leeds United again, and pestered them this time. They still couldn't believe Syd was dead and that they didn't know about it, but my persistent awkwardness persuaded them to make a few enquiries.

And they were as shocked as I was: Syd had died in late August, but the news had never been given out, at the family's request. Ken Hawkes was just one of many who were devastated to hear the news. He felt empty at not having had the chance to pay his last respects.

After a lot of thought I decided something had to be written for the Town's matchday programme. The article was prepared for Boxing Day publication, but the Reading game was postponed, so it had to wait another fortnight, for the Wycombe game.

In nearly 40 years as a journalist, I have never before written "news" that was so old. I hope Syd's family understand - I wouldn't wish to upset them, but he, more than most, deserved public acknowledgement of what he did for Luton Town.

PREDICT-A-SCORE Competition UPDATE

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

So welcome to the latest results for the competition up until 20th February 1999. So have you found that crock of gold at the end of the rainbow or are you sliding down the slippery snake?

It was a slow start to the season for Happy Harry's Heroes, but they have found their form again!!! Congratulations to Golf City for still maintaining their lead at the top of the Premiership. Not much heartbreak, happening at the Heartbreak Hotel.

Great to see Nice one Herve, actually living up to his name, and going straight up into the Premiership from the Second Division, so what's going on? The McHatters don't seem to be eating their Porridge, as they take a tumble from the Vauxhall Conference into the Beezer Home League. So are they taking up the fight to be at the bottom?

What's happened to PR'S Predictions and their forecasting skills from last season. Is this the start of the decline? Nobby Nohope is keeping up to expectations, and is going on down, down and down. Let's give a hearty cheer for the Grimsby Grumblers, who receive the award for being the most consistent!!!!

So climb every mountain, search every sky, until you receive your next installment, and remember 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going'.

Reminder of the competition rules.

Predict the results of each match at the end of 90 minutes (normal full-time).

3 points for correct score and result (eg. you predict Luton 4 Man City 1)

1 point for correct result only (eg. you predict Luton 1 Man City 0)

4 Bonus Points for correct result and score involving 4 or more goals (eg. predict Luton 4 Man City 1)

The winner will be the person with most points after completion of all league matches only.

If the games are postponed or abandoned the results will stand from re-arranged fixtures. In the event of matches not played, those games will be declared void.

The judge's decision is final.

98/99 LEAGUE TABLES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PREMIERSHIP

Position	Name	Total points
1	Golf City	19
2	Heartbreak Hotel	15
3	Happy Harry's Heroes	14
4	Dave's Dynamo's	14
5	Junction "10" Fans	14
6	Gill's Giants	14
7	Southwood Hatters	13
8	MK Hatters	12
9	Hereford United	12
10	Luton Hard Men	12
11	Musson's Hatters	12
12	The "Hooting Hatter"	12
13	"Universally Salvaged"	12
14	Nice One Herve	11
15	Rangi Rangers	11
16	Rachel's Rangers	11
17	The Lillywhites	11

DIVISION TWO

18	London Hatters	10
19	Stevo's Superstars	10
20	Carrick Hatters	10
21	Mick's Hawhurst Hatters Supporters'	10
22	Happy Anderson's Hatters	9
23	Hardway Hussars	9
24	Linda's Likely Lads	9
25	Dave's Knebworth Lads	9
26	Micky's Barmy Army	9
27	Garley's Giants	8
28	Kohlerdome Kings	8
29	Mark Chapman	8
30	Scarlet Boy	8
31	Wakefield Hatter	8
32	Marie's Boys Hatters	8
33	The Boys of the Hatters	8
34	Andy Jolly	7
35	Grim About Town	7
36	Grovesnor Greats	7
37	Ruislip Hatter 98	7

38	Portished Hatter	7
39	Scummer Bummer	7
40	Stevo's Supremoes	7

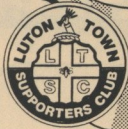
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

41	Blue and Orange Army	6
42	Harpenden Hatters	6
43	The Alexander Technique	6
44	W*TF*RD F.C. (Scum)	6
45	Craig Canons	5
46	LTSC (Cranfield Branch)	5
47	Teletext Football	5
48	Fishguard Flyers	5
49	Paul McLaren Appreciation Society	5
50	PR's Predictions	5
51	Steve Turner	5
52	Warriors III	5
53	200 Miles round Trip	4
54	205 Luton Mad Lad	4
55	Alexander's Army	4
56	Dropping Hatters II	4
57	Gary's Tigers	4
58	'You Must be Joking'	4
59	Goal's R Us	4
60	Julie's Jewels	4
61	Marvin's Golden Boot	4

BEEZER HOME LEAGUE

62	G Smart	3
63	Great Luton	3
64	Happy Hatters	3
65	We ate Watford	3
66	'Cuddly Dudley'	3
67	McHatters	3
68	Wembley Memories	3
69	You all support Rochdale	3
70	Angina Athletic	2
71	Cazettes	2
72	Nobby Nohope	2
73	Pats and Hatters	2
74	The Mike Cullen Eleven	2
75	Lauren's Team	1
76	Grimsby Grumblers	0

LOOK OUT FOR THE FINAL TABLES IN OUR NEXT EDITION OF HATTERS NEWS



Presentation Evening



PLAYER OF THE SEASON

25th April 1999 at the Kent's Athletic Social Club, Tenby Drive, Luton.

Ticket only event due to limited space.

Tickets for this event are now available in three ways

1. From our Kiosk on first team matchdays
2. On the Town-on-Tour Travel Service.
3. By writing to the LTSC c/o LTFC, The Ticket Office, Kenilworth Rd, Luton. LU1 1DH.

Lookout in the Luton Town Programme and local press for more details

TOWN ON TOUR Travel Details

Travel in style to the Hatters away matches.

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- All coaches fully stewarded
- Coaches depart Maple Road car park
- Secure car parking (Must be booked with LTFC - £3.00 charge)

Milton Keynes pick up on all North bound journeys (marked # below)
at Milton Keynes Coachway next to M1 Junction 14.

Seats bookable:

- at the LTSC Kiosk in Kenilworth Road on match days Before and After every game.
- at the Luton Town Club Shop in Kenilworth Road (except matchdays)
- by 'phone through the Luton Town Club Shop -Tel: (01582) 411622.
- on any Town on Tour coach trip.

			Departs	Adult member	Conc.	Non-member
Sat	Mar 20th	Chesterfield #	11.30 *	£11.00	£9.00	£12.50
Fri	Apr 2nd	Oldham Ath #	10.00 *	£13.50	£10.00	£15.00
Sat	Apr 10th	Northampton #	13.00	"See Special Offer Below"		
Wed	Apr 14th	Man City #	14.45 *	£13.50	£10.00	£15.00
Sat	Apr 24th	Notts County #	11.45	£11.00	£9.00	£12.50
Sat	May 8th	Millwall	12.00	£7.50	£6.00	£8.50

* Includes service station stop

Milton Keynes pick up will be 20 minutes after departure time from Luton given above

Coaches will leave promptly at time stated - boarding commences 30 minutes prior to departure. LTSC membership cards must be shown at time of booking. All coach tickets to be paid for at time of booking - tickets will be issued with seat and coach number. Concession fares apply to LTSC members only (under 16/over 60 years of age), otherwise full fare applies. LTSC membership available when booking TOWN ON TOUR tickets.

Follow the Hatters with the best: : for less TOWN ON TOUR



To Sixfields Stadium, Northampton F.C.
SPECIAL PRICE Adults £5.00
Concessions £2.00

(Concession price is subject to the rules stated above)

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Two New Committee Members on Board

In response to our call for further LTSC members to join the committee, we have great pleasure in welcoming two new members - Wendi Arnold and Ian Kelly, both from Milton Keynes. They have also taken on the task of being committee stewards on our New Travel Club service 'Town on Tour'.

We are still on the lookout for one further member or supporter to come on board, so if you can spare the time please get in contact with us at the Club or see a committee member in the kiosk on match days.

The 40th Anniversary 1959 Cup Final - May 2nd '59

As you may be aware that this coming May we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Club reaching Wembley and playing Nottingham Forest in the Final. The S.C in conjunction with the Football club are arranging a Special Day for all the Luton Town Players that played in the Final. Make a date - MAY 1st v Macclesfield (H) Further Details in LTFC Programme - Soon

'Those were the Days'

Have you been watching the new comedy Sitcom on ITV 1, 'Days like these'? Based on life in Luton in the 70's, did you happen to notice the Luton Orange, Blue'n' White scarf hanging up in the living room. It goes out on Friday evening at 8.30pm - Keep a look out

■ If you would like to contribute to this Newsletter in future issues, don't hesitate to contact us by coming to see a LTSC Committee member in the our kiosk or writing c/o the Football Club.

we appear in a Final again?
hope it isn't another 40 years before
I hope you got them all correct -
10. TRUE
9. 5-1 to the Hatters
at Leicester City
8. Allen Brown in the 4-1 win
Lancashire
7. Mr. J.H. Clough from
6. Stuart Imach
5. Billy Bingham - 6 goals
4. Gordon Turner
Cup Semi-Final
& First appearance in F.A.
3. Record Attendance - 30,069
Birmingham City
Tottenham, St. Andrews -
2. White Hart Lane -
were used in every round
1. The same eleven players

Answers:
The 40th Anniversary
1959 Cup Final Quiz