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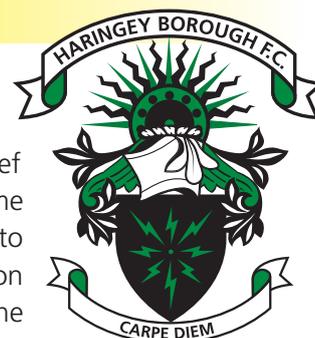
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HARINGEY BOROUGH FC - A BRIEF HISTORY



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. The merged Club played in the Athenian League until it ceased to operate at the end of the 1983/84 season and then played for 4 seasons in Division 2 North of the Isthmian League. After a period of instability culminating in a year in the wilderness away from Senior football in 1988/89 they were admitted to the Spartan League in 1989/90 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 for 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.

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 what was then 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 at 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 another great but ultimately disappointing 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 surprising 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 Semi-final 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. The 2019/20 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. The early termination of League Fixtures for 2020/21 was more of a blow than was the previous seasons voiding as we were well placed to make a charge towards a play-off place at least. However the Buildbase FA Trophy continued and we enjoyed a run through to the 4th Round Proper when Oxford City of the National League South finally eliminated us 4-2 after we had been two up; en route we had overcome Faversham Town, Bishops Stortford, Eastbourne Borough and Dartford, the last two also being National League South Clubs. The London Senior Cup also carried on and due to withdrawals, we reached the quarter-final without playing a game but lost a penalty shoot out to Hanwell Town after a 2-2 draw.

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 has always been near the top of the table and continued to do well in the following seasons

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. They were Divisional winners of the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League in 2004/05 (and also winners of the League's Colwyn Cup competition) and 2009/10. After a few seasons absence from Youth football the Under 18s rejoined the Southern Counties competition in 2017/18, winning its Divisional Championship at the first attempt. This 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 Women's Team was formed in 1999 and competed in the Eastern Region Womens League winning promotion in its first season and then to its Premier Division for 2002/03; and there they have remained save for two seasons, the first being in 2011/12 following relegation to Division 1 from which they made an immediate Premier Division return as runners-up. Steady improvement began and we were extremely fortunate to have been approached midway through the 2014/15 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. In 2017/18, 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 which was 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. Now under the stewardship of Bobby Cato significant steps forward seem certain and promotion is again a realistic prospect.

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 a challenge for at least a Play-off position is a realistic prospect as we pursue our ambition to achieve promotion to the National League 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.

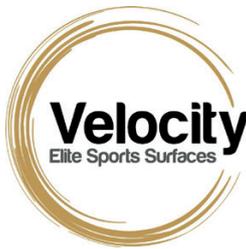
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HISTORY OF LEWES FC



The Early Years

Lewes Football Club was formed following a meeting at The Royal Oak pub on 23 September 1885. For the first eight years, the players wore light green shirts which were designed to reflect the scenery of the surrounding South Downs, but black and red finally became the club colours in 1893.

The club has played at the Dripping Pan ever since, apart from a couple of seasons prior to the First World War when the club was banished to the adjoining Convent Field. The early years of the club produced only mediocre results and successes were few and far between. In 1920, Lewes became founder members of the Sussex County League.

1960s

Progress was slow and despite four runners-up places, by the 1960s Lewes had only one Sussex RUR Cup win to their name. In 1965, the club's fortunes changed dramatically, winning the County League title for the first time with a massive nine-point lead over runners-up Lancing, as well as both the RUR and Sussex Senior Cups.

Lewes became members of the Athenian League and after winning the Division 2 title in 1968, promotion to the Premier Division was gained just two years later when the Division 1 title was snatched from Boreham Wood, with a further Sussex Senior Cup triumph added in 1971. Six years later, the club entered the newly expanded Isthmian League.

1980s

Promotion to Division 1 soon followed although two sixth-place finishes in 1982 and 1989 were the highest positions attained in Division 1. During that time, Lewes reached the final of the Sussex Senior Cup on three occasions, and won the trophy in 1984/85.

1990s

Disaster struck in 1990/91 when Lewes were relegated for the first time in their history. An immediate return as runners-up to Purfleet followed, but that success was short-lived and relegation in successive years meant that by the 1994/95 season the club was down in Division Three.

The slide continued and the first season in the basement division would have been the last in the league if it hadn't been for Cove who conveniently propped-up the league and saved Lewes from automatic demotion. The club survived rather than thrived until the 1998/99 season when Jimmy Quinn joined as manager, and at the first attempt missed out on promotion by just one place. Midway through the 1999/2000 season Martin Elliott and a new board of Directors stepped in and immediately the fortunes of the club began to improve, with the capture of the Sussex Senior Cup in 2001 following victory over Bognor Regis.

Naughties (2000s)

There was mixed news on the pitch. The pinnacle of the Men's team's achievement, and what a pinnacle, was to gain promotion to the top of the non-League pyramid in 2007/8. However, the Rooks only lasted one season in the top flight as the Global Credit Crisis hit and funds dried up. The Rooks' new economic reality saw them drop down the divisions.

However, a brand new Women's team was started by Jacquie Agnew and underwent a dramatic rise from park football to the Women's Combination.

A New Dawn (2010s)

Behind the scenes, a group of six supporters calling themselves Rooks125 were working hard to take the club into community ownership having witnessed the serious financial problems that had befallen the club, despite the owners' best efforts.

Finally on July 8th 2010, Lewes FC was officially transferred out of private ownership into a mass-ownership Community Benefit Society called Lewes Community Football Club, consisting of benefactors and members of the former Management Committee.

The six members of Rooks125 formed the inaugural Executive Board, working as volunteers to install improved working practices and procedures during the season before planning to open up the wider ownership of LCFC to all the club's supporters in 2011/12. The first chairman of the Community Club was appointed in 2013 with club legend Terry Parris taking up the position. Terry was succeeded by Stuart Fuller in 2015. All Board positions now are elected by the whole Ownership base.

In the summer of 2017 the club hit the headlines globally when it announced that it would pay our Men's and Women's squads the same – a first for any semi/professional club in the world. Under the Equality FC banner, the club attracted a number of partners who shared the same beliefs and vision for gender equality in sport. On the pitch, restricted resources saw the team drop two Leagues, down to Step 4 but under Darren Freeman they gained promotion as runners-up in the Isthmian League South in 2017/18, then came within a whisker of a play-off spot in the Isthmian Premier the following season.

The Lewes Women's side were given a place in the inaugural Women's Championship, the second tier of English football playing alongside sides such as Manchester United, Leicester City and Tottenham Hotspur. In December 2018 they attracted a record attendance when nearly 2,000 fans saw them host Manchester United at the Pan.

So where are we now?

Freeman stepped down in October 2019 after four years in charge to concentrate on his footballing career away from management and after a period when his former assistants Ross Standen and Tony Coade led the side, Hugo Langton took over the hotseat in February 2020, leading the team to 16th spot before the COVID-19 pandemic curtailed the season.

In April 2021, the Club appointed Tony Russell as manager and former Lewes player Joe Vines as his assistant. The Women's team remain in The Championship and will have their eye on promotion to the Super League. The club is building a solid foundation on which to build for the future. It has around 1,700 Owners and has gained a great reputation for all its community work and stand-out marketing especially with the continued stance on pay equality.

The future is bright, the future is black & red...



THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER



ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

WHEN James Doe created Non-League Day in 2010, not even he could have imagined the beast he had unmasked.

What started off as a suggestion to help acknowledge the plight of Non-League football in the community has now become one of the biggest occasions in the Non-League calendar, celebrating all aspects of the game outside of the Premier League and EFL.

Year-on-year, the turnstiles continued to click and Non-League Day got bigger and bigger until Covid brought the concept to an abrupt halt in 2020 and 2021.

Now, however, it's back for the first time in three years and Doe believes this year's event has the potential to be the best yet.

"I think it has the potential to be the biggest one yet," Doe said of the event, which takes place on Saturday March 26 this year. "We've had a couple of years off and the world of football has changed quite a bit.

"I think there's still a bit of reaction to the whole European Super League filtering down, I think a lot of people discovered Non-League during the pandemic because they were locked out of their big clubs. As we've seen, there are big crowds at lots of games this season that you wouldn't necessarily normally get.

"It feels extra special this year because of the gap. We've had a couple of false dawns where we thought we would go with it and then things flared up and new variants appeared.

Doe, a QPR fan, came up with the idea when watching his local side Harrow Borough.

And its legacy has already contributed to huge rises in attendances up and down the country which was strangely enhanced by Covid and the government restrictions which went with it.

In the past, clubs have embraced Non-League Day with quirky events and traditions to get supporters through the gates. Bungay Town handed out mushrooms on the door and even paid each supporter 5p one year in order to hit the headlines.

At Great Yarmouth Town, you got a free fish sandwich and Grantham Town dished out gingerbread men, courtesy of the chairman.

Once again this year, Prostate Cancer UK are supporting the event – as they have done since 2014.

They are urging fans to be aware of their risk of the most common cancer in men by taking a 30-second test on their website, while Doe is promoting awareness by pulling on a PCUK jersey for his annual Non-League Day ground hop.

A match map, detailing which games are on, is now live on the Non-League Day website, and Premier League clubs have also got involved, promoting local games in their jurisdiction.

"It's always been a celebration, it's not a protest," Doe said. "We're trying to bring every element of the football community together. That's the idea and I think it largely has done.

"It will be good to get as many people involved as possible and be as positive as we can. It's supposed to be a bit of fun.

"I've been chatting to the guys at Harrow recently and they've got someone who has become an outreach officer. They did their first big promotion against Taunton where they invited loads of school kids and they pretty much all turned up.

"It doubled the crowd, from an incredibly diverse background with people who would have never stepped foot in a football ground before that and it could be really transformative.

"We'd love as many clubs as possible to get involved."

By Jon Couch

Chairman - Haringey Borough FC

Welcome to everyone associated with Lewes FC who come here with their tails up and pushing hard for a play off spot. Our hopes may have gone – although John still claims that mathematically it is still possible !!!! but we will have a massive say in who claims those coveted places. With Folkestone and Worthing to play and major Cups next week our season has certainly not petered out. I am looking forward to today's game as we know the brand of football Lewes play and they have some exciting and dangerous players, we too always raise our game when we play the strongest teams in the division and I am hopeful of a strong showing today before we turn our attention to Tuesday's Cup semi final. The league have rewarded us for getting to the London Senior cup semi final by making us play their own Velocity trophy cup quarter final home against Cheshunt next Thursday!!! Thanks. At least after playing 3 games in 6 days we get a rest. We don't have another game until two days later next Saturday and then if by chance we are successful and reach the semi final of the Velocity trophy it's nice to know that the players get an extra day off and don't have to play the semi until the following Tuesday. 4 games in 8 days and possibly 5 in 11!! Good to see player welfare at the top of the agenda. I think my sarcasm is obvious but really how anyone can expect these players, who are part timers, to perform every two days is quite frankly appalling and I do not mind airing my views openly. I am sure as supporters you would want me to raise these issues. It is unacceptable. We already have so many injuries that it will be a miracle if we manage to get through this run of games unscathed and we have the small matter of major league games that affect the top and bottom of the table. There will come a time when we will be fielding weaker teams and that in my view compromises the League and the Cup competitions. Is anyone listening? will anything be done to alleviate the pressure? we are of course not alone, other teams including our opponents next Thursday Cheshunt are in the same boat!! All I can say is that we will try to protect our players as best we can, there will be opportunity for others to stake a claim, the season is nearing its end and next seasons plans are afoot so one small consolation is that Tom will have, through necessity, an opportunity to have a look at some of the next crop coming through. As for today, enjoy the game as usual and sing your hearts out as you always do - come on Boro!

Aki Achillea - Chairman Haringey Borough F.C

THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

This afternoon we take the opportunity to welcome the players Officials and supporters of LEWES FC to Coles Park for our eighth home League match of 2022. This will be the 6th meeting of the Clubs since we regained Isthmian status in 2015 and outcomes have been:-

17 Nov 2018 Lewes 0 Haringey Borough 1

30 Mar 2019 Haringey Borough 2 Lewes 1

4 Jan 2020 Haringey Borough 0 Lewes 1

11 Mar 2020 Lewes 2 Haringey Borough 1

(no games in season 2020/21 due to Covid)

13 Nov 2021 Lewes 4 Haringey Borough 2

Prior to that it was in the sixties and seventies that matches between the Clubs last took place when there were seven seasons in which both Clubs were in the same Division of the Athenian League. Firstly for three seasons starting in 1965/66 with the Edmonton half of our subsequently merged Club when such games were played at the Barrass Stadium; and then four more starting in 1973/74 by which time the merged Club was playing under the name of Edmonton & Haringey and playing at Coles Park with the final season 1976/77 being the first following the adoption of the name Haringey Borough .

Today our visitors arrive as one of the play-off place chasing pack of 6 Clubs and will be determined to complete the double over us following their November success at "The Dripping Pan" so we are sure to be severely tested to prevent them doing so.

We welcome also, of course, our Match Officials for the day who are Alan Cresswell with the whistle while Matthew Paluszkiwicz and Simon Parbery are on the lines.

Whatever the outcome today we hope that everyone will depart having watched or participated in an exiting afternoon's sport and have a safe journey home.

Our last home match on 26th February saw Merstham visit us. Our match at the Moatside earlier this season was certainly among the contenders for our worst performance of the season as we shipped five goals in the first 36 minutes. In addition to our need to avenge that slaughter we were in desperate need of the 3 points to assist the maintenance of a safety margin on the danger laden 20th spot as indeed were Merstham. We succeeded on both counts although our edgy 1-0 win was hardly an adequate riposte to the early season embarrassment.

Statistically there were some interesting features

It was our first ever win over Merstham in 5 attempts (6 if we count the power outage abandonment)

It completed the clean sweep of our having beaten all the current Isthmian Premier Division Clubs

It was the first time since October 2019 we had recorded back to back 1-0 wins

Adam Morgan opened his scoring account for the Club with the winner

All of our substitutions were injury enforced – our Physio, Montana, was the busiest person on the field

The match itself was hardly a classic and did not feature much of the sustained attacking onslaught we have unleashed in the past, yet finished up losers. Merstham dominated the early proceedings and it was astonishing that in the melee caused by one of their several corners the ball somehow stayed out of our net for even when it hit the underside of the bar it bounced down favourably for us and was eventually cleared. We got into our stride after some fifteen minutes or so and it was Adam Morgan who finished with a clinical low shot in the 25th minute for what was to be the games only goal. Four minutes later we said good-bye to 'keeper Alfie Marigliani whose brave stop on the edge of the penalty area left him unable to continue after the collision with the onrushing forward. Fortunately we had a substitute 'keeper on the bench, Alexander Zamani, for that is a luxury we have been without on a number of occasions this season. There were no particularly noteworthy individual incidents and next to be forced off the field was Rakim in the 56th minute and he was replaced by Charne Lemba, normally to be found in our Under 23s, who never looked out of place at this higher level. The same can be said of Andre Odeku who replaced scorer Adam in the 67th minute and with virtually his first contribution brought a fine low save out of the visiting 'keeper Sami Tlencami who, so rumour has it, is on loan from Chelsea and at age 17 is earning £2,500 a week. (I stress the "rumour"). As was to be expected Merstham turned up the pressure in the closing stages and corners appeared to be a particularly dangerous weapon of theirs but, not without a few very nervous moments, we survived. One interesting feature was that a famous name from the past took the field as a substitute

midway through the second half - Barry Hayles, now 49 and Merstham's Assistant Manager after a playing career of more than 200 games with Fulham between 1998 and 2004, as well as stints at other Premiership/EFL Clubs Bristol Rovers, Sheffield United, Millwall, Plymouth Argyle, Leicester City and Cheltenham Town before going into non-league where he has played, coached or managed at least six Clubs. And lets not forget his at least ten Jamaican International caps. Sadly his contribution was quite short lived for during an 80th minute "handbags" session in our goalmouth as the players awaited the launching of a free kick the referee saw something he didn't like and out came the red card and off trudged Barry. His offence was S2 Violent Conduct which in the FA lexicon has several sub divisions including the delightfully vague catch all (get out of that if you can) "Other Unspecified Behaviour". So the three precious points restored us to 15th position for which we have to thank Brightlingsea Regent whose 1-1 draw at Wingate & Finchley deprived the homesters of 2 points which would have kept them above us.

Our scheduled game away to Corinthian Casuals on Tuesday 1st March was waterlogged off and has been rescheduled for March 29th so we were next in action last Saturday at Carshalton Athletic. It may be thought a little surprising to be describing three-nil as an unlucky defeat but such was the nature of the proceedings that it seems fair to do so. To clarify the second and third goals came in the 89th and 91st minutes when we were going hell for leather in frantic search of the point which would have been the least we deserved. We were one down at the interval and I venture to think that after the first 10 minutes of the second half a bookie would have felt a score of 3-0 justified a quote of very long odds; rather, they would have forecast 1-1 as the most likely score or even 2-1 to us for such had been our domination of proceedings and that continued right until the bitter end. Andronicos had unleashed 2 ferocious shots with the first producing a top quality tip over save by the home keeper and the second crashing against the angle of bar and post. The first half had been a more even affair with chances at both ends - the nearest we came was hitting the foot of a post while "The Robins" netted a close range blast in the 26th minute when the ball fell kindly for Daniel Bennett. Our injury hit squad allowed Charne Lemba at the back and Andre Odeku up front to come in as starters and both these young players did enough to show that they will contribute much in future as they gain more Senior match experience.

Last Wednesday saw us at Cray Wanderers in a match which neither side could afford to lose bearing in mind their too close proximity to the dangerous 20th spot. From the 4 Step 3 Divisions the 2 with the worst points per game record go down. The results of the previous days games had been largely favourable to both us and Cray with Bowers & Pitsea's 3-1 win over Brightlingsea Regent keeping the losers in 20th place with Cray in 19th, although Bowers leap-frogged us to push us down a place to 16th.

But one Club did lose, and rejoice greatly, it wasn't Borough. But that looked to be very much on the cards after the first fifteen minutes when we were not at our best and after only three minutes had conceded a goal when Cray's Jamie Yila pounced on a loose clearance to power his way through the centre of our defence and finish accurately with a shot low to Alfie's right and just inside the post. Fortunately we then began to assert ourselves and a purple patch midway through the half saw Andronicos and Mikey finish sparkling approach play with clinical efforts in the 28th and 35th minutes. That these goals should have been the last of the match is somewhat surprising given the fierce attacking mode adopted by both teams which led to an abundance of half chances. Our best chance fell to Andronicos who was just thwarted by fine goalkeeping in a one-on-one challenge at the start of the second half. Chris Dickson, part of the FA Trophy winning Hornchurch squad last season, seemed certain to equalise with a header when in space in the centre of goal midway through the second half but sent it over. As was to be expected Cray applied relentless pressure as the game wore on and long high balls, crosses and corners bombarded our goal area but the defence held firm winning header after header to secure the points which lifted us two places up the table to 14th leapfrogging Potters Bar Town and Bowers and Pitsea.

Next Tuesday we will be at Silver Jubilee Park in Hendon to play our London Senior Cup semi-final against Hendon who beat Dulwich Hamlet on penalties after a 3-3 draw in the Quarter Final. Entrance to their Silver Jubilee Park Stadium will cost £7 with no adult concessions available but only £6.50 if purchased online via hendonfc.ktckts.com. Under 18s £1 irrespective of purchase method. Silver Jubilee Park is located in Townsend Lane, West Hendon, NW9 7NE. Kingsbury is the nearest Underground station and from there bus 183 stops at the top of Townsend Lane then 10 minute walk to ground. The winner will face the survivor from Erith Town, Barking, or Brentford "B" in the Final

Our Velocity League Cup Quarter final opponents will be Cheshunt who beat Bowers & Pitsea 2-0 at Bowers two days ago. We have been drawn at home and the match will take place at Coles Park next Thursday, two

days after our London Senior Cup Semi Final at Hendon. However "fairness", a rare commodity in football, has accidentally manifested itself as Cheshunt also have their County Cup Semi-final to play next week as they will be at home to Hitchin Town on Tuesday. Season tickets will not be valid for this match and the standard charge of £10 will apply with Concessions at £5 and Under 16s free. If we get past Cheshunt we will play our semi final at Coles Park on Tuesday 22nd March when Margate will visit. That would mean us playing Margate twice in 4 days as we are going to Hartsdown Park for a League match on Saturday 19th March. The other semi-finalists are Horsham and Folkestone Invicta

Are we safe from relegation? On balance, probably yes. With only two definitely going down and the bottom two Clubs having only 19 and 21 points we should avoid those two spots. But there is a risk of being dragged into the 3rd from bottom points per game lottery (the 2 third from bottom Clubs in the 4 Step 3 Leagues with the lowest points per game statistic go down). We now have 38 points and the clubs in the 14th to 20th positions have 38 (us) 38 36 35 33 29 28 points. We have games to come against 2 of them (Bowers & Pitsea and Brightlingsea Regent.. We now have 9 games to play (including today's) and from our last 9 League matches we collected 10 points so if we carry on in the same vein a total of 48 points should be more than enough. It would have been in the last completed season 2018/19 which was also the first following the Premier Divisions reduction to 22 teams. But we do have some tough games to come, with our last 2 home games being against Cheshunt and Folkestone Invicta, both then very likely to be desperately chasing play-off place points. And a visit to probable Champions Worthing, which could possibly be their title clinching game mathematically, is also incorporated into a difficult April programme. So no room for complacency or over-confidence and we must improve on our rather disappointing record against teams that are not really in contention for a play off spot. In truth most teams are still either seeking play off dreams success or looking to stave off the relegation risk with only 3 of our remaining 9 opponents falling into the "neither" category. Our ppg is a quite healthy 1.15.

At the moment the 20th spot in our League is occupied by Brightlingsea Regent with a ppg of 0.88 (although Cray Wanderers in 19th have played 2 games more and have a worse record at 0.85)

20th is occupied in the other divisions by

Hyde United (Northern Premier) 1.06

Dorchester Town (Southern Premier South) 0.82

Lowestoft Town (Southern Premier Central) 0.87 (this Division is a team short thus necessitating the ppg instead of a straight points tally comparison)

As for our other teams, the Under 23s are one win away from the Development North Division Championship and frustration has followed frustration as their scheduled away games at Bury Town and Potters Bar Town have both been postponed due to waterlogged pitches. They need 2 points from 2 games to be crowned Champions and it looks like the first clinching opportunity will be at Bury St. Edmunds on 29th March as the Potters Bar game has yet to be rescheduled and is unlikely to be slotted in before the Bury date.

The Under 18s outside chance of the Delphian Division Championship disappeared last Tuesday when visiting Hendon left Coles Park as 4-1 winners and also as confirmed Divisional Champions. Barring an astonishing collapse by Woodford Town in 2nd place Borough will finish 3rd or 4th with the home game against Langford next Tuesday probably being the decider. But there is a possibility it will be brought forward to Monday or even cancelled altogether

The Women's last hope for glory was not helped by their League Cup draw which will see them visit Needham Market in the quarter final following Needham Market's surprise 2-1 win at Luton Town after being behind at the interval. Needham Market will provide a formidable Cup challenge as they are runaway leaders of Division One North and average over 4 goals per game. As Needham Market have Covid issues it has been necessary to postpone the game which was scheduled for tomorrow and it remains to be seen if the League award the tie to us or agree a new date and there is some doubt as to whether the game will go ahead. It is rather ridiculous that the Women have not had a game since February 6th when they drew 3-3 at Luton Town and in the meantime their fellow relegation candidates have made up ground on them and we are in a real tussle to avoid the bottom spot. The current bottom 3 (20 game Division) are:-

Borough played 18 Pts 14 goal difference minus 9

St Ives Town played 17 Pts 11 goal difference minus 39

AFC Dunstable played 15 Pts 9 goal difference minus 28

Its crucial that we harvest something from the two remaining games at Bedford and at home to Colney Heath.

NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME

THURSDAY MARCH 17th 7.45pm

v CHESHUNT

(Velocity Cup Quarter Final)

SEASON TICKETS WILL NOT BE VALID FOR THIS MATCH

STANDARD CHARGE OF £10

WITH CONCESSIONS AT £5 AND UNDER 16s FREE WILL APPLY

OTHER TEAMS HOME GAMES BEFORE THE NEXT HOME GAME

Tuesday March 15th UNDER 18s v Langley Under 18s (League) 7.45pm

(but could be brought forward to Monday 14th or cancelled altogether)

NEXT FIRST TEAM AWAY GAMES

TUESDAY MARCH 15th 7.45pm

v HENDON

(London Senior Cup sponsored by Veo – Semi Final Tie)

At Silver Jubilee Park, Townsend Lane, Kingsbury, NW9 7NE

Nearest Underground station is Kingsbury then bus 183 to Townsend Lane
and 10 minute walk to Stadium

OTHER TEAMS AWAY GAMES BEFORE NEXT HOME GAME

Sunday 13th March WOMEN away to Needham Market (League Cup)

(but in some doubt and could be cancelled)

HARINGEY BOROUGH FIRST TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

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

Sat 3 July	H	ROMFORD (Friendly)	L 1-2
Tues 6 July	H	ROYSTON TOWN (Friendly)	W 4-1
Sat 10 July	H	CHELMSFORD CITY (Friendly)	L 1-3
Sat 17 July	H	BILLERICAY TOWN (Friendly)	D 0-0
Tues 20 Jul	H	SUTTON UNITED (Friendly)	L 0-4
Sat 24 July	H	OXFORD CITY (Friendly)	L 0-4
Tues 27 Jul	H	ALDERSHOT TOWN (Friendly)	D 0-0
Sat 7 Aug	H	MARLOW (Friendly)	W 3-0
Sat 14 Aug	A	Kingstonian	L 0-1
Sat 21 Aug	H	HORSHAM	W 3-1
Sat 28 Aug	A	Bognor Regis Town	W 2-1
Mon 30 Aug	H	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	W 4-1
Sat 4 Sep	A	Peterborough Sports (FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round)	L 1-2
Sat 11 Sep	H	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	L 0-1
Tues 14 Sep	A	Enfield Town	L 0-1
Sat 25 Sep	H	EAST THURROCK UNITED	W 5-1
Tues 28 Sep	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	D 2-2
Sat 2 Oct	A	Leatherhead	D 0-0
Sat 9 Oct	H	CRAY WANDERERS	D 1-1
Tues 12 Oct	A	Bishops Stortford	D 1-1
Sat 16 Oct	A	Merstham	L 0-5
Sat 23 Oct	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	D 1-1
Sat 30 Oct	A	Potters Bar Town (Buildbase FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round.	L 0-2
Sat 6 Nov	H	MARGATE	D 2-2
Tue 9 Nov	A	Hornchurch	L 0-3
Sat 13 Nov	A	Lewes	L 2-4
Sat 20 Nov	A	Bowers & Pitsea	L 1-2
Tue 30 Nov	H	An AFC WIMBLEDON XI (London Senior Cup)	W 5-4 on pens after 1-1 draw
Sat 4 Dec	H	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	D 3-3
Tues 7 Dec	H	WORTHING	D 2-2
Sat 11 Dec	A	Folkestone Invicta	L 0-5
Mon 27 Dec	A	Wingate & Finchley	W 2-1
Sat 1 Jan	H	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	W 3-0
Mon 3 Jan	A	Cheshunt	D 1-1
Tues 11 Jan	A	Tooting & Mitcham United (London Senior Cup Round 2)	W 2-1
Sat 15 Jan	H	ENFIELD TOWN	D 0-0
Sat 22 Jan	H	LEATHERHEAD	L 2-3
Tue 25 Jan	H	KINGSTONIAN	L 2-3
Sat 29 Jan	A	East Thurrock United	W 3-1
Tue 1 Feb		POTTERS BAR TOWN (Velocity Cup) WALKOVER FOR BOROUGH – opponents withdrawn	
Sat 5 Feb	H	HORNCHURCH	D 3-3
Tue 8 Feb	A	Erith & Belvedere (London Senior Cup Quarter final)	W 3-0

Sat 12 Feb	A	Potters Bar Town	L 0-1
Tues 15 Feb	H	BISHOPS STORTFORD	L 0-6
Tue 22 Feb	A	Brightlingsea Regent (Velocity Cup)	W 1-0
Sat 26 Feb	H	MERSTHAM	W 1-0
Sat 5 Mar	A	Carshalton Athletic	L 0-3
Wed 9 Mar	A	Cray Wanderers	W 2-1
Sat 12 Mar	H	LEWES	
Tue 15 Mar	A	Hendon (London Senior Cup Semi-Final)	
Thur 17 Mar	H	CHESHUNT (Velocity Cup Qyarter Final)	
Sat 19 Mar	A	Margate	
Tues 22 Mar	H	(Provisional on winning on 17th) MARGATE (Velocity Cup semi-final)	
Sat 26 Mar	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	
Tue 29 Mar	A	Corinthian Casuals	
Sat 2 Apr	A	Worthing	
Sat 9 Apr	A	Horsham	
Sat 16 Apr	H	CHESHUNT	
Mon 18 Apr	A	Brightlingsea Regent	
Sat 23 Apr	H	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	
Undated	H	BOWERS & PITSEA or CHESHUNT (Velocity Cup Q-F)	

HARINGEY BOROUGH U 23 DEVELOPMENT TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Isthmian League Development Division North Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Mon Jul 19	H	COCKFOSTERS (Friendly)	W 5-4
Fri Jul 30	A	Barking (Friendly)	W 2-1
Mon Aug 23	H	JH Sports FC (Friendly match)	W 5-0
Tue Sep 6	H	NORTH LONDON FC	L 1-2
Mon Sep 13	H	BURY TOWN	W 6-0
Thur 7 Oct	A	Tilbury	W 5-0
Mon 11 Oct	H	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	W 8-1
Mon 18 Oct	A	Barking	W 8-3
Tues 26 Oct	A	Bowers & Pitsea	L 2-3
Mon 1 Nov	A	Bury Town	W 4-3
Mon 15 Nov	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	L 2-3
Mon 22 Nov	H	TILBURY	W 3-2
Wed 1 Dec	A	Heybridge Swifts	D 2-2
Mon 6 Dec	H	BARKING	W 5-3
Mon 13 Dec	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	W 4-2
Wed 12 Jan	A	Heybridge Swifts	W 4-3
Mon 24 Jan	H	BARKING	W 8-1
Mon 31 Jan	H	TILBURY	W 8-1
Tue 8 Feb	A	Bowers & Pitsea	D 1-1
Mon 14 Feb	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	W 3-0
Thur 3 Mar	A	Potters Bar Town	
Tue 29 Mar	A	Bury Town	

HARINGEY BOROUGH UNDER 18 TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League - Delphian Division Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Tue 31 Aug	H	SOUTHEND MANOR (FA Youth Cup)	W 4-0
Tue 7 Sep	H	BRIMSDOWN	W 12-0
Wed Sep 15	A	Romford (FA Youthb Cup)	W 3-1
Tue Sep 28	A	Aveley (FA Youth Cup)	L 0-3
Tue 5 Oct	H	EDGWARE TOWN	L 1-2
Tue 19 Oct	H	BRIMSDOWN ROVERS	W 4-3
Wed 27 Oct	A	Rayners Lane	L 1-3
Tue 2 Nov	H	WOODFORD TOWN	L 3-5
Mon 15 Nov	A	Brimsdown	W 7-1
Wed 24 Nov	A	Langley	L 2-5
Mon 29 Nov	A	Potters Bar Town (at Coles Park)	W 9-3
Wed 8 Dec	A	Edgware Town	W 2-0
Mon 10 Jan	H	RAYNERS LANE	W 9-2
Wed 19 Jan	A	Woodford Town	W 4-3
Wed 23 Feb	A	Hendon	L 2-6
Tue 8 Mar	H	HENDON	L 1-4
Tue 15 Mar	H	LANGLEY (may possibly be moved to Monday 14th or postponed altogether)	
Undated	A	Brimsdown Rovers	

HARINGEY BOROUGH WOMENS TEAM TEAM 2021/22 FIXTURES & RESULTS

(All Eastern Region Womens League Fixtures unless otherwise indicated)

Sun 11 July	H	BILLERICAY TOWN RESERVES (Friendly)	W 9-1
Sun 18 Jul	H	HUTTON (Friendly)	W 15-4
Fri 23 Jul	A	Derby County Academy (Friendly)	W 4-2
Sun 25 Jul	A	Long Eaton United (Friendly)	L 2-4
Sun 8 Aug	A	Hounslow (Friendly)	L 3-6
Sun 15 Aug	A	Kings Lynn Town	W 3-2
Sun 22 Aug	H	WROXHAM	L 2-3
Sun 29 Aug	H	BOWERS & PITSEA	W 2-1
Sun 5 Sep	A	AFC Dunstable	D 1-1
Sun 19 Sep	H	LUTON TOWN	L 2-5
Sun 26 Sep	H	ST. IVES TOWN	W 7-1
Wed 29 Sep	A	Royston Town	L 1-5
Sun 3 Oct	H	CLAPTON COMMUNITY (WFA Cup)	L 3-6
Sun 10 Oct	H	BEDFORD	L 3-4
Sun 24 Oct	A	Colney Heath	L 0-3
Sun 7 Nov	A	Wymondham Town	L 2-6
Sun 14 Nov	H	ROYSTON TOWN	L 1-4
Sun 21 Nov	A	Fulham (Capital Womens Cup)	L 2-8
Sun 28 Nov	H	KINGS LYNN TOWN	L 2-3
Sun 5 Dec	H	AFC DUNSTABLE	W 9-1
Sun 12 Dec	A	Bowers & Pitsea	L 1-4
Sun 9 Jan	A	St. Ives Town	L 2-3
Sun 23 Jan	H	WYMONDHAM TOWN	L 2-3
Sun 6 Feb	A	Luton Town	D 3-3
Sun 13 Mar	A	Needham Market Town (League Cup Quarter Final) (Possibly in doubt)	
Sun 20 Mar	A	Bedford	
Sun 3 Apl	H	COLNEY HEATH	

Isthmian League Premier Division 2020/21 - up to and including 9/3/2022

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Worthing	33	24	4	5	83	39	+44	76
2	Bishop's Stortford	33	17	12	4	66	31	+35	63
3	Folkestone Invicta	32	18	9	5	70	39	+31	63
4	Hornchurch	32	19	5	8	63	31	+32	62
5	Enfield Town	33	19	5	9	75	49	+26	62
6	Lewes	33	18	6	9	74	48	+26	60
7	Margate	32	15	7	10	50	47	+3	52
8	Carshalton Athletic	33	14	9	10	59	39	+20	51
9	Cheshunt	30	14	8	8	46	30	+16	50
10	Kingstonian	33	15	4	14	54	55	-1	49
11	Bognor Regis Town	31	10	12	9	45	44	+1	42
12	Corinthian-Casuals	31	10	10	11	39	43	-4	40
13	Horsham	32	10	9	13	48	45	+3	39
14	Haringey Borough	33	9	11	13	48	61	-13	38
15	Potters Bar Town	31	11	5	15	44	59	-15	38
16	Bowers & Pitsea	33	10	6	17	39	52	-13	36
17	Wingate & Finchley	34	9	8	17	47	62	-15	35
18	Merstham	32	10	3	19	37	56	-19	33
19	Cray Wanderers (-3)	34	8	8	18	48	63	-15	29
20	Brightlingsea Regent	32	8	4	20	32	78	-46	28
21	East Thurrock United	32	5	6	21	30	81	-51	21
22	Leatherhead	33	4	7	22	30	75	-45	19

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Respect



HARINGEY PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



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

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.

SAMUEL COOK – tall strong central defender making a challenge for a first team starting berth having having just returned from a spell with German Clubs. Has made his first start after several substitute appearances.

CHRISTOS DJAMAS – Cypriot Under 21 International signed in October 2020. Midfielder who was most recently on contract at Othello Athienoy and previously with Apoel Nicosia and Agia Napa.

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.

ANDRONICOS GEORGIU – recently signed forward who graduated from Stevenage Academy and played in their EFL team. Last season was with Wycombe Wanderers. Has also been loaned to Kings Langley, St. Albans City and Middlesbrough Under 23s.

CALLUM ISMAIL – skilful young full back previously with Bowers and Pitsea who joined us in September 2018 and after establishing himself in the Under 23s and on the bench made his first start in December 2019.

MEKHI LEACOCK-McLEOD – recent signing lastly with Romford. Wide attacker who numbers Halifax Town, Accrington Stanley and Eastleigh among his previous berths and Fulham, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Glasgow Rangers at Under 23 level.

ALFIE MARIGLIANI – recently signed young goalkeeper formerly with Wealdstone and dual registered with them. Made promising debut in hard fought draw with Hornchurch.

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.

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.

ADAM MORGAN – striker signed in early February. A product of the Liverpool Youth Academy who includes Rotherham United, Yeovil Town, St. Johnstone, Accrington Stanley, Hemel Hempstead Town, FC Halifax Town, Sligo Rovers, Romford, Chelmsford City and, most recently, Braintree Town among his previous Clubs. Holder of 17 England Under 17 caps and 5 at Under 19.

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.

SAMUEL OWUSU – midfielder signed from East Thurrock United on Christmas Eve who immediately took a place on the Boxing Day bench and made a 20 minute debut appearance. After several further such appearances made his first start in the London Senior Cup game against Tooting & Mitcham United.

TYRESE OWEN – tall ball playing central defender or midfielder who was with National League South Hemel Hempstead Town last season. Numbers Potters Bar Town and Carshalton Athletic among his previous Clubs and spent a season in Sweden.

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.

ALEXANDER ZAMANI – a goalkeeper signed on Christmas Eve having played in Poland and after returning to England for Tonbridge Angels and Bexhill United. Made the bench on Boxing Day.

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. Tucker is also managing the Under 18s.



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LEWES PLAYER PROFILES 2021-22



GOALKEEPER

Lewis Carey - Carey will be a familiar face to Rooks fans having previously played for us in the 2018/19 season and winning Supporters Player of the Season. Lewis came through the youth ranks at Bristol City, and is an experienced non-league keeper having appeared for Bromley, Tonbridge Angels, Eastbourne Borough and Cray Wanderers.

DEFENDERS

TOM CARLSE - An energetic full-back, Tom has previously played for Sittingbourne, Greenwich Borough, Ashford United and was part of the Cray Wanderers side that were promoted from the Isthmian South in 2018/19.

NIC D'ARIENZO - Nic made his first team debut for the Rooks in the League Cup in 2019/20 against Three Bridges, graduating from the Under 18s and went on to make four first team appearances that season and another seven in the curtailed 2020/21 season. An accomplished left-back who is also comfortable in the centre of defence. Currently on loan at Burgess Hill Town FC.

MITCHELL NELSON - An experienced centre back, Mitchell started his career at Bournemouth and subsequently played for Eastleigh, Sutton United, Margate, Dulwich Hamlet, Welling United, Tonbridge Angels and Cray Wanderers. Mitchell has previously played for the club joining on loan from Bournemouth in the 2010/11 season.

WILL SALMON - Salmon began his career with Aldershot Town before moving to AFC Wimbledon and then Ebbsfleet United in the Conference in 2009. He won the Conference North title with AFC Telford then moved to Bath City in 2013. He will be a familiar name to Isthmian League fans after long spells at Met Police and Leatherhead. He was an ever present in the last aborted campaign for the Tanners. Joined on loan in October 2021 and the move became permanent in November 2021.

KENNY YAO - The former Charlton Athletic youngster is a versatile player who is comfortable at full-back, in the centre of defence or as a holding midfielder. Was at Dartford on loan during the 2019-20 season.

MATT WEAIRE - A young but composed centre back, Matt has represented Denmark Under 19's. Starting his career at Brighton & Hove Albion, Matt joined the club from Colchester United.

JUEVAN SPENCER

An attacking right back, Spencer joined The Rooks from fellow Isthmian Premier side Kingstonian in December 2020. Juevan started his career with AFC Wimbledon before going on to Salisbury City and Whytleafe but is best known for his spell at Corinthian Casuals for whom he made nearly 300 appearances. Spencer left Casuals for Chipstead before returning to King George's Field in the summer of 2020 to join Kingstonian.

MIDFIELDERS

TOM PHIPP - Phipp joined the Rooks in December from Herne Bay, having played for Tony Russell at Cray Wanderers last season. Phipp had previously played for Ebbsfleet, Margate and Tonbridge before taking a break from the game at the age of 24 to start a new career in marketing after completing a degree with first-class honours.

MICHAEL KLASS - With Fulham and Queens Park Rangers as a youth player, Michael went on to join Southend United making 12 appearances for the first team. Had an impressive spell on loan with Bromley in the 2019/20 season before returning to Southend and joining the Rooks in 2021/22. A player with exciting potential and one to watch this season.

FREDDIE PARKER - Still only 21, Parker is a strong and technically gifted midfielder and has scored 30 goals in just over 75 games in the Isthmian League. Started his career with Millwall and had a spell at Crystal Palace before joining Cray Wanderers.

BRADLEY PRITCHARD - Pritchard joined us from Cray Wanderers to link up once again with Tony Russell and Joe Vines, although he is probably better known for his performances in the English Football League for Charlton Athletic and Leyton Orient. Rooks fans may also remember him from our encounters against Greenwich Borough. He made 67 appearances for Cray Wanderers between 2018 and the end of last season, scoring nine goals.

TAYLOR MALONEY - With Charlton Athletic from the age of 12, made his professional debut for the side in an EFL Trophy group stage victory over Crawley Town in August 2017. Had loan spells with Concord Rangers and Newport County before joining Bromley on a permanent basis in October 2020. Joined the Rooks in September 2021

CASEY PETTIT - On loan from Luton Town and captain of their Development side, the central midfielder, who can also play at centre back started his footballing career with West Ham United, before crossing the Thames and the bitter rivalries to join Millwall. After being released by the Lions, he joined Luton Town's Under16s set up.

FORWARDS

RAZZAQ COLEMAN DE-GRAFT - A technical and powerful player, Razzaq can play in a front three and as left back, the former Hampton & Richmond Borough player joined the Rooks following a series of impressive performances in pre-season including a goal against Dartford FC.

DESHANE DALLING - Wideman Dalling started his career at Queen's Park Rangers and spent time on loan with Cork City and Wealdstone whilst with The Hoops. After leaving QPR, Dalling had a short spell at Hemel Hempstead and then joined Dartford at the start of the season.

RHYS MURELL-WILLIAMSON - Wideman Murrell-Williamson may familiar to some Lewes fans having played for the club in the 2013/14 season.

Rhys joined us from Kingstonian in February 2022 having previously played for Manager Tony Russell at Cray Wanderers throughout 2020 and 2021.

OLLIE TANNER - A highly promising and exciting winger, Ollie was a Charlton and Arsenal youth player before joining Bromley's academy and was promoted to their first team squad in 2019/20, making his debut at 17. Joined the Rooks in the summer of 2021.

JOE TAYLOR - A prolific goal scorer, Taylor counts Ramsgate, Folkestone, Margate and Cray Wanderers amongst his former clubs. Scored 32 goals in 38 appearances for the Wands in the null and voided 2019/20 and 13 goals in 14 games in the curtailed 2020/21 season. Taylor was Tony Russell's first signing as Lewes manager.



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