



# BRISLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

## Official Matchday Programme



**Brislington vs Hallen**  
**Saturday 12th September 2020**



**KO 3.00PM**

**The Poplar Insulation Stadium**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Today we welcome Hallen to the Poplar Insulation Stadium we hope their players, officials and supporters enjoy their brief stay with us and have a safe journey home.

Thank you to all the people who have purchased advanced tickets for the games so far we really appreciate it.

At the moment we are pleased that we have had healthy crowds for both our first 2 home games. We hope that spectators will continue to support grassroots football your support is much appreciate.

We would like to wish Mark Penny well as the Reserves start their season today away to Imperial.

We are trying our best as a club to ensure you feel safe when you visit Brislington FC. Please respect our Covid-19 measures and respect other people's space around the ground.

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## FROM THE DUGOUT

Our first home league game saw us welcome Bradford Town to Ironmould Lane. Bradford have been our bogey side the last few seasons and a team we just could not best.

Perksy made one change with Cameron Brown coming in for the unavailable Frank Gingell.

Both teams looked intent on attacking from the start Kye Simpson went close after 7mins when he broke away from their defence. The away side had a chance but Dorrington was equal to it with a decent save.

On 31mins we took the lead when Simpson was on the end of a cross and drove it towards goal only for Neiks to help it into the net with a cheeky flick. We saw out the half to lead 1-0 at half time.

We had a great start to the 2nd half the away side did not deal with a ball into the box and Neiks was on hand to pick up the loose ball and make it 2-0.

6mins later it was 2-1 when George Box volleyed in after being left unmarked. After 65mins a 10min spell became a bit mad. Dorrington was sin binned after arguing about a Penalty. Neiks went goal and had to pick the ball out the net from the spot kick. 5mins later a great ball from Nuevo - Draper found Simpson who rounded the keeper and rolled the ball in. 2 mins later it was 3-3 another Bradford penalty was converted before Dorrington resumed goalkeeping duties.

On 84mins Sub Dagger found space to put in cross which found the unmarked Barwood who headed home to make it 4-3. We managed to see out the final minutes to take the points.

Today we play Hallen another side who seem to have a jinx over us hopefully we can break this one to.

Tuesday we welcome Westbury before we make the short trip to Odd Down in the FA Vase.



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## Today's Squads

**SHIRTS - RED / BLACK**  
**SHORTS - BLACK**  
**SOCKS - RED**  
**GOALKEEPER - LIME GREEN**

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2. MARK FEAR
3. LEWIS DUNN
4. SCOTT LEWIS
5. CONOR McCORMACK
6. DANNY BARWOOD
7. FRANK GINGELL
8. RUBEN NEUVO - DRAPER
9. NEIKELL PLUMMER
10. KYE SIMPSON
11. REEKO BEST
12. KRISS MILLER
13. JAYDEN NIELSEN
14. CAMERON BROWN
15. CONOR O SULLIVAN
16. CLARKE TAYLOR
17. ASHLEY BARNARD
18. MASON DAGGER
19. MIKE RIMMER
20. JAMES PEART

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2. MATT DAVIS
3. TOM BRADLEY
4. MARTIN STOWELL
5. LUKE HALL - COUSINS (capt)
6. SAM HILL
7. JORDAN RICKETTS
8. ELLIOTT GIBBONS
9. SACHA TONG
10. KYLE THOMAS
11. CORY SIMPSON
12. AARON ANGLIN
13. JACK MILLS
14. JACOB WATSON
15. PAT RIDDELL
16. ROB LATHAM
17. JORDAN YEO

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01st Sept	1930	H	Cadbury Heath (FA Cup)	0-2	
05th Sept	1500	H	Bradford Town	4-3	Plummer 2 Simpson Barwood
08th Sept	1930	A	Bitton		
12th Sept	1500	H	Hallen		
15th Sept	1930	H	Westbury United		
19th Sept	1500	A	Odd Down (FA Vase)		
22nd Sept	1930	H	Clevedon Town		
26th Sept	1500	H	Plymouth Parkway		
29th Sept	1930	A	Odd Down		
03rd Oct	1500	H	Buckland Athletic		
6th Oct					
10th Oct	1500	A	Bridport		
13th Oct	1930	H	Chipping Sodbury Town		
17th Oct	1500	A	Cribbs		
24th Oct	1500	A	Shepton Mallet		
31st Oct	1500	H	Tavistock		
07th Nov	1500	H	Bitton		
14th Nov	1500	A	Chipping Sodbury Town		
21st Nov	1500	A	Bradford Town		
28th Nov	1500	H	Clevedon Town		
19th Dec	1500				
05th Dec	1500	H	Cribbs		
12th Dec	1500	A	Tavistock		
26th Dec	TBC	A	Keynsham Town		
02nd Jan	1500	H	Odd Down		
09th Jan	1500	A	Street		
16th Jan	1500	A	Buckland Athletic		
30th Jan	1500	H	Cadbury Heath		
06th Feb	1500	H	Wellington		
13th Feb	1500	A	Hallen		
20th Feb	1500	H	Street		
27th Feb	1500	A	Westbury United		
06th Mar	1500	H	Roman Glass St George		
13th Mar	1500	A	Exmouth Town		
20th Mar	1500	A	Cadbury Heath		
27th Mar	1500	H	Bridgwater Town		
02nd Apr	TBC	H	Keynsham Town		
05th Apr	TBC	A	Wellington		
10th Apr	1500	H	Shepton Mallet		
17th Apr	1500	A	Roman Glass St George		
24th Apr	1500	A	Plymouth Parkway		
01st May	1500	H	Exmouth Town		
08th May	1500	A	Bridgwater Town		
15th May	1500	H	Bridport		

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## PLAYER PROFILE - Clarke Taylor



Age : 33  
Occupation : Gas man  
Nickname : Clarkey  
Position : Midfield/wing  
Previous Clubs : None

Favourite Player : The real Ronaldo R9  
Who do you Support : Arsenal  
Best game played in : Somerset cup semi final against Clevedon  
Best / worst moment in football : Still waiting for both  
Best Ground / worst ground played on : Exeter/ Chard

Music / Genre : Bit of everything  
Takeaway : Pizza  
Pre Match meal : Poached eggs on toast  
Alcoholic drink : Peroni  
TV / Film : Comedy  
Holiday Destination : Anywhere hot

All below at Bris  
Best / worst Trainer : Feary/ Simon Prangley he's never there)  
Comedian : Probably [Lee Perks](#)  
Worst Dressed : Llama  
Always Late : Tristan - when he wasn't banned  
Biggest Moaner : [Jayden Nielsen](#)  
Would not want to share a room with : Jayden

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# Player Profiles 2020 / 21

## **George Dorrington - Goalkeeper**

Signed from Odd Down just before the season was cut short. Has a great pedigree having played for Man U & Huddersfield U23s. A very vocal keeper & great shot stopper. As with recent Bris keepers seems to like a pint.

## **Mitch Greenslade - Defender**

Came through the junior section before spells at other clubs. Strong defender who can play right back or centre half. Was unlucky last season with a couple of harsh red cards.

## **Mark Fear - Defender**

2nd season at the club after signing from Hengrove. Plays at left back strong in a tackle and good with the ball at his feet. Scored either the luckiest or great winning goal at Bridport last season.

## **Scott Lewis - Defender**

Previously at Hengrove. Strong no nonsense vocal centre half who is a good leader on the pitch. Thought to be the club joker. Scored the last goal of last season with a last minute header vs Wellington.

## **Conor McCormack - Defender**

New signing this season previously at Frome Town & Chippenham Town. Has looked strong and confident and will strengthen the back four.

## **Ashley Barnard - Defender**

New signing this season previously at Seymour United & Longwell Green. Strong centre half who will get stuck in. Looks comfortable on the ball as well.

## **Kye Thomas - Defender**

4th season at the club after being at Yate & Bridgwater. Footballing defender who is comfortable with the ball at his feet. Current club captain

## **Danny Barwood - Defender / Midfield**

Apart from a short spell at Hengrove has been at Bris since he was a teenager. Another strong grappling defender who will get stuck in where it hurts.

## **Lewis Dunn - Defender / Midfield**

Has been at Bris since he was 7. Has had spells at Hengrove, Welton & Odd Down but always come back home. Good with the ball at his feet and decent in the air as well.

## **Conor O Sullivan - Defender**

New signing this season after 2 years out due to work. Was previously with Clevedon & Weston and has looked decent in pre season and looks like he will be a good addition.

## **Ruben Nuevo Draper - Midfield**

New signing previously at Cadbury Heath & Bitton. Midfield playmaker with loads of energy. Always looking for the ball.

## **Jayden Nielsen - Midfield**

3rd season with us after breaking into the side at 16. Great left foot and skill to go with it never seems to score an easy goal. Never set your watch buy him as he's always late.

## **James Peart - Midfield**

Teams longest serving player been at Bris for about 18 years. Will always give 100% and never let you down. Still one of the fittest players in the team.

## **Reeko Best - Midfield**

Signed from Odd down last season tricky player who loves to run at players and will chip in with important goals.

## **Kriss Miller - Midfield**

Back after a short spell last season clever player who can unlock defences with one pass will also chip in with spectacular goals as well.

## **Cameron Brown - Midfield / Forward**

New signing from Lebeq but has played for Aldershot & Bristol City. When he is fit will be a asset to the team always wants the ball and looking to unlock defences.

## **Frank Gingell - Midfield / Forward**

Leaves the club but always comes back. Quick player who will cause full backs problems. Also has an eye for goal and regularly scored 20+ goals from wide positions.

## **Mason Dagger - Forward**

3rd season at the club but missed most of last season when he went travelling. Has a bit pace, decent in the air and will chip in with goals.

## **Neikell Plummer - Forward**

3rd spell at the club and virtually guaranteed to get you 20+ goals a season not many better finishers in the league and loves pens & free kicks. Known to like a bit of a winge.

## **Kye Simpson - Forward**

New signing from Roman Glass. Pacy forward who has a keen eye for goal which he has shown in pre season.

## **Management**

### **Lee Perks - Manager**

Starting his 5th season in charge after stepping up from the Reserves. Was a prolific goal scorer in local football. Works hard to get decent players to the club.

### **Rich Ford - Assistant Manager**

Was on the books of Notts Forest when was younger and played professionally for Torquay as well as a host of local clubs. This his 3rd season at the club.

### **Kevin Hazell - Assistant Manager / Physio**

Been at the club nearly 20 years as a player & Manager. Is the club secretary, kit man & now Covid officer. Has great passion for the club

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# Reserve Team Fixtures

DATE	KO	H/A	FIXTURE	RES	SCORERS
12th Sept	1500	A	Imperial		
19th Sept	1500	A	Chew Magna		
26th Sept	1500	A	Glastonbury		
03rd Oct	1500	A	Radstock Town Reserves		
10th Oct	1500	A	Long Ashton		
17th Oct	1500	H	Cheddar Reserves		
24th Oct	1500	A	Portishead Town Reserves		
07th Nov	1430	A	Ashton & Backwell Reserves		
14th Nov	1430	H	Peasedown Miners Welfare		
21st Nov	1430	H	Castle Cary		
05th Dec	1400	A	Peasedown Miners Welfare		
12th Dec	1400	H	Hutton		
19th Dec	1400	H	Long Ashton		
28th Dec	TBC	H	A.F.C. Brislington		
09th Jan	1400	A	Castle Cary		
16th Jan	1400	H	Portishead Town Reserves		
23rd Jan	1400	H	Radstock Town Reserves		
06th Feb	1430	A	Fry Club Reserves		
13th Feb	1430	H	Ashton & Backwell Reserves		
20th Feb	1430	A	Hutton		
27th Feb	1430	H	Chew Magna		
13th Mar	1500	H	Imperial		
20th Mar	1500	H	Glastonbury		
27th Mar	1500	A	A.F.C. Brislington		
03rd Apr	1500	A	Cheddar Reserves		
17th Apr	1500	H	Fry Club Reserves		

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**SECRETARY** - Kevin Hazell  
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**GROUNDSMAN** - Steve Rogers  
**COVID-19 OFFICER** - Kevin Hazell  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - Richard Dennis, Jay Whelan  
**1st TEAM MANAGER** - Lee Perks  
**RESERVE TEAM MANAGER** - Mark Penny  
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### Introduction

Brislington Football Club recognise that operating during the Coronavirus Pandemic requires us to ensure we are protecting our members and users whilst minimising the risk of spreading infection.

The systems implemented are intended to introduce consistent measures in the football club in line with the Government's current recommendations on social distancing.

**These are exceptional circumstances and Brislington Football Club and our members recognise that we must comply with the latest government & FA advice on Coronavirus at all times.**

The health & safety requirements the football clubs must not be compromised at this time. If an activity cannot be undertaken safely due to lack of suitably qualified personnel being available or social distancing being implemented, it should not take place.

### NOTE

**Brislington FC club management will monitor the systems implemented and if it is not consistently implementing the measures set out below. It may be required to shut down.**

### 5. Hand washing

- Provide additional hand washing / sanitizer facilities in various places around the ground.
- Ensure soap and fresh water is readily available and kept topped up.
- Regularly clean hand washing facilities and check soap / sanitizer levels.
- Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins for hand towels which are regularly emptied. Bins should be cleaned after the club is shut.
- Turn off warm air hand dryers.

### 6. Toilet facilities

- Operate a one out one in policy for use of toilets unless social distancing can be maintained.
- Enhance cleaning regimes for toilets (at least every hour)
- Provide suitable and sufficient rubbish bins for hand towels which are regularly emptied. Bins should be cleaned after the club is shut.

### 7. Avoiding close contact

- Try to avoid close contact. Brislington FC recognise there may be situations where it is not possible to maintain social distancing and to limit close contact to the minimum time that is possible.
- Try to ensure that non essential physical work that requires close contact should not be carried out.
- Any work that involves skin to skin contact will not be carried out.
- Ensure single use PPE is available and disposed of correctly.
- Increase ventilation in enclosed spaces.

### 8. Cleaning

Brislington FC recognise that enhanced cleaning procedures will have to take place particularly in communal areas and touch points.

- Taps & washing facilities.
- Toilet flushes & seats.
- Door handles & push plates.
- Handrails.
- Machinery & equipment.
- Phones, televisions, CCTV.
- Deep cleans carried out at regular intervals.

### 1. Self isolation

Anyone who meets one of the following criteria should not come to the football club.

- Has a high temperature, new persistent cough or has experienced loss of taste or smell - follow guidance on self isolation.
- Is a vulnerable person (by virtue of their age, underlying health condition or clinical condition).
- Is living with someone in self - isolation.
- Has been contacted by the government track & trace department.

### 2. Procedure if someone falls ill.

If anyone who has been present at the club falls ill with any coronavirus symptoms then that person needs to contact the club's COVID-19 Officer immediately. That person needs to arrange for a coronavirus test straight away.

The clubs COVID-19 officer will then check the club signing in book and contact the government track & trace department to inform them of a possible infection within the club. The procedures set out by the government must be followed.

The football club will then receive a deep clean.

### 3. Travel to and from the football club.

Whenever possible club members & players should travel to the football club using their own transport.

- If possible members & players should avoid public transport.
- If traveling in the same car is unavoidable then the persons in the car should wear face coverings. The car should be cleaned thoroughly after use.

### 4. Access points and pedestrian routes.

- If possible arrange staggered entry and exit times for arrivals at the football club ie :- home / away teams / officials arriving at pre arranged times.
- Monitor entry / exit points to ensure social distancing is being maintained at all times. If needed mark lines at least a metre apart.
- All persons entering the ground wash or sanitize their hands.
- Arrange deliveries for off peak times eg before players / officials arrive or a different day.
- If possible mark out a designated one way pedestrian route around the ground to avoid the need for customers, staff & players to pass each other i.e one way in one way out.

### 10. Use of clubhouse.

Government guidelines for bars and clubs should be followed at all times. These to include.

- Signing in book for anyone entering the club.
- One entry & one exit point for the clubhouse.
- Use of contactless payment where possible.
- Maximum of 6 people per table.
- No standing at the bar.

### 11. Playing games & use of equipment.

- Changing rooms - only use when it is essential and for a limited time only. Only a limited number of persons to which social distancing allows.
- Showers - only to be used if essential and then with social distancing in place.
- Kit - if possible players to wash own kit
- Balls - to be cleaned when possible during the game.
- Goalposts / corner flags to be wiped down at before game / half time / after game.
- Players bring their own drinks bottles which are labelled.
- Physio / first aid only to be administered with full PPE inc masks, gloves and visor if possible.

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### 1ST TEAM

Saturday 5th September - Bradford Town (H)

Tuesday 8th September- Bitton WDS Associate Legal Services Stadium 7.30pm

Saturday 12th September - TBC

Tuesday 15th September - Westbury United (H) 7.30pm

Saturday 19th September - Odd Down (FA Vase) Lew Hill Memorial Ground BA2 8PA

Tuesday 23rd September - Clevedon Town Hand Stadium BS21 6TG 7.30pm

Saturday 26th September - Plymouth Parkway (H)

Tuesday 29th September - Odd Down Lew Hill Memorial Ground BA2 8PA 7.45pm

### Reserves

Saturday 12th September - Imperial South Bristol Sports Centre

Saturday 19th September - Chew Magna Chew Valley Leisure Centre

Saturday 26th September - Glastonbury Abbeymoor Stadium

### All KO TIMES 3PM UNLESS STATED



# Hallen Player Profiles

## Aaron Anglin

**Age:** 32  
**Position:** Att (LRC)  
**Nickname:** Angs  
**Notes:** Aaron is one of the nicest guys in local football. So nice fact that he tends to let the opposition off when he is a yard out

## Tom Bradley

**Age:** 25  
**Position:** Def (LC)  
**Nickname:** Braders  
**Notes:** Tom returned to the club from local rivals Cribbs a couple of seasons ago. He has great fitness and is a very level headed character who loves to kick the ball out of play a lot.

## Matt Davis

**Age:** 29  
**Position:** Def (C)  
**Nickname:** The Milky Bar Kid  
**Notes:** The longest serving member of the squad, but yet still one knows what his voice sounds like. Matt is great in the air composed on the ball.

## Elliott Gibbons

**Age:** 24  
**Position:** Mid (C)  
**Nickname:** Gibbo  
**Notes:** A new signing last season Elliott is a quality midfielder. His composure on the ball and great vision makes him a welcome signing. His previous clubs include Bath City and Paulton Ro

## Luke Hall-Cousins

**Age:** 30  
**Position:** Def (C)  
**Nickname:**  
**Notes:** Captain of the team Luke is a strong no nonsense defender. Larger than life, if his backside doesn't fill up the changing room his character will. Previously played for Chippenham Town.

## Sam Hill

**Age:** 25  
**Position:** Mid (C)  
**Nickname:**  
**Notes:** Signed from Mangotsfield a couple of seasons ago, Sam an energetic combative midfielder who chips in with his share of goals.

## Dean Horseman

**Position:** Assistant Manager  
**Nickname:** Horse  
**Notes:** Dean has arrived last season to assist Ray and add some extra weight to his team talks. He brings with him a plethora of managerial and coaching experience, as well as being another character. The Gaffer only hopes he has the stomach for the

## Ray Johnston

**Position:** Manager  
**Notes:** Ended his first season in charge last year with the club's highest placed finish for 8 years. Ray has a wealth of experience both playing and managing. As well as playing professional football for Bristol Rovers, he also represented England at the boy level. As a manager Ray had a short spell at Portishead before becoming a firm favourite at Odd Down, guiding the club to the Western Premier League title in 2015/16 (but he doesn't mention that!).

## Robert Latham

**Age:** 24  
**Position:** Att (RC)  
**Nickname:**  
**Notes:** Signed last season Rob is a pacey centre forward, who always seems to be in the right place to get a goal. Previous clubs include Portishead.

## Liam Macfarlane

**Age:** 30  
**Position:** GK  
**Nickname:** Mackers  
**Notes:** An excellent keeper, Liam's handling and distribution are some of the best in the league. Current Player's Player he is seen with a bag of frozen peas, and is a menace after a pint.

## Jack Mills

**Age:** 26  
**Position:** Def / Mid (R)  
**Nickname:** Rooney  
**Notes:** Previously played for Henbury, Jack has a strong right foot and scores his fair share of goals. If he could manage as tight as he gets into a bag of crisps he'd be playing at a high level. Loves a budget holiday!

## Archie Parry

**Age:** 18  
**Position:** Mid (C)  
**Nickname:** Arch  
**Notes:** Archie is a new recruit from our Reserves. A tough tacking, ball playing midfielder with excellent prospects. Did a spell at Cadbury Heath in The Western League towards the end of last season.

## Dan Payne

**Age:** 20  
**Position:** Mid / Att (RL)  
**Nickname:** Payner  
**Notes:** Payne has returned to Hallen after a season with Leighton Buzzard in the Western League. A strong powerful wing with an eye for goal.

## Harvey Pritchard

**Age:** 18  
**Position:** Mid / Att (RL)  
**Nickname:** Pritch  
**Notes:** Another new recruit from our Reserves this season Harvey has a lot to offer. Signed from Roman Glass St George Jacob is a full committed solid centre half.

## Jordan Ricketts

**Age:** 31  
**Position:** Mid / Att (C)  
**Nickname:** Ricko  
**Notes:** Signed towards the end of last season, Ricko has a quality player who has played most of his football at Southern League and above. Previous clubs include Bath City, Chippenham Town, Yate Town and Cirencester Town.

## Patrick Ridell

**Age:** 23  
**Position:** Def / Att (RL)  
**Nickname:** Rids  
**Notes:** Pat was previously at Hallen before moving to Plymouth for university. He returns with a few years more experience and a new position. Good on the ball and likes to get forward.

## Cory Simpson

**Age:** 27  
**Position:** Att (CL)  
**Nickname:** Simo  
**Notes:** Cory returns to Hallen this season after playing Southern League for several clubs including Larkhall and Bristol Manor Farm. A proven goalscorer with pace and power.

## Martin Stowell

**Age:** 29  
**Position:** Def (C)  
**Nickname:** Cheese String Man  
**Notes:** Great signing last season, Martin is a solid defender as well as being a huge presence on and off the field. Previously worked with the Gaffer before at Odd Down where he won the league.

## Kyle Thomas

**Age:** 29  
**Position:** Mid / Att (RC)  
**Nickname:** Laffs  
**Notes:** A classy player Laffs has bags of ability, but when he gets the ball we often have to throw another one on so everyone else can play. Previously played in the Southern League with Bristol Manor Farm and Mangotsfield.

## Sacha Tong

**Age:** 31  
**Position:** Att (RLC)  
**Nickname:**  
**Notes:** Signed half way through last season from Southern League Mangotsfield. Sacha finished last season's top goalscorer living up to his reputation as a prolific goalscorer and provider in the Western League for many seasons with Cadbury Heath. Previous clubs also include Yate Town.

## Jacob Watson

**Age:** 22  
**Position:** Def / Mid (C)  
**Nickname:** Watters  
**Notes:** Signed from Roman Glass St George Jacob is a full committed solid centre half.

# Hallen Club History

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The club was formed by members of a new community living at Lawrence Weston on the outskirts of Bristol, which had been developed shortly after World War Two. The club was named Lawrence Weston Athletic and played in the Bristol & District League, and it has moved forward steadily since moving to the village of Hallen in 1979, to conform with League Ground grading. Much of the credit for the progress of this club can be accredited to the late Frank Fairman and his family. His son Francis, and grandson Lee continue the link with the club. In fact Lee played a major part in our fight for survival during the summer of 2015, when the club was in danger of losing its home. So it was no surprise when long serving Chairman Barrie Phillips nominated Lee to take over the chair from himself, at the next AGM. The club became known as Lawrence Weston Hallen when it moved to Moorhouse Lane, joining the Gloucestershire County League in 1982, and under that title were runners up 1987-88, and Champions 1988-89, after which the club dropped Lawrence Weston from its title to become known as simply Hallen. The club completed the double in 1992-93, when winning the Gloucestershire Challenge Trophy and the League title. Promotion was achieved, joining the Hellenic League Division One, and after further improvements to the facilities (particularly the erection of floodlights and a 200-seater stand), a runner-up position in 1996-97 led to another step up, to the Hellenic League Premier Division. The club had always considered the Western League as its goal, as this League was more familiar with Bristolians than the Hellenic League. Their wish to transfer over was granted at the second time of asking but it was insisted that the club join the First Division for season 2000-01. The club finished fourth in its first season in the Western League and reached the last sixteen of the F.A. Vase losing to Brigg Town 6-5 in extra time. Further progress was made when new manager Gary Damone led the team to the Division One title in Season 2003-4, and fourth place in the Premier Division at the first attempt. The club also reached the final of the GFA Trophy and were denied a place in the first round of the F.A. Cup when losing to Nationwide Conference side Canvey Island in the fourth and final qualifying round. This success saw Southern League side Taunton Town tempt Gary Damone to try his hand at a higher level, which in turn saw Hallen have a dip in form, as players were also tempted away. It is however well known that a high percentage of players are happy to return to Hallen, and for season 2009-10 the club welcomed

back Gary Damone as manager and many former players too. The club finished in a disappointing twelfth position in 2009-10, but a crop of long term injuries did not help. The club however were to lift the Western League (Les Phillips) Cup for the first time. The club had experienced a bad start to the 2010-11 season, which saw the departure of manager Gary Damone who chose to take charge of his own town club Wellington. Club stalwart Paul Owen was given the task of steering the team to safety. With just one win prior to taking over in November, he and his assistant John Tierney changed fortunes around and we were safe from relegation with six games left. Paul Owen's first full season as manager saw the club challenging for the title, but a dip in form saw the club slip to fourth. Off the field, the club had ensured promotion would not be denied, had the club won the title by obtaining the ground grading for Southern League football. Season 2012-13 saw no repeat of a challenge for promotion, but the season was kept alive by reaching the final of the Les Phillips League Cup for a second time. In the final Willand Rovers won 1-0 before a crowd of 400 at Cribbs Friends Life FC. As Paul Owen had already decided to step down at the end of the campaign, it was unfortunate that he could not see his side lift the cup. By mid May the club announced that Hengrove Athletic manager Jamie Hillman was to take over as manager. He had been at the helm for eight years at Hengrove, and had just guided them to the Premier Division as runners up in April. The 2013-14 season under Jamie and his assistant Grantley Dicks, was a mixture of highs and lows. The highs being success in lifting the GFA Trophy for a third time and reaching the fifth round of the FA Vase losing away to West Auckland Town. In contrast we finished the League campaign without a win in fifteen games. Manager Jamie Hillman announced that he would be leaving, and previous manager Paul Owen agreed to return for the 2014-15 season. By November the League form was yet again cause for concern and Paul decided it would be best to bring in a new face, rather than wait to the end of the season. Steve Winter a former Walsall and Torquay player was appointed with a view, of him settling in, prior to the coming season. He was to resign in December 2015, and long serving player Tom Collett took on the role as player manager assisted by Rayan Wilson for the 2016-17 season. Following another poor run of results, Tom Collett made way for former player Ben Willshire to return as the new manager. Ben guided the club away from relegation, but when fortunes did not change in the next campaign, it was decided his assistant Rob Sage should take over the helm prior to Christmas 2017, with Ben remaining as a player. The resignation of Rob Sage forced the club to seek another manager in February. Former manager Gary Damone returned as interim manager, whilst the club decided on a replacement from a record number of applicants. The successful candidate being former player Ray Johnstone, who had guided Odd Down to the title in 2016. Ray recruited another former Hallen player Tony Davis as his assistant for the 2018-19 season, unfortunately Tony had to step down during the course of the season. It was a season which saw a more settled side, finishing in twelfth place the best for several years. Further progress was made during the 2019-20 season, with Ray being assisted by Dean Horseman, before it was brought to an abrupt end due to the coronavirus pandemic.



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