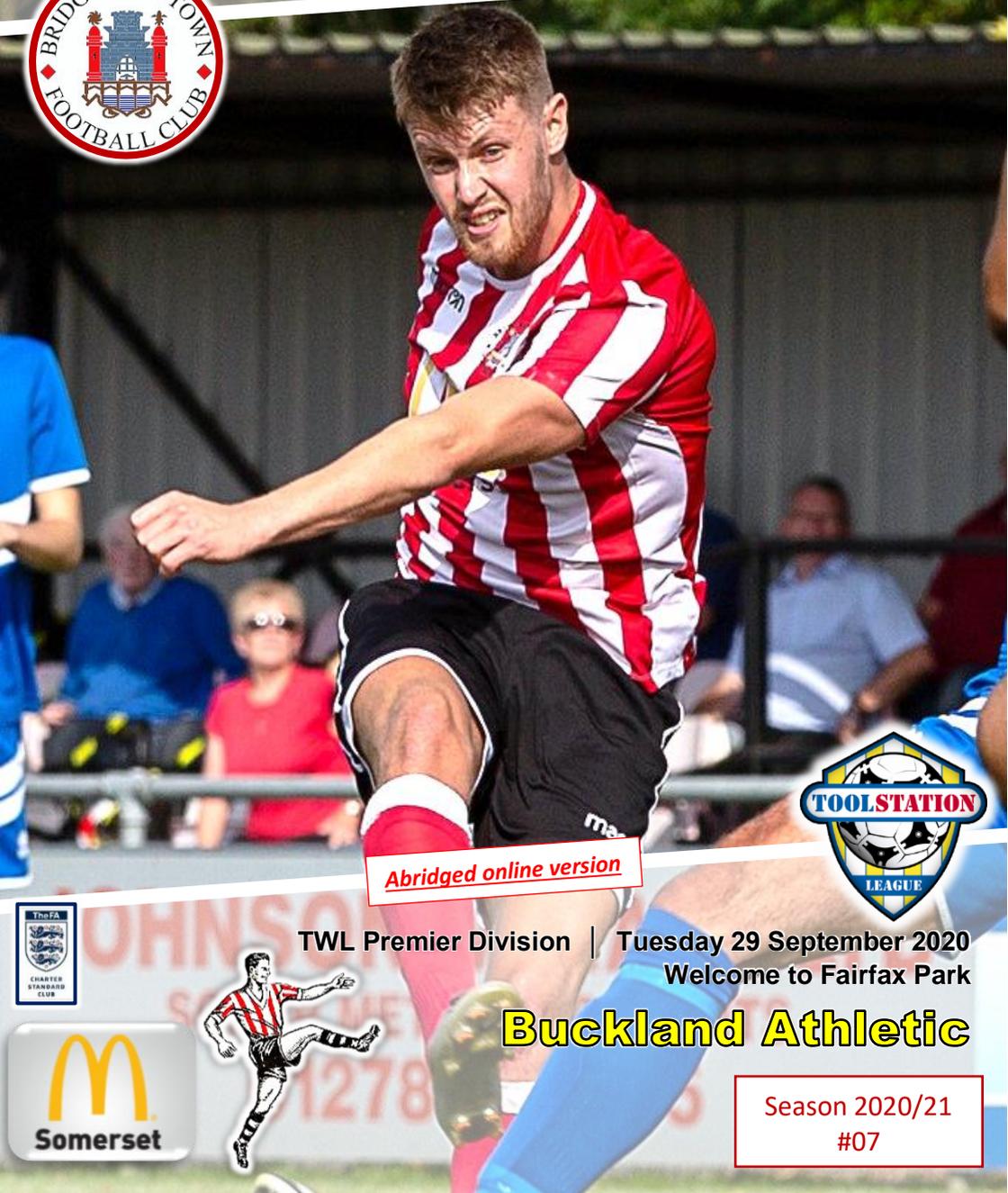




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TWL Premier Division | Tuesday 29 September 2020
Welcome to Fairfax Park

Buckland Athletic



Season 2020/21
#07





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FROM THE DUG OUT

*Good evening everyone...
and welcome once again to
Fairfax Park.*

We have been really down to the 'bare bones' for the last few games and that has started to take its toll with several players carrying knocks.

Hopefully, the boys will push through the next few games as we start to see players back and available for selection once again.

Your support through this sticky patch has been great as usual and, as we have said before, really makes a difference, particularly when we are up against it!

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our visitors, Buckland Athletic FC to Fairfax Park this evening. I hope their fans, players, manager and club committee members had an easy journey here and have a safe trip home. We also extend our welcome to the match officials.

Strangely, despite only having played half a dozen games in the Western League this season, we are already meeting Buckland for the second time. They beat us 4-2 at their place on the season opener so we have a chance to exact some early revenge by hopefully beating them here today.

However, today's home game will no doubt be another tough affair. Buckland have been one of the better teams in the league in the last year or two and they will be eyeing up a win here today to do the double on us and push on up the table. It is fair to say we are in a bit of a slump at the moment with recent losses. We need to dig deep and start to develop a "Fortress Fairfax" mentality, with as few points as possible leaving with the away team.

Hopefully the lads manage to put in a good, solid defensive performance in the first instance, as I always believe we are capable of scoring a goal or two.

I am sure Karl and Dave and the boys have been heartened by the magnificent support you have been giving them so far this season, even with social distancing.

To our fans, sponsors and to anyone else who helps this club in anyway, let me thank you once again for your continued and loyal support.

With the season up and running anything is still possible in the Toolstation Western League for Bridgwater Town FC this season and it is the hope of all fans, players, committee and sponsors alike that we continue to move forward. It would be great to see the lads start a run of wins today.

*Adrian
Byrne*

Club Chairman

***Come on
Bridgy!***



WE'VE MET BEFORE!

Buckland Athletic



07	Oct	2017	H	4	1	Taylor 2, Pearse, Copp	TWL	201
10	Mar	2018	A	1	2	Llewellyn (T)	TWL	169
07	Aug	2018	H	2	0	Llewellyn 2	TWL	243
08	Dec	2018	A	3	5	Allan, Brown, Taylor	TWL	119
26	Oct	2019	H	3	3	Brown, Horton 2	TWL	189
05	Sep	2020	A	2	4	Taylor, og	TWL	161

Our two clubs met for the first time in League action in 2017. Buckland were then managed by ex Taunton Town player, Ellis Laight. Honours were about even and we might have met them in the Les Phillips Cup Final, which they eventually won, but unfortunately 'Town went out to Shepton Mallet on penalties at the semi-final stage. The Newton Abbott based team has tried a number of different managers since then with limited success.

Buckland finished in thirteenth position in the league standings of last year's curtailed season. A total of thirty-eight points was gained from the twenty-five fixtures that were played.

Familiar names amongst the Athletic playing squad are Will Hancox and Lewis Tasker, both of whom have worn the red and white of Bridgwater Town in the past. Last season Buckland Athletic fielded Chris McGrath, another ex-Robin, in the high scoring drawn fixture at Fairfax Park last season but although he was listed in the squad for several of Buckland's pre-season friendlies, it seems that he has moved on to pastures new. The programmed January away fixture was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch and the rearranged match in late March not played.

Buckland have made some very useful signings during the summer to join the influential pairing of Richard Groves and Lloyd Gardner. In has come Austen Booth from Truro City, Ben Carter from AFC Bideford and Frazer Clark from Brixham United. The very experienced and imposing, Kenny Griffiths, has recently completed 200 appearances in goal for Buckland. Last season the leading goal scorers with 16 and 9 respectively were Richard Groves and Ryan Bush.

Our visitors have a strong looking line-up and will be quietly confident of challenging for honours as this season unfolds.

Bridgwater Town

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<i>Coach</i>	Josh Crook
<i>GK Coach</i>	
<i>Team BTC/BTFC</i>	
<i>U18 Manager</i>	Mo Hopkins

A brief history of senior football in Bridgwater

BACKGROUND.

Early attempts to establish a senior association football club in the rugby stronghold of Bridgwater failed to attract supporters, were beset with financial woes and were thus short-lived.

It was not until after the Second World War that solid foundations for a club were finally laid. A group of enthusiasts formed **Crown Dynamo FC** in 1946 based at a public house in St John Street. The team quickly gained a substantial following and became the forerunner of **Bridgwater Town AFC**.

The purchase of land off Bristol Road for a home ground, the backing of a large supporters' organisation and the support of prominent local businessmen, who became directors enabled the club to flourish.

Soon the club owned a portfolio of residential property and was able to offer a house, a job and a good part-time wage to prospective footballers. This enabled the club to attract many ex-Football League professionals and field strong, competitive teams, which enjoyed great success as one of the Western League's leading sides.

Two Western League championship mantles, cup final wins and thrilling runs in the FA Cup and FA Trophy were experienced throughout the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

In 1982 Bridgwater Town became members Southern League. It all came to an abrupt end in June 1984 when substantial debts forced to club into voluntary liquidation.

THE CURRENT CLUB.

A new club, **Bridgwater Town (1984) FC** was quickly established by a band of loyal supporters and from humble beginnings worked all the way back up from Somerset County League origins to attaining Southern League membership inside a twenty-three year timespan.

On the way the club enjoyed a hat trick of Somerset County Premier titles, a Screwfix Western League Division 1 championship and two Les Philips Cup Final wins. As members of the Southern League they reached the Final of the Southern League Cup (2009) and were beaten finalists in the promotion play-offs (2010)

However after 2010 leaner times returned, eventually leading to relegation in 2017.

Now, again playing Step 5 level, the club remains ambitious and after a short period of consolidation, aims to compete strongly for the title and regain its previous status.

BRIDGWATER TOWN FC

Dave Pearse: Hugely experienced, Dave returned to Bridgwater Town as joint player / manager with Karl Baggaley in season 2017/18 and will be looking to build on the progress made in recent years.

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Jake Viney: Fantastic shot stopper and sweeper keeper. After suffering a serious injury which kept him out for a whole season in 2016/17, he has come back stronger than ever with a string of outstanding performances. Jake was selected as Players' Player, Supporters' Player and winner of the Luke Buckingham #betterneverstops Award for season 2019/20.

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Reece Bannister: Reece is a promising young goalkeeper who has a great future ahead of him. Impressed pre-season and has been rewarded with being in the 1st team squad.

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Mark Armstrong: Captain of the club and a born leader, Mark is an experienced, hard-working, tough tackling midfielder, equally comfortable in central defence.

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Ryan Brereton: Ryan is an exciting and dynamic midfielder with a great left foot who will be looking to make a big impression in his first season with the club.

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Conor Bryant: Conor joins for 2020/21 looking to build on experience gained at Buckland Athletic and Wellington. Good in the air and an excellent target man who will create numerous chances for others and expect to get amongst the goals himself.

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Mike Duffy: Mike, returns to the club for the 2020/21 season and will be looking to establish his place in the starting line-up with high energy, combative performances.

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Tom Ellis: In his third season with the club, a 'no nonsense' defender, Tom was captain of the Wellington side that won the Toolstation League Division 1 in 2016/17. His height makes him a real threat from set pieces. His long throws are legendary.

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Tyne Govier: Long serving defender, since 2003/04, returns to the club after a year spent travelling.

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Jordan Greenwood: Jordan is a widely experienced, 'body on the line' defender who is equally comfortable as central defender or on the left flank.

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Adnan Hiroli: Adnan is a very experienced attacker who was a key member of the Odd Down side that won the Western League title in 2015/16. He brings a winning mentality to the squad and will add goals and goal scoring chances to the team.

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Jake Horsey: A talented defender who re-joins the club this season on dual-registration with Somerset County League Premier Division side Middlezoy Rovers.

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PLAYER BIO'S 2020/21

Jake Llewellyn: Top quality defender who has played at National League South Level for Weston super Mare; great going forward with a wand of a left foot. Players' Player of the Season in 2018/19.

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Chris McGrath: Chris returns to Fairfax Park following stints at Buckland Athletic and Helston Athletic last season. A towering central defender, he has also played for Taunton Town, Bideford, Bridport, Tiverton Town and Frome Town.

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Ollie Morris: Versatile and energetic midfielder who returned to the club last season after spells with Street, where he was part of the squad that won the Western League title, Hallen and Larkhall Athletic.

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George Painter: George re-joins the club after a season out with injury. He made a great impression when joining the squad part way through 2018-19 and will be looking to replicate those top class performances in the new campaign.

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Jack Taylor: 'Fan's favourite' Jack signed from Wellington three seasons ago and has won numerous end of season awards in Robins' colours. Toolstation Western League 'Golden Boot' joint winner in 2018/19.

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Away

Dave Thorne: Now in his fourth season at the club. Dave is a committed tough tackling defender who always gives everything. His performances earned him Managers' Player of the Season for 2017/18.

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Sam Towler: Sam returned to Bridgwater after a successful spell with Wellington where he was part of their TWL Division One winning squad. Technically gifted, Sam is a 'box to box' midfielder with an eye for goal.

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Josh Wadham: Josh is a talented and exciting forward who, after a season with our club in 2014/15, has gained experience at Bideford, Willand Rovers and Wellington and was part the Street squad that won the Toolstation Western League title by a wide margin in season 2018/19.

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Finley Wilkinson: A young talent coming through with a big future. Has great ability with set piece deliveries and can get up and down the pitch to join in with attacking play. Winner of the 'Young Robin' Award for 2019/20.

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Josh Williams: Forward who joined in Sept 2020 from Ashton & Backwell United. His former clubs include Brislington, Cadbury heath and Larkhall Athletic.

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**COME ON
BRIDGY!**

IN THE DUGOUT

Karl Baggaley: Joint Manager

Josh Crook: Coach

TBA: Therapist

Also registered:

James Cottrill
Lewis Hembrey
Steve Laker
Ryan Turner

Harry Hamblin
Ben Kirk
Matt Redman
Andy Venning

ACTION

REPLAY

Saturday 26 September
Toolstation Western League
Premier Division
Fairfax Park, Bridgwater
Att: 238

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more of Debbie's
photos from the game.

Bridgwater Town 1

Exmouth Town 3

A COMFORTABLE WIN FOR EXMOUTH



The only way that this mix and match Town side would be likely to get any reward from this game would be based on sound defending. However they made the task too easy for this accomplished Exmouth side by committing a string of defensive gaffes which handed the initiative to the Devon side, writes *MARK HOLLIDGE*.

By the end of the game one would have to say that the scoreline flattered the home team because more decisive finishing from Exmouth could have made the final result much more clear cut.

There is sympathy because injuries, suspension and unavailability have ripped the side apart. Town need to strengthen up very quickly if good results are to follow.

Town gave the ball away in defensive situations and were a bit off the pace, especially early on. Throughout the game they frequently lost the 50/50 challenges and some stiffening in midfield, in particular, looks necessary.

With Town struggling to get out of their own half it was only matter of time before Exmouth took advantage. All of the Exmouth goals came along Town's left flank. For the first goal the ball was whipped in from the right wing and the unfortunate Dave Thorne saw the ball strike his foot and roll in to the net.

Bridgwater

Team:

Viney,

Thorne

(Pearse 67)

Llewellyn

Morris

(Cottrill 89)

Painter

Greenwood

Duffy

(Sturdy 82)

Govier

Taylor

Towler

Hiroli

Sub not used:

Bannister

Town had half a chance a couple of minutes later. The Exmouth keeper Robbie Powell misjudged a free kick and palmed it to Jordan Greenwood. He volleyed the ball goalwards but straight back to Powell.

Callum Shipton shot powerfully over from a corner kick, one of six corner kicks for Exmouth in the first 20 minutes.

Exmouth looked like doubling their lead but Town were given an opportunity in unconventional style. Max Gillard clearly sent the ball back to his keeper with his thigh but the linesman thought he had kicked it. The Exmouth bench was horrified as this gave Town a free kick and a shooting chance from just 15 yards out. Mike Duffy's shot hit the wall and went away.

Jordan Harris, one of the very best strikers in the league, scored the second by running into space on his right and then, from the penalty box angle, shooting into the bottom left corner of the net. He had been fed the ball by Aarron Denny, a player that Town just could not subdue.

Harris whacked the ball a foot over after Ace High had set him up and just before the break Dean Billingsley was wasteful when he shot over, after winning a tussle with Thorne.

At half time it seemed unlikely that Town could get back into the game but an early second half goal gave hope.

Duffy was providing the effort and spirit needed and he ran at the back line. It looked like he might have gone too far but he was able to nip the ball to Sam Towler who scored a goal which was a near replica of the Harris effort.

The third Exmouth goal flattened Town's resurgence. It was a good team goal. The ball was worked quickly and efficiently from midfield to the right wing. From there the ball was accurately directed to Denny who picked his spot with an easy side-footed finish from 10 yards.

Gillard sent a free header for a corner kick wide and Nathan Cooper was close with a 25 yarder.

Town troubled Exmouth when a short free kick from Towler set up Duffy for a blistering 25 yard drive which will have given a headache to the defender who was brave enough to head the goal bound effort away.

Young Archie Sturdy added some pep to the Town attacks in the last 10 minutes and maybe he will get more game time soon.



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TWL PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS/FIXTURES

<u>Tue 22 Sept</u>	Bridport	2 - 0	Bridgwater Town
	Chipping Sodbury Town	0 - 2	Roman Glass St George
	Hallen	2 - 2	Keynsham Town
	Plymouth Parkway	0 - 0	Buckland Athletic
<u>FA Cup</u>	<i>Chichester City</i>	3 - 1	Cribbs
	<i>Swindon Supermarine</i>	3 - 0	Shepton Mallet
	<i>Winchester City</i>	3 - 2	Clevedon Town
<u>Wed 23 Sept</u>	Cadbury Heath	2 - 4	Bradford Town
	Street	1 - 2	Exmouth Town
<u>FA Cup</u>	<i>Larkhall Athletic</i>	3 - 2	Bitton
	Tavistock	2 - 2	<i>Gosport Borough (5-4p)</i>
<u>Sat 26 Sept</u>	Bradford Town	2 - 2	Clevedon Town
	Bridgwater Town	1 - 3	Exmouth Town
	Brislington	0 - 4	Plymouth Parkway
	Buckland Athletic	0 - 0	Chipping Sodbury Town
	Odd Down	4 - 1	Bridport
	Roman Glass St George	1 - 0	Cadbury Heath
	Shepton Mallet	4 - 3	Bitton
	Street	2 - 0	Wellington
	Tavistock	5 - 2	Hallen
	Westbury United	2 - 1	Cribbs
	<u>Tue 29 Sept</u>	Bitton	
Bridgwater Town			Buckland Athletic
Chipping Sodbury Town			Hallen
Keynsham Town			Bradford Town
Odd Down			Brislington
<u>Wed 30 Sept</u>	Cadbury Heath		Street
	Clevedon Town		Shepton Mallet
	Exmouth Town		Bridport
	Roman Glass St George		Westbury United
	Wellington		Plymouth Parkway
<u>Sat 03 Oct</u>	Bitton		Odd Down
	Bradford Town		Exmouth Town
	Bridport		Chipping Sodbury Town
	Brislington		Buckland Athletic
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Club stalwart Tyne Govier in action on Saturday, his first 1st team start for a while. Tyne has been at the club for 17 years now after first representing Bridgy in season 2003/04 at Uunder-18 level alongside Nat Pepperell and Matt Shaxton.

PREMIER DIVISION STANDINGS

@ Sat 26 Sept 2020		P	W	D	L	Gd	Pts
1	Plymouth Parkway	6	5	1	0	18	16
2	Street	6	4	1	1	9	13
3	BUCKLAND ATHLETIC	7	3	3	1	7	12
4	Roman Glass St George	5	4	0	1	4	12
5	Westbury United	5	3	1	1	5	10
6	Exmouth Town	4	3	0	1	4	9
7	Bradford Town	7	2	3	2	3	9
8	Cadbury Heath	6	3	0	3	1	9
9	Tavistock	4	2	1	1	4	7
10	Odd Down	5	2	1	2	0	7
11	Brislington	4	2	1	1	-2	7
12	Bitton	3	2	0	1	4	6
13	BRIDGWATER TOWN	5	2	0	3	-4	6
14	Keynsham Town	5	1	2	2	0	5
15	Cribbs	5	1	2	2	-1	5
16	Shepton Mallet	4	1	2	1	-1	5
17	Clevedon Town	5	0	3	2	-4	3
18	Bridport	5	1	0	4	-12	3
19	Wellington	4	0	2	2	-6	2
20	Hallen	7	0	2	5	-12	2
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	6	0	1	5	-17	1



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New partnership for the Robins

Bridgewater Town Football Club is delighted to reveal a new and exciting agreement with [Distinctive UK](#) making them the club's Official Digital Partner.

[Distinctive UK](#), were founded in 2009 and boast a wealth of experience in the web design and graphic design industries. The company were the creative minds behind the new [bridgwatertown.co.uk](#) website and the club is very much looking forward to building on our new relationship over the coming years as we strive to climb the football pyramid in a sustainable way.

Giuseppe Fraschini of LGR Creatives brought the two parties together having worked with the club since the turn of the year. He said, "It's been a great project to be part of and it now gives the club an online presence that complements the aspirations of the club.

The brief was to deliver a website that was clear to navigate and put the fans experience first. In future years, it also has the capability to be expanded further with the addition of e-commerce. Sam and the team at Distinctive UK have been a dream to work with and really understand the world of football. I'm delighted they are now a club partner.

This partnership is really going to benefit both parties and importantly help tell the outside world what Bridgewater Town Football Club is all about."

The Robin's Vice Chairman and Commercial Manager Bob Buckingham commented, "We are delighted to have established a partnership with Distinctive UK who have created a top quality website that will, we are sure, be the envy of many. We are excited to be working with Sam and the Team at Distinctive as we further enhance our digital presence, in line with our driving force of Better Never Stops. "

Sam Fletcher Director of [Distinctive UK](#) remarked, "I'm proud to be a part of this project which combines my love of football and my knowledge of web development, to create something which is not only functional, but also improves the enjoyment of the experience for fans. Distinctive UK is honoured to be the club's Official Digital Partner and we hope to support them in their future endeavours and expansion."

To find out more about Distinctive UK please visit their website: [distinctiveuk.com](https://www.distinctiveuk.com)

BRIDGWATER TOWN**FIXTURES SEASON 2020/21**

01	Sep	Sat	05	LGE	Away	Buckland Athletic	Lost	2 - 4
02		Tue	08	LGE	Home	CLEVEDON TOWN	Won	2 - 1
03		Sat	19	LGE	Home	HALLEN	Won	2 - 1
04		Tue	22	LGE	Away	Bridport	Lost	0 - 2
05		Sat	26	LGE	Home	EXMOUTH TOWN	Loat	1 - 3
06		Tue	29	LGE	Home	BUCKLAND ATHLETIC		
07	Oct	Sat	03	LGE	Away	Westbury United		
08		Tue	06	LGE	Home	WELLINGTON	19.15	
09		Sat	10	LGE	Away	Plymouth Parkway		
10		Sat	17	LGE	Away	Clevedon Town		
11		Sat	24	LGE	Home	CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN		
12	Nov	Wed	04	LGE	Away	Wellington	19.45	
13		Sat	07	LGE	Away	Roman Glass St George		
14		Sat	14	LGE	Home	CADBURY HEATH		
15		Tue	17	LGE	Away	Bitton	NEW DATE	
16		Sat	21	LGE	Home	PLYMOUTH PARKWAY		
17		Sat	28	LGE	Away	Cribbs		
18	Dec	Sat	05	LGE	Away	Odd Down		
19		Sat	12	LGE	Home	BRADFORD TOWN		
20		Sat	19	LGE	Home	BITTON		
21		Sat	26	LGE	Away	Street	Boxing Day	
22	Jan	Sat	02	LGE	Home	WESTBURY UNITED		
23		Sat	09	LGE	Away	Cadbury Heath		
24		Sat	16	LGE	Home	ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE		
25		Sat	23	LGE	Home	BRIDPORT		
26	Feb	Sat	06	LGE	Away	Keynsham Town		
27		Sat	20	LGE	Home	SHEPTON MALLET		
28		Sat	27	LGE	Home	ODD DOWN		
29	Mar	Sat	06	LGE	Away	Chipping Sodbury Town		
30		Sat	13	LGE	Home	CRIBBS		
31		Sat	20	LGE	Away	Tavistock		
32		Sat	27	LGE	Away	Brislington		
33	Apr	Fri	02	LGE	Home	STREET	Good Friday	
34		Mon	05	LGE	Away	Exmouth Town	Easter Monday	
35		Sat	10	LGE	Home	KEYNSHAM TOWN		
36		Sat	17	LGE	Away	Bradford Town		
37		Sat	24	LGE	Away	Shepton Mallet		
38	May	Sat	01	LGE	Home	TAVISTOCK		
39		Sat	08	LGE	Home	BRISLINGTON		
40		Sat	15	LGE	Away	Hallen		

CUP FIXTURES

EP	Sep	Tue	01	FAC	Away	Millbrook	Won	1-0
PR		Sat	12	FAC	Home	BITTON	Lost	2-3
R1	Oct	Sat	31	FAV	?	?		
R2								
SF	Mar	Tue	23	LPC	Home	TAVISTOCK (from season 2019/20)	19.45	

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3. Climb on any building, wall or fence
4. Throw any object onto the pitch or within the spectator areas
5. Light any firework or flare
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7. Use obscene, indecent, discriminatory, offensive or threatening language
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Bridgwater's Football Legends...

STEVE HOOK



Based on notes provided by the man himself!

Steve made his debut for Bridgwater Town AFC's First team in 1969.

'Town were a Western League side and the match was played at Exeter City's training ground (the Cat & Fiddle ground on Sidmouth Road) against St. Luke's College, it was a midweek game with few spectators in attendance.

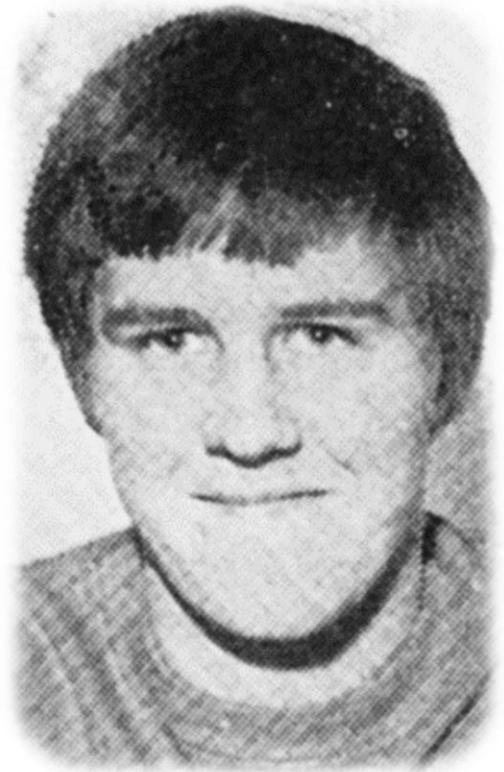
Alan Pinkey was in the St Luke's team that evening and he would go on to play for Exeter City against Manchester United in the FA Cup that season.

After the match there was a trip into Exeter and the whole team enjoyed the delights of the local nightclub scene.

Steve had played through the Bridgwater Colts and Reserve team sides whilst he was at Blake School. He had also represented Somerset at all levels. During this period 'Town Colts went through the 1965/66 season without a defeat, while during the following season they won the Somerset County Football Association Shield. In April 1967 he also represented England in a YMCA team.

Steve went to an evening trials session at Bristol City and was then invited back for a week-long trial. Bristol City did not sign Steve but Don Revie's Leeds United expressed an interest: but aged 16 Steve had started his apprenticeship as a Printer and his Dad had signed the papers so the invitation for a trial was declined.

Five goals were the most Steve ever scored in any match: it happened against Taunton Town Reserves and the final score was 11-1 - with Tom Pearce scoring four. It was



written in the local press that Tom Pearce produced the best display of "leading the line seen for a long time at Castle Fields"

In season 1968/69, Steve was named player of the year for Bridgwater Town; and, along with four other Bridgwater players, played in a South West Counties Championship, Somerset & Avon versus Sussex.

Steve's career highlight was playing against Reading in the FA Cup at Castlefield - seven Bridgwater born players were in that squad. As a 22 year old Steve was described by Peter Thomas as the "best right back in the league". Dave Prescott had broken his leg and that had given Steve his chance in the first team.

Steve had scored the only goal in the match versus Bridport on his 21st birthday, which

got Bridgwater through to the 2nd Round proper of the FA Cup to play Reading.

Falmouth were the team to beat in the Western League in those days. On their entry into the league in 1974 they did the League and Cup double without losing a match. During this successful period they established a 58-match unbeaten run, they went onto win the league for the next three seasons.

Peter Thomas was determined to find a way to beat this opposition and tried various methods of travel to Falmouth to help the players win! When they travelled

by coach the whole team were dropped off in the town centre and walked to the ground "to get the tiredness out of their legs, as they had been sat on a coach for a very long time". When the team went by train, again the team walked to the ground.

Travelling to this fixture was always an early start and got back late because there was always a stop on the way home whether the team won, lost or drew.

In 1976, along with Alan Hurford, Steve was part of the "pick of the Leagues players" in a Rothmans Representative XI from the Western League Premier Division.

Steve's Testimonial was on 17th September 1979

Bridgwater Town Past & Present XI	v	Somerset County Cricket Club XI
Joe Chilcott	1	Trevor Gurd
Steve Hook	2	Peter Denning
Alan Hurford	3	Ian Botham
Marcus Scott	4	Brian Rose
Tony Brawley	5	Viv Richards
Norman Packer	6	Phil Slocombe
Brian Lancaster	7	Dennis Breakwell
Chris Davis	8	Viv Marks
Eddie Aherne	9	Colin Dredge
Neil Sutton	10	Peter Roebuck
Chris Porter	11	Jeremy Lloyd
Phil Pither	12	Pete McCombe

Somerset County Cricket Club featured in several matches during that time.

In season 1980/81 Bridgwater won the Western League Premier Division Championships - the final record read:

Played 38
Won 25
Drew 6
Lost 7
Goals For 54
Goals Against 25
Points 56.

The team never concede more than two goals in any game, while the Robins' top score was five against Paulton Rovers - which was the last match.

Two years later, season 1982/83, and the club had progressed into the Midland Division of Southern League. When playing Wellingborough Town FC away their ground was under water, so the fixture was played at HMP Wellingborough - a Young Offenders Institution. While the players were getting changed the residents were onlookers! But while the game was being playing they were shouting down onto the pitch from their cells - it was not a friendly hello!

Sadly, the club's fortunes soon declined, and the focus was saving the club and securing a pitch to play on. During that time Steve was involved in the 'Survival Special' match with the George Best XI at Castlefield on 27th March 1983.

When the club eventually folded Steve, and a few others, played for a season at Frome Town under Pete Thomas.

Steve then returned to the reformed club and played for half a season. After his playing career was over he became assistant manager to Gordon (Stan) Baxter running the Reserves team for three seasons. Later he joined the committee as Vice Chairman with Steve French as Chairman.

When the pitch was being established at College Way the playing surface was difficult to play on and Steve (and others) spent significant periods of time picking up stones to improve the playing surface.

The hardest player Steve ever played against was Mike Thresher of Chard and the hardest games were always against Taunton Town.

The Bridgwater Town team against Reading in The FA Cup: Can you name them?



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7 games / 26/09	App	Sub	Gls
Mark Armstrong	6		
Ryan Brereton	2		
Conor Bryant	1	1	
James Cottrill		1	
Mike Duffy	7		1
Tom Ellis	3		1
Tyne Govier	1	3	
Jordan Greenwood	4		
Adnan Hirioli	5	2	
Jake Horsey		1	
Jake Llewellyn	6		
Ollie Morris	7		
George Painter	4		
Dave Pearse	1	2	
Alfie Sturdy		2	
Jack Taylor	7		3
Dave Thorne	3	1	
Sam Towler	7		2
Jake Viney ^(GK)	7		
Josh Wadham	4		2
Finley Wilkinson	1	1	
Josh Williams	1	1	
	Own goals		1

Also registered

Karl Baggaley			
Reece Bannister ^(GK)			
Harry Hamblin			
Lewis Hembrey			
Ben Kirk			
Steve Laker ^(GK)			
Chris McGrath			
Matt Redman			
Ryan Turner			
Andy Venning			

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Buckland Athletic Player Bios 2020/21

Matt Wood - Matt is a young centre half that has come to our attention through the England College Football Programme. He likes to play the right way and has a really mature manner for someone so young. We are looking forward to Matt's development with us

Aaron Wellington – Aaron joined in the summer of 2019 from Stoke Gabriel, and has been part of the successful South Devon College Football programme. Aaron has a good range of passing, and an excellent left foot. Aaron's performances towards the back end of last season were very impressive in central midfield. Still only 20, we really think Aaron has huge potential, and has an excellent attitude which will stand him in good stead.

Nick Rudge – Rudge is naturally one of the most talented members of the squad. His technical ability is suited to a much higher level. Nick has been a huge part of the club's achievements over recent years, and we are all delighted that he wishes to remain with us.

Will Hancox – Will joined around Christmas time 2019, and fitted in straight away. Will is another that was schooled in the professional game earning a professional contract with Torquay United. Will's work rate is infectious, and he's chipped in with important goals. Still very young, Will has already had a number of clubs at higher level.

Richard Groves – Groves is a top player at Western League level, and is another that came through academy football into the professional game with Oxford United. Rich applies himself 100% to everything he does, and is very well respected by everyone at the club. Rich is a proven goalscorer from midfield where he is capable of occupying a number of positions. Very technically efficient on the ball, delighted again, that he remains with us.

Lloyd Gardner – Lloyd has served the club really well over the years, and is another who is highly respected by those he's played with and against. Lloyd has played Conference South football with Truro City, and remains one of the best players at this level. Lloyd is capable of scoring spectacular goals, and regularly weighs in with assists. Still has a lot to offer the team, sets high standards of himself and everybody around him.

Austen Booth – Recently joined the club from Southern League Premier side, Truro City, Austen is a player we know well. Hugely talented central midfielder with excellent athletic ability. Austen epitomises everything we look for both on and off the pitch. He will be a huge player for us.

Ryan Keates – Ryan is a young talented attacking midfielder that is well known to us having come through the South Devon College programme. He has excellent feet and balance and is one we are looking forward to developing further over what we hope will be many seasons with us.

Gavin Collins – A recent addition this summer, Gavin has excellent qualities going forward, carries a goal threat and is a very intelligent footballer. Another of our young crop of talented young players we have high hopes for.

Jamie Passmore – Jamie joined early 2020. It was easy to see early on the quality he brings to the team. Technically excellent, physically strong and still only 19 years old. Has had a good football education at Torquay Academy.

Ryan Bush – Ryan has been at the club for ? seasons now, he has everything you need for a number 9. Still relatively young at 24, we have really high hopes for Ryan, he can go on and achieve whatever he likes if he applies himself.

Kenny Griffiths – Kenny has been the best keeper around the area for many years. His handling is superb and he makes it look easy. He is a calm character by nature and this has a good influence on the back 4 playing in front of him. Kenny still has a lot to offer at 36.

Joe Belsten – We think Joe is the best Right Back in this league. Technically very good both on the ball and defensively which you might expect having come through the academy @ Exeter City. Very high hopes for Joe in playing at higher level, which we all hope is for Buckland Athletic.

Lewis Tasker – We bought Lewis in during the summer, again, another ex-scholar at Exeter City, and an impressive list of previous clubs at a higher level. An absolute wand of a left foot, one of the best technically gifted players we have seen.

Kieran Parkin – Kieran's development has been great since joining early last season. Attitude is first class, and technically very good. Uses the ball really well from Centre Half and wants to play the right way. Kieran has excellent leadership qualities too for some that is still relatively young. Captained the team last season on occasion.

Frazer Clark – Frazer is a recent signing from Brixham, and is another player that has had a really good education in the game having been a scholar at Swansea City. Frazer has excellent physical attributes, he's mobile and is another that wants to play out from the back. At 26 has matured into an excellent defender, and will be positive on and off the pitch.

Alex Gray – Alex is a very good footballer, and is another who has excellent technical qualities in possession. Always looking for the ball, Alex influences the way we play, and has a good ability to communicate and organise in and out of possession.

Ben Carter – Recent signing from Bideford Town. Ben has fantastic energy levels, can break up play, but also uses the ball really well. Ben has played at higher levels, and we were delighted when he agreed to join for a second spell at the club this summer.

The Bridgwater Town team against Reading in The FA Cup (in case you didn't know!)



Ken Jones, Steve Hook, Dave Prescott, Marcus Scott, Brian Lancaster, Roger Coombs



Tony Brawley, Alan Hurford, Colin Skirton, Eddie Aherne, Peter Thomas

A journey with Jim.

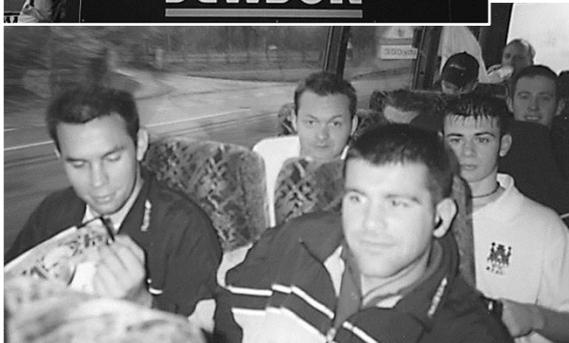
All photos taken by
the late Mr Jim Perry.



Didn't we have a louverly time... the day we went to



Saturday 11th November 2000
FA VASE. 2nd Round.
LYMINGTON & NEW MILTON 1
BRIDGWATER TOWN 1
(Match abandoned 70mins)



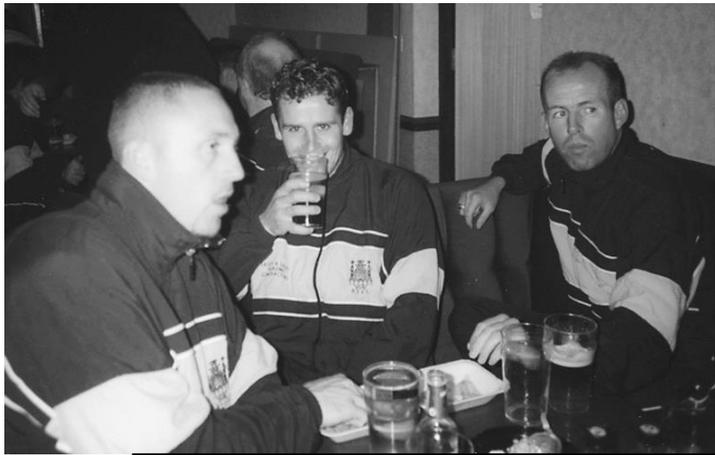
Above left: Dave Pople, Matt Francis, Danny Mira and Ben Fellows pictured on the coach with Chris May behind. "Darby" Allen and Will Rich are pictured right.

The team that
day was:

Fellows, Dyer, May,
Rice, Graddon,
Bowering, Pope,
D Pople, Stearns,
Young, Francis.

Subs:

Spence, Milford, Mira,
Wheadon, Snook.



Danny Milford, Craig Rice and Julian Stearns resplendent in their Lilley & Lilley sponsored tracksuits discuss the abandoned match in the Lymington clubhouse afterwards.

Bridgwater had held their high flying Wessex League opponents for 70 minutes when the heavens opened and with standing water everywhere the referee was forced to abandon the game. The pitch was already very wet right from the off and the skidding surface led to a fast and entertaining start. There were good chances created by both sides in an even first period. 'Town's teenage goalkeeper, Ben Fellows had to show lightning reactions to prevent the home side taking the lead. Dave Pople and Chris Young forced saves at the other end before right on the stroke of half time 'Town took the lead. A tantalisingly deep cross from left back, Chris May was dropped by the Lymington goalkeeper and striker, Chris Young was first to react, side footing the ball into an empty net. The home side came back strongly in the second period and pushed hard for an equaliser. A superb, last-ditch tackle by Dave Pope prevented an early score but not long afterwards parity was restored. Steve Strong hitting a fast, low shot on the run into the corner of the net. Then came the gale lashed downpour. It's arrival signalled a Bridgwater revival as the home side appeared to fade in the treacherous, under foot conditions, The game was brought to a premature end with Bridgwater looking the stronger of the two sides. Unfortunately the re-match 3 days later was lost by a 2-0 score line.



Left: The Bridgwater banners drying out on Lymington's clubhouse floor after high winds and a deluge of rain caused the match to be abandoned.



WARNING!

OBJECTIONABLE BEHAVIOUR

It has been stated many times that neither FOUL, ABUSIVE nor RACIST LANGUAGE will be tolerated within the League.

The FA has now issued further guidelines to match officials regarding the handling of any situation which may bring the club, League or indeed the whole of the game into disrepute.

It is a problem that everyone involved in the game must take responsibility for in an effort to eradicate it.

Paying spectators are the lifeblood of every club and if they stay away from matches because of the objectionable behaviour of others everyone will suffer.

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MATCH SQUADS

Please note the players are listed in alphabetical order and the actual line-ups will be announced and made available before the game

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RYAN BRERETON
CONOR BRYANT
JAMES COTTRILL
MIKE DUFFY
TOM ELLIS
TYNE GOVIER

JORDAN GREENWOOD
ADNAN HIROLI
JAKE HORSEY
BEN KIRK
JAKE LLEWELLYN
OLLIE MORRIS
GEORGE PAINTER
ARCHIE STURDY

JACK TAYLOR
DAVE THORNE
SAM TOWLER
RYAN TURNER
JAKE VINEY (GK)
CALLUM WATTS
FINLEY WILKINSON
JOSH WILLIAMS

Management: Karl Baggaley & Dave Pearse

Coach: Josh Crook / Therapist: TBA

BUCKLAND ATHLETIC *from*

JOE BELSON
AUSTEN BOOTH
RYAN BUSH
BEN CARTER
FRAZER CLARK ©
ANDY COLLINGS
LLOYD GARDNER
DANIEL GAZE

KEN GRIFFITHS (GK)
RICHARD GROVES
WILL HANCOX
RYAN KEATES
JARED LEWINGTON
NICK MILTON
KIERAN PARKIN
JAMIE PASSMORE

FRAZER RUDGE
NICK RUDGE
LEWIS TASKER
AARON WELLINGTON
MATT WOOD

Manager: Paul Froude / Assistant: Dan Gaze & Steve Giles

Coach: Nick Milton / Therapist: Paige Burrows

NEXT HOME GAME

TWL Premier Division

Tuesday 06 October 2020

v Wellington (7:15pm)

Match Officials

Referee:

GEORGE GROSS

Assistants:

JAMES KNOWLES

BILL MORTIMER