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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 in 1973 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 many 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. The 2021/22 season was more or less a non-event as regards any real challenge for the League top spots but the semi-finals of The League Cup and the London Senior Cup were reached with both games ending in odd goal defeats in the space of a week. We may well have set a Club record for the highest number of injuries sustained in any season and that even led to an outside chance of relegation towards the end of the season but the failings of others meant we were never in serious danger. 2022/23 was a disappointment in League terms as we lost our way quite early after a start which gave rise to play-off hopes and 15th place was the final outcome. But we did reach the London Senior Cup final where we faced Charlton Athletic Under 23s at Hendon's Silver Jubilee Park. Three down after half an hour we looked dead and buried but fought back ferociously to level with three goals all from set pieces (2 direct free kicks and a penalty) finally going down to a 3-5 defeat after extra time. Season 2023/24 will live long in the memory but for all the wrong reasons. A disastrous start which saw only one point in the bag after nine League games meant there was a mountain to be climbed if the four relegation spots were to be avoided. As the season wore on it seemed that there was just a possibility that we might claw our way to safety but garnering only three points from the final nine League games put paid to any lingering optimism. So we now return to the North Division after six seasons in the Premier Division in which we had come within a whisker of promotion to the National League. Early exits from three of the four Cups entered meant that reaching the semi-final of the other - the League Cup - provided some cheer to an otherwise dismal season. The Under 23s having switched to the Essex Alliance following the winding up of the Isthmian League Development section reached the semi-final of their League Cup where they encountered the runaway League Champions. The Womens Team went one better and provided the highlight of the Clubs season by reaching the Final of the Capital Womens Senior Cup and gave National League Ashford Town a serious challenge before losing 4-2.

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 which had always been near the top of the table, continued to do well in the following seasons and won the North Division Championship in 2021/22 but lost to South Division Champions Hastings United in the "Champion of Champions" play off. 2022/23 saw the North Division reduced to just 6 teams playing each other 3 times following withdrawals and the League decided not to run an Under 23 (Development) Section at all.

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 2009/10. They were winners of the League's Colwyn Cup in 2004/05 and runners up in 2008/09. 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 and finishing towards the top of the table in the following seasons until falling away somewhat and finishing mid-table in 2022/23 and 2023/24. 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 with their last League game 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. An exceptionally young and talented squad was unlucky to find itself in danger of relegation towards the end of the 2021/22 season due to a high number of odd goal defeats but pulled clear with 4 vital points from the last two games. They look capable of going places if they stick together when experience is added to their armoury. The tie up with the Haringey Girl's Academy run by Adem Ali has proved massively successful and for the first time we are in a situation where talented young teenagers are ready and eager to compete for a place in the Women's squad as soon as they turn 16, although being a team substantially composed of schoolgirls in an adult League is not without its problems, but that did not stop them reaching the Final of The Capital Womens Senior Cup in 2023/24.

The foundations are in place for us to make a swift return to the Premier Division after major strengthening of 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 target as we renew our determination to eventually achieve National League status. The facilities and structures are also in place for the Club's other 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 WALTHAMSTOW FC



The history of our great club is not what you'd call straightforward. Having reformed on at least three occasions, we've played under seven different names, but can lay claim to being the second-oldest club in London, and one of the oldest in the country. The initial Leyton FC was formed in 1868 when The Reverent Morgan Lloyd obtained a pitch behind The Lion & Key public house. The first Leyton played mainly friendlies, but did take part in the FA Cup, before folding in 1880 when they lost their ground.

Seven years later, the members of Matlock Cricket Club, based on Hoe Street established a football club named after the Matlock Villas, which overlooked the club's pitch. In 1894, Swifts moved out of Leyton, to a new ground in Blackhorse Road, Walthamstow. This lasted just a season though, as the club moved back to Leyton and changed their name to Leyton FC in the process.

The club won the Essex Senior Cup on no fewer than five occasions, and the London Senior Cup, as well as the South Essex League four times.

Leyton turned professional in 1904, joining the London League. The following year, Leyton moved to Osborne Road, which would later become Leyton Orient's Brisbane Road.

In April 1912 a loan by a donor was called-in, and without any hope of paying it, the club disbanded for a second time.

Only a year later a third Leyton was formed, but this incarnation was extremely short-lived. The outbreak of war meant there was essentially no one to watch or play for the club, and it was suspended.

The fourth Leyton was established in 1919, and it would be arguably the most successful period for the club, now back at the Hare and Hounds. Leyton won the FA Amateur Cup (now FA Trophy) twice, and were runners-up on four more occasions. They also reached the first round of the FA Cup four times and the second round three times.

After a successful 1950s and 60s, things dried up for Leyton, and by the 1970s they could not carry on, so a merger was completed with Wingate from north London.

The pinnacle of this club was winning the Athenian League in 1982, but by the early 90s with most of the former 'Wingate' committee now either deceased or having had left, the newly-merged Wingate & Finchley requested Leyton drop the 'Wingate' title from their name.

By 1995, the Hare & Hounds was really beginning to show its age, and with Leyton not having the funds to bring it up to standard, a merger was completed with Walthamstow Pennant, with the new club being Leyton Pennant and playing at Wadham Lodge.

This club spent most of its life in Divisions One and Two of the Isthmian League, with no notable success, save for two London Challenge Cup final appearances. Its first season in 1995 saw the club finish 4th in Division One, but it was mostly mid-table obscurity after that.

In 2003 the club changed names to Waltham Forest and were bankrolled heavily with aspirations of playing in the Football League. Sadly, these never came to fruition and an Essex Senior Cup was the only thing to show for it.

Disputes with the then-management at Wadham Lodge in 2008 saw the club exiled for five seasons, playing in Ilford. The first season back at Wadham Lodge, in 2013 ended in relegation to the Essex Senior League for the first time in the club's history.

In 2018, the club changed names once more to Walthamstow FC. This kick-started the club and saw the highest attendances in many years, and a third-placed finish in the Essex Senior League, the club's highest finish since the 1980s.

After two seasons cut short by the Covid-19 pandemic, Stow finally secured promotion from step five by winning the Essex Senior League title in 2022, the club's first league win for 37 years.

The club have made a great start to life back at step four, losing a play-off semi-final in 2022, and finishing just one place outside the play-offs last season.

Former player Vinny Murphy was appointed manager in December 2023, and instantly endeared himself to Stow fans by deploying fast-paced, attacking football. A formation of 2-5-3 in his first game was a sign of things to come.

## **Walthamstow FC Honours**

### **As Leyton FC (1868-1894)**

FA Cup Second Round: 1875/6

FA Cup First Round: 1874/5, 1876/7, 1878/9

### **As Matlock Swifts (1887-1895)**

Essex Junior Cup Winners: 1893/4

London Junior Cup Winners: 1894/5

Leyton & District Alliance Champions: 1892/3, 1893/4

Herald Cup Winners: 1891/2

### **As Leyton FC (1876-1904)**

Essex Senior Cup: 1896/7, 1897/8, 1899/0, 1900/1, 1901/2, 1902/3

London Senior Cup Winners: 1903/4

South Essex League Champions: 1895/6, 1876/7, 1899/0, 1899/0

Walthamstow Charity Cup Winners: 1896/7

Walthamstow Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1897/8, 1901/2

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1900/1

### **As Leyton FC (Professional) (1904-1912)**

FA Cup Third Round: 1909/10

FA Cup First Round: 1910/1, 1911/2

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1908/9

Southern League Division 2 Runners-Up: 1905/6

### **As Leyton FC (1919-1976)**

FA Amateur Cup Winners: 1926/7, 1927/8

FA Amateur Cup Runners-Up: 1928/9, 1933/4, 1936/7, 1951/2

FA Cup Second Round: 1925/6, 1929/30, 1951/2

FA Cup First Round: 1927/8, 1928/9, 1952/3, 1955/6

Athenian League Champions: 1928/9, 1965/6, 1966/7

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1929/30, 1930/1, 1934/5

Essex Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1949/50

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1933/4, 1937/8, 1945/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1927/8

London League Champions: 1923/4, 1925/5, 1925/6

Essex Thameside Trophy Winners: 1951/2, 1963/4, 1966/7

Essex Thameside Trophy Runners-Up: 1964/5, 1972/3

East Anglian Cup Winners: 1972/3

Grays & Tilbury Cup Winners: 1939/40, 1941/2 (shared)

Grays & Tilbury Cup Runners-Up: 1942/3

London Charity Winners: 1934/5, 1936/7

London Charity Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1946/7, 1966/7, 1970/1

West Ham Charity Cup Winners: 1929/30

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1924/5, 1925/6

Leyton & Walthamstow Hospital Cup Winners: 1925/6

### **As Leyton-Wingate FC (1976-1992)**

FA Cup First Round: 1985/6

Athenian League Champions: 1981/2

Athenian League Division One Champions: 1976/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1984/5

Isthmian League Division Two (N) Champions: 1984/5

Waltham Forest Darts League Division Two Champions: 1992

### **As Pennant FC and Walthamstow Pennant FC (1965 – 1995)**

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1990/1

London Junior Cup Winners: 1974/5  
SW League Junior Cup Winners: 1968/9  
SW League Intermediate Cup Winners: 1969/70  
SW League Senior Cup Winners: 1970/71  
SW League Premier League Winners: 1972/3  
London Metropolitan League Winners: 1974/5  
London Metropolitan League Runners-Up: 1978/9, 1979/80, 1981/2  
London Metropolitan League Intermediate Cup Runners-Up: 1977/8, 1978/9  
Spartan Reserve League Winners: 1980/1, 1990/1  
Spartan Reserve League Runners-Up: 1987/8  
Spartan Reserve League Cup Winners: 1980/1, 1988/9, 1990/1

#### **As Waltham Forest FC and Leyton Pennant FC (1995-2018)**


Essex Senior Cup Winners: 2005/6  
London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1995/6, 1996/7  
Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1995/6  
Eastern Floodlit Cup Winners: 1997/8, 1998/9  
Essex & Herts Champion's Cup Winners: 1996/7  
Essex & Herts Border Comb Cup Winners: 1996/7  
London Intermediate Cup Runners-Up: 1996/7  
Suburban League Division Winners: 2005/6  
Essex Veterans Cup Winners: 2017/8, 2018/9

#### **As Walthamstow FC (2018 – Present)**

Len Cordell Trophy Plate Winners: 2020/1  
Essex Senior League Winners: 2021/2  
Essex Alliance Senior Cup Winners: 2023/4

#### **Recent youth teams**

Conference Youth League: Winners: 2005/6  
EJA Under 18s Trophy Winners: 2003/4  
EJA Under 15s Trophy Runners-Up: 2014/5  
EJA Under 15s League Cup Winners: 2021/2  
JPL Under 15s National Cup Winners: 2021/2  
Essex Andrews Cup Winners: 2022/3





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## CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

I have to start these notes by making a specific reference to a man who the word legend was created for John Bacon now in his mid 80s has been involved with Haringey Borough FC in one form or another since the mid 1950s

It is actually quite difficult to fully comprehend how anyone can devote so much of their life and their time to one particular facet of one's life namely the support of Haringey Borough Football Club

Some 70 years of what can only be described as devotion to the world of non league football. John himself will tell you that he has never cared much for the professional game and his disdain towards the players and their attitudes is certainly vented whenever the professional game is referred to

John's love for non league football is born out of he's admiration for those who participate in the game at that level. I have had many conversations with John about what has motivated him to support Haringey Borough for virtually his entire life and he often remarked about the fact that these players devote their time and their energy and show commitment to the club for their own personal satisfaction and pride and not for the money that they receive in return

My memories of John commence in the mid 90s when I joined the club and was introduced to him when he became the club secretary a year or two after I had joined the Borough committee

His commitment to the role of secretary has been all consuming and I'm sure that Nick who currently assumes that role and taken over the mantle is grateful for the advice tendered over the last couple of years since John's ill health and the almost total computerisation of the secretary's role have limited John's ability to continue in respect of the senior men's first team.

John has nevertheless maintained a very healthy interest in club matters, including the women and the under 23's in recent times

John has always shied away from the limelight and when receiving an award from Haringey Borough Council a few years back it was certainly an effort to get him there to accept the same

Not only has John been involved in the men's first team affairs and all youth sides but also his commitment to the women has been total and should never be underestimated nor forgotten

It was John who brought the women 's team here to the Club in 1999 and has since then been the Women's club secretary and treasurer

Furthermore he became actively engaged in the treasurers role amongst other roles for the League in which they have primarily participated over the years namely the Eastern Region Women's League

John and the also incredible Karla Parka have together maintained the women's team for over a quarter of a century and that speaks volumes for the man who added a Sunday to his already busy all consuming roles at the Club

John's incredible commitment has not only resulted in his constant use of his computer and the completion of all administrative league duties in respect of all teams but additionally the attendance, often in far flung places, for various League meetings

John has always carried himself with the utmost dignity come win, lose or draw. He has always been magnanimous in equal measures although I have often questioned John's philosophy on style of play. It's a very simple philosophy and I am sure he will not mind me sharing it with you all. It is to start each season with the desire to draw every single game 0-0.

To achieve this one must at every opportunity plant the ball into the allotments if at home or as far away from one's own goal wherever the team is playing. The icing on the cake is to waste time at every single opportunity!

John's theory always been based on the likelihood that if you draw every single game you will never get relegated

John has seen some incredible transformations in Haringey Borough football club over the years and remarks to me about the success of the 50's and 60s, the crowds that the club used to attain and the significance to the community of having a local football club in those days

Of course he has also witnessed many years thereafter where the club has not been blessed with great

success however none of that has ever diminished John's desire to be involved with the club.

I am so pleased that the last few years have replicated the success of the 50's and 60's and that John like the rest of us has witnessed some notable achievements with promotions and cup success

We have, with all of your support, created a club for which we can all be proud and I know John is so pleased with the help and commitment so many people have shown in recent years.

It warms John's heart I know from what he says to me on our journeys in the car to so many games to see others share his passion and support for the Club.

Whilst it is true that the last couple of seasons have of course been difficult, John has never wavered in his support for the club and indeed it has been clear to me that none of our fans have wavered and that I think demonstrates that the club and the community atmosphere that we have all helped create in most recent times is more important than the match day results.

Certainly John would approve of us all having his attitude and long may it continue. Having just said that I am sure just a few more wins would certainly make life more pleasurable for us all !!

Whilst I reflect on some 30 years of friendship with John and with Fiona his most incredible wife and supporter I also remind myself of the fact that even up until very recently John, having attended each and every men's football match for so many years, similarly attended each and every women's football match and the vast majority of occasions was still running the line for the women even up to his late 70s.

How any one individual can be so committed to a non league football club is quite frankly beyond me to even seek to explain, John is a one off , such a special person that I felt we had to recognise his achievement and I hope that you will all join me at our last home game of the season when we would spend just a few moments in admiration of such a wonderful human being and then we can all show our gratitude to him in a fitting way

As the season draws to a close, I feel that it is important once again to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible unwavering support throughout what has once again for the second successive season been a difficult one for us all in some respects but a wonderful season in others

Once the reality of relegation from the Isthmian Premier Division dawned on me I looked back at our six years at such a high level of football with undiluted pleasure. I realised when I looked in more depth at the teams that we were playing against, their history, background, fan base and financial support I very quickly became so proud of the fact that we had even participated at such a high level and maintained such participation for as long as we did.

It is absolutely without doubt an incredible achievement for a club such as ours with the resources that we have and the term "punching above our weight "is very apt for a club of our stature. We had such notable success too for which I am so proud and I hope that such success will return in the not to distant future

I am extremely proud of the players that we have had in recent seasons and certainly proud of the players that we have this season as we have essentially kept much of the same squad throughout the season and whilst results have not been what we anticipated at the start of the season they have certainly improved over the last few months.

It is a measure of our players commitment to the cause that we have garnered so many points recently and that what appeared on the face of it to be a lost cause may yet be salvaged. I hope that a victory today will be enough and if it is not then we go to Brightlingsea next Saturday and two wins from our last two games will certainly be enough to keep us in this division

Those of you who have attended the home matches and those of you who have additionally gone to some if not all of the away matches will yourselves have recognised that at this level standard of play is particularly high.

When we were relegated I felt that we were dropping to a much lesser standard of football however I have been proved wrong and it is a credit to the other teams in this League that there are so many good sides who have made it a compelling division to participate in and one which I hope we will be participating in once again next season.

Tom and all of the management and coaching staff deserve and get our gratitude for never giving up , to continue to strive to change things in really difficult circumstances and create the unity that players are showing and which is slowly getting the results we need. You as a group of fans have continued to support

the club, our volunteers have once again excelled and we have added to them and I thank you all for such continued support.

I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that so many of us have created lifelong friends as a consequence of our association with this football club. I see so many faces who simply enjoy the company of the people who attend our matches and I am no different from the rest of you. I love seeing you all and my only desire is to continue to ensure that the club that you are all invested in continues to grow and expand and that we never lose sight of what is important and what is not important.

It would have been very easy for so many of you this season in light of the results on the pitch to have resorted to making unpleasant comments about me and others involved in the club. We all witness it regularly on social media with so many teams when results are not going well and yet it has not surfaced this season from you and that in itself fills me with pride and reaffirms to me the quality of the people who come to support our club and simply reinforces what makes you all stand out from other club's fans and why I am so proud to call you all friends.

We continue to promote the club and I am hopefully very soon going to be able to announce some additional initiatives that will carry our club further in the future and will enhance the values that we all hold so dear. Albeit that the weekend market was curtailed last June, as a consequence of a social media campaign to do so owing to what I will gladly call lies being circulated about goods sold at the ground, and the obvious financial impact on the club in relation to such curtailment, I can reaffirm that next season the free season ticket will continue for the 10th consecutive season and I anticipate that applications and details will be open online in June.

Please keep your eye on social media and the website for updates.

We will of course publish as soon as possible the pre season fixtures and the dates when the new season will commence.

We have the Mayor of Haringey and the local MP Mr Charalambous present today and I'm sure that they will witness the very best of what this club have to offer in terms of the vibrancy, the friendship and the joy that we bring to each other

I cannot finish without making reference to the creation of our junior Boro membership by Emma O'Donoghue and the success of the membership and the mascot initiative and half time penalty shoot out amongst only some of the fantastic initiatives created which bodes so well for the future of the club. Thank you to all connected with this scheme.


Let's hope that we achieve today the result on the pitch that we require and that we finish the League campaign at home in a manner which leaves us all looking forward to the new season.

If that does not happen at today's game then I hope as I've outlined above that we obtain the result we need next week and if we don't .....who cares?

We will play football at whatever level we are assigned to next season and that does not in any way diminish our friendships and our desire to meet our friends and enjoy each other's company and to make this club the best club around.

This why I say that come what may it's been a wonderful season once again. See you all next season – I for one cannot wait and once again thank you all for your incredible support.

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



## THE SECRETARY'S MUSINGS

We offer a warm welcome to Walthamstow, their players, supporters and committee, we also welcome our officials, referee Joanne Horwood and her assistants Ricky Ansher and Jake Martin.

I cannot believe how quickly this season has gone, it seems like yesterday that last August I went to Basildon Town instead of Basildon United, and soon realised I was at the wrong ground. Since then, there have been many lows and a few highs, luckily, I've not gone to the wrong ground again. Early season we were distracted by the FA Cup and this had a big impact on our league form and I can't help but feel it made us complacent thinking that we were better than we were. We were under the impression it was only a matter of time that our league form would improve. It didn't and we soon found ourselves fighting for our lives. The string of midweek games and lost leads in October and November were as a fan, character building, the definition of madness doing the same thing over and over again i.e. coming to Coles Park on a Tuesday night and expecting different results was testing and the definition fits well as the results didn't change. Only sport and the loyalty shown to a club can hold that torturous feeling that you dread watching but you are compelled to. You want to scream and shout, shake players and ask why every week they capitulate, but you can't because you know they feel exactly the same way you do, so you pat them on the back and say, well played. The new year has brought hope 5 wins, 7 draws with 5 losses, we have become more difficult to beat because we have learnt to defend better. Tommy Boxer coming in has brought strength and has meant we are more organised, and whilst we have seen him play like Beckenbauer at times spraying the ball around, it's been more no nonsense, which we needed. Raks coming back brought calmness which in turn helped Scott and probably the most important thing we got Michael O'Donoghue back who is a quality player and instantly slotted in and results improved. In a season of struggle, we have scored a significant number of goals, it's not often in recent years that we have had 3 players get into double figures but this season Matt, Derek and Joe Waight have achieved this. It now comes down to the final two games to decide our fate.

The last home game against Heybridge Swifts was a game of poor quality particularly the first half, but it ended up being a routine win, very rarely troubled in the second half and once Derek put us in the lead we didn't look like conceding, it was still welcome relief when Matt scored the 2nd though. It is great to see Matt back in the centre and playing well, without the injured George Aresti you feel Matt is now the one player in the squad that can conjure up some magic. He took his goal very calmly and when one on one with the keeper you knew he was going to score.

Apart from this paragraph I wrote the rest prior to the Concord game so I'm going to wax lyrical about Matt even more now. In a game that could have held fear for us given its importance, we went at it from the start got a penalty which Matt converted and then we went wild in the 2nd half scoring a further 3 goals. Matt getting two to complete his hat trick and Derek Asamoah getting on the scoresheet as well. When Matt plays like that he is unstoppable and an absolute joy to watch I mentioned about his magic and we certainly saw that at Concord. I'd also like to mention Bobson who made a huge impact coming on as a half time sub, immediately running at defenders he was a constant threat. We have given ourselves a massive chance to get out of the relegation zone it is in our hands now so we have to take our opportunity.

I have a number of thank you's, first off thank you to all of you that are reading this, for me this is therapy for you poor souls you choose to read this. A lot of work goes into producing the programme, thank you to John Bacon and Richard Brickell, our editor, for producing it, also thank you to Jim Shepherd and Ben Zucker for their match reports. It has been great to include links to Lennon Branagan's reports on the U23s so thank you Lennon. Thank you to Gerard Walker for his travel and pubs section without them we'd have gone thirsty and never arrived anywhere. We are always on the lookout for content so if anyone fancies writing an article or has any ideas that you would like to contribute, we would be glad to receive them.

Our social media team have done a great job promoting games and keeping everyone up to date with what is going on, I find it amazing how quickly they manage to provide updates from games, I'm sure they are either 30 seconds ahead of the action or like watching a dodgy stream, we are 30 seconds behind. Thank you, Dave Worley, Jim Shepherd, Leo Murray and Kiki Christofi.

Thank you to the supporters, the last two years we haven't exactly been blessed with success but week

in week out you have stuck with us, our attendances particularly on a Saturday have been fantastic and it is lovely to see so many families come to watch the games, we try to create a welcome, family friendly environment so it is pleasing to see so many young people coming to watch games.

The Junior Boro scheme has been amazing and that has clearly help attract families in, thank you Emma O'Donoghue and Chloe, the idea, your commitment and the joy and buzz that you have brought to Coles Park is fantastic.

It takes a lot to put on a game and host a crowd but we have a fantastic team of volunteers who are dedicated to ensuring that the welcoming environment mentioned above starts from the minute you walk into the entrance. Massive thank you to Scott Clark, Toby Clark, Keith Dalliday, Jenny Davies, Ian Hanahoe, Dewi Lewis, Trey Francis, Rick McEwen, Adam Morton, Jamie Scott, Soulla Tsioupra, Gerard Walker, Lawrence Weiss, Kenny Willmont, Dave Worley, Marco Zanelli.

Thank you to the Apples, Gina, Lynn who have helped keep us hydrated throughout the season. Apologies if we have been a miserable bunch at times.

The close knit bond between the players, management team and supporters is what makes this club special, many of the players we have known for a long time now and it is lovely that new players seem to get that and are happy to engage in conversation in the clubhouse after games, whether we are there to support you or you are representing the club on the pitch we are all Haringey Borough, win, lose or draw. At non-league the turnover of players can be huge so for those that we won't see again in the yellow and blue we wish you well and hope you will remember your time at the Boro with fondness.

It's been tough but I know its not for the want of trying for the management team and coaches, thank you Tom Loizou, Tucker O'Donoghue, Dave Cumberbatch, Lys Demetriou, Jack Garland, Trevor Nottingham and Emelie Fitzgerald.

Our committee members always make everyone welcome and the hospitality provided is top notch thank you Alan Hunter, Vince Sartori, Harry Christou and Dave Bell.

On a personal note, without Johnny Fitsiou being available and being so responsive the role would be frustrating at times waiting on decisions, I'm not the most patient person and want things sorted immediately so thank you Johnny for your quick responses. Thank you to Aki, I know he'd be the first to thank me but I feel very lucky to be so involved in the club that means the world to me, my affection was born out of the getting to know the wonderful people involved with the club and that continues, it is incredible what goes into running a football club even at step 4 and what the expectations are from the likes of the league and the FA. I must say having John Bacon at the end of the phone and seeing John at games has been great, John set the benchmark around being professional and organised in the secretary's role here and I have tried to follow in John's enormous footsteps.

It's have been great to work with Chris Odell, Ricky Gayler and Junior Fenton on the U23s, it's been a slog at times but the management team have done fantastically well to finish so high in the league and but for one crazy week in January where we struggled to get a side out and got knocked out of both cups, I'm sure the team would have had success this season. For the U18s credit to James Edgerley, Glenn Hicks and Reuben Duarte who oversee the team, I was reminded that their aim is to produce players so whilst results are important, player growth and giving young adults the opportunity to develop is of greater significance.

It has been amazing in the past few seasons to watch the Women's Team grow from strength to strength, the vibe on Sundays at Coles Park when they play is fantastic and the game against Arsenal will live long in the memory. Well done to Bobby Cato, Adem Ali, Kiki Christofi and especially Karla Parker who amazes me with her passion and enthusiasm, season after season.

Finally, football brings people together, it is wonderful in that regard and I'm proud to say at Haringey Borough we do that well, we are blessed to have such lovely people come to watch us. Life can be tough at times but I hope for 90 minutes plus injury time, those tough times and worries can be forgotten or at least pushed to one side. Let's all look out for each other during the summer, call each other, drop each other a message, make sure people are ok, really ok. I hope everyone has a lovely summer, I hope the sun shines and over the next few days it particularly shines on the Boro. Take care! See you next season.

### **Women's Team**

The team beat Wroxham 2-1 away in their last game, they have two games left both away, on Tuesday 29th

they are at Stevenage and on the 4th May they are at Bowers & Pitsea.

### **U23s**

Friday night the team played Waltham Forest Borough and finished their season with a 3-3 draw. This meant they finished 3rd in the league, a fine effort. As you will see later in the programme the league title appears to be going to Philip United, who's goalkeeper Enrique Kalsi was a Boro player earlier in the season.

### **U18s**

The U18s season has finished, it was a difficult season results wise but certainly we should look back with fondness on the FA Youth Cup games earlier in the season, away at Saffron Walden Town and May & Baker, which resulted in victories but were also great nights.

**Please look out for details on the website and social media about the release of Club Memberships and Season Tickets for 2025/2026.**

### **NEXT FIRST TEAM AWAY GAME**

**Saturday 26th April 2025 – Isthmian League North Division – Kick off 3pm  
Brightlingsea Regent v Haringey Borough**

### **NEXT GAMES FOR OUR OTHER TEAMS**

**Tuesday 29th April – Eastern Region Women's League - Kick off 7.30pm  
Stevenage v Haringey Borough**

**Sunday 4th May – Eastern Region Women's League - Kick off 2pm  
Bowers & Pitsea v Haringey Borough**

### **TRAVEL PLANS AND PUBS – GERARD WALKER**

**Brightlingsea Regent - 3pm Saturday 26 April 2025.**

**Brightlingsea Regent Football Club, North Rd, Brightlingsea, Colchester CO7 0PL**

#### **Travel.**

Probably the best way is London Liverpool Street to Alresford. Trains leave on the hour, change at Colchester, journey time 1 hour 19 minutes. Trains back at 28 minutes past the hour. An alternative route to Alresford is from Stratford at 43 minutes past the hour changing at Colchester.

From Alresford bus number 87, destination Brightlingsea Victoria, at 11.55 and 12.25 from the Pointer pub, 3 mins walk from station. 23 stops 21 minutes. 8 min walk to ground from Spring Chase. Return bus number 87, destination Great Horkesley 17.26 from Spring Chase.

#### **Pub**

Railway Tavern, 58 Station Road, Brightlingsea, CO7 0DT

<https://whatpub.com/pubs/TND/10873/railway-tavern-brightlingsea>

## PAST ENCOUNTERS WITH TODAY'S VISITORS

It was not until 2018 that Walthamstow actually played under that name so games between them and Haringey Borough have been few – 8 in all at various levels

DATE	VENUE	COMPETITION	1st TEAM RESULT	OTHER TEAM RESULT
13.9.20	Wadham Lodge	Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League		W 0 HB 1
5.7.22	Coles Park	Friendly	HB 4 W 0	
5.8.23	Coles Paek	Friendly	HB 2 W 2	
7,10.23	Wadham Lodge	Essex Alliance Senior Division ***		W 2 HB 3 ***
15.12.23	Coles Park	Essex Alliance Senior Division ***		HB 3 W 4 ***
14.9.24	Wadham Lodge	Essex Alliance Senior Division ***		W 2 HB 3 ***
23.12.24	Wadham Lodge	Isthmian North Division	W 2 HB 0	
7.2.25	Coles Park	Essex Alliance Senior Division ***		HB 2 W 2 ***
21.4.25	Coles Park	Isthmian North Division		

\*\*\* these games between Haringey Borough Under 23s and Walthamstow Reserves

Our Club history is not lacking in mergers and name changes but in that respect we lag far behind our visitors. Despite the name they have had no association at all with the renowned Walthamstow Avenue and when Avenue's independent existence ended in 1988 Pennant FC then playing at Wadham Lodge changed their name to Walthamstow Pennant. although a few years later, in 1995, the name was changed to Leyton Pennant. It is to Leyton FC, another erstwhile leading amateur Club that they trace their origins back to 1868, nearly 40 years before us.

Many were the meetings between the component parts of the much merged Clubs. The first was an FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round tie at Lea Bridge Road between Leyton and Edmonton in 1968 which finished 2-2 with Edmonton winning the replay at the Barrass Stadium 2-1. The first League encounters were in 1969/70 in Division 2 of the Athenian League. Leyton finished 9th and Edmonton 2nd which earned them promotion so it was not until 1974/75 by which time Edmonton had merged with the Wood Green Town arm of our Club and were playing at Coles Park under the name of Edmonton & Haringey and finished 11th from 18 with Leyton 17th in Division 1. Leyton then merged with Wingate to form Leyton-Wingate FC and in 1975/76 they were 14th and Edmonton & Haringey 16th from 18. In 1976/77 we finally adopted the name Haringey Borough and finished 12th in Division 1 from 18 with Leyton-Wingate being Champions. In 1977/78 the Athenian League contracted to one Division of 18 Clubs with Leyton-Wingate finishing 2nd and Borough 11th. 1978/79 saw Borough finish 5th and Leyton Wingate 8th from 19. In 1979/80 there were 20 Clubs and Leyton Wingate finished 3rd with Borough 18th. In 1980/81 it was Leyton Wingate 6th and Borough 14th from 20. In 1981/82 Leyton Wingate were Champions with Borough bottom of 19 Clubs. Leyton Wingate were then admitted to the Isthmian League so the Clubs never met in the last 2 years of the Athenians operation. The next meeting was in 1984/85 when the Isthmian League expanded by adding two Division 2's and both Clubs were in Division 2 North which had 20 teams with Borough finishing 19th and Leyton Wingate top and promoted so the Clubs never met again during Boroughs 4 year Isthmian membership. It was in the Spartan League that the next encounter occurred in 1998/99 when Borough were admitted and met Walthamstow Pennant. In 1990/91 the Clubs met in 2 Cup Finals with Borough winning the Final of the London Senior Cup 1-0 at Hanwell Town's Reynolds Fields ground and Walthamstow Pennant the Spartan League Cup in Cheshunt's Theobald Road Stadium also by 1-0. Leyton parted company with Wingate in 1992 and reverted to just Leyton until 1995 when they merged with Walthamstow Pennant to become Leyton Pennant. In 2002 a High Court ruling was obtained to the effect that a new Leyton Club formed in 1997 was entitled to be recognised as a continuation of the original 1868 club. Walthamstow Pennant then changed its name to Waltham Forest and played under that name

until changing to Walthamstow for 2018/19. Leyton finally folded in 2011 following a difficult period after the Chairman and other staff were convicted and jailed for serious VAT fraud. Borough never met Leyton Pennant but were in the Essex Senior League along with Waltham Forest in 2014/15 with Borough 2nd from 20 and Waltham Forest 9th. The results of the more recent games are in the chart below. There were no further meetings before those with Walthamstow listed in the first chart.

DATE	VENUE	COMPETITION	1st TEAM RESULTS **
1968/69	Lea Bridge Road Hare & Hounds	FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round	L 2 E 2
1968/69	Barrass Stadium Edmonton	Replay of above	E 2 L 1
1984/85	Coles Park	Isthmian League Div 2 North HB19/20	HB 1 LW 3
1984/85	Lea Bridge Road Hare & Hounds	Isthmian League Div 2 North LW 1/20	LW 2 HB 2
1989/90	Coles Park	Spartan League Premier Div HB 6/19	HB 1 WP 2
1989/90	Wadham Lodge	Spartan League Premier Div WP 7/19	WP 0 HB 1
1990/91	Coles Park	Spartan League Premier Div HB 6/19	HB 0 WP 0
1990/91	Wadham Lodge	Spartan League Premier Div WP1/19	WP 1 HB 0
1990/91	Reynolds Fields, Hanwell Town	London Senior Cup Final	HB 1 WP 0
1990/91	Cheshunt FC Stadium	Spartan League Cup Final	WP 1 HB 0
1991/92	Coles Park	Spartan League Premier Div HB 3/19	HB 4 WP 2
1991/92	Wadham Lodge	Spartan League Premier Div WP 5/19	HB 1 WP 1
1992/93	Coles Park	Spartan League Premier Div HB 15/19	HB 1 WP 1
1992/93	Wadham Lodge	Spartan League Premier Div WP 7/19	WP 2 HB 2
1993/94	Coles Park	Spartan League Premier Div HB 12/19	HB 3 WP 1
1993/94	Wadham Lodge	Spartan League Premier Div WP 7/19	HB 2 WP 1
10.5.95	Coles Park	Spartan League Premier Div HB 12/19	HB 3 WP 1
1994/95	Wadham Lodge	Spartan League Premier Div WP 7/19	WP 1 HB 2
6.12.14	Coles Park	Essex Senior League HB 2/20	HB 3 WF 1
30.8 14	Wadham Lodge	Essex Senior League WF 9/20	WF 0 HB 3

\*\* E = Edmonton L = Leyton LW = Leyton Wingate WF = Waltham Forest WP = Walthamstow Pennant

## TODAY'S SPECIAL GUESTS

### **Sue Jameson – Mayor of Haringey**

I'm excited to begin my first term as Mayor. In my work with families with special educational needs and disability (SEND), I have been part of the lives of people who experience extreme difficulties every single day. I have seen how having others who feel for them and offer care and support can make a difference to their lives and emotional wellbeing. Simply being able to take a SEND child swimming or to the park can create so much enjoyment and alleviate so much anxiety.

We all see the impact on those who have not been able to access support. These and personal family experiences have heightened my awareness of mental health issues and helped me recognise mental ill-health in our communities, schools and on our streets.

I have therefore chosen Mind in Haringey as my charity for this coming year. Mind is a wonderful charity that offers a range of services to our residents, including a safe haven crisis hub, counselling and suicide prevention advice.

Like many other mental health charities, Mind endure financial insecurity. Funding is not guaranteed, yet they provide invaluable services. I seek to highlight their achievements and challenges.

Having been a ward Cllr for Bruce Castle for a little over 2 years now, I have met hundreds of good people and seen their many wonderful achievements.

However, now with the borough-wide role of Mayor, the opportunities for engagement and interaction with even more Haringey businesses, community groups and residents have increased significantly.

I'm amazed at the vibrancy and generosity of Haringey. It is a beautiful and green place to live and work.

I will seek to discover, understand and embrace all that the people of Haringey offer.

I seek to serve all our residents and I humbly thank you for this opportunity and your support as I take up this role of first citizen of Haringey.



### **Bambos Charalambos - MP for Southgate and Wood Green.**

He was first elected as the Labour MP for Enfield Southgate in June 2017 and re-elected in December 2019. He is the first MP elected for the new constituency of Southgate and Wood Green at the 2024 General Election. Before his parliamentary career began, he was a solicitor and worked for Hackney Council on their housing litigation team for 16 years.

Bambos was the first MP whose parents are both from Cyprus. He was born in London and raised in Bowes Park. As a child, he went to St Michael at Bowes Junior school, where he is now a school governor. He was a councillor for Palmers Green ward for 24 years.



Before entering Parliament, Bambos was Enfield Council's cabinet member for Leisure, Culture, Localism and Young People.

Bambos previously sat on Labour's frontbench as the Shadow Immigration Minister and Shadow Foreign Office Minister for the Middle East and North Africa.

I'll be honest it an absolute honour to write these notes reflecting on John and the effect he has had at our club, a club many of us have grown to love, a club that has a long and rich history and a club that has for over 70 years had John Bacon. It is an incredible achievement not just to say you have been a supporter of a club for that long but for John he can say he has fulfilled almost every role at the club, he often reminds us that he was the manager for a period of time and retains a 100% winning record.

A few months ago, when we were discussing programme material he asked about the date of his first ever game at Coles Park, it turned out Wood Green Town Reserves 2 Vauxhall Motors Reserves 4 was played on Saturday 9th October 1954, I wonder what a young John would have thought if you had said to him on that day he would still be associated with the club 71 years later and even more so, explained the impact he would have on the club.

Quite simply when you think of Haringey Borough you think of

John, I'm proud to say John has been a mentor to me, when you take on the role of secretary no one gives you a manual to work from but luckily, I had something better and that was John.

One of my favourite stories is that when he wasn't well a couple of years back, I visited him in Barnet Hospital, he was in a bad way. I was giving him an update on what was going on at the club and then he said to me that the Women's Team and New Salamis had been booked to play on the same day in January, he said it needing to be resolved, it was September! When most people would have been thinking about getting better, John was thinking of fixture clashes.

John told me that he was instrumental in creating the Haringey Borough Women's Team by bringing a team from Mill Hill to play at Coles Park, given that was the

## The John Bacon Musings

# My lifetime of loyalty to Haringey Borough

**IN 1953, Queen Elizabeth II had just been crowned, Elvis Presley was the teenage heart-throb and England were still 13 years away from being crowned football world champions.**

It was also the year that Wood Green teenager John Bacon paid his first visit to Haringey Borough – and began a love affair with his local club which went on to span more than half a century.

The visitors to Wood Green Town, as they were called in those days, were Metropolitan Police. Despite the passing of time, John remembers the day well – his side lost 2-0.

John was hooked, and he has barely missed a game in the next 58 years. That may change soon, with Borough set to lose their ground thanks to government spending cuts, and for John it would be a sad moment in the club's history.

### Atmosphere

"I would be upset if we had to move, but I think I'd be the only one, particularly if it benefits the club," says John, who was born on Alexandra Road and is now the Haringey Borough secretary.

"I just happened to be passing the ground one day and I had a look in, and I immediately liked it. I loved that feeling of being part of something, being able to walk right up to the barriers, and chase the ball when it went for a throw-in. It was a totally different atmosphere to what I'd experienced at professional games at places like Tottenham and Arsenal.

"I'd pay three pence to get through the turnstile, and we'd get 50 or so fans to every home game – we'd be happy to get that many now unfortunately.

"I'd cycle to away matches as well, I think the furthest I went was Tring, about 40 miles. I don't know why, I just took to them. The amateur game was cheaper, but it was friendlier too, and that was one of the big draws for me."

Bacon barely missed a match up until the age of 19, when he was drafted into his National Service in the late 50s,

**'Football should be played for fun, not as a business. I'm very much the amateur fan, and I always will be'**

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and even then he managed regular trips when he was on leave from Aldershot.

Meanwhile, his team embarked on a period of change. Wood Green Town became Haringey Borough in 1970, before they merged with Edmonton in 1973 to become Edmonton & Haringey, and finally reverted back to Haringey Borough in 1976.

Plenty of past players stand out in John's mind, from the 'wiry, thin centre-forward we all loved' Georgie Wells in the 1950s, to Ricky Otto, who played a handful of games for Borough before moving to Leyton Orient and eventually Birmingham City, for whom he scored a famous goal against Liverpool at Anfield in the 1994 FA Cup.

And of course, plenty of games live long in his memory. The amateur game may have entered a period of decline after its boom immediately after the Second World War, but the big games still came and went for John's side, and he was there to witness them all.

"We played Brigg Sports, one of the giants of amateur football," he recalls. "They had just played in the 1954 Amateur Cup final, and then they had to come down to us. I'm not sure they liked it much, getting splinters in their backsides from our changing rooms! They've folded since..."

"In '57 we took Edgware to four replays, in either the FA Cup or FA Amateur Cup."

After his National Service John moved to Basildon, where he lived for 13 years and struggled to get to home games, but upon moving to Hertfordshire in 1976, he barely missed a match.

### Giants

"In the 1980s we played Billericay Town, again one of the giants of the game. They brought down about 800 people for that one, they were all round the pitch. We've never had a game like it, before or since. We drew 0-0, but lost the replay."

In all his years following his team in their various guises, John's loyalty to the club has never faded. But as the professional game has exploded in popularity in the last 20 years, with younger fans hooked on the glamour of the Premier League, he is aware that clubs like Borough, often the focal point of the lo-



■ PERMANENT FIXTURE . . . Haringey Borough secretary John Bacon has been attending the club's matches for more than 60 years

cal community, are being left behind, feeding off financial scraps.

But that won't deter him, and when Saturday comes, John would still rather be found on the terraces at Coles Park than in the stands at Spurs or Arsenal. After initially working with Borough's women's team, he has been club secretary since the late 90s, a fitting position for a fan who has devoted most of his adult life to the only football club on White Hart Lane.

"We struggle to get the gates really, but it's always been thus. I suppose

that's what happens when Tottenham are right on your doorstep," adds John.

"It's a shame that people would rather pay God knows how much to go there, rather than a fiver to come here and see a decent standard of football."

"Just after the war, we would get 100 or so fans for home games, but it's been dwindling ever since. But I'm of the opinion that football should be played for enjoyment, not as a business. I'm not fond of the professional game, I'm very much the amateur football fan, and always will be."

early 2000's the Women's game was nowhere near the popular sport it has become, yet we can thank John for the Sunday afternoon's that many of us enjoy watching the team and I know how proud John is of the team.

The warmth and standing John has in the game can be seen by the number of people that you meet at clubs who's first question is, where's John? His knowledge, his stories and his ability to remember facts is amazing. You won't catch him out on scores of games or about games played. Aki and I joke that when faced with a situation we would adopt the "what would John Bacon do" approach as we knew that would see us right.

John, it's a fantastic achievement to be associated with Wood Green Town and Haringey Borough as a supporter, volunteer and committee member for over 70 years, the club is richer for your presence and I'm sure there's probably been times that without your involvement there might not have even been a club. Congratulations and thank you, on a life of dedication to the Boro and we look forward to many more years of singing "There's only one John Bacon" because nothing could be truer.

**Nick Hoare**



## KARLA PARKER

Where do I even begin? The stories we could tell are endless. From hauling sand onto the original Boro grass pitch just to level it out, to running the line in the pouring rain, or meeting players at the tube station so they could sign registration forms — John has been there through it all. He is, without a doubt, one of a kind. Truthfully, if it hadn't been for John, I may have walked away from Boro years ago.

We've ridden the rollercoaster together — celebrating the elation of promotion and weathering the crushing lows of demotion. But nothing compares to the strength and compassion he showed during the most heartbreaking time in my footballing life — when we lost Steve Browne to cancer. John never wavered. He stood beside me, quietly holding everything together, offering strength when mine was running out. He supported the team and me right through to the end of that painful season, never asking for anything in return.

John's commitment goes far beyond the pitch. He's been by my side at FA meetings, bringing unmatched knowledge of the game, of league rules, and of how to navigate the complex systems that so often leave us feeling alone. He was always at the end of the phone with wise, calm, and objective advice — even when I was too emotional to see clearly.

For years, John ran the line for the women's team, turning up game after game with spare kit stashed in his boot and garage, ready for anything. And wherever we went, Fiona was right there with him — together, a constant presence, rain or shine. Every single game. Every single season.

But more than the roles he played, John is a dear friend. A fierce, unwavering champion of the women's game. Long before equity in football became a buzzword, John lived it. He saw us. He believed in us. And he fought for us.

He has given so much of himself — his time, his heart, his energy — and there's no way we could ever truly repay him. But I will carry that gratitude forever. Because John didn't just help keep the team going — he helped keep me going.

John, from the bottom of my heart — thank you. For your loyalty, your patience, your wisdom, and your kindness. For every moment you showed up, and for every time you held me up. You've made more of a difference than you'll ever know — and I am so incredibly grateful



**Karla Parker**  
**General Manager & Secretary**  
**Haringey Borough's Women's Team**

## MORE TRIBUTES TO JOHN BACON

### DANIELLE NAPIER

John Bacon, a name I never forgot. what a legend, cannot believe you are still holding the same passion you have always had. Congratulations on your 70th season. You must have seen so many of us. You have always been dedicated to borough, from washing our kits to cheering us on every Sunday without fail. you always showed up. I remember you writing the programmes, and you always praised me for my goalkeeping, I still have some of them, from 20 years ago.

### LEE ALLEN

Only had a couple of seasons at the club but John was one of if not the first member of club to meet me to get signed on, going out of his way in his own time for that. This enthusiasm was I'd imagine ever present from John over the years.

Clubs need people like John Bacon what a legend.

Congratulations John

### DAN WALKER

When you think of Haringey Borough, one name inevitably comes to mind — John Bacon. He isn't just associated with the club; he is the club. His dedication, passion and unwavering loyalty have become synonymous with everything Haringey Borough stands for.

There will never be another like him. John's commitment to the club is unmatched, and quite frankly, it's hard to imagine anyone ever coming close. From the brightest Saturday afternoons to the bleakest midweek journeys, he would travel to the furthest, most forgotten corners of the UK just to support the team.

John is a gentleman from a bygone era — calm, thoughtful, and endlessly patient. He has a quiet way about him that puts people at ease, and whether you're a new face at the club or someone who's been around for decades, he always makes time for you. A natural communicator with a warm, measured tone, he sets the standard for how people should carry themselves in football — and in life.

More than anything, I hope he truly understands the depth of admiration people have for him. The number of lives he's touched — players, staff, supporters — is immeasurable. His influence and care stretch far beyond the pitch.

Here's to John Bacon — a bona fide legend of the game and an eternal part of the Haringey Borough story.

### ISHMAIL KAMARA

I would like to say thank you for your commitments and devotions over the years with Harringay Football Club, especially those times you have made out of your comfort zone in picking and dropping me from my house for most of the away football games.

It was unfortunate, I could not return your favours on the road but those sacrifices you have made during those nights, are highly appreciated!

Changing gears from gear one to three on those big roundabouts were incredibly nervous sitting in the passenger seat, but your knowledge on those roads and how you navigated to those grounds without Satnav was indeed admirable...

Once again, thank you for your great contributions in the football industry and to Haringey Football Club. John Bacon top man...

### AIMEE SMITH

I first met John when I played for Mill Hill and Haringey at the start of my football career. John was a great manager. He was always kind, helpful, organised and put a lot of time and effort in to the team and the girls training.

It was always a pleasure to play for John.

### NICK NICOU

John, you've been there at every game home and away and we would share a chat at every game whether you had 5 mins to spare or even if you were filling out the team sheet in your hand. A true gent who has time for everyone. 70 years volunteering for this great club - incredible service and there is no way the club

would have achieved all the recent success if it wasn't for people like you. You're a credit to the club and we're lucky to have you!  
Up the Boro!

**DEAN FENTON**

Dear John "gets the job done" Bacon.

I would like to personally thank you for all the help you gave me not just a player and former captain but also as a coach for the U23s.

Your knowledge and dedication to Haringey can't be matched, god knows where the club would be without.

Congratulations on your milestone!

Love Dean Fenton

**CEDRIC LAKOLE (BIG CEDS)**

As a former player at Haringey Borough FC, I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation and respect for John Bacon, who has now served the club for an incredible 70 seasons as a volunteer. That's not just dedication - it's a legacy.

In the nine or so years I spent at the club, I came to know John as the quiet engine behind match days. From handling team sheets to recording scores and goal scorers, his attention to detail, calm demeanor, and unwavering accuracy ensured that everything ran smoothly - week in, week out. It's the kind of role that often goes unnoticed, but without it, the whole operation would fall apart.

John's commitment was never about recognition, but it absolutely deserves it. His contribution is a powerful reminder of the heart and soul of semi-pro football. All clubs need a John Bacon - someone who gives selflessly, shows up consistently, and quietly helps keep the game alive.

Thank you, John, for everything you've done for Haringey Borough FC and for all of us who've been lucky enough to be part of the club during your time.

With sincere respect

**JADE BOWLEY**

John Bacon what a legend from early mornings standing in the cold, piling sand onto our pitch to make the wonderful game happen.. 70 years of dedication and love for Haringey is amazing watching from the side lines and travelling all over London with his wife to support us.. lately visiting Haringey again with my son playing on my roots and seeing how much it has changed is amazing progress as I used to walk off covered in mud from head to toe!!

Would like to thank you for all your efforts all them many years ago.

**RACHEL & KERRY**

John Bacon is the heart and soul of Haringey FC. His kindness and unwavering support touch every corner of the club, no matter the weather—rain, shine, or snow. There's only one John Bacon, and Haringey FC wouldn't be the same without him!

**MEMBER OF WOMEN'S TEAM SQUAD**

John Bacon, a true gentleman, giving me the nickname "train" A man who made sure that we got to & from away matches (even with his sudden breaking/driving under the speed limit) I wouldn't have had it any other way! Running the line for us when nobody else wanted to do it (taking a tumble one game) it showed how much he cared for our game, he Just wanted us to get on with enjoying the football! Thank you so much JB for always having our backs & being our football father! There's only one John Bacon, one John Bacon! Val squad number 2

**ASHLEY FASHANU**

Mr Bacon,

Seeing this program for you made me smile big time. 70 seasons! Crazy, but totally right for someone who's pure Haringey Borough.

As an ex-player, I know you were way more than just the Club Secretary. You were the reliable guy behind the scenes, always calm and with the answers.

You weren't always in the spotlight, but every player felt your impact. You handled all the admin stuff so we could just play. But more than that, you made us feel like we belonged. You knew everyone, cared

about the club big time, and that rubbed off.

You've seen it all... the ups and downs. Your commitment has always been there, keeping Haringey Borough steady. You're a true legend, part of the club itself.

Thanks for everything, hard work, kindness, and for being the heart of Haringey Borough for 70 amazing seasons. It was an honor knowing you and playing for a club you gave everything to.

All the best, John! Here's to celebrating this incredible milestone!

Cheers, Fash.

#### **DAVE CUMBERBATCH**

To John Bacon, a pillar of Haringey Borough FC, a steward of the game, and a true embodiment of loyalty and love for the beautiful sport.

For seven decades, you've given your time, heart, and soul to this club. From the cold Tuesday nights to the historic Saturday triumphs, you've been there—not just as a club secretary, but as the glue that's held this community together.

Your dedication has shaped generations of players, supporters, and volunteers. You've seen it all—the highs, the lows, the unforgettable goals, and the quiet moments that make football what it truly is.

Haringey Borough isn't just a club—it's a family, and you've been its heartbeat. Thank you for everything, John. Your legacy will live on far beyond the touchline.

#### **DARRELL COX**

Can't believe it only 70 years he's been volunteering, feels more like 100 lol, but he's definitely been there longer than I've served the club!

A great man & a great servant of the club, always got my name correct amongst the many hundreds of players that have passed through the club!

We salute you mr Bacon here's to another 70 years!

Up the Borough

Cox the legend!!!!

#### **JULIA CARRUTHERS**

Ex player 2010- 2021

I have too many memories so I'll stick to the one I'll remember for a lifetime. Parker had told us many stories about John and the work he put into the club before we joined, but the stories about John cycling to the mens games always remained with me. At the time it was hard to believe because the journeys away were never local.

It didn't take us long to see that John and Fiona were our only supporters for many seasons driving as far as Norwich (always arrived before us) to not only support but to be our linesmen, offer words of encouragement and wisdom if you ever had the chance to have a chat after the game. The work never stopped there Monday morning we were guaranteed a detailed match report win or lose it was definitely a great read.

I think I'd be speaking for alot of us when I say, Johns loyalty and commitment to Haringey on and off the field is undeniably what makes him A Legend in his own league. It's an honour to have played for Haringey for so long and as we all celebrate you today, I'd personally like to thank you for your services to HBWFC because without you in our corner all them years ago the club wouldn't be as great as it is today.

#### **JADE THIRKETTLE**

John Bacon.. what an inspiration to everyone!

Dedication unmatched.. Never missed a game and always the first to arrive!

Nothing was ever too much.. not even running the line on the muddiest of muddy pitches!

You were the rock of the club everything ran perfectly and it blows my mind that this is your 70th season!

Hats off to you John an incredible man!

#### **MARIANNE SHEENA**

I first met John 30 years ago when I was played club football for the first time as a teenager. In the days when there was very little focus on the girls' game, John was as devoted to the women's teams as the men's and was always the one constant figure standing on the touchlines cheering the team on through all seasons and weather conditions. Over the years I came to see that there is no one more dedicated to

football at all levels than John. Whatever the weather and whatever the distance, John was always there supporting the team. He has always had so much passion for the game whilst also being the kindest man you could meet, setting an example for all the players that crossed paths with him. What John has contributed to the game is immeasurable and I'm incredibly grateful for his inspiring influence.

Thank you John!

**ALAN HUNTER**

I first met John Bacon in 2018 when I started to come and watch Haringey Borough and subsequently became involved with the Club. From the start I found John very friendly and welcoming and a font of all knowledge with regard to the history of Haringey Borough. My esteem of John went even higher when I later discovered that we both went to the same School, Dame Alice Owens when it was based in Islington and that we both played football for the Old Boys teams of the school.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to know John and long may it continue'.

**RICHARD BRICKELL**

Working with John over the years putting together the Haringey programme, from the printed copy to the digital version online now, his knowledge and copy writing are second to none! John would clean up on Mastermind as Non League football or Haringey Borough FC being his specialist subject. Hat's off to you John - Richard

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## HARINGEY PLAYER STATS 2024-2025 SEASON - ALL COMPETITIONS

Name	League Starts	League Subs	League Goals	Cup Starts	Cup Subs	Cup Goals	Total Starts	Total Subs	Total Goals
Akiljo Balliu *	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Alaa Oujdi	2	1	0	6	2	1	8	3	1
Alex Nicolaides	1	6	0	0	2	0	1	8	0
Alkeo Bani *	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Ashlee Jones	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Bobson Bawling	12	7	1	0	0	0	12	7	1
Cairo Kelly	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Caleb Dennis *	16	3	1	7	1	0	23	4	1
Cem Poyraz	16	6	0	0	0	0	16	6	0
Damilola Taiwo-Pratt	11	4	2	1	0	0	12	4	2
Dan Carey-Evans *	5	0	0	5	1	0	10	1	0
David Martins	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Demmy Nicolaou *	9	9	0	6	4	0	15	13	0
Derek Asamoah	35	1	9	8	3	3	43	4	12
Ebenezer Addo *	16	4	1	5	1	0	21	5	1
Emmanuel Yeboah	14	6	4	9	2	4	23	8	8
Enrique Kalsi *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fred Agyemang *	1	4	1	4	2	1	5	6	2
Georgios Aresti	14	6	3	5	4	2	19	10	5
Hamid Bun-Seisay *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack West-Astuti *	15	0	0	1	0	0	16	0	0
J'Ardell Stirling *	22	0	1	12	0	0	34	0	1
Joe Waight *	16	2	5	8	1	5	24	3	10
Jorge Djassi Sambu	20	13	5	11	0	2	31	13	7
Justin Ismail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaylen Hinds*	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Liam Boxall *	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0
Louis Maffia	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	0
Matthew Young	32	1	13	3	0	3	35	1	16
Mekhi McLeod	5	12	0	0	0	0	5	12	0
Michael Acquah *	10	0	0	7	0	0	17	0	0
Michael O'Donoghue	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
Oliwier Fusiek *	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Olu Durojaiye	17	1	1	0	0	0	17	1	1
Omaru King *	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Prince Mutswunguma	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Rakim Richards	4	7	1	0	0	0	4	7	1
Ralston Gabriel	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Remy Mitchell	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0
Reuben Rabstein *	4	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0
Richard Ennin *	5	4	0	4	6	2	9	10	2
Ruben Tavares Baptista *	3	2	0	2	3	0	5	5	0
Ryan Hervel	11	2	0	0	0	0	11	2	0
Scott Mitchell	25	2	2	4	1	0	29	3	2
Sean Sankanu *	9	5	0	1	2	0	10	7	0
Stephane Mgbada	0	3	0	1	2	0	1	5	0
Sydney Ibie	7	1	3	0	0	0	7	1	3
Tommy Boxer	15	2	0	9	0	1	24	2	1
Tosin Olufemi	30	1	1	5	1	0	35	2	1
Uko Oji *	4	3	0	3	1	0	7	4	0
William Ademiluyi *	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
William Danquah	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Zayshaun Asamoah	1	6	1	1	0	0	2	6	1
Own goals	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

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CROWN dependencies offshore football clubs have become part and parcel of the Non-League Pyramid in recent years with Guernsey, Jersey Bulls and FC Isle of Man all valued members of our National League System.

But I wondered what the arrangements entail for opposition teams flying across to play on these islands, so I joined the official Southall party heading to Guernsey for their Isthmian South Central; fixture last Sunday to find out more.

The build-up saw Guernsey sending travel details to their opponents. In effect, the host club covers the cost of return flights for a group of up to 25 people from Southall plus coach transport to and from Guernsey Airport. This forms part of Guernsey's agreement to compete in mainland competitions.

Here is my diary of how the mammoth matchday experience unfolded...

7.00am – Meet up deadline at Gatwick Airport South Terminal. The Southall players arrive on time smartly dressed in club tracksuit tops.

7.15am – Southall's enthusiastic chairman Sanjeev Sharma does a final headcount to make sure everyone is present. He grins: "I'm feel like I am the players' dad looking after them all!"

8.00am – We are through security and on to the plane. I am sitting next to Southall manager Max Howell. He admirably video calls his young children prior to take-off.

8.35am – The Aurigny Airline flight to Guernsey departs on schedule. It's a one-hour journey spanning 160 miles. Also on board are the three match officials for this afternoon's game. Not surprisingly, they respectfully keep their distance.

8.50am – There is escalating merriment amongst the Southall squad because midfielder Chris Mulindwa has fallen asleep with his mouth wide open. So, his crafty teammates rest a coffee stirrer on his lower lip. I take a photo to capture the moment for posterity.

9.00am – Max explains his deep-thinking managerial philosophy to me. "My players are chess pieces that I move around the pitch," he says, reflecting on his nine years at Southall as a player, then coach and now manager.

9.35am – We touch down in Guernsey and the local coach appears outside the tiny airport. Our driver is a dead ringer for TV personality Bill Oddie. Much to my amazement, he negotiates the narrow island roads by frequently mounting pavements to pass oncoming cars. This time, I am sat alongside chairman Sanjeev. He describes his burning desire to find his beloved club a permanent stadium in Southall. It will end 33 years of nomadic groundsharing following the loss of their spiritual home at Western Road. They are currently based out of the area at Burnham but will switch to Hayes & Yeading next season.

10.00am – We stop off at a very nice hotel where Southall booked pre-match breakfast. It is good to see the players choosing healthy options from the buffet spread although some of us older guys readily tuck into fried eggs and black pudding!

12noon – The coach is ready to take us to the game.

12.30pm – We pull up at Guernsey's newly unveiled £10 million Victoria Park Stadium which is staging only its second fixture. The Southall party are warmly greeted by Guernsey directors John Loveless and Nic Legg.

12.35pm – I take a peek at the facilities consisting of two excellent grandstands on either side (offering 700 seats combined) and covered terracing behind both goals. I am thoroughly impressed by the 3,000 capacity venue. It is easily up to National League South grading criteria. The Guernsey Football Association offices are here too.

1.00pm – Several of the Southall players don't have football boots compatible with requirements specified by Victoria Park's artificial pitch manufacturer. However, Guernsey are able to loan replacement boots.

1.10pm – I approach Southall director Stephen Harrison for an in-depth chat. His family possess a long association with the club and Stephen outlines how he decided to become a co-owner. In addition, I spot a couple of loyal Southall supporters visiting Guernsey for the weekend.

2.00pm – Kick-off in our Isthmian League South Central Division encounter. Guernsey have the wind behind them and dominate pulsating first half exchanges without scoring. Into the second period, Southall muster a great 20 minutes peppering the home goalmouth. All of a sudden, Guernsey break away and Sam Murray decisively shoots into the net. Two minutes later, Southall are reduced to ten men (Ryan Hope red card) thereby affecting their chances of gaining a positive result.

3.50pm – Final score...Guernsey 1 Southall 0, attendance 891. A vital three points for the 'Green Lions' in battling against relegation.

4.20pm – Guernsey serve a delicious sit-down meal of Thai green curry to the Southall party in a reserved section of the plush clubhouse. Yet the West London players are visibly disappointed by the match outcome and eat in near silence.

5pm – The coach returns to take us to the airport ahead of our 6.10pm flight.

7.10pm – After the Southall contingent waited patiently in Departures throughout an unexpected one-hour delay, we embark on our plane back to London. I'm seated again beside manager Max who is considerably deflated by this defeat. He gives me a fascinating blow by blow analysis of the match I've just watched. I tell him that he can take plenty of positives from his team's performance.

8.15pm: We land at Gatwick Airport to conclude our lengthy day out. There are handshakes all around as the exhausted Southall party go their separate ways freshly anticipating local derbies versus Rayners Lane and Uxbridge over Easter.

Needless to say, I was pretty cream crackered when I eventually arrived home, but the trip will go down as one of my most memorable ever.

By Tony Incenzo



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## HARINGEY PLAYER PROFILES 2024-25



**GEORGIOS ARESTI** – A huge favourite with everyone at Haringey, Georgios has been with the club since 2018. A player that drives the team forward and always gives 100% although this means he plays on the edge given his desire to tackle and win the ball back. His career has seen him play for AEK Athens and numerous teams in Cyprus, he has also won international caps for Cyprus.

**DEREK ASAMOAH** – Derek returns to the Boro following a previous spell during season 2017-2018. His career has seen him play over 300 league appearances, scoring 45 goals for Northampton Town, Mansfield Town, Lincoln City, Chester City, Shrewsbury Town and Carlisle United. His football journey has also seen him play in France, Scotland, Bulgaria, and South Korea. He also has 4 Ghana caps and one international goal. Since leaving the Boro he has appeared for Cheshunt, Brightlingsea Regent and became the all-time top goal scorer for New Salamis.

**BOBSON BAWLING** – Bobson has had two spells with the Boro, a winger who previously played over 70 games in the football league for Crawley Town, scoring 6 goals. Other clubs Bobson has played for include Woking, Torquay United, Oxford City, St Albans City, Enfield Town, and Hendon. Known for his versatility, Bobson can play in various midfield positions and has also been deployed as a right-back.

**TOMMY BOXER** – An experienced centre back, Tommy was player-manager at New Salamis during the 2023/2024 season.

**WILLIAM DANQUAH** – A left back who is signed on a dual registration with FC Romania, William has appeared for the Boro previously where he made a handful of appearances, nearly ten years ago.

**JORGE DJASSI SAMBU** – A huge influence on the team's success in recent years, Jorge is a centre midfielder that loves to tackle and is a commanding figure in the centre of the pitch. He has now been with the club for over 10 seasons but will always be held in the highest regard for his 2 goals in the play-off semi-final of 2018.

**OLU DUROJAIYE** – A player well known to Boro fans having had several spells with the club, the first dates back to the 2015/2016 season. A midfield player Olu started his football journey with Tottenham Hotspur before playing in Scotland and then for a number of National South clubs.

**RALSTON GABRIEL** – A prolific striker, Ralson has rejoined The Boro after previous spells at the club, also appeared for St. Albans and Borehamwood, Ralston will always be remembered for his goals during the promotion season of 2017/2018.

**RYAN HERVEL** – Ryan, a midfielder, joins from Potters Bar Town having previously been with the Boro during the 2017/2018 season.

**JUSTIN ISMAIL** – Justin a goalkeeper has been promoted to the first team from the U23s after impressing since joining in the summer.

**ASHLEE JONES** – A goalkeeper with vast experience, Ashlee joined from Saffron Walden Town.

**DAVID MATA** – A winger David joins having been most recently in Portugal playing for CD Feirense.

**LOUIS MAFFIA** – Louis is a centre midfield player who signed from West Essex, he impressed in trial games pre-season which earned him a place in the squad.

**MEKHI McLEOD** – A forward Mekhi rejoins after leaving in the summer, previously having made over 80 appearances for us. Mekhi has also played for Halifax Town, Accrington Stanley, Eastleigh and Romford among his previous berths and Fulham, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Glasgow Rangers at Under 23 level.

**STEPHANE MGBADA** – Stephane was a regular last season for the Under 23s, his performances earned him a call up to the first team where he made a good contribution in the games he played, scoring one goal at Potters Bar. An exciting forward, it is hoped Stephane continues his development and secures a regular first team spot.

**ROMAN MICHAEL PERCIL** – Having started his career at Tottenham Hotspur, Roman was previously with the Boro between 2019 and 2021, an exciting winger, Roman has made appearances for numerous non-league clubs and most recently was at Harlow Town.

**REMY MITCHELL** – A goalkeeper Remy started his youth career at Arsenal playing games in the FA Youth Cup before moving to Swansea City, most recently he was at Potters Bar and is dual registered with Aylesbury United.

**SCOTT MITCHELL** – Scott is a centre back who has been with the Boro since 2017, a huge favourite with the fans he has amassed over 200 appearances and won the supporters player of the year twice. A player who brings experience and brings a love of playing for Haringey, which is why everyone appreciates him.

**PRINCE MUTSWUNGUMA** – Prince, a forward, was at Cambridge United academy before playing in Ireland for Waterford, he is dual registered with Bedford Town, having also played for Newmarket Town and Cambridge City this season, 2024/2025.

**ALEXANDER NICOLAIDES** – The top scorer last season for the Under 23s, Alex played 10 times for the first team. A very skilful forward and only 17 years old, much is hoped that Alex can make the successful transition to first team football.

**MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE** – MOD returns after spells at Hornchurch, where he won the Isthmian Premier League, Wingate & Finchley and Hendon, since leaving The Boro in 2023. Michael has had a couple of spells with us most notably between 2017 and 2020 where he was an outstanding in the promotion winning team of 2018 and team that finished 3rd in the Isthmian Premier in 2019.

**TOSIN OLUFEMI** – Tosin returns after two seasons at Bishop's Stortford where he won the Isthmian Premier League. Tosin was Haringey's captain when we won the play off in 2018 and his return is a real coup for the club. In his previous spells he played over 150 times and was top goal scorer in 2021/2022 despite being a right back.

**RAKIM RICHARDS** – It would be easy to write a full page on the impact and influence Rakim has had on Haringey Borough, since our foundation as Haringey Borough no one has made more appearances than Rakim. Known as Raks, his first appearance was in the season 2010/2011 and has been a part of both the Essex Senior League winning team and the Isthmian North play off winning team. Club captain, Raks is currently recovering from injury and given his importance to the team, his injury played a key factor in the team suffering relegation last season.

**DAMILOLA TAIWO-PRATT** – A centre half who joins from Dulwich Hamlet, prior to that Damilola played for Gillingham's U18s.

**EMMANUEL YEBOAH** – A forward who spent the 2023/2024 season at Wingate & Finchley.

**MATT YOUNG** – A favourite with the fans Matt returns to the Boro from Folkestone Invicta having left us in the summer. A classy midfielder who scored 15 goals last season. Previously Matt was twice loaned to us by Leyton Orient in 2022/23.

## MANAGEMENT

**TOM LOIZOU (CLUB 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 on their toes - not just the players! With us since early 2009.

**JOHNNY FITSIU (MANAGING DIRECTOR)** Has a wealth of experience in professional and non-league football. He supports Tom and the Chairman, Aki, in everything football related.

**DAVID CUMBERBATCH (ASSISTANT MANAGER)** Long serving back up to the Manager and the first to judge the merits of the many applicants seeking trials with the Club.

**THOMAS O'DONOGHUE (FIRST TEAM COACH)** known as 'Tucker' is an experienced coach who joined the coaching staff at the Borough in 2016.

**LYS DEMETRIOU – (FIRST TEAM ASSISTANT COACH)** – Lys joined the coaching staff from New Salamis in the summer of 2024.

**EMELIE FITZGERALD (FIRST TEAM PHYSIOTHERAPIST)** qualified therapist with previous experience with Potters Bar Town & Wingate & Finchley.

**TREVOR NOTTINGHAM (GOALKEEPING COACH)** – Trevor joined the Haringey coaching staff during the 2023/2024 season.

## WALTHAMSTOW PLAYER PROFILES 2024-25



### GOALKEEPERS

**FINN RUSHTON:** Young, talented keeper who joined the club in late 2025 from Marlow. Kept an impressive three clean sheets in his first five games, including a vital penalty save against Haringey Borough.

### DEFENDERS

**JOSEPH ALATISE:** Powerful centre back who has impressed since signing from Witham Town earlier this season, where he was a mainstay in their team. Has also played for Newbury Forest, Tilbury and Romford.

**ALIEU NJIE:** Former Blackpool youngster who signed for a second time towards the end of last season. Has also played for Potters Bar Town and Wingate & Finchley.

**DWIGHT PASCAL:** Young defender who has seen plenty of action higher up the pyramid, having made his Football League debut for Barnet in 2017 aged just 15, becoming their youngest ever player. Has played for Potters Bar, Kingstonian and Dulwich Hamlet.

**JORDAN PEART:** Electric wing-back who signed from Grays Athletic towards the end of last season. Has also played for Barking and Aveley. A former sprinter, who can also play further up the field in an attacking role.

**TE WIHONGI:** New Zealand international with eight caps who joined in Autumn 2022. Has impressed with his composure and physical presence at the back and has become a key part of the defence.

### MIDFIELDERS

**CALLUM IBE:** Now in his third spell with the club, Callum can play anywhere across the forward line and in midfield, and has become a real fans favourite thanks to his work rate and never-say-die attitude. Scored some vital goals and recently made his 150th appearance for Stow.

**JOHNVILLE RENEE:** A versatile player who can play almost anywhere on the pitch, but will predominately feature in midfield. Signed from Hornchurch and has also played for Enfield Town. Was with Stoke City as a youngster.

**RASHEED SALAU:** Recent acquisition from Ipswich Wanderers, where he was a key player despite being a Stow local. A silky box-to-box midfielder, Rash exemplified his versatility on his debut by playing at centre back, in two midfield positions and up front all in the same game on debut.

**BILAL SAYOUD:** A real fans' favourite, and a focal point of the Stow attack over the last three seasons. Capable of playing on either wing or centrally, his goals and assists have been invaluable. Was with Coventry City as a youngster, and has also played for Hemel Hempstead, Enfield Town and Bentleigh Greens in Australia.

**JARED SMALL:** A vastly-experienced player who joined from Harlow Town. He has played for Tonbridge Angels, where he gained promotion to the National League South, as well as Brentwood and Enfield Town. Can play at the back, in midfield and up front, so is a key part of the squad.

**MALAKI TOUSSAINT:** Recent signing from Grays Athletic where he was a key part of their squad. Can play anywhere in midfield, but is mostly used in the "4" role. Has had a long spell at Romford and has also played for Barkingside, Redbridge and Bowers & Pitsea.

### FORWARDS

**LOUIE JOHNSON:** Younger brother of Bradley, who started off in E17 before making almost 600 Football League appearances. A tricky, direct midfielder, Louie won the Essex Senior Cup with Redbridge last season, and the Essex Senior League with Enfield the season before.

**TAYO OYEBOLA:** Powerful, physical forward who joined Stow early in the 2024-25 season. Can play either up front or on the wings, and is a real focal point. Has impressed with his ability to out-jump almost any defender, despite his diminutive size.

**SULEY ZUHDI:** Signed from Buckhurst Hill in February 2025 where he has been their standout player over the last eight seasons, scoring 81 goals in 137 appearances. Has also had short spells with Brightlingsea Regent and Hashtag United.

## MANAGEMENT

**VINNY MURPHY, MANAGER:** Took over the role in December 2023 following an extensive non-league playing career. Had three spells playing for Stow across ten years, and also played for Redbridge, Enfield and Southend Manor, amongst others.

**TONY MURPHY, ASSISTANT MANAGER:** Older brother to Vinny, and now in his second spell with the club. A vastly experienced coach who brings a great passion to the management set-up.

**LOUI HAZLEWOOD, COACH:** A very experienced player, who played as a midfielder for Thurrock, Billericay Town, Romford and Aveley. Scored the final goal in 3-1 win for Redbridge over Stansted, which ended up securing the Essex Senior League title for Stow.

**STEPHEN WALTERS, COACH:** Now in his second season with the club, a valuable asset and key part of the management team.

**SAARAH AKHLAQ, PHYSIOTHERAPIST:** Returned to the club this summer. Was a key part of our Essex Senior League-winning campaign.

## Isthmian League North Division Table 2024/25 up to and including 19/4/2025

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Brentwood Town	40	27	5	8	93	44	+49	86
2 Bury Town	40	24	9	7	72	43	+29	81
3 Felixstowe & Walton United	40	24	7	9	87	45	+42	79
4 Waltham Abbey	40	23	9	8	78	41	+37	78
5 Brightlingsea Regent	40	22	8	10	66	47	+19	74
6 Tilbury	40	21	6	13	60	52	+8	69
7 Gorleston	40	19	9	12	62	44	+18	66
8 Witham Town	40	20	6	14	68	57	+11	66
9 Grays Athletic	40	19	7	14	59	49	+10	64
10 Walthamstow	40	19	6	15	71	55	+16	63
11 Redbridge	40	16	8	16	74	66	+8	56
12 Cambridge City	40	15	9	16	62	62	0	54
13 Heybridge Swifts	40	13	12	15	57	65	-8	51
14 Maldon & Tiptree	40	12	11	17	43	48	-5	47
15 Concord Rangers	40	13	8	19	56	69	-13	47
16 Mildenhall Town	40	12	10	18	38	50	-12	46
17 Wroxham	40	10	13	17	47	61	-14	43
18 Haringey Borough	40	9	13	18	56	71	-15	40
19 Newmarket Town	40	10	9	21	51	81	-30	39
R Basildon United	40	7	6	27	39	82	-43	27
R Ipswich Wanderers	40	6	8	26	32	77	-45	26
R Sporting Bengal United	40	6	7	27	36	98	-62	25

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# Respect



## Haringey Borough First Team 2024/25 Fixtures & Results

### PRE SEASON FRIENDLIES – FIRST TEAM

DATE	VENUE	KICK OFF	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Sat Jul 13	Coles Park	3pm	CHESHUNT	Lost 2-3
Sat Jul 20	away	2pm	Hendon	Drew 3-3
Tue Jul 23	away	7.45pm	Cockfosters	Won 3-1
Sat Jul 27	Coles Park	3pm	HERTFORD TOWN	Lost 3-4
Tue Jul 30	Coles Park	3pm	DULWICH HAMLET	Lost 2-3
Sat Aug 3	Coles Park	3pm	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	Lost 0-1
Tue Aug 6	Coles Park	7.45pm	AFC DUNSTABLE	Drew 3-3

### COMPETITIVE FIXTURES – FIRST TEAM

(all Isthmian League North Division unless otherwise stated)

DATE	VENUE	KICK OFF	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Sat Aug 10	Away	3pm	Basildon United	Lost 0-1
Sat Aug 17	Away	3pm	Benfleet (FA Cup Prelim Rnd)	Won 5-1
Sat Aug 24	Coles Park	3pm	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT	Lost 0-2
Mon Aug 26	Away	3pm	Tilbury	Lost 2-3
Sat Aug 31	Away	3pm	Brightlingsea Regent (FA Cup 1st Qualifying Rnd)	Drew 1-1
Tue Sep 3	Coles Park	7.45pm	BRIGHTLINGSEA REGENT (Replay of above)	Won 2-1
Sat Sep 7	Away	3pm	Redbridge (FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round)	Won 3-1
Mon Sep 9	Away	7.45pm	Redbridge	Lost 0-2
Sat Sep 14	Coles Park	3pm	WITHAM TOWN (FA Cup 2nd Qual Rnd)	Drew 1-1
Tue Sep 17	Away	7.45pm	Witham Town (Replay )	Won 4-3 on pens after Drew 1-1
Sat Sep 21	Away	3pm	Wroxham (FA Trophy 2nd Qualifying Round)	Won 3-1
Tue Sep 24	Coles Park	7.45pm	CONCORD RANGERS	Drew 1-1
Sat Sep 28	Coles Park	3pm	LOWESTOFT TOWN (FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Rnd)	Drew 1-1
Sat Oct 5	Away	3pm	Felixstowe & Walton United (FA Trophy 3rd Q Rnd)	Lost 0-4
Tue Oct 8	Away	7.45pm	Lowestoft Town (FA Cup 3rd Qual Rnd Replay)	Lost 1-3
Sat Oct 12	Away	3pm	Ipswich Wanderers	Won 3-1
Tue Oct 15	Coles Park	7.45pm	SPORTING BENGAL UNITED	Won 2-0
Sat Oct 19	Coles Park	3pm	BRENTWOOD TOWN	Lost 0-5
Tue Oct 22	Away	7.45pm	Waltham Abbey	Drew 1-1
Sat Oct 26	Away	3pm	Gorleston	Lost 0-7
Tue Oct 29	Coles Park	7.45pm	TILBURY (Alan Turvey Cup)	Lost 3-5 on pens after Drew 4-4
Sat Nov 2	Coles Park	3pm	WROXHAM	Drew 2-2
Sat Nov 9	Away	3pm	Sporting Bengal United	Won 4-0
Tue Nov 12	Coles Park	7.45pm	BURY TOWN	Lost 3-4
Sat Nov 16	Coles Park	3pm	WALTHAM ABBEY	Drew 2-2
Tue Nov 19	Coles Park	7.45pm	MALDON & TIPTREE	Lost 1-2
Sat Nov 23	Away	3pm	Bury Town	Lost 1-2

Tue Nov 26	Coles Park	7.45pm	BARKING (London Senior Cup)	Lost 0-3
Sat Nov 30	Away	3pm	Grays Athletic	Lost 0-2
Tue Dec 3	Coles Park	7.45pm	REDBRIDGE	Drew 3-3
Sat Dec 7	Coles Park	3pm	FELIXSTOWE & WALTON UNITED	Lost 0-1
Sat Dec 14	Away	2pm	Witham Town	Lost 1-3
Sat Dec 21	Coles Park	3pm	NEWMARKET TOWN	Won 2-1
Mon Dec 23	Away	7.45pm	Walthamstow	Lost 0-2
Sat Dec 28	Coles Park	3pm	BASILDON UNITED	Drew 3-3
Wed Jan 1	Coles Park	3pm	TILBURY	Lost 2-3
Sat Jan 4	Away	3pm	Heybridge Swifts	Drew 2-2
Sat Jan 11	Coles Park	3pm	MILDENHALL TOWN	Lost 1-2
Sat Jan 18	Away	3pm	Cambridge City	Lost 1-2
Sat Jan 25	Away	3pm	Felixstowe & Walton United	Drew 0-0
Sat Feb 1	Coles Park	3pm	GRAYS ATHLETIC	Won 2-1
Sat Feb 8	Away	3pm	Maldon & Tiptree	Won 2-1
Sat Feb 15	Coles Park	3pm	IPSWICH WANDERERS	Won 2-0
Sat Feb 22	Away	3pm,	Brentwood Town	Lost 0-1
Sat Mar 1	Coles Park	3pm	GORLESTON	Lost 0-2
Sat Mar 8	Away	3pm	Wroxham	Drew 1-1
Sat Mar 15	Coles Park	3pm	WITHAM TOWN	Drew 2-2
Sat Mar 22	Away	3pm	Newmarket Town	Drew 2-2
Sat Mar 29	Coles Park	3pm	CAMBRIDGE CITY	Drew 1-1
Sat Apl 5	Away	3pm	Mildenhall Town	Drew 1-1
Sat Apl 12	Coles Park	3pm	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	Won 2-0
Fri Apl 18	Away	3pm	Concord Rangers	won 4-0
Mon Apl 21	Coles Park	3pm	WALTHAMSTOW	
Sat Apl 26	Away	3pm	Brightlingsea Regent	

## Haringey Borough Under 23s 2024/25 Fixtures & Results

DATE	VENUE	KICK OFF	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Tue Jul 9	Coles Park	7.45pm	ATHLETIC NEWHAM (Friendly)	Drew 4-4
Fri Jul 19	Coles Park	7.45pm	MET PROJECT (Friendly)	Drew 1-1
Fri Aug 16	Coles Park	7.45pm	FRENFORD DEVELOPMENT	Drew 2-2
Fri Aug 23	Coles Park	7.45pm	FAIRLOP ROVERS	Won 3-1
Sat Aug 31	Away	2pm	Chadwell Heath Spartans	Won 3-0
Sat Sep 7	Away	2pm	Philip United	Lost 1-2
Sat Sep 14	Away	2pm	Walthamstow Reserves	Won 3-2
Fri Sep 20	Coles Park	7.45pm	BAKERS 693	Won 6-0
Fri Sep 27	Away	7.45pm	CSM London	Lost 0-1
Fri Oct 11	Coles Park	7.45pm	A S RAPID LONDRA (2nd Round Fenton Cup)	Won 3-2
Fri Oct 18	Coles Park	7.45pm	ONGAR TOWN	Won 2-1
Fri Oct 25	Cokes Park	7.45pm	LYMORE GARDENS	Drew 2-2
Fri Nov 1	Away	7.45pm	Waltham Forest Borough	Won 9-1
Sat Nov 9	Away	2pm	Kulture	Drew 2-2
Fri Nov 15	Coles Park	7.45pm	FC PETROCUB	Won 7-2
Fri Nov 22	Coles Park	7.45pm	CHADWELL HEATH SPARTANS	Won 1-0
Sat Nov 30	Coles Park	2pm	CHADWELL HEATH SPARTANS (Fenton Cup)	Lost 1-2
Wed Dec 4	Away	7.30pm	Woodford Town Reserves (Senior Division Cup)	Lost 1-3
Sat Dec 7	Away	3.30pm	A S Rapid Londra	Won 4-3
Fri Dec 13	Coles Park	7.45pm	WOODFORD TOWN RESERVES	Won 3-0
Fri Dec 20	Away	7.45pm	Lymore Gardens	Lost 2-3
Sat Jan 4	Away	3.30pm	FC Petrocub	Lost 0-2
Sat 18 Jan	Away	2pm	Sporting Hackney	Drew 2-2
Fri Jan 24	Coles Park	7.45pm	PHILIP UNITED	Lost 0-3
Fri Jan 31	Coles Park	7.45pm	A S RAPID LONDRA	Won 5-1
Fri Feb 7	Coles Park	7.45pm	WALTHAMSTOW RESERVES	Drew 2-2
Fri Feb 14	Away	7.30pm	Bakers693	Won 2-1
Sat Feb 22	away	2pm	Ongar Town	Lost 2-4
Sat Mar 1	Away	2pm	Woodford Town Reserves	Won 4-0
Fri Mar 7	Coles Park	7.45pm	SPORTING HACKNEY	Won 3-2
Sat Mar 15	away	2pm	Frenford Development	Won 1-3
Fri Mar 21	Coles Park	7.45pm	CSM LONDON	Drew 1-1
Sat Apl 5	Coles Park	3pm	KULTURE	Won 3-2
Sat Apl 12	Away	3pm	Fairlop Rovers	Won 3-0
Fri Apl 18	Coles Park	7.45pm	WALTHAM FOREST BOROUGH	Drew 3-3

## THE ESSEX ALLIANCE SENIOR DIVISION TABLE 2024/25

	P	W	D	L;	F	A	Pts	GD
1 Philip United	27	22	0	5	111	41	66	70
2 Lymore Gardens	28	20	4	4	93	40	64	53
3 Haringey Borough Under 23s	30	17	7	6	83	46	60	37
4 CSM London	29	17	4	8	71	48	55	23
5 Frenford Development	27	15	4	8	79	42	49	37
6 Chadwell Heath Spartans	28	14	4	10	69	51	48	18
7 Woodford Town Reserves	30	13	7	10	61	49	46	12
8 Ongar Town	30	12	5	13	63	58	43	5
9 FC Petrocub London	29	12	4	13	64	56	40	8
10 Fairlop Rovers	28	11	5	12	57	64	38	-7
11 Walthamstow Reserves	29	10	7	12	65	70	37	-5
12 Waltham Forest Borough	28	11	2	15	70	74	35	-4
13 Kulture	29	7	6	16	51	94	26	-43
14 AS Rapid Londra	30	5	4	21	47	109	18	-62
15 Sporting Hackney	27	4	5	18	38	72	16	-34
16 Bakers693	29	5	0	24	37	145	15	-108

## Haringey Borough Under 18s 2024/25 Fixtures & Results

DATE	VENUE	KICK OFF	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Thur Sep 5	Away	7.45pm	Saffron Walden Town (FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round)	Won 8-1
Thur Sep 12	Away	7.45pm	Amersham Town (Brian Hitchings League Cup)	Lost 1-7
Wed Sep 18	Away	7.45pm	May & Baker Eastbrook Community (FA Youth Cup 1st. Qualifying Round)	Won 2-0
Mon Sep 23	Coles Park	7.45pm	ICKENHAM	Won 7-4
Weds Oct 2	Away	7.45pm	Heybridge Swifts (FA Youth Cup 1st Qual. Round)	Lost 0-4
Mon Oct 21	Away	7.30pm	Barnet Under 18s (Canons High)	Lost 0-6
Mon Oct 28	Coles Park	7.45pm	ENFIELD BOROUGH	Lost 0-2
Mon Nov 4	Coles Park	7.45pm	EDGWARE & KINGSBURY	Won 6-2
Tue Nov 12	Away	7.30pm	Ickenham	Won 4-2
Mon Nov 25	Coles Park	7.45pm	COCKFOSTERS	Lost 0-5
Mon Dec 16	Coles Park	7.45pm	EYNESBURY ROVERS	Won 3-2
Thur Jan 16	Away	7.45pm	Cockfosters	Lost 1-4
Mon Jan 20	Coles Park	7.45pm	WEST ESSEX	Lost 1-4
Mon Jan 27	Coles Park	7.45pm	BARNET UNDER 18s (CANONS HIGH)	Lost 0-5
Mon Feb 17	Away	7.45pm	West Essex	Lost 0-5
Thur Mar 6	Away	7.45pm	Enfield Borough	Lost 1-7
Thur Mar 27	Away	7.30pm	Eynesbury Rovers	Lost 0-7
Mon Apr 7	Away	7.30pm	Edgware & Kingsbury	Lost 2-6

## SOUTHERN COUNTIES FLOODLIT YOUTH LEAGUE – NEMEAN DIVISION 2024/25

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cockfosters (Youth) U18 SCFYL	14	12	1	1	34	37
2	Barnet FC U18 SC (Canons High)	14	12	0	2	40	36
3	Enfield Borough (Youth) U18 SCFYL	12	8	0	4	18	24
4	West Essex Y U18 SCFYL	13	5	2	6	0	17
5	Edgware & Kingsbury FC	14	4	1	9	-19	13
6	Eynesbury Rovers Youth U18	13	4	0	9	-11	12
7	Haringey Borough FC (Youth) U18	14	4	0	10	-36	12
8	Ickenham Youth F.C.	12	2	0	10	-26	6

## Haringey Borough Women 2024/25 Fixtures & Results

### PRE SEASON FRIENDLIES – FIRST TEAM

DATE	VENUE	KICK OFF	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Sun Jul 14	Coles Park	2pm	IN-HOUSE 11 a side TOURNAMENT	N/A
Sun Jul 21	Coles Park	2pm	REAL BEDFORD RESERVES	Won 7-1
Sun Aug 11	Coles Park	2pm	BILLERICAY TOWN DEVELOPMENT	Won 4-2

### COMPETITIVE FIXTURES

(All Eastern Region Womens League Premier Division unless otherwise stated)

### Haringey Borough Women 2024/25 Competitive Fixtures

DATE	VENUE	KICK OFF	OPPONENTS	RESULT
Sun Aug 18	Coles Park	2pm	DUSSINDALE & HELLESDON ROVERS	Won 8-1
Sun Aug 25	Away	2pm	Enfield Town	Won 4-2
Sun Sep 1	Coles Park	2pm	LUTON TOWN	Lost 1-4
Sun Sep 8	Away	2pm	Cambridge City	Won 4-0
Sun Sep 15	Coles Park	2pm	WATFORD DEVELOPMENT	Lost 1-4
Sun Sep 22	Coles Park	2pm	ROYSTON TOWN (WFA Cup 2nd Qualifying Rnd)	Lost 1-3
Sun Sep 29	Coles Park	2pm	STEVENAGE	Lost 2-3
Sun Oct 6	Away	2pm	St. Albans City	Lost 0-3
Sun Oct 13	Coles Park	12.30pm	ENFIELD TOWN	Won 3-2
Fri Oct 18	Away	7.45pm	Carshalton Athletic (Isthmian Womens Cup)	Won 4-1
Sun Oct 27	HOME	2pm	NEEDHAM MARKET	Lost 3-6
Sun Nov 3	Coles Park	2pm	HARPENDEN TOWN (League Cup)	Won 3-2
Sun Nov 10	Away	2pm	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers	Lost 3-4
Sun Nov 17	Away	2pm	Luton Town	Lost 1-7
Sun Dec 1	Coles Park	2pm	WROXHAM (League Cup)	Lost 1-3
Sun Dec 8	Coles Park	2pm	ROYSTON TOWN	Lost 1-3
Sun Dec 15	Coles Park	2pm	BOWERS & PITSEA	Won 8-0
Tue Dec 17	Away	7.30pm	Leyton Orient (Combined Counties Lg. Cup)	Won 8-1
Sun Jan 5	Away	2.30pm	Needham Market	Won 9-0
Wed Jan 8	Away	7.45pm	Billericay Town (Isthmian Womens Cup)	Lost 0-2
Sun 12 Jan	Coles Park	2pm	CAMBRIDGE CITY	Won 6-0
Sun Jan 19	Coles Park	2pm	LONDON SEAWARD (Capital Womens Snr Cup) 1-1 draw and 3-5 loss on penalties but result declared void due to serious referee error	void
Sun Jan 26	Coles Park	2pm	ST. ALBANS CITY	Won 7-0
Sun Feb 9	Coles Park	2pm	London Seaward (reply of voided Jan 19 game)	Won 3-0
Sun Feb 16	Coles Park	2pm	SUTTON UNITED (Capital Womens Snr Cup)	Won 2-1
Tue Feb 18	Coles Park	8pm	CHATHAM TOWN (Comb. Counties Lg. Cup)	Lost 0-6
Sun Mar 2	Coles Park	2pm	WROXHAM	Lost 1-2

Sun Mar 9	Away	2pm	Watford Development	Won 3-1
Sun Mar 23	Away	2pm	ARSENAL ACADEMY(Capital Womens Snr Cup)	Lost 1-5
Sun Apl 6	Away	2pm	Royston Town	Won 3-2
Sun Apl 13	Away	2pm	Wroxham	Won 2-1
Tue Apl 29	Away	7.30pm	Stevenage	
Sun May 4	Away	2pm	Bowers & Pitsea	

### Eastern Region Womens League Premier Division Table 2024/25

		P	W	D	L;	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Royston Town FC Women	19	15	2	2	73	22	51	47
2	Luton Town Ladies FC	16	15	0	1	52	11	41	45
3	Stevenage FC Women	17	11	4	2	43	17	26	37
4	Haringey Borough FC Women	20	11	0	9	70	45	25	33
5	St Albans City FC Women	19	8	3	8	40	30	10	27
6	Wroxham FC Women	19	7	5	7	35	33	2	26
7	Enfield Town Ladies FC	19	7	4	8	29	34	-5	25
8	Dussindale & Hellesdon Rovers FC Women	22	7	1	14	32	53	-21	22
9	Watford Ladies Development FC	19	5	3	11	22	39	-17	18
10	Bowers & Pitsea Ladies FC	19	4	5	10	21	54	-33	17
11	Needham Market FC Women	19	5	1	13	30	69	-39	16
12	Cambridge City Women FC	20	4	2	14	19	59	-40	14



## TODAYS TEAMS



From

Georgios ARESTI

Derek ASAMOAH

Zayshaun ASAMOAH

Bobson BAWLING

Tommy BOXER

William DANQUAH

Jorge DJASSI SAMBU

Olu DUROJAIYE

Ryan HERVEL

Ashlee JONES

Louis MAFFIA

Mekhi McLEOD

Stephane MGBADA

Remy MITCHELL

Scott MITCHELL

Prince MUTSWUNGUMA

Alexander NICOLAIDES

Michael O'DONOGHUE

Tosin OLUFEMI

Rakim RICHARDS

Damilola TAIWO-PRATT

Matt YOUNG

Manager: Tom Loizou

Assistant Manager: David Cumberbatch

Coaches: Thomas O'Donoghue  
Lys Demetriou

Goalkeeping Coach: Trevor Nottingham

Physio: Emelie Fitzgerald

From

Joseph ALATISE

Callum IBE

Louie JOHNSON

Harvey LIVINGS-CORBIN

Ali NJIE

Tayo OYEBOLA

Dwight PASCAL

Jordan PEART

Johnville RENEE

Finn RUSHTON

Malaki TOUSSAINT

Rasheed SALAU

Bilal SAYOUD

Jared SMALL

Te WIHONGI

Suley ZUDHU

Manager: Vinny Murphy

Assistant Manager: Tony Murphy

Coaches: Loui Hazlewood  
Stephen Walters

Physio: Saarah Akhlaq

### MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Joanne Horwood assisted by  
Ricky Ansher & Jake Martin