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**Brislington vs Buckland Athletic**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Today we welcome Buckland Athletic to the Poplar Insulation Stadium we hope their players, officials and supporters enjoy their brief stay with us and have a safe journey home back down the M5.

Next week the 1st team face the long trip to St Blazey in the FA Vase. It's a chance for them to win some prize money.

At the moment we are pleased that we have had healthy crowds for both our first 4 home games. We hope that spectators will continue to support grassroots football your support is much appreciate.

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. We ask that you only stand in groups of 6 and socially distance from those around you. We also have the new NHS track & trace QR scanner. If you have a smart phone it is mandatory that you use this. If not you will have to sign in.

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# FROM THE DUGOUT

Last week seen a welcome Plymouth Parkway front of 211 spectators our biggest gate in a league game for a few years. It would turn out to be our toughest game this season. We reverted to a 3-5-2 formation in the hope we would stop there full back bombing forward. Gingell & Dagger we're deployed as wing backs to try and stop them.

The away side showed their intent and came at us from the start. They were ahead after 8mins when good work down the right and a decent cross in left the forward with an easy finish.

We tried to get into the game Dagger's shot didn't have enough power to trouble the keeper. And the away defence were dealing with most things we tried. On 30mins we were 2-0 down another move from the right was easily finished. Our best chance fell to Simpson whose snap shot hit the bar. HT 2-0

We changed formation and were proving difficult to break down but could not get nothing going forward. On 72mins a mistake at the back let in the striker to make it 3-0. On 82mins the impressive right back caused us more problems and set up the sub to wrap the game up at 4-0

On Tuesday we went to Odd Down with hopes of getting a result. We probably put in our worst showing this season and despite going 1-0 up with a Nielsen penalty we found ourselves 2-1 down at half time.

A stern talk at half time seem to push us into action but on 52mins another defensive error let the home side in for 3-1.

We reduced the deficit on 64mins when Neiks made it 3-2. Sub Clarke Taylor hit the post near the end but that was as good as it got.

We definitely need to up our game to get anything against today visitors Buckland Athletic.

Next week sees us make the long trip down the M5 & A30 to play St Blazey in FA Vase.



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## Today's Squads

1. GEORGE DORRINGTON
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. JAYDEN NIELSEN
13. CAMERON BROWN
14. CLARKE TAYLOR
15. ASHLEY BARNARD
16. MASON DAGGER
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- 13. JAMIE PASSMORE**
- 14. WILL HANCOX**
- 15. GAVIN COLLINS**
- 16. ALEX GRAY**
- 17. DANNY GAZE**
- 18. AARON WELLINGTON**
- 19. RYAN KEATES**
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# 1st TEAM FIXTURES 2020 /2021

DATE	KO	H /A	Fixture	Result	Scorers
01st Sept	1930	H	Cadbury Heath (FA Cup)	0-2	
05th Sept	1500	H	Bradford Town	4-3	Plummer 2 Simpson Barwood
12th Sept	1500	H	Hallen	0-0	
15th Sept	1930	H	Westbury United	2-1	Simpson Miller
19th Sept	1500	A	Odd Down (FA Vase)	2-2 (2-3)	Nielsen Plummer
26th Sept	1500	H	Plymouth Parkway	0-4	
29th Sept	1930	A	Odd Down	3-2	Nielsen Plummer
03rd Oct	1500	H	Buckland Athletic		
10th Oct	1500	A	St Blazey (FA Vase)		
13th Oct	1930	H	Chipping Sodbury Town		
17th Oct	1500	A	Cribbs		
20th Oc	1930	A	Bitton		
24th Oct	1500	A	Shepton Mallet		
27th Oct	1930	H	Clevedon Town		
31st Oct	1500				
03rd Nov	1930	H	Tavistock		
07th Nov	1500	H	Bitton		
14th Nov	1500	A	Chipping Sodbury Town		
21st Nov	1500	A	Bradford Town		
28th Nov	1500	A	Clevedon Town		
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 - Mitch Greenslade



Name: Mitch Greenslade  
Age: 24  
Occupation: Carpenter  
Nickname: None  
Position: CB/RB  
Previous Clubs: Clevedon, Cadbury Heath, Ashton & Backwell

Favourite Player: Current TAA past Stevie G  
Who do you Support: Bristol City  
Best game played in: u18's Bris vs Cheddar title decider  
Best moment in football: Double winning season at Mangotsfield 18's  
Best Ground / worst ground played on: Best Weston, worst too many to pick from

Music / Genre: House  
Takeaway: Curry  
Pre Match meal: Chicken Pasta  
Alcoholic drink: Cider  
TV / Film: Any war film  
Holiday Destination: Ibiza or Caribbean  
All below at Bris  
Best / worst Trainer: Best Feary, or Dorri, Worst Rimmerand Prangs (never there)  
Comedian: Lewy  
Worst Dressed: [Jason Llama](#)  
Always Late: [Jayden Nielsen](#)  
Biggest Moaner: Jayden  
Would not want to share a room with: Prangs because he's Welsh

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# Player Profiles 2020 / 21

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## **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.

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**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 by 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 wing.

**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





## Reserve Team Fixtures

DATE	KO	H/A	FIXTURE	RES	SCORERS
12th Sept	1500	A	Imperial	1-0	
19th Sept	1500	A	Chew Magna	1-1	Sawyer
26th Sept	1500	A	Glastonbury	6-0	
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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WHO ARE WE**

**PRESIDENT - Chris Elston**  
**CHAIRMAN - Steve Jenkins**  
**VICE CHAIRMAN - Lee Williams**  
**TREASURER - Phil Vicary**  
**SECRETARY - Kevin Hazell**  
**CLUBHOUSE MANAGER - Sharon Whelan**  
**GROUNDSMAN - Steve Rogers**  
**COVID-19 OFFICER - Kevin Hazell**  
**COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Richard Dennis, Jay Whelan**  
**1st TEAM MANAGER - Lee Perks**  
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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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## COMING UP IN OCTOBER

### 1ST TEAM

Saturday 03rd October Buckland Athletic (H)

Saturday 10th October St Blazey (A) Blaise Park PL24 2ND FA Vase

Tuesday 13th October Chipping Sodbury (H) 7.30

Saturday 17th October Cribbs (A) The Lawns BS10 7TB

Tuesday 20th October Bitton (A) WDS Associates Legal Services Stadium 7.30

Saturday 24th October Shepton Mallet (A) Playing Fields BA4 5XN

Tuesday 27th October Clevedon Town (H) 7.30

### RESERVES

Saturday 03rd October Radstock Town Res (A) Southfields Recreation Ground

Saturday 10th October Long Ashton (A) Long Ashton Community Centre

Saturday 17th October Cheddar Reserves (H)

Saturday 24th October Portishead Town Reserves (A) Portishead Football Club

All KO TIMES 3PM UNLESS STATED



# Buckland Player Profiles

2020/2021 Squad – Player BIOs

**Matt Wood** - Matt is a young centre half that has come to our attention through the England College Football Programme. He likes to play the right way and has a really mature manner for someone so young. We are looking forward to Matt's development with us

**Aaron Wellington** – Aaron joined in the summer of 2019 from Stoke Gabriel, and has been part of the successful South Devon College Football programme. Aaron has a good range of passing, and an excellent left foot. Aaron's performances towards the back end of last season were very impressive in central midfield. Still only 20, we really think Aaron has huge potential, and has an excellent attitude which will stand him in good stead.

**Nick Rudge** – Rudgey is naturally one of the most talented members of the squad. His technical ability is suited to a much higher level. Nick has been a huge part of the club's achievements over recent years, and we are all delighted that he wishes to remain with us.

**Will Hancox** – Will joined around Christmas time 2019, and fitted in straight away. Will is another that was schooled in the professional game earning a professional contract with Torquay United. Will's work rate is infectious, and he's chipped in with important goals. Still very young, Will has already had a number of clubs at higher level.

**Richard Groves** – Grover is a top player at Western League level, and is another that came through academy football into the professional game with Oxford United. Rich applies himself 100% to everything he does, and is very well respected by everyone at the club. Rich is a proven goalscorer from midfield where he is capable of occupying a number of positions. Very technically efficient on the ball, delighted again, that he remains with us.

**Lloyd Gardner** – Lloyd has served the club really well over the years, and is another who is highly respected by those he's played with and against. Lloyd has played Conference South football with Truro City, and remains one of the best players at this level. Lloyd is capable of scoring spectacular goals, and regularly weighs in with assists. Still has a lot to offer the team, sets high standards of himself and everybody around him.

**Austen Booth** – Recently joined the club from Southern League Premier side, Truro City, Austen is a player we know well. Hugely talented central midfielder player with excellent athletic ability. Austen epitomises everything we look for both on and off the pitch. He will be a huge player for us.

**Ryan Keates** – Ryan is a young talented attacking midfielder that is well known to us having come the South Devon College programme. He has excellent feet and balance and is one we are looking forward to developing further over what we hope will be many seasons with us.

**Gavin Collins** – A recent addition this summer, Gavin has excellent qualities going forward, carries a goal threat and is a very intelligent footballer. Another of our young crop of talented young players we have high hopes for.

**Jamie Passmore** – Jamie joined early 2020. It was easy to see early on the quality he brings to the team. Technically excellent, physically strong and still only 19 years old. Has had a good football education at Torquay Academy.

**Ryan Bush** – Ryan has been at the club for 7 seasons now, he has everything you need for a number 9. Still relatively young at 24, we have really high hopes for Ryan, he can go on and achieve whatever he likes if he applies himself.

**Kenny Griffiths** – Kenny has been the best keeper around the area for many years. His handling is superb and he makes it look easy. He is a calm character by nature and this has a good influence on the back 4 playing in front of him. Kenny still has a lot to offer at 36.

**Joe Belsten** – We think Joe is the best Right Back in this league. Technically very good both on the ball and defensively which you might expect having come through the academy @ Exeter City. Very high hopes for Joe in playing at higher level, which we all hope is for Buckland Athletic.

**Lewis Tasker** – We bought Lewis in during the summer, again, another ex scholar at Exeter City, and an impressive list of previous clubs at a higher level. An absolute wand of a left foot, one of the best technically gifted players we have seen.

**Kieran Parkin** – Kieran's development has been great since joining early last season. Attitude is first class, and technically very good. Uses the ball really well from Centre Half and wants to play the right way. Kieran has excellent leadership qualities too for some that is still relatively young. Captained the team last season on occasion.

**Frazer Clark** – Frazer is a recent signing from Brixham, and is another player that has had a really good education in the game having been a scholar at Swansea City. Frazer has excellent physical attributes, he's mobile and is another that wants to play out from the back. At 26 has matured into an excellent defender, and will be positive on and off the pitch.

**Alex Gray** – Alex is a very good footballer, and is another who has excellent technical qualities in possession. Always looking for the ball, Alex influences the way we play, and has a good ability to communicate and organise in and out of possession.

**Ben Carter** – Recent signing from Bideford Town. Ben has fantastic energy levels, can break up play, but also uses the ball really well. Ben has played at higher levels, and we were delighted when he agreed to join for a second spell at the club this summer.



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## THE HISTORY OF BUCKLAND ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB.



The club was formed in 1977, and it was purely a junior club. It started life in the Torbay Pioneer League and Sandringham Road was our home pitch. During this time it was one of the biggest junior clubs in the area, and it won many titles and cups over its early years, including the Devon Youth Cup.

### It's a senior club now.....Devon & Exeter League

The first big decision the club made was to take a team into senior football, which happened for the start of the 1987-88, and saw us take a place in the Devon & Exeter League, and were placed in Senior Division Three, playing at Coach Road. Roy Holmes took his Under 18 side up into that division, and they were rewarded when they won the league title that season.

We moved grounds once more in the 1990-91 season to Decoy Park, which was the season we also won the Wheaton Trophy. Promotions saw us climb into the Premier Division for the 1992-93 season, having again moved, this time to Homers Lane, Kingsteignton.

We spent eight seasons in the Premier Division, winning our first league title in the 1994-95 season, under manager's Nigel Holmes and Roger Madge, who had taken over the reins from Roy Holmes at the start of that season. They remained in charge until the 1998-99 season, with Shaun Bartlett taking over, and the following season Shaun was joined by Phil Bayliss. The second league title was won in the 1999-00 season allowing us to take promotion to the Devon League.

We won a number of cup competitions during this time in the Premier Division, including D & E Premier Division Cup, East Devon Senior Cup.

### Next step....The Devon League

2000-01 was our first season in the Devon league, with manager Phil Bayliss being joined by Gary Taylor as his assistant. We finished this season as runners-up to title winners Willand Rovers, also we made it through to the semi-finals of the Devon Premier Cup. We spent seven seasons in the Devon League, with our lowest finish being 13<sup>th</sup> in 2005-06, up until that season we hadn't been outside the top eight. Also in our time in this league we were runners-up in the Throgmorton Cup in the 2001-02 season. In the final ever season of the Devon league (2006-07), we did just enough to gain promotion to the newly formed South West Peninsula League, finishing that season in 12<sup>th</sup> place.

### The South West Peninsula League....

We started life in this newly formed league (which incorporated teams from the South Western League and Devon League's) in the 2007-08 season. Under manager Phil Bayliss we finished that season in 14<sup>th</sup> place, but Phil was building a squad that he felt was good enough to contest for the league title. In the next season we finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and then our dreams were realised when we won two consecutive titles, as well as winning the Thogmorton Cup (2009-10). After that first title win, Phil stepped down and was replaced by Steve Massey, but the club parted company with Steve a few months into the 2010-11 season, and he was replaced by player-manager Antony Lynch, who carried on the good work that Phil had put in place and we managed to retain the league title.

Then in the 2011-12 season, we applied to the Western league, knowing that a top two finish was needed to take promotion, well it was achieved, but we did relinquish our title, with Bodmin Town coming out on top, but promotion was won. We did become the lowest ranked side to win the Devon St Lukes Bowl in the 2010-11 season, and we retained it last season, after beating Tiverton Town in both final wins.

### Pastures new....The Western League Premier Division

So for the 2012-13 season, we will be playing football in the Western League Premier Division (Step 5 in the non-league pyramid), which is a great achievement for the club, which is still relatively young in age. Everyone at the club is looking forward to this new challenge, with Gaffer Antony Lynch once again leading the 1<sup>st</sup> Team. In our first season we finished in tenth place in the final table, but we did win the hospitality Award and the Programme Award. The 2013-14 season, the 1<sup>st</sup> Team will be managed by our very successful 2<sup>nd</sup> Team manager Adam Castle who took over from Antony Lynch towards the end of the 2012-13 season, with the team finishing the season in 11<sup>th</sup> place. It was another great season in the history of this great club when the 1<sup>st</sup> team finished in runners-up spot in the Western League Premier Division, the highest finish in the clubs history in the non-league pyramid. We also won the Premier Division best programme award for the third consecutive season, making it eight consecutive league wins in the last eight seasons. The 1<sup>st</sup> Team managed by Adam Castle finished in 4<sup>th</sup> Place in the Western League Premier Division, but not good enough to reach our goal of promotion. The team made it through to the 6<sup>th</sup> Round of the FA Vase, whilst finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the league table, but once again just missed out on promotion, in the 2016-17, we also won the hospitality award and best programme awards. It was a fifth place finish in the 2017-18, but we did win the Les Phillips Cup for the first time, but it will be the fixture congestion at the end of the campaign which will be remembered with the number of games our lads had to play including four games in four days and three games in three days, and having played fifteen games in twenty-four days. We also won the best programme award for a fifth time in six seasons.. It was a turbulent season 2018-19, as three managers were used, starting with Craig Duff, then interim boss Adam Castle, and finally Richard Pears (who will continue in the job for the 2019-20 season). We finished in ninth place in the Premier table, and again won the best programme award.



lifetime, starting with council owned pitches at Sandringham Park (During our time as a junior team), Coach Road and then Decoy Park. In 1992-93 we secured the use of Homers Lane in Kingsteignton (owned by local clay company WBB), and we built that ground up to Devon league standard, which included a small stand, enclosed playing surface and hard standing on three sides. But our big break came in 2003 when we were given the option by WBB to take on South Quarry, on the Torquay side of Newton Abbot, and after a lot of hard work and sweat by a huge number of volunteers, we started life at the newly named Homers Heath for the start of the 2005-06 season, with work on the ground and fabulous clubhouse on-going every season since then. On to the 2015-16 season, firstly there was substantial drainage work done to the playing surface during the summer, and we must thank Viridor Credits for their help in funding these works. Also during the season a lot of work was carried out at Homers Heath, including a new covered standing area, which incorporates two new turn-styles. The ground was fenced in, and an impressive outside toilet block was built. This work al-lowed the club to achieve a 'D' Ground Grade which is good enough for Southern League football.

#### **The 2nds and 3rds....**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team started life in the Devon and Exeter League spending many seasons in this league, gaining promotion right through to the Premier Division. But, the club took the decision for the 2007-08 season to move the 2nds from the D & E League to the South Devon League. The 2nds have enjoyed a lot of success over the seasons, with league titles, Devon Senior (three) and Intermediate Cups, all being won by them, with last season winning the prestigious Herald Cup. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Team started life in the South Devon league in 2003-04 season, and they had managed to win promotion every season, although they couldn't achieve it last season (2011-12), and again the have also won many league titles, and cups over this period. Our 2nd Team won the South Devon League Premier Division for the first time, and the 3rd Team won promotion to SDL Division One as well as winning the Fred Hewings for a third time. It was another great season for both our 2nd and 3rd Team's, the 2nds were crowned champions of the South Devon League Premier Division in the 2014-15 season and the 3rd Team won the Division One title as well as retaining the Fred Hewings Cup. The 2nd Team in 2015-16 managed again by Neil Snell retained the South Devon League Premier Division title, and were beaten finalists in the Herald Cup. Our 3rd Team finished the season in the South Devon League Division One as runners-up, in what was manager Nigel Holmes last season in charge. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Team won third consecutive SDL Premier title, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> Team won the Fred Hewings Cup for a sixth time, in the 2016-17 season. There was no silverware for our 2nds and 3rds in the 2017-18, but both had young squads with quality players who will only get better, looking like a bright future for the club. The 2nd and 3rds were very successful in the 2018-19 season, the 2nds won the SDL Premier title and the Herald Cup, while the 3rds won the SDL Division One league cup (Dartmouth Cup) and the

#### **Another new era.....**

2015-16 - The club fielded its first Ladies team managed by Grant Fisher, in the Devon Women's League Division One, and they didn't drop a point when winning the league title, and they then added the League Cup, in what was a fantastic season for them. The Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team in the 2016-17 season won the treble, the South West Women's League Western Division title, the Soccerworld League Cup and the Devon FA Senior Ladies Cup, whilst the new Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team were beaten finalists in the Devon FA Supplementary Cup. Our Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team again were South West Women's League Premier Division champions in the 2017-18 season, without a dropping a point, and this now means they will be playing in the FA Womens National League Division One South West Division. Our Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team also won their first ever silverware, when they won the Devon FA Supplementary Cup. In the 2018-19 season the 1st Team played in the National League Division One South West and they finished up in 3rd place for that first time. The 2nd Team won the Devon Women's League Premier Division and won the League cup and were beaten finalists in the Supplementary Cup.

#### **Off the field of play...**

Our new ground at Homers Heath won the SWPL Premier Division best ground award in both 2007-08 and 2008-09, and then finished runners-up in both 2009-10 and 2010-11. The clubs match-day programme 'The Bucks Review' has also enjoyed success, winning the best programme award in the Devon League on four occasions, and in the SWPL Premier Division, they won that accolade in each of the five seasons we were in that league, and it also finished in sixth place in the final season (2004-05) of the renowned Wirral Programme Club awards, which had over 1100 entries that season. We have also with the help of Viridor Credits invested in a fantastic drainage system at Homers Heath over the Summer of 2015.

#### **Finally...**

The club continues to thrive both on and off the field of the play and this is due to the hard working ethics of all the volunteers within the club.

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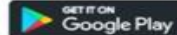
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