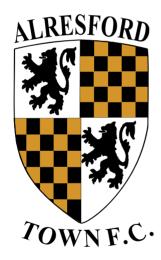


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MANAGERS MESSAGE

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome back to Arlebury Park for today's match against Colden Common FC. It's brilliant to see the largest crowd of the season here—all season your support has been fantastic, and I know the lads feed off that energy. Please keep the noise levels high this afternoon and really cheer the boys on from the first whistle!

Colden Common come here in a strong position in the league, and their form this season shows exactly why they are considered one of the toughest sides in the division. We know we'll need to be at our best, start with intensity, and show real discipline throughout the game. The players have trained well this week and are ready for the challenge.

Today is also a special day off the pitch as we continue our fundraising initiative. It's been fantastic to see the whole club pulling together for such a positive cause. A huge thank you to Ben Bendall for the incredible amount of work he has put in behind the scenes — his dedication has driven this effort forward. He's also been ably supported by Steve Pratt and the team of volunteers who have been working tirelessly to sell tickets in advance and make today a special occasion for the fans. Their commitment have played a huge part in creating the fantastic attendance we're enjoying today. We are very lucky to have people like Ben, Steve and the rest of our volunteer group supporting this club.

With your backing, the atmosphere, and the momentum we're building, I'm confident the lads will give everything to deliver a performance you can be proud of.

Thank you again for your magnificent support — enjoy the game, and let's make it another memorable afternoon at Arlebury Park - Up the Magpies!

Ash Clarke Manager, Airesford Town FC



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ALRESFORD TOWN FC HISTORY



Football in Alresford has been found back to the late nineteenth century, but the formation year of the present ALRESFORD TOWN FC side is shown as 1989. Starting in the now defunct North Hants League, Town moved immediately into the Hampshire League before withdrawing in 1996. They returned, again from the North Hants League, in 2000 and then came the 2004 move; they've remained members of the Wessex League since and have been a top tier side since 2007.

The original Airesford Town was established in 1898 and were members of the Winchester & District League. The modern club was established in 1889 and joined the North Hants League.

After finishing as runners-up in their first season, they moved up to Division Two of the Hampshire League. The club were Division Two runners-up in 1990/91, securing a second successive promotion to Division One. However, after finishing second-from-bottom of Division One in 1994/95, the club were relegated back to Division Two. At the end of the following season the club left to re-join the North Hants League.

Alresford were North Hants League champions in 1999/00 and returned to Division Two of the Hampshire League. After finishing second in Division Two in 2001/02 Town were promoted to Division One. In 2004 the Hampshire League merged into the Wessex League, with the club becoming members of the new Division Two. The division was renamed Division One in 2006, and Airesford were runners-up in 2006/07, earning promotion to the Premier Division. After five seasons in the lower-mid table, the club were Premier Division runners-up in 2012/13.

a season that saw them win the Hampshire Senior Cup (beating AFC Bournemouth in the final), the League Cup and the North Hants Senior Cup. They were Premier Division runners-up again the following season, also retaining the League Cup and the North Hants Senior Cup, as well as winning the Aldershot Senior Cup.

In 2018/19 Airesford won the Southampton Senior Cup, beating AFC Stoneham 3–0 in the final. The 2019/20 season was abandoned due to the coronavirus pandemic with Airesford top of the Premier Division.

In 2021/22 Airesford won the North Hants Senior Cup beating Basingstoke Town 1-0.

- League Cup wins 2013, 2014
- Local County FA Senior and other cup competitions winners in the Wessex era.
- Aldershot Senior Invitation Challenge Cup 2013/14 Hampshire Senior Cup 2012/13
- North Hants Senior Cup 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2021/22 Southampton Senior Cup 2018/19 These
 are wins only whilst the club were members of the Wessex League.

FA CUP

Furthest progress: 2016/17 2nd Qualifying - Cadbury Heath
Record victory: 2009/10 Extra Preliminary Shaftesbury 8-0

FA VASE

Furthest progress 2013/14 4th Round - Hallen

Record victory 2013/14 3rd Round - Saltash United 7-2

The FA Cup and FA Vase records are the best achieved whilst in Wessex League membership. Where this has been on more than one occasion, only the last time it was achieved is shown here.

The Men's team is led by Manager Ash Clarke, who joined the club in the pre-season of the 2025 season. Ash joined Airesford from Worthing Town F.C. where he was first team manager after having spent time at AFC Porchester, Moneyfields, and in the youth game with Portsmouth and Brighton and Hove Albion. With a young side, playing expansive football, the Club is excited for the future!



COLDEN COMMON FC HISTORY

The club was founded in 1898 and re-formed in 1956 as a Saturday side in the Eastleigh League. However, Common had cause to thank their Sunday 'wing' for developing the foundations laid by Cliff & Jack Banford and instigating a staggering rise through the Saturday leagues during the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Originally competing within the Eastleigh and Southampton Football Leagues, honours were sparse with just the Eastleigh Benevolent Cup and Southampton Junior Division 4 title jostling for space in the 'trophy cabinet'. However, the decision to field a Sunday League side - 1973 to 1983 - preceded an incredible haul of 24 league and cup honours (under the managerial guidance of Ron Shaw, Steve Clarke, Mick Geddes and Clive Jenvey) and the impetus for our Saturday sides to also make rapid strides forward.

Our journey from Southampton Junior Division 2 to Hampshire League Division 1 took just six years and included nurturing the likes of England internationals Graham Roberts and Steve Guppy as we further progressed to the Wessex League before settling in the Hampshire Premier Football League.

The HPFL Senior Division title was twice won back-to-back in 2008/09 and 2009/10, and again in 2021/22 and 2022/23 - the latter under the stewardship of Nathan Morgan and Connor Doswell who also claimed the league and cup double, alongside the Hampshire Trophy in a memorable treble-winning campaign.

An exciting ground share agreement at Winchester City FC was struck as a means to enable the club to progress back to the Wessex League - and in 2024/25 under the new management of Steve King, Step 6 football was achieved, as Common won the Hampshire Premier League title for a fifth time.

CLUB I-KONOURS & OFFICIALS RECORDS

ChairmanCraig Scriven

Secretary Martin Cooke

Commercial Manager Ross Holt

Commitee members

Karly Cleeve & Steve May

Managers Ashley Clarke

Assistant Manager Steve Bramwell

Coach

GK Coach Dan Kempsonl Wessex League Cup Winners: 2012/13 & 2013/14

> North Hants League Champions: 1999/00

Hampshire Senior Cup Winners: 2012/13

North Hants Senior Cup Winners: 1991/92, 2011/12, 2012/13 & 2013/14, 2021/2022

> Aldershot Senior Cup Winners: 2013/14

Southampton Senior Cup Winners: 2018/19

Best FA Cup Performance Second Qualifying Round: 2016/17

> Best FA Vase Performance Fourth Round: 2013/14

Record Attendance 202 vs Basingstoke Town Sep 2023 Servio Men's Senior Cup & 211 vs Salisbury March 2016

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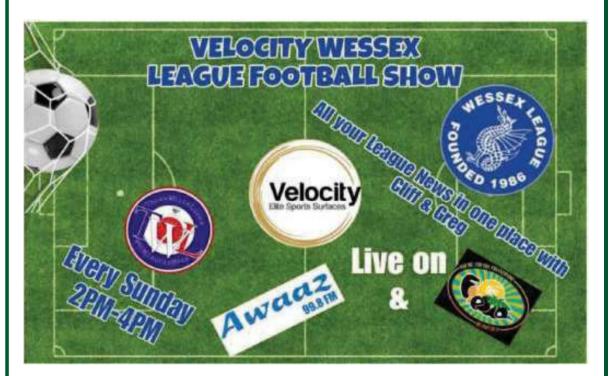












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Our aim is to promote all local football but specifically the 40 teams of the Wessex Football League. So far, we have had managers, chairpersons, players, press officers and secretaries joining us as studio guests, and via zoom and phone guests from many Wessex Football League clubs, as well as guests from local teams both higher up and lower down the pyramid.

This is your show and is a platform for your club to promote its events and raise its profile. If your club produces post-match interviews, please either email us a copy of the audio or give permission for us to play them on air straight from your website or social media sites, as we will aim to play them on the show.

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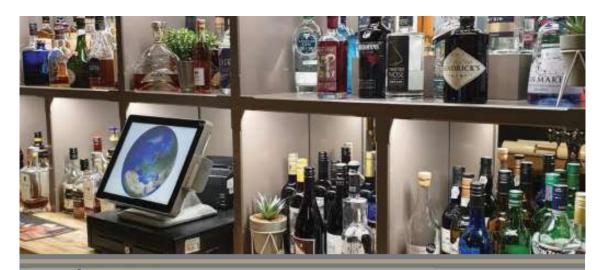


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PLAYER NAME:	FIONA WINGENT
NICKNAME:	THE BOSS (AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THE HUSBAND CALLS ME!)
WHICH CLUB DO YOU SUPPORT?	SOUTHAMPTON FC
WHAT POSITION WOULD YOU PLAY?	MANAGER!!
WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER WHEN GROWING UP?	BRYAN ROBSON - SHARES MY BIRTHDAY TOO!
WHO'S YOUR FAVOURITE MAGPIE?	ALL OF THEM! I CAN'T HAVE FAVOURITES!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MAGPIE VOLUNTEER?	MY FIRST SEASON!!
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM/TV SERIES?	GAVIN AND STACEY
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?	STEAK AND CHIPS
BEST DATE NIGHT PLAN?	QUIET NIGHT IN WITH STEAK AND CHIPS!
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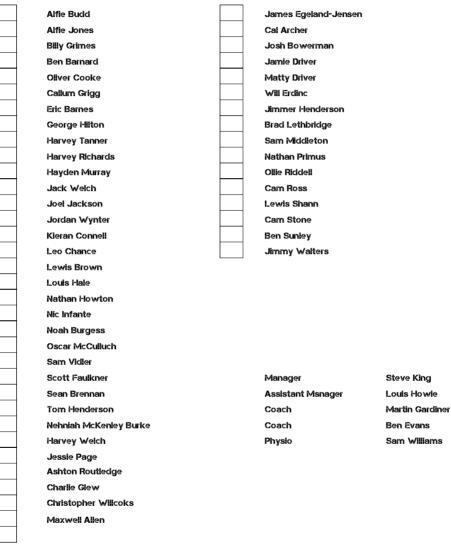


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