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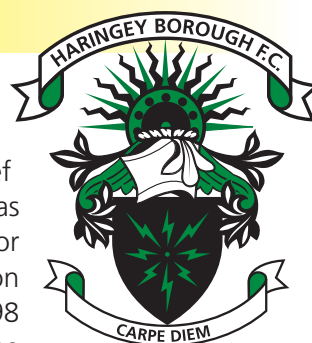
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## HARINGEY BOROUGH FC - A BRIEF HISTORY



It was not until 1970 that a team competed under the name of Haringey Borough when WOOD GREEN TOWN who had played at Coles Park since 1930 changed their name to Haringey Borough. A merger with EDMONTON FC resulted in a brief change of name to Edmonton & Haringey FC until 1976 when the present name was re-adopted. After a period of instability and a year in the wilderness away from senior football they were admitted to the Spartan League in 1989 retaining Premier Division membership throughout until the South Midlands League merger in season 1997/98 when they finished 7th. in the Premier Division South to secure membership of the new "combined" Premier Division in 1998/99 as well as being runners up in the League's Premier Division Cup. In 2004 after an unsuccessful attempt to move the Club to the nearby New River Sports stadium and a walk out of the existing Committee Aki Achillea who had commenced his association with the Club in 1995 was appointed to lead the Club forward and together with George Kilikita and Secretary John Bacon the club sought to engage more with the local community and tap into the talent locally. Youth teams were commenced and run successfully for many years at various age levels with some considerable success particularly at the older age groups including progress into the 2nd round proper of the FA Youth Cup in 2006/07. The Women's Team, formed in 1999 were promoted to the top Division for 2002/03 of the Eastern Region Women's League where they have had notable success over the years. In 2005/06 they were losing League Cup finalists by the odd goal of seven in a thrilling contest with Norwich City Canaries. The senior men's team having been relegated to Division One of the Spartan South Midlands League in 2006/7 bounced back with promotion at the very first attempt and a fine season ended with both promotion and the winning of the Division One Cup. Back in the Premier Division for the season 2008/09 the Club again quickly found itself among the relegation strugglers leading to the appointment of the current Manager – the vastly experienced Tom Loizou. Tom and his excellent loyal team of coaching staff have been instrumental in turning around the Club's fortunes in the intervening years. In 2011/12 a highest ever 5th place was achieved and the League Challenge Trophy won. After massive stadium improvements in the close season with the erection of a new Clubhouse and new dressing rooms hopes were high for 2012/13 but the poor weather and the problematic pitch led to a massive fixture backlog which negated any chance of a serious challenge for honours and the Club finished 9th. In 2013/14 the Club's challenge for promotion took place in the Essex Senior League following a sideways switch imposed by the FA. The Club had its most successful season ever finishing runners up by just a solitary point to Great Wakering Rovers and ended the season with 20 wins and one draw from the final 21 League games. The League title was nevertheless secured at the second attempt in 2014/15 with a haul of 103 points from 38 games and with it promotion to Step 4 in which we were allocated to the Ryman League Division One North. The first season at the higher level was a baptism of fire when only 7 points were garnered from the first 17 games but by the close of the season a further 43 points had been amassed from the remaining 29 games and the Club finished in a comfortable 15th place. The first season in the FA Trophy produced two fine victories before a replay loss to Hitchin Town of the Evostik South Premier Division. The summer of 2016 saw yet further investment in the close season in the form of a 3G synthetic main pitch and added improvements to the perimeter, the spectator rails and the floodlights and has created a facility of which the Club can be proud; and has afforded a greater opportunity for the Club to move forward in all aspects. The first team in 2016/17 improved markedly on the previous season and had an excellent all round campaign although rather unfortunate not to finish the season on a high having ended with the "double heartbreak" of missing out on promotion through a 4-5 closely fought semi final play-off defeat to Maldon & Tiptree FC after finishing 5th in the Division and an odd goal 2-3 London Senior Cup semi-final loss at Metropolitan Police. But 2017/18 was to be the Club's best ever and culminated in promotion to Step 3 via the play-off route with a 3-1 win over Canvey Island after automatic promotion had been missed by just two points. And in FA Competitions the 4th and final round of the Qualifying rounds for the FA Cup was reached, although that ended in disappointment with a 2-4 home defeat by Heybridge Swifts who then enjoyed a visit to Exeter City in the First Round Proper. In the FA Trophy we went right through the qualifying campaign and were lucky enough to draw Leyton Orient in the First Round Proper which brought a record attendance of 1,133 to Coles Park and "The O's" left mightily relieved at having come back to win 2-1 after going a goal down in the fifth minute. 2018/19 was to be the Club's best ever season with an FA Cup run which took us into the First Round

Proper where it was ended rather cruelly by AFC Wimbledon's last minute goal at Coles Park in front of a record crowd of 2,710. Having led the Premier Division for several weeks in mid-season it was somewhat disappointing that we dropped from 2nd to 3rd on the last day of the season after a poor late run but still enjoyed home advantage in the Play-Off Semifinal in which a 45 minute second half onslaught on the Tonbridge Angels goal produced only one goal in response to the two they had scored before the interval. Last season's early termination was less of a disappointment for us than for most other Isthmian Premier Division Clubs as we were marooned in mid-table with no realistic prospect of entering either the promotion or relegation zones. The highlight of the season should have been the visit of National League Yeovil Town in the Final Qualifying Round of the Emirates FA Cup but, as is well known, appalling crowd behaviour brought that game to an early end and the second game seemed something of an anti-climax. In fact, without making excuses, that unpleasant episode seems to have adversely affected our players for some time for, whereas we had been well in the promotion places mix, thereafter we just drifted downwards.

2016/17 saw the introduction of a much needed "second" team, formed to compete in the Ryman Development League it being basically intended for Under 21 players but with the facility to include up to 4 older players in every squad. The team held their own comfortably in the League finishing a very creditable 6th place and the benefits of the Club's participation were all too evident with the introduction of a number of players into the first team squad throughout the season and the opportunity for first team squad players to keep fresh and those who were returning from injury had a platform to get fit. Thereby proving the benefits of having such a side. The age restriction was amended to Under 23 for 2017/18 and the team was always near the top of the table.

In the 2017/18 season the Club also entered an Under 18's Youth side into the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League which will again provide a pathway for talented local boys to make their way into the first team squad and ultimately the first team itself. The team won its Divisional Championship in its debut season. The Women over the years have steadily improved and were extremely fortunate to have been approached midway through the 2013/14 season by renowned coach and former professional footballer Steve Browne who at the time was involved in the highly successful S & T Academy Girls football. Steve was duly appointed Manager and preserved the Women's Premier Division status. In 2015/16 a mid table position was easily secured from an uneven campaign which included convincing away wins at the top 2 Clubs and some surprisingly disappointing performances against lower placed teams. Last season, by Christmas the team were runaway League leaders only to be thrown off course by the tragic early death of Steve on New Years Day but after a shaky period the Women re-asserted themselves to win the League Championship on the last day of the season and with it, promotion to the Women's Premier League and followed that up by adding the League Cup with a 5-1 win over Cambridge City to complete the double. The best ever season for the Women and a fitting lasting legacy for their Manager. The loss of many of the successful squad, several to American University Scholarships proved too much of a handicap at the higher level and relegation back to the Eastern Regional League was an unsurprising outcome.

The foundations are in place for an eventual assault on the title to secure a National League place for the men's senior side and an exciting season is in prospect in which the ability to go one better and obtain promotion to the National League at the second attempt should be within the capabilities of our talented squad, The facilities and structures are in place for all the Club's teams to improve and enhance on recent successes

The Directors and Committee of *HARINGEY BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB* take pleasure in extending a warm welcome to all visitors to Coles Park and hope that they will make use of the bar and refreshment facilities available to increase their enjoyment of the occasion.

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## HISTORY OF CHERTSEY TOWN FC



Organised football was evident in Chertsey well over a century ago but county affiliation did not take place immediately. The official founding of the club took place in 1890 when matches were played in the West Surrey League. The first success came in 1897 when the Surrey Junior Cup was secured. A one year gap took place before football resumed in the same competition which eventually became the East and West Surrey League. A further halt in football took place during the Great War but soon after, in 1919, the club joined the Surrey Intermediate League where it stayed, uneventfully, until 1939 and a further break. An invitation to become founder members of the Surrey Senior League was not taken up in 1923 but membership was later assumed, on attaining senior status in 1946.

The club has played at various locations within the parish (Willow Walk, Free Prae Road Staines Lane and Chilsey Green) before settling down at the present home in 1926. The suffix 'Town' was added to its title some 24 years later. The ground was donated by Sir Edward Stern as a football ground to the 'premier club in the parish'. Next door, a similar trust provides facilities for Chertsey Cricket Club. The main stand was constructed in the mid fifties; the original clubhouse added in 1960 and the first covered enclosure was built some three years later. Cover behind each goal was added in 1994 and 2010 respectively.

Although Chertsey gained membership of the Surrey Senior League immediately after the second world war, it was not until the 1959/60 season that success came with the league championship. This was repeated twice in the next three years, a halcyon period when the League Cup was also won on three occasions. Due to the static nature of amateur football in those days, the club could not progress to the preferred Corinthian League so, in 1963, it was controversially decided to turn professional and enter the Metropolitan League. Although an entertaining three years were then enjoyed, the cost was too much to bear and a return to the lower levels of the Greater London League for one season occurred before a further shift to the Spartan League was made in 1967.

Indifferent results then dogged the club for almost two decades. This situation was briefly relieved in 1974/75 when the club were league and league cup runners up to an up an coming Farnborough Town. Meanwhile, the fabric of the club was being built up behind the scenes and despite lack of prominence on the park, movement was made via the London Spartan (1975/76) and Athenian leagues through to the Isthmian family with a place in Division Two South in 1984. Instant relegation to the Combined Counties League was suffered but a rejuvenated side won promotion back to Isthmian ranks within the year whilst winning the League Cup on the way.

The club was rewarded with good league positions but further promotion denied at first. The worst season after returning to the Isthmians came when the two Division Twos were split in 1991 and a place in the new Division Three had to suffice. This position was quickly rectified with a runner's up slot the next season. The club also reached the quarter finals of the F.A. Vase, emulating a similar performance in 1987/88. One year later, 102 points and a runner's up promotion place to Division One was nailed. The League Cup was also secured together with the Carlsberg Trophy in the same campaign along with the League Charity Shield and the Isthmian 'Team of the Season' trophy.

Only one campaign was required in Division One before further promotion, to the Premier Division. The first season at that level was one of consolidation but the second was more difficult. A late rally was experienced, but was insufficient to avoid the drop to Division One. Two subsequent Division One campaigns were comfortable but the third proved too difficult after a very poor first half of the season.

Relatively respectable positions were attained for the next two seasons and then a return to Division One, taking a place in the revised south section in the Isthmian re-organisation. The side was not able to compete at this level and relegation to Division Two was suffered in 2003. With the dissolution of the division, the club was allocated to Combined Counties League in 2006. Promotionally hopeful situations were created

regularly over the five terms in that competition.

Finishing as runners up in 2011 was enough to secure promotion to Division One Central of the Southern League. Unspectacular, but safe, performances were achieved for two seasons but relegation was suffered in 2014, and with it a return to the Combined Counties League where four modest seasons prevailed.

A massive change occurred in the 2018/19 season that resulted in the league championship being secured with 13 points to spare. This led to promotion back to the Isthmian ranks and a place in the South Central Division. However, more memorable, was winning the FA Vase after turning over the score in the final to beat Cray Valley 3-1. The combination of these two feats has made the 2018/19 the most successful season ever for the club.

Dave Anderson was the team manager who masterminded this success but stood down at the end of the campaign. Team captain Kevin Maclaren has since taken charge. The chairman's role is held Mark Turner. The club, a Charter Standard member, also has a comprehensive junior section of boys at all ages.

Chertsey Town's nickname, the 'Curfews' is derived from a locally famous bell that hangs in the nearby St. Peters Church. The bell has rung out the evening curfew, now ceremoniously of course, for over five hundred years.



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## Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

A warm welcome to everyone associated with Chertsey Town FC for this afternoon's Second qualifying round of the Emirates FA Cup. I am sure it is going to be a great game of football played in a great spirit by two sides who play football the way it is meant to be played. I know that the Chertsey contingent will be here in numbers to support their side and try and give them the impetus to go on and do well. They may be a division below us in the Isthmian League however they were 4th and in the play off places when the season was curtailed so in different circumstances we could have been playing a team at our level. Likewise our supporters showed their true allegiance last Monday night when they did not stop singing and encouraging the boys on what we all saw was a very disappointing performance. Hopefully any complacency shown in that match due to our opponents having suffered a heavy defeat only two days earlier will have taught them what you are exposed to if you do not treat the opposition with the respect they deserve. What I am sure we all want to see is our boys treat Chertsey Town with the same respect they showed Tunbridge Wells in the last round. We will not be enforcing a segregation policy in respect of the Chertsey fans but we will be asking them to gather in a collective group behind one goal in a socially distanced manner. I am sure they will respect any suggestion made and it is imperative that we all comply with the FA guidelines and Government guidance to demonstrate that football fans can safely be allowed back into grounds. The current situation with the prospect of meeting Clubs who play higher is an absolute farce. To suggest that if we or Chertsey Town were hosting a National league side no supporters from that side could attend is quite absurd. Even worse if either of us were drawn away to such a side the match would be played behind closed doors thereby depriving any side the share of the gate receipts. How can that scenario possibly make sense when we can have 600 fans in this afternoon? Aside from the issue of fans attendance there is the ongoing issue of the finances for the higher level Clubs known for some bizarre reason as " Elite" Clubs. I have enormous sympathy with the Clubs who stated they will not start without an assurance that they will be given sufficient funds to ensure that if they start they can finish the season. At least the recent announcement has stated that they will receive government assistance and they will actually commence this weekend, level 1 in the National league and at level 2 in the Emirates FA Cup. We at our level must know that there will be promotion and relegation and without the league above commencing we would be playing for no reason this season as you could not have relegation for teams who have not played!! All in all an unsatisfactory position all round but we are in unknown territory and we have to be a little careful with how we bemoan our luck when so many things far worse than missing out on football are currently going on around the world as a consequence of this worldwide pandemic. Therefore I say let us all enjoy what is on offer and embrace it and at least the victors will be able to look forward to Monday's draw with enthusiasm. To the losers there is a few quid in the bank and a whole season ahead of us to try and make our impact in our own respective Divisions. Enjoy the game and be socially aware throughout and respect each other.

**Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C.**

## Manager - Haringey Borough FC

It is nice to have an early opportunity to get over the disappointment of Monday night's game against Leatherhead. I don't know why but we seemed so lethargic and devoid of ideas that I did not see that performance coming after the way we played and the win against Bognor Regis Town only two days earlier. Whether it was mindset knowing that Leatherhead had been beaten 7-0 at the weekend or whether it was tiredness due to playing two games in two days I do not know. What I do know is that today's opponents beat Leatherhead only 10 days ago in the FA Cup so if anyone thought today would be easy they have another think coming. This is a massive game for both Club's and I am sure Chertsey will come here

believing they can turn over another Isthmian Premier team. At least their scouts on Monday will have a completely wrong view of how we play and will relay that back to the team. We cannot possibly play like that again so hopefully we will revert to type and the Chertsey plans to deal with us will be ineffective. I do not want to be overly critical as Leatherhead actually only had one shot at goal in 90 minutes from which they scored. My issue is with the way we made the wrong choices when we were in good positions, our final ball was not good, we played into their hands so they defensively had little to worry about, we created very few chances and that is not like us. We are a strong powerful side and it is that strength that gets us opportunities and that is what I want to see today. When our intensity is good teams cannot live with us and I will be impressing this need to start strong and fast upon the boys and hopefully you will all see the true Haringey this afternoon. Once again you all amazed me by the spirit you showed in continuing to push the side forward with your chants and songs and hopefully we will give you good reasons to repeat that today. Respect the opposition as you always do and cheer the boys on to more FA Cup glory - Come on Boro

**Tom Loizou - Manager Haringey Borough F.C.**

## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we welcome the players, Officials and supporters of CHERTSEY TOWN FC to the CVS Van Hire Stadium for this Emirates FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round tie. Likewise our match officials who are Lee Dyson in the middle with Fabio Roque and Joshua Howard on the lines. There must be a winner today for this season replays are cancelled and if the scores are level after 90 minutes there will be no extra time and a penalty shoot out will decide who progresses. Whatever the outcome we hope all will leave having enjoyed an entertaining afternoon's sport and have a safe journey home.

Not since the sad demise of The Athenian League in 1984 have "The Curfews" been seen at Coles Park. From 1977/78 to 1983/84 both Clubs were in membership of that sadly missed League and mostly competed to see who could finish closer to the bottom spot. In that respect Chertsey achieved that unwanted "honour" twice to our once. We reached the heady heights of 5th in 1978/79 while Chertsey finished 9th in 1981/82 but in all other seasons neither Club finished higher than 11th. Not a time either Club will look back on with much satisfaction but both Clubs have since made upward strides, us to Step 3 and Chertsey to Step 4 and Chertsey also had the pleasure of an FA Vase win in 2019 in what was their last season as a Step 5 Club as they also gained promotion as Champions of the Combined Counties League

Maybe I missed my vocation and should have been a prophet for this is what I wrote in the programme for last Monday's League match against visitors Leatherhead. "Our visitors arrive on the rebound from an astonishing seven goal defeat last Saturday at Bowers and Pitsea's Len Salmon Stadium; which is not really good news for us as they will obviously be determined to restore their wounded pride". And thus it turned out as they outfought us in every department and deservedly won by the only goal of the match scored early in the second half. We created one golden opportunity after 5 minutes only to sky it well over the bar from the six yard line and that was that. The visitors keeper never had a save worth the name to make throughout the whole of the match. Leatherhead were lucky in that three possible penalty decisions went against us and in particular great was the general astonishment seconds before the interval when Michael O'Donoghue cutting in from the left was the victim of an obvious trip but was instead booked for diving! But if we had shown a fraction of the commitment which had seen us triumph in our first three matches Leatherhead would have needed much more than luck to triumph When they took the lead the hope was that a furious onslaught such as that which turned defeat into victory when

Bognor Regis Town took the lead on Saturday might be our response but sight of it was there none. A monotonous repetitive launching of long balls either over-hit or aimed straight down the throats of Leatherhead's central defenders continued and never looked like opening up a determined rearguard. It was an uninspiring, niggly, bad tempered, stoppage ridden match with plenty of subtle time wasting and it is difficult to recall the last time such a disappointing performance was on display at Coles Park; but a match in our generally wonderful 2018/19 season on 16th February when we went down 0-3 at home quickly comes to mind – and who were the visitors that day - that's right Leatherhead!! A one goal defeat is hardly a humiliation to compare with Leatherhead's previous result but maybe a sense of shame at setting such a spectacle in front of our wonderful supporters, who deserve better, might lead us to raise our game and put Chertsey well and truly to the sword to make amends.

It is interesting that had Chertsey not eliminated Leatherhead from the FA Cup in the First Qualifying Round (5-4 on penalties after a 0-0 draw) it would have been Leatherhead returning here again today, which might have increased our determination to resume "normal service" and put Tuesday's horror show behind us.

We have yet another home first team game this coming Monday evening which will be the fifth on the trot when East Thurrock United visit for a League game. Those for whom Coles Park is a home from home can also see our Women in action tomorrow when Colney Heath visit for an Eastern Counties Regional Womens' League game. 2.30 kick off.

### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Sun 4 Oct	HOME	2.30pm	Women	COLNEY HEATH	League
Mon 5 Oct	HOME	7.45pm	1st Team	EAST THURROCK UNITED	League
Wed 7 Oct	Away	7.45pm	U 23s	Brentwood Town	League
Wed Oct 7	Away	7.30pm	U18s	Edgware Town	League
Sat Oct 10	Away	3pm	1st Team	Brightlingsea Regent	League
Sun Oct 11	HOME	2pm	Women	WROXHAM	League
Tue Oct 13	Away	7.45pm	1st Team	Hornchurch	League
Wed Oct 14	Away	7.45pm	U 23s	AFC Sudbury	League
Wed Oct 14	Away	7.45pm	U 18s	Rayners Lane	League

### NEXT FIRST TEAM AWAY GAME

Saturday October 10th v BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT (3pm) League  
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# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

IT'S DIFFICULT to know what to write about sometimes in these programme columns we send out each week. Do people want to hear views on the big issues around the game? Are you flicking through a programme for some light-hearted reading at half-time?

It feels like everything has been a bit serious recently. And rightfully so. Clubs up and down are worried about the future. What makes it harder, in this Covid pandemic, is a lot of the things we are worrying about when it comes to Non-League football are largely out of everyone's control.

While clubs can put the right protocols in place, if the government suddenly decide no fans then there's not much that can be done about it.

It's a frustrating time for all, perhaps summed up by the situation this weekend in the FA Cup where Step 2 fans aren't allowed to watch their team play live, be it home or away.

At the time of writing, there is still great uncertainty for National League clubs about their kick-off. They will be behind closed doors but with almost no exceptions, that will only work if there is sufficient support from the Government or the Premier League.

All we really want is to watch our teams play again. That goes for every club throughout the pyramid. Those who already have fans in want to make sure the gates stay open.

Perhaps this tricky period reminds us why we started watching Non-League football in the first place.

The thought sprung to mind from last week's NLP where our new columnist Tony Incenzo – talkSPORT's journalist and Non-League expert – about the importance of getting young fans through the doors.

Tony recounts how his mum used to drop him and a friend at the gates of Hendon and would return at 4.45pm to pick them up knowing they will have had an enjoyable, and safe, afternoon watching their local side.

From their Tony's passion for these levels of the game soared and, anyone who follows him on twitter, will know just how many grounds he has visited over the years.

It got me to thinking about my own involvement in the game. My Dad is the one to blame, Heavily involved in Non-League football, I probably had no choice.

But I loved going down to a ground, smelling the liniment waft from the changing rooms before standing so close to the action soaking it all in. I enjoyed watching Premier League football, like any other kid, but really Non-League was the place to be.

That then morphed into regularly watching Farnborough Town with friends before, in our teenage years, that transformed into away games as well.

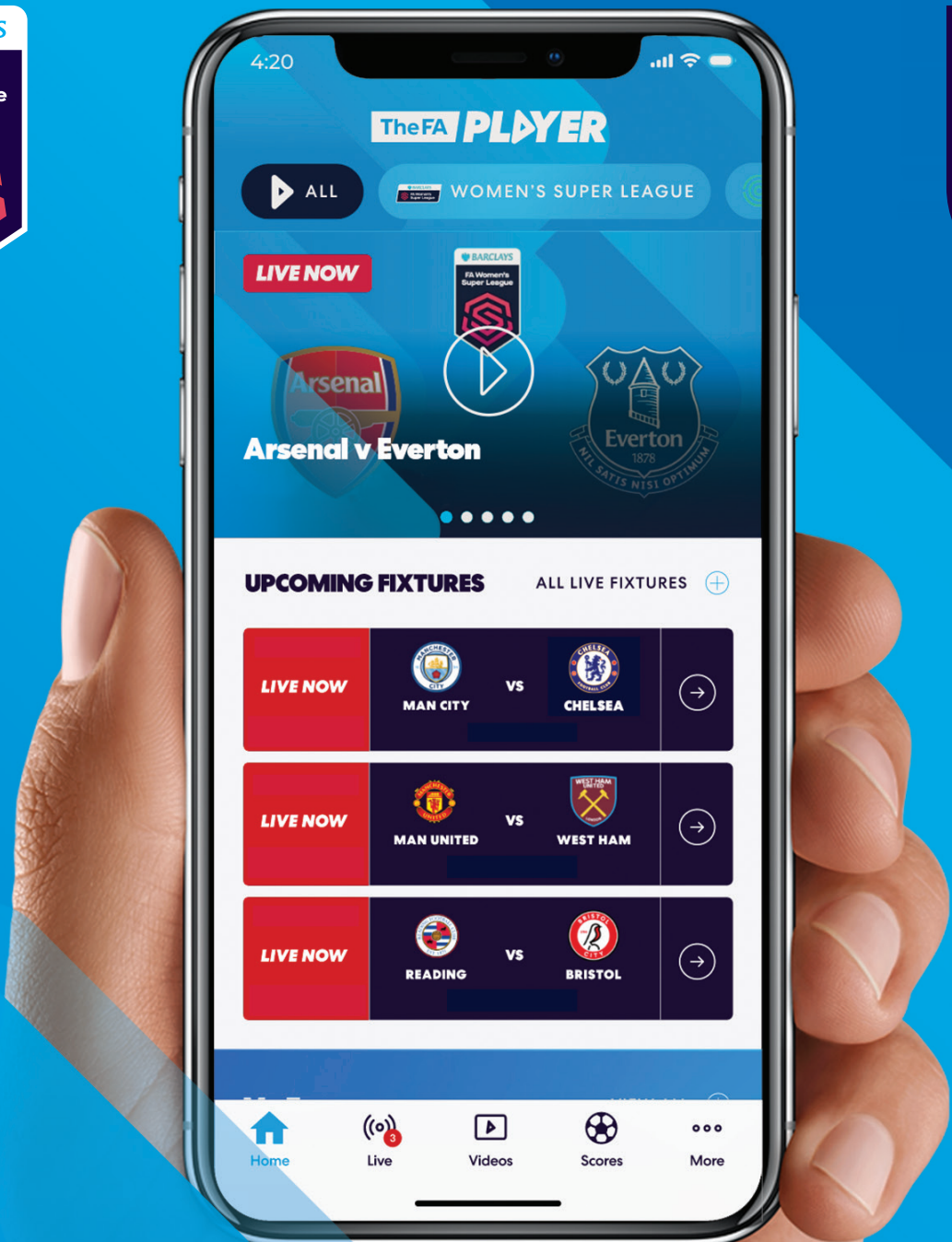
We'd hop on the train early in the morning and headed off to far flung destinations like Hitchin, Carshalton and St Albans.

It's only a few years later when you start driving that you realise these places are not that far away at all.

But that was our Saturdays. Stopping at McDonalds on the way to the ground. Stopping there again on the way back to the station. Navigating our way through Clapham Junction and eventually arriving back home tired but fulfilled.

That's what Covid has shown me, anyway. How much I enjoy being at a game with other people and soaking it all in. How I enjoy going to a game with my Dad, who kick-started my love affair with Non-League in the first place. And, with that, I'm off tonight to see a game with him. Enjoy your game.

By Matt Badcock



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## CHERTSEY TOWN FC PLAYER PROFILES 2019-20



**GARRY ABISOGUN** - (23) An attacker who signed in the 2020 close season. Was with Wokings first team squad but moved, last term, to Cobham, then Redhill.

**JAKE BAXTER** - (31) An experienced striker signed in September 2018 from Hartley Wintney. Was also a prolific marksman at Tooting & Mitcham United. Previously at Fulham academy and Cove.

**DANNY BENNELL** - (37) Joined towards the end of the 2017/18 season. A centre back who played in the FA Vase semi final with Hillingdon Borough. Has also been with North Greenford United and Hanwell Town

**ANDY CROSSLEY** - (27) A wide attacker who rejoined at the start of the 2018/19 season after a short spell at Westfield. Made his Chertsey Town first team debut in August 2009 as a 16 year old. Re-signed in November 2014 after playing at Farnborough, Egham Town and Godalming Town. Has now made well over 300 appearances for the club.

**SCOTT DAY** - (32) Signed in the 2019 close season for the defence. Although one year was spent at Farnborough, the previous seven seasons had been with Whyteleafe

**OLIVER DUFFY** - (26) A defending midfield player who joined in the 2019 close season. He sustained a bad injury in his first game for Chertsey Town and was out for the whole of the 2019/20 season. Was previously at Hanwell Town, completing over 200 appearances.

**ETHAN ETUKUDO** - (18) A real find from last season's Under 18 side, but then began to break into the first team towards the end of the season. Plays in an attacking role.

**LEWIS GALLIFENT** - (20) A goalkeeper who joined in March 2018 and was previously with Hampton & Richmond Borough's youth team. Firmly established in the squad but education constraints stop games on a regular basis. Is dual registered with Colliers Wood United.

**TAYSHAN HAYDEN-SMITH** - (24) A midfield attacker who joined the Curfews from Hanwell Town last February, but was previously with Hemel Hempstead Town. Was with Aldershot Town as a teenager

**JONATHAN HIPPOLYTE** - (26) A striker who joined just after the start of last season. Came out of Maidenhead United's youth set up and has since had a plethora of clubs from Conference level to Step 4. Was latterly with Metropolitan Police.

**SAM HURRELL** - (32) A midfield signing in October 2019 from Cobham. Started with the Chelsea youth set up where he won the first 'Football Icon' on television but then moved on in 2007 to a number of clubs including St Albans City and Welling United. Was also joint manager at Hillingdon Borough for a spell.

**LEWIS JACKSON** - (27) A 2018 close season signing from Cobham. Plays centrally in the midfield or more usually at full back. Has since been a full regular and will break a century of appearance with the club this term.

**NICK JUPP** - (30) A goalkeeper signed at the start of last season after what turned into a temporary retirement having played regularly for Harrow Borough. Has also been with Shepsted Dynamo, Aldershot Town, Barnet and St Albans City. Is the current club's committee as their player of the year.

**ASHLEY LODGE** - (30) Joined to join the midfield in January 2020 from Staines Town where in previously he had won the Player Of The Season award on four occasions. Between times he had played for Egham Town, Ashford Town and Hayes & Yeading.

**CASEY MACLAREN** - (33) A defender who signed in the summer of 2018 after a season with Hampton & Richmond Borough. Was previously at Hendon where he made over 300 first team appearances

**KEVIN MACLAREN** - (31) Signed for The Curfews for the midfield in March 2018 from Kingstonian, but started that term at Tooting & Mtcham United. Has also enjoyed extended stays with AFC Wimbledon and Hendon. Was club captain in the 2018/19, but is now the club's manager.

**SAM MURPHY** - (31) Played 184 times for Hendon from where he came in the 2018 close season. Played previously at Edgware Town and Aldershot Town. Was part of Cambridge United's Academy for many years. Plays in the midfield.

**QUINCY ROWE** - (32) Powerful midfield attacker who joined in December 2018. Previous club was Tooting & Mitcham United but was considering retirement. Has also played many games with Staines Town, AFC Wimbledon and Harrow Borough.

**ANTONIO SIMEONE** - (31) Transferred from Tooting & Mitcham Utd for his defending skills in February 2020, he has also played for a number of Surrey based clubs including Carshalton Athletic, Godalming Town and Walton & Hersham.

**BRYAN TAYLOR** - (24) A surprise signing for the forward line in August 2019 having played all his football career in local football. Made an immediate impact after a belated trial. Is now an established squad player.

**MASON WELCH-TURNER** - (24) Signed for the start of the 2018/19 season from Hanwell Town. A left back who has also been with Corinthian Casuals, Woking and Hendon.



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## HARINGEY PLAYER PROFILES 2020-21



**DANIEL AKINDAYINI** - much travelled striker signed from Cheshunt in mid-December 2019 who opened his account with a fine strike at Enfield on Boxing day 2019.

**GEORGIOS ARESTI** - Cypriot International midfielder who numbers AEK Athens among his previous Clubs; 2017/18 deadline day signing and near automatic selection last season.

**JACK BARTHAM** - defender who moved on from Spurs Youth set up to make 87 appearances for Swindon Town and Cheltenham Town between 2015 & 2017 and 60 for National League Barrow in next 2 seasons. Most recently with FC United of Manchester.

**BOBSON BAWLING** - attacking midfielder who joined us from Enfield Town at the start of this season having previously been with Crawley Town, Woking and St. Albans City.

**SAMI BESSADI** - Attacking midfielder who has come right through the ranks with the Under 18s and Under 23s and is now a challenger for a First Team berth.

**QAMIL DERVISHAJ** - Regularly on the bench as back up goalkeeper. Promising prospect moving up to Senior football after serving the Club's Under 18 team.

**LASTE DOMBAXE** - central midfield lynch-pin – a great sprayer of telling passes; former Tottenham Hotspur Under 21 player who joined us at the start of this season having previously been with Maldon & Tiptree.

**JORGE DJASSI-SAMBU** - midfield powerhouse now in 7th season with Club; opponents know when they have been tackled by this non-stop box to box player. Dangerous in opponents box at set piece situations.

**SCOTT OLU DUROJAIYE** - powerful midfielder who has rejoined us having moved to Woking towards the end of 2018/19. Has played in Scotland for Falkirk and several other National league sides.

**ANTHONY McDONALD** - fast tricky wide player entering his 9th season with us; excellent finisher with 13 League goals in an injury hit 2016/17; first team regular but appearances have been interrupted by injuries.

**ROMAN MICHAEL-PERCIL** - our first signing of 2020 from Potters Bar Town; a winger who has been with several Isthmian Clubs after moving on from Tottenham Hotspurs Under 21s.

**JONATHAN MILES** - December 2019 signing; goalkeeper most recently with Ramsgate whose other past Clubs include Ebbsfleet United and Margate after leaving Tottenham Hotspur Under 18s.

**SCOTT MITCHELL** - a summer 2017 signing; 22 year old central defender who was previously with Dagenham & Redbridge. Almost an ever present in 2017/18 season and now an established member of the squad.

**JAMIE-LEE O'DONOGHUE** - strong running striker re-joining us this season; was with Baldock Town last season and numbers Cleethorpes Town among his previous Clubs. Older brother of our full back, Michael.

**MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE** - powerful full back rejoining us after a year away at National League side Concord Rangers. Formerly a professional with Colchester United.

**DAVID "TOSIN" OLUFEMI** - attack minded full back who rejoins us this season after a year away with National League side Concord Rangers. Also numbers Colchester United among his former Clubs.

**VALERY PAJETAT** - goalkeeper signed in the 2017 close season with extensive playing time in Portugal and with Margate; commanding presence in his domain. Has won several monthly "Golden Gloves" awards.

**RAKIM RICHARDS** - versatile player with us since 2010 and most usually to be found in a defensive role but quite at home in midfield and a menace in the opponents penalty area when corner kicks arrive.

**JOSEPH RUSSELL** - defender/midfielder; January 2020 signing from Cheshunt who played against us in an August 2019 fixture; numbers Ware, Northwood, Hoddesdon Town and Egham Town among his previous Clubs.

**CLAUDIO VILCU** - tall, strong central defender signed shortly before the early close down last season; a very experienced player, who numbers Dinamo Bucharest, Enfield Town, Wealdstone, Kingstonian, Cambridge City, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Wingate & Finchley and FC Romania among his previous Clubs.

## MANAGEMENT

**TOM LOIZOU (MANAGER)** - A man with wealth of experience and knowledge of the game who is always running around for the club; his passion is there for everyone to see and he keeps everyone at the Club their toes - not just the players!

**DAVID CUMBERBATCH (ASSISTANT MANAGER)** - often sits in the main stand watching the game and recording bits for time to time known sometimes as 'Terry Connor or Howard the Halifax man' who gives you extra..."

**JOHNNY FITSIOU (COACH)** - his extensive knowledge and experience of conditioning has made the Borough players more aware of how to exert their power and pace game plan.

**THOMAS O'DONOGHUE (COACH)** - known as 'Tucker' is an experienced coach who joined the coaching staff at the Borough in 2016. Having started with the first team. Father of players Michael and Jamie.





## TODAYS TEAMS

From

Jonathan MILES

David OLUFEMI

Michael O'DONOGHUE

Rakim RICHARDS

Scott MITCHELL

Laste DOMBAXE

Roman MICHAEL-PERCIL

Georgios ARESTI

Jamie Lee O'DONOGHUE

Scott DUROJAIYE

Alfred BAWLING

Sami BESSADI

Arthur LEBLOND

Anthony McDONALD

Jorge DJASSI SAMBU

Yannick BITSINDOU

Junior ROSERO

Claudiu-Octavian VILCU

Manager: Tom Loizou

Assistant Manager: David Cumberbatch

Coaches: Johnny Fitsiou

Tucker O'Donoghue

Physio: Nathalie Grah

### MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Lee Dyson assisted by  
Fabio Roque & Joshua Howard



From

Gary ABISOGUN

Jake BAXTER

Andrew CROSSLEY

Scott DAY

Lewis DRIVER

Oliver DUFFY

Ethan ETUKUDO

Lewis GALLIFENT

Jonathan HIPPOLYTE

Sam HURRELL

Lewis JACKSON

Nick JUPP

Ashley LODGE

Casey MACLAREN

Kevin MACLAREN

Sam MURPHY

Quincy ROWE

Antonio SIMEONE

Bryan TAYLOR

Mason WELCH-TURNER

Managers and coaches:

Steve Hawkins

Mick Bennett

Gary Anderson

Jade Doran

Ben Seal

## HARINGEY BOROUGH 2020/21 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

(All Saturday kick offs 3pm and midweek kick offs at 7.45pm unless otherwise indicated)

Tue 18 Aug	H	NEW SALAMIS (FRIENDLY)	W 1-0
Tue 25 Aug	H	ALDRESHOT TOWN (FRIENDLY)	D 1-1
Sat 29 Aug	H	HANWELL TOWN (FRIENDLY)	L 1-3
Sat 5 Sep	A	Kings Langley (Friendly)	L 1-2
Tue 8 Sep	H	QPR UNDER 23S (FRIENDLY) 7PM	L 0-2
Sat 12 Sep	H	SUTTON UNITED (FRIENDLY)	L 0-2
Sat 19 Sep	A	Corinthian Casuals	W 2-1
Tue 22 Sep	H	TUNBRIDGE WELLS (FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round)	W 5-1
Sat 26 Sep	H	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	W 2-1
Mon 28 Sep	H	LEATHERHEAD	L 0-1
Sat 3 Oct	H	CHERTSEY TOWN (FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round)	
Mon 5 Oct	H	EAST THURROCK UNITED	
Sat 10 Oct	A	Bightlingsea Regent	
Tue 13 Oct	A	Hornchurch	
Sat 17 Oct	H	CRAY WANDERERS	
Mon 19 Oct	A	Carshalton Athletic	
Sat 24 Oct	H	LEWES	
Sat 31 Oct		TBA (FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round)	
Wed 4 Nov	A	Kingstonian	
Sat 7 Nov	A	Margate	
Sat 14 Nov	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	
Tue 17 Nov	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	
Sat 21 Nov	A	Horsham	
Sat 28 Nov	H	MERSTHAM	
Sat 5 Dec	A	Bishops Stortford	
Sat 12 Dec	H	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	
Sat 19 Dec	A	Worthing	
Sat 26 Dec	H	ENFIELD TOWN	
Mon 28 Dec	A	Wingate & Finchley	
Sat 2 Jan	H	CHESHUNT	
Sat 9 Jan	A	East Thurrock United	
Sat 16 Jan	A	Lewes	
Sat 23 Jan	H	KINGSTONIAN	
Sat 30 Jan	A	Potters Bar Town	
Sat 6 Feb	H	MARGATE	
Sat 13 Feb	A	Bowers & Putsea	
Sat 20 Feb	H	HORSHAM	
Sat 27 Feb	H	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	
Tue 2 Mar	A	Leatherhead	
Sat 6 Mar	A	Bognor Regis Town	
Sat 13 Mar	H	HORNCHURCH	
Sat 20 Mar	H	BISHOPS STORTFORD	
Sat 27 Mar	A	Merstham	
Sat 3 Apr	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	
Mon 5 Apr	A	Enfield Town	
Sat 10 Apr	H	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	
Sat 17 Apr	A	Cray Wanderers	
Sat 24 Apr	A	Folkestone Invicta	
Sat 1 May	H	WORTHING	
Mon 3 May	H	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	
Sat 8 May	A	Cheshunt	

## Isthmian League Premier Division 2020/21 - up to & including 30/9/2020

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Bowers & Pitsea	3	3	0	0	11	2	+9	9
Cray Wanderers	3	3	0	0	11	3	+8	9
Worthing	3	3	0	0	9	2	+7	9
Bishop's Stortford	3	2	1	0	7	3	+4	7
Carshalton Athletic	3	2	1	0	7	3	+4	7
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Enfield Town	3	2	0	1	6	5	+1	6
Haringey Borough	3	2	0	1	4	3	+1	6
Cheshunt	3	2	0	1	3	4	-1	6
Margate	3	1	2	0	5	4	+1	5
Bognor Regis Town	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
Hornchurch	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
Leatherhead	3	1	1	1	2	8	-6	4
Merstham	3	1	0	2	4	3	+1	3
Folkestone Invicta	3	1	0	2	6	6	0	3
Brightlingsea Regent	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
Potters Bar Town	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
Corinthian-Casuals	3	1	0	2	3	6	-3	3
Kingstonian	3	1	0	2	4	11	-7	3
Horsham	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1
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East Thurrock United	3	0	0	3	2	6	-4	0
Wingate & Finchley	3	0	0	3	4	9	-5	0
Lewes	3	0	0	3	3	9	-6	0

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# Respect



## Isthmian League - South Central Division Current League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
Westfield	2	2	0	0	7	1	+6	6
Marlow	2	1	1	0	5	2	+3	4
Bracknell Town	2	1	1	0	4	2	+2	4
Harlow Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
Waltham Abbey	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3
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Tooting & Mitcham United	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	3
Hertford Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3
Chertsey Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Hanwell Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3
Ware	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
Ashford Town (Middx)	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3
Staines Town	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
Northwood	2	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3
Barking	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
Uxbridge	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
Chalfont St Peter	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
Bedfont Sports	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
South Park	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
FC Romania	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0
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Chipstead	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0

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