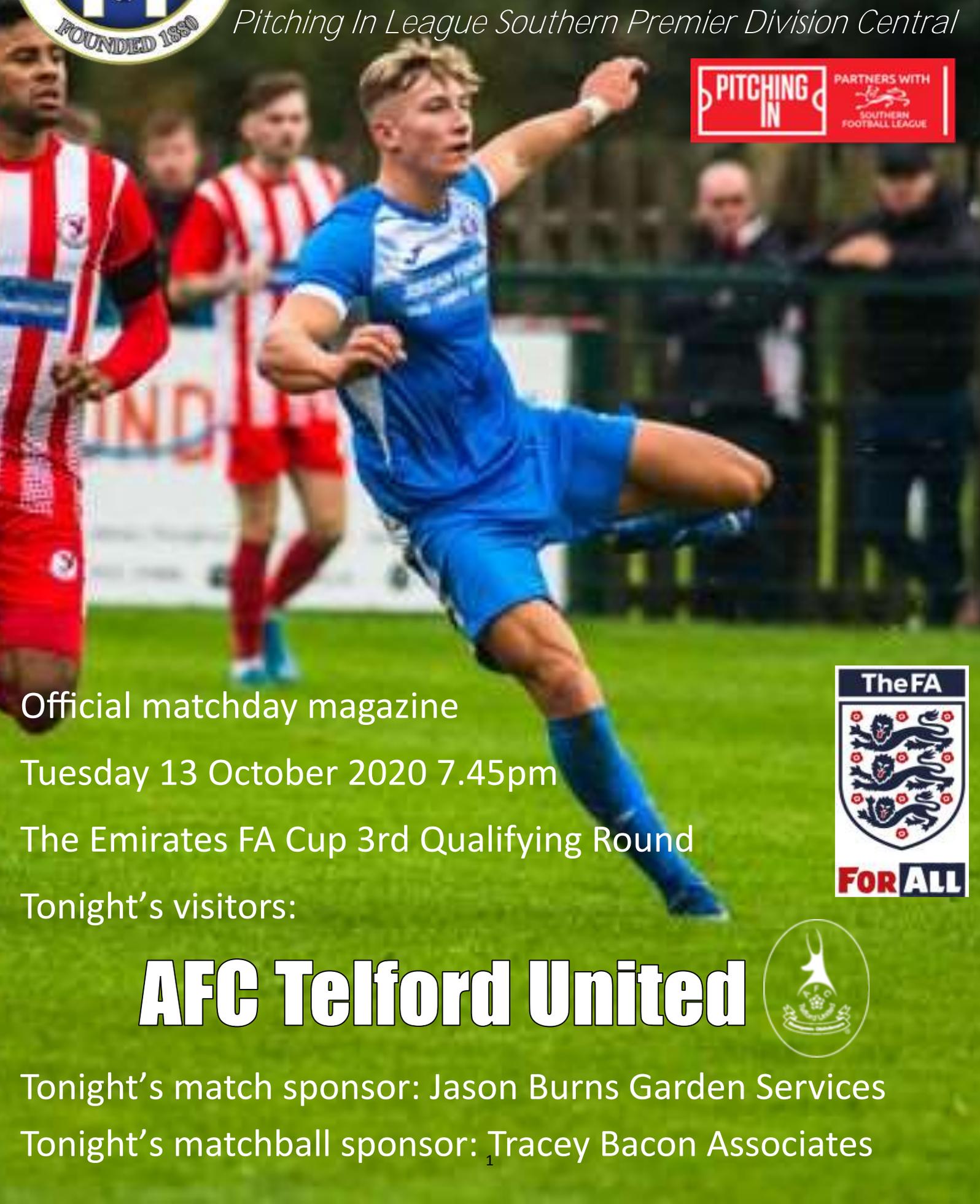




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From the Boardroom

It's me again. I feel that I need to introduce myself as I contribute to the matchday programmes so infrequently. What a strange time we live in, especially odd for football. Whilst the virus took away our worry about losing our step 3 status, it presents us with so many more difficulties - survival being the main one for the club!

All attendances, understandably, are down, but at least at Step 3 we are allowed supporters, so we have some revenue, the ceiling for our fans' admission being well over our average attendance. However, Step 2 clubs cannot admit any supporters at all. This could have been a real problem had we been drawn away at tonight's visitors, AFC Telford United as we would have incurred large expenses.

Now, on to team matters. Apart from pre-season games, which were very successful and encouraging, we have played seven competitive fixtures to date: four SPL matches, and three FA Cup qualifying ties. You will note that we are following the Premier league in having lots of goals! Unfortunately, in the league, too many have been against us, but we have been up against top teams.

Now, onto the important team situation: lots of new faces in a really exciting young squad. In three of the games I have attended, our oldest player was just 24, making the average team age extremely young. We have some very talented and promising footballers, but we have come up against some strong mature players so far.

Also, very exciting for the club is the club's team structure. I attended the away under 18s FA Youth Cup fixture at Hadleigh and was delighted not only to see them win, but more importantly, the style of their victory and the exciting amount of young players we have coming through.

The future looks bright, but we need support, your input. The preamble has, as always, turned into a plea. So, as usual I am making a plea for supporters to assist the club as much as possible. This season, more than any other, we need your support in all things, particularly by attending matches and helping with fund-raising initiatives. The club is doing its very best, having established a really professional looking press and public relations team. Add to this a dedicated marketing set up, and we are doing our very best to ensure the club's survival and development. Please help the club - our club - to survive, and prosper.

Robin Watson

Club President

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FA CUP HISTORY

Between 1982 and 1992, Telford United carved out a fierce reputation as FA Cup giantkillers, winning no fewer than eleven ties against Football League sides and taking a further four to replays as they repeatedly upset the odds.

Their victories were not always back to wall jobs either. The aggressive attacking teams assembled by manager Stan Storton tore into their better known opponents, scoring three goals against Stockport County, Northampton Town, Darlington and Burnley and even more impressively; hitting four at Spotland (Rochdale) and Deepdale (Preston North End).

In 1985, Telford became one of only nine non-league teams to reach the Fifth Round, where they came up against the FA Cup holders and eventual Champions of England that season, Everton at Goodison Park. Stortons team battled bravely for an hour before the quality of Everton shone through and goals from Peter Reid, Trevor Steven and Kevin Sheedy gave the hosts a 3-0 victory. The 11,000 supporters from Telford remains the largest ever away following in the competition's history.

The 2003/04 season saw a return of the giantkillers, a Christian Moore hat-trick gave Telford a 3-0 win over Brentford set up a Third-Round trip to Gresty Road to face Crewe Alexandra, where a 2nd minute Lee Mills header was enough to give Telford a 1-0 win. With Crewe sitting 10th in the Championship table at the time, this was statistically the clubs biggest FA Cup upset.

Since the reformation of the football club, AFC Telford United have not yet been able to recapture the heroics of yesteryear, although it took a last gasp equaliser from Southend United in 2008 to prevent another famous win after two Jon Adams strikes had given Telford a 2-1 lead. Southend won the replay 2-0 at Roots Hall.



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Player profiles

Russell Griffiths: Russell's career began in Everton's academy. Spells on loan followed at Colwyn Bay, Northwich Victoria, FC Halifax Town and League Two side Cheltenham Town, where he made his EFL debut. Following his release from Everton, Russell signed a one-year deal with Motherwell in the Scottish Premier League, where he had spent time on loan from the Toffees. Following his release from the Fir Park outfit, his next move took him to the Lancashire coast at AFC Fylde, where he was a part of the squad that was defeated in the play-off final, but won the FA Trophy at Wembley. A move to Chester followed in summer 2019 on a one-year deal, with Russell finishing the curtailed campaign on loan at the New Buck's Head following his signing on loan in early March, playing twice. Signed a permanent deal in June 2020 .

Henry Cowans: Cowans ended a long association with Aston Villa when he was released by the club in June 2017, and signed for the Bucks in September 2016. The son of Gordon Cowans, who won both the league title and European Cup with Villa, Cowans junior signed terms in 2012 and was a regular for the under-18, under-21 and under-23 sides without breaking into the senior side. He spent the 2016/17 season on loan at League Two side Stevenage, making 22 appearances. A fine first campaign for the Bucks saw new boss Gavin Cowan make him one of his first signings for 2018/19.

Shane Sutton: Defender Sutton swapped the League of Wales for the National League when he signed for the Bucks in May 2017. The former Shrewsbury Town apprentice captained the Robins in the Europa League in 2015, so brings a wealth of experience and leadership to the Bucks' side. Voted away supporters' player of the year in 2017/18.

Jack Byrne: Arriving at the New Buck's Head in June 2020, Jack brings with him a playing record that includes winning the National League North as a member of the Solihull Moors squad in 2015/16, where he contributed 5 goals in 37 appearances. Jack had signed for Solihull the previous summer after five seasons at Kidderminster Harriers, where he became a firm favourite in midfield, weighing in with 28 goals in 164 appearances. A serious injury curtailed his stay at Brackley Town, who he joined after leaving Solihull, but after 18 months out of the game, he returned to football at Nuneaton Borough in the 2019/20 season. Based in the West Midlands, Jack signed a one-year deal with the Bucks to renew his relationship with manager Gavin Cowan from his time at Solihull, as well as another former Moors team-mate in Adam Walker.

Adam Walker: Made his professional debut for Coventry City on 28 December 2008 as a substitute in a 2–0 Championship win against Sheffield Wednesday. Walker joined Nuneaton Town on loan in October 2009, before joining them on a permanent deal on 1 April 2010 after being released by Coventry City. Walker remained at Nuneaton for several seasons making over 250 appearances and was part of the promotion-winning side to the National League during the 2011/ 2012 season. The midfielder joined Gavin Cowan at Solihull Moors during the 2015/16 season and was part of the title-winning team that won the league by 10 points. Adam joined Brackley Town in the summer of 2015 and has remained at the club for the last two seasons, making over 70 appearances, including winning the FA Trophy.

Lee Vaughan: Returning for a third spell at the Bucks, hugely-popular defender Lee Vaughan became the club's first new signing of the summer in June 2020. A trainee at both Birmingham City and Portsmouth, Lee joined Walsall from Chelmsley Town in 2005. During his time with the Saddlers, he spent a short spell on loan at the New Buck's Head under Bernard McNally. Lee signed for Telford in 2006 and went on to become one of the most well-liked players since the club's rebirth. In May 2010, Lee signed for Kidderminster Harriers; he made over 150 appearances for the Aggborough side and was voted into the Conference 'Team of the Season' for 2012-13. He declined a new deal in 2014 to sign for Cheltenham Town. Cheltenham were relegated to the Conference at the end of Lee's first season; unable to command a regular first-team place in his second season he joined Tranmere Rovers on loan, a move that subsequently became permanent. Lee's performances in the 2016/17 season earned him a second selection to the National League's 'Team of the Season', despite his season being curtailed by a leg fracture. Lee left Rovers to become a Harrier for a second time in summer 2017; he left Kidderminster to join Solihull Moors in 2019, making 35 appearances for the promotion chasing side. When he was released at the end of the 2019/20 season, his former Bucks team-mate Gavin Cowan brought Vaughan's career full circle by signing him to a one-year deal with Telford.

Courtney Meppen-Walter: Born in Bury, Lancashire, Courtney spent the early part of his youth football career with Manchester City, where he remained until 2013. He joined Carlisle United in the same year, initially on a one-month deal; however, after making his debut in an FA Cup victory over Brentford Courtney signed a 2.5-year deal to remain at Brunton Park. Leaving Carlisle in November 2015, Courtney signed for National League North side Chorley in March 2016. After only a handful of games he joined Stockport County, where he played the 2016-17 season. Glossop North End was his next

destination, playing 50 games for the Derbyshire side in 2017/18. For 2018/19, Courtney returned to Chorley, where he was a key figure in their eventual promotion to the Vanarama National League, defeating Spennymoor Town in the play-off final. Courtney remained at Victory Park for the following season but, following Chorley's eventual relegation, opted to head to Shropshire to become part of Gavin Cowan's plans for the 2020/21 campaign.

James Hardy: Hailing from Stockport, James took his first steps in football at Oldhan Athletic, signing aged nine and spending six years with the Latics before being released. A trial at Manchester City resulted in James spending three years at the club, leaving in 2015 and joining AFC Fylde, helping to propel them to the National League North title in 2017. Injuries punctuated his time with the Coasters, and he also spent time on loan at FC Halifax Town. An unused substitute in the Coasters FA Trophy final victory in 2019, James left Lancashire to sign for EFL League Two side Walsall that summer. Despite scoring on his EFL debut, he was unable to claim a regular starting berth at the Banks's Stadium; released by the Saddlers in the 2020 close season, Bucks boss Gavin Cowan swooped to bring his attacking talents to the Bucks on a one-year deal in August 2020. Won 5 England C caps and the honour of being voted England C Player of the Season at the National Game Awards in 2019.

Aaron Williams: Despite being just 24 years old, Williams has scored over 100 career goals in a career that has included spells at Football League sides Walsall, Peterborough and Newport County. The striker has also been capped at England C level. Williams was part of the Brackley Town side that missed out on promotion to The National League during the 2017/18 season, despite scoring 33 goals in all competitions. Aaron finished the season winning the FA Trophy at Wembley stadium. The Sandwell-born forward began his career at Walsall, during which time he enjoyed loan spells at Redditch United, Romulus and AFC Telford United. After his release from Walsall, Williams signed for National League North side Worcester City, making a total of 49 appearances in his first season with the club. It was at next club Rushall Olympic where Williams proved himself as a prolific goal scorer at senior level, netting 38 goals in all competitions and ending the season as NPL Premier Top Scorer. A move back to the National League North with Nuneaton soon followed, before further impressive form in front of goal caught the attention of League One side Peterborough United, who captured the striker's services in January 2016. A change of manager at his new club saw Williams return to Nuneaton the following summer, though it wasn't long before Aaron was recruited back to The Football League as he joined Newport County. Williams joined Brackley Town on loan during the 2017/18 season, where he scored 15 goals in 20 appearances. The forward signed for Harrogate Town in June 2018 before going onto make 32 appearances last season, scoring 5 goals. The forward signed for the Bucks in June 2019.

Jason Oswell: With Jason's arrival at the club in July 2020, manager Gavin Cowan added a proven goal-scorer to the Bucks ranks. The Cheshire-born striker started out in youth football at Crewe Alexandra and turned professional at Gresty Road in 2011, before spending time on loan at Nantwich Town, Market Drayton Town and Rhyl. Jason left the Railwaymen in 2012 for a short stay north of the border with Inverness Caledonian Thistle. Returning south early in 2013, he spent time at both Nantwich Town and Witton Albion before heading to Australia to play for APIA Leichhardt Tigers in Sydney, helping them to victory in the Waratah Cup. Returning to the UK, Jason featured for both Rhyl and Airbus UK Broughton in the 2013/14 season. He made the jump to Newtown in 2014, scoring 50 goals in 94 appearances as the Robins enjoyed UEFA Europa League ties against Valletta of Malta and FC Copenhagen of Denmark. That spell attracted the attention of Stockport County, and Jason signed for the Edgeley Park outfit in 2017. His sole season with the Hatters brought 25 goals in 40 appearances and a move to EFL League Two side Morecambe on a two-year deal followed. After 23 league appearances, Jason joined Wrexham for an undisclosed fee in January 2019. His eighteen-month spell at the Racecourse Ground ended when he was released in summer 2020, giving Jason the opportunity to be united with his former Newtown captain Shane Sutton at the New Buck's Head.

Theo Streete: Hailing from Birmingham, Theo turned professional with Derby County in 2006 before a loan spell at Doncaster Rovers, playing in the final game at their former Belle Vue home. Released by Derby, he joined Rotherham United in 2007 before beginning a four-year spell at Solihull Moors, being voted Player of the Season in 2010. In 2011 he joined Alfreton Town, before two years later moving to Nuneaton Town. He returned to Solihull for the 2015/16 season as club captain. After a spell with injury, he signed for Brackley Town for the remainder of the 2017/18 season, featuring on the bench in their FA Trophy triumph at Wembley. Former team-mate Gavin Cowan then persuaded him to put pen to paper for the Bucks in May 2018.

Matthew Barnes-Homer: Following three years in the youth system at Wolves, Dudley-born Barnes-Homer had spells in the USA before returning to the UK, where he established himself as a goal-scorer *par excellence*, most notably with Kidderminster Harriers in 2009. That earned him a move to Luton Town for a reputed £75,000 fee, and he scored 19 goals in his debut season. From there, he has been a nomadic figure, representing clubs the length and breadth of Britain as well as in Sweden and back in the USA, scoring goals along the way. He signed for the Bucks in June 2017, and has also represented England 'C'. Combines playing with a coaching role at the Bucks.



Leiston FC Pen Pics. 2020-21

Darren Eadie – Joint Manager. Made his name with Norwich City, making 204 1st team appearances between 1993-99, before a big money move to Leicester City. Unfortunately, injury curtailed his playing career. He made 10 appearances for England U21s. Joined Leiston in March 2020.

Chris Wigger – Joint Manager. A former Norwich City youth team product, Chris then went on to play for Wroxham. Took his first step on the management ladder with Cromer, before guiding Sheringham to two promotions in three seasons. Was appointed along with Darren Eadie as joint manager in March 2020.

Sam Donkin – Goalkeeper. Sam joined Leiston in November 2019 from fellow Southern Premier Central outfit Biggleswade Town, having also played for Corby Town. He signed a new contract in April 2020.

Joe Potter – Goalkeeper. Joe joined Leiston in February 2019 from Felixstowe & Walton United. Joe is highly rated.

Harry Knights – Defender. Harry joined Leiston in the summer of 2017 from Woodbridge Town. Made a big impact with impressive performances in the reserves. Now established as a first team regular, Harry signed a two-year extension to his contract in January 2020.

Kyle Hammond – Defender. Club captain for this coming season, Kyle joined from Maldon & Tiptree in the summer of 2017, where he was named in the Ryman One Division One North team of the year. A former Academy player at Portman Road, Kyle returned from injury to help Leiston secure their place in the 2018-19 Ryman League Premier Division play-offs.

George Keys – Defender. Joined Leiston in December 2018 from Isthmian League Brightlingsea Regent, having helped them to promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division the previous season, during which he was voted Young Player of the Season. A former Colchester United Academy player, George moved to Sweden in March 2019 for three months before returning to Leiston.

Matt Richardson – Defender. Matt joined Leiston on a season-long loan deal from Norwich City. He has been at Norwich City since 2017 and is under contract until June 2021.

Ollie Saunders – Defender. Ollie joined Leiston in November 2019 on a permanent basis, having previously having a spell with the club on loan from Braintree Town. Was previously at Grimsby Town and Norwich City.

Mason Sinclair – Defender. Still only 17 years old, Mason is an outstanding prospect. He was a schoolboy at Ipswich Town and joined Leiston in March 2019 making his 1st team debut the same month v Biggleswade.

Robert Eagle – Midfielder. Born in Leiston, Robert was with Norwich City as a youngster and made 10 Football League appearances for them in 2006-7. He subsequently played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle and Grimsby Town, making over 50 appearances for the latter. Now in his third spell at Leiston, Robert has also made over 100 appearances for Lowestoft, as well as playing for AFC Sudbury.

Josh Hitter – Midfielder. A schoolboy at Colchester United, he linked up with Woodbridge Town and was part of the team that reached the 2015-2016 FA Youth Cup 2nd Round. He helped Whitton achieve promotion to the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division in 2017-18 before moving to Leiston.

Dylan Switters – Midfielder. A schoolboy with Norwich City, Dylan joined Stevenage and made his league debut against Exeter City in April 2018. He has recently been with Gottne IF in Sweden. Joined Leiston in September 2020.

Finlay Barnes – Midfielder. Joined Norwich City as a youngster, spending 10 years at the club before moving to Norwich United last season. In the last campaign, netted 16 goals whilst assisting 26 goals in the Thurlow Nunn Premier League.

Kyle Richardson – Midfielder. Kyle spent the 2019-20 season with Lowestoft Town. Prior to that, he spent two seasons with Grimsby Town, having been with both Ipswich Town and Norwich City as a schoolboy.

Marcus Wilkinson – Midfielder. Marcus joins Leiston from near neighbours Lowestoft Town. He joined Lowestoft from Wroxham in January 2019. Marcus is well known to manager Chris Wigger as they had worked together at Wroxham.

Harrison Bacon – Midfielder. Joined from Woodbridge Town in summer 2018. A regular scorer for the reserves and U18s in 2018-19, Harrison made his debut at home to St Neots Town in January 2019. Signed a two-year contract in summer 2019.

Louie Bloom – Striker. Louie rejoined the club in October 2019 from Debenham of the Thurlow Nunn League. He was a regular for the reserves in the 2018-19 season and made his first-team debut in the latter part of that season.

Will Davies – Striker. Will joined Leiston in summer 2018, having played for Coplestonians in the SIL. He scored 19 goals in 19 appearances for the reserves in Eastern Counties Division One before becoming a regular member of the first team squad.

Liam Jackson – Striker. Liam scored over 100 goals at Norwich United in four years at the club, with two of those seasons spent in the Isthmian Division One North (Step 4). Last season, Liam hit 33 goals in the Thurlow Nunn Premier Division and was the club's top scorer.



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Leiston FC 1st Team appearances 20-21

	SLCP	FA CUP	FA TROPHY	SPC	TOTAL
Sam Donkin	5	3			8
Kyle Hammond	3 (1)	3			6 (1)
Ollie Saunders	5	3			8
Kyle Richardson	3 (1)	1 (2)			4 (3)
Harry Knights	5	3			8
Matthew Weaire	5	2			7
Finlay Barnes	5	3			8
Dylan Switters	5	3			8
Liam Jackson	3 (2)	2			5 (2)
Jamie Eaton-Collins	3 (2)	2 (1)			5 (3)
Marcus Wilkinson	4	3			7
Robert Eagle	3 (2)	2 (1)			5 (3)
Will Davies	4 (1)	2 (1)			6 (2)
Josh Hitter	(1)	(2)			(3)
Matt Richardson	(1)	1 (1)			1 (2)
George Keys	2 (1)	(1)			2 (2)
Oliver Godbold	(2)				(2)

Leiston FC 1st Team goalscorers 20-21

	SLCP	FA CUP	FA TROPHY	SPC	TOTAL
Will Davies	3	6			9
Liam Jackson	3	3			6
Jamie Eaton-Collins		2			2
Finlay Barnes	1				1
Rob Eagle		1			1
Dylan Switters	1				1
OG	1				1

The Emirates FA Cup fixtures and results 20-21

Date / KO	Opponents	H/A	Score	Attendance
Sat. 12 Sept. 3.00pm	Halstead Town (Preliminary Round)	H	5-0	174
Tues. 22 Sept. 7.45pm	Biggleswade Town (1Q)	H	5-1	175
Sat. 3 October 3.00pm	Leighton Town (2Q)	A	2-1	300
Tues. 13 Oct. 7.45pm	AFC Telford United (3Q)	H		

Pitching In Southern Premier Division Central fixtures 20-21

Date / KO	Opponents	H/A	Score	Attendance
Sat. 19 September 3pm	Rushall Olympic	H	0-1	213
Sat. 26 September 3pm	Coalville Town	A	1-4	281
Tues. 29 September 7.45pm	Biggleswade Town	A	4-7	110
Tues. 6 October 7.45pm	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	H	2-2	214
Sat. 10 October 3pm	Hitchin Town	A	2-2	523
Sat. 17 October 3pm	Peterborough Sports	H		
Sat. 24 October 3pm	Barwell	H		
Tues. 27 October 7.45pm	St Ives Town	A		
Tues. 3 November 7.45pm	Kings Langley	H		
Sat. 7 November 3pm	Hednesford Town	A		
Sat. 14 November 3pm	Bromsgrove Sporting	A		
Tues. 17 November 7.45pm	Royston Town	H		
Sat. 21 November 3pm	Stratford Town	H		
Tues. 24 November 7.45 pm	Banbury United	A		
Sat. 28 November 3pm	Nuneaton Borough	A		
Sat. 5 December 3pm	Redditch United	H		
Tues. 8 December 7.45 pm	AFC Rushden & Diamonds	A		
Sat. 12 December 3pm	Stourbridge	H		
Sat. 19 December 3pm	Alvechurch	A		
Sat. 26 December 3pm	Lowestoft Town	H		
Sat. 2 January 3pm	Needham Market	A		
Sat. 9 January 3pm	Peterborough Sports	A		
Sat. 16 January 3pm	Hitchin Town	H		
Sat. 23 January 3pm	St Ives Town	H		
Sat. 30 January 3pm	Barwell	A		
Sat. 6 February 3pm	Hednesford Town	H		
Sat. 13 February 3pm	Kings Langley	A		
Sat. 20 February 3pm	Nuneaton Borough	H		
Sat. 27 February 3pm	Redditch United	A		
Tues. 2 March 7.45pm	Biggleswade Town	H		
Sat. 6 March 3pm	Rushall Olympic	A		
Sat. 13 March 3pm	Coalville Town	H		
Sat. 20 March 3pm	Stourbridge	A		
Sat. 27 March 3pm	Alvechurch	H		
Sat. 3 April 3pm	Tamworth	H		
Mon. 5 April 3pm	Lowestoft Town	A		
Sat. 10 April 3pm	Royston Town	A		
Sat. 17 April 3pm	Bromsgrove Sporting	H		
Sat. 24 April 3pm	Stratford Town	A		
Sat. 1 May 3pm	Banbury United	H		
Mon 3 May 3pm	Needham Market	H		
Sat. 8 May 3pm	Tamworth	A		

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Here we go again. Last week, Boris Johnson urged people to go back to the cinemas following the sad decision of Cineworld to temporarily close its 127 theatres across the UK, affecting 45,000 jobs. It comes at the end of a damning week for the film industry with the launch of the forthcoming James Bond film No Time To Die being put back to 2021. Sadly, it's an all-too-familiar story in these strange Covid times, bearing a striking comparison to the football industry, which too has been left to pick up the pieces from the effects of the global pandemic. So, the question remains then: Mr Johnson, if you are pleading with people to go back to watching films in the cinema - a small, enclosed arena with very little room for manoeuvre or ventilation - then why can't fans return to football in a much larger, outdoor, socially-distanced environment?

Last Saturday, 15 Vue Cinemas - Cineworld's main market rival - showed live Premier League matches, well attended by fans. How can you watch football in a cinema but not an open-air stadium? That's madness. Quite frankly, I'm amazed - and mightily relieved - that more proud, well-established football clubs haven't fallen foul to these testing Covid times, and credit for that lies with the people who work tirelessly - usually without financial reward - to keep our clubs alive. But, with a second Coronavirus wave threatening to kick in, and tougher restrictions gradually being put in place, there comes a point when something has to give, as Cineworld have shown. Last week's £10m Government bailout to the National League at least papers over the cracks for a few months, but at the time of writing this, clubs are still waiting for news of their reimbursements almost a week on and with their season already underway.

Indeed, poor communication throughout has been a huge issue during this uncertain summer and that's something that needs to be addressed in any future Covid post-mortem. Personally, I'm still dismayed by a lack of assistance - and by the greed, sometimes - of the mega-rich Premier League and its member clubs during this crisis. No fewer than six players in Gareth Southgate's England squad for this week's friendly with Wales and Nations League games against Belgium and Denmark boast a Non-League background. Doesn't that show that football at this level has a significant impact higher up the Pyramid? In the week when Macclesfield Town were wound up by the High Court for debts totalling £500,000, Chelsea were spending £22 million for a replacement goalkeeper.

A couple of weeks later, Arsenal then opted to severely damage their once proud community ties by dumping its much-loved mascot Gunnersaurus - for the sake of £120 a week - before then spending £45 million on Thomas Partey. Obviously, I'm not suggesting bailouts of those proportions, but what a gesture it would be from the 20 Premier League clubs if they put aside, say, £1 million each, to strengthen their community ties when it is needed most and keep their local clubs alive?

Cineworld's demise is a worrying turn of events for the entertainment industry, of which sport plays a significant part. Agreed, Boris Johnson let us support our cinemas, theatres and music venues - socially distanced, of course - but how about including football stadiums in that, too?

Leiston FC 50/50 Draw

It was pleasing to see so many people turn out last Tuesday for our Southern League fixture against AFC Rushden & Diamonds, which ended in a 2 - 2 draw. Attendance was 217, an excellent gate for a Tuesday night.

Ticket sales of 170 gave a prize pot of £85, which was paid to one of our most loyal supporters, Tim Jacobs, with ticket number 0478.

Congratulations, Tim, and thanks for your continued support.

On Thursday 8 October, during our FA Youth Cup tie against Saffron Walden Town U18s, we sold 60 tickets and paid £30 to Craig Cooper, who had ticket number 0274.

Please look out for our ticket sellers during tonight's first half. Good luck to everyone who participates in our 50/50 draw.

Steve Coulter



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Hintlesham Hall

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Refreshments and food provided

For team entry or sponsorship opportunities

Contact Dave Williams - 07850 219211



TONIGHT'S SQUADS



LEISTON FC

MANAGERS:

DARREN EADIE, CHRIS WIGGER

KIT: **ALL BLUE**

SAM DONKIN	1
KYLE HAMMOND (CAPT.)	2
OLLIE SAUNDERS	3
KYLE RICHARDSON	4
HARRY KNIGHTS	5
GEORGE KEYS	6
FINLEY BARNES	7
DYLAN SWITTERS	8
WILL DAVIES	9
JOSH HITTER	10
MARCUS WILKINSON	11
LIAM JACKSON	12
ROBERT EAGLE	14
JAMIE EATON-COLLINS	15
HARRISON BACON	16
MATTHEW WEAIRE	17
MATT RICHARDSON	18
JOE POTTER	19

AFC TELFORD UTD.

MANAGER:

GAVIN COWAN

KIT: **PINK & BLACK**

RUSSELL GRIFFITHS
LEE VAUGHAN
THEO STREETE
JACK BYRNE
SHANE SUTTON
COURTNEY MEPPEN-WALTER
JAMES HARDY
ADAM WALKER
AARON WILLIAMS
JASON OSWELL
HENRY COWANS
MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
ZAK LILLY
DOMINIC MCHALE
ROSS WHITE
BRENDON DANIELS
JORDAN DAVIES
ASHLEY RAWLINS

TODAY'S REFEREE: CALLUM WALCHESTER

REFEREE'S ASSISTANTS: PAUL BURNHAM, EMILY HEASLIP