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Welcome to Park View Road

After all of our recent off the field battles we came through another one little over 48 hours ago to earn tonight's replay against Luton Town.

We are delighted to welcome the Hatters to Park View Road for tonight's tie. They are a club with a fantastic history and while they have suffered in recent seasons we hope that Nick Owen and his fellow directors will guide them back to their place in the Football League.

Thank you for making us so welcome on Sunday and we hope that the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town enjoy their stay tonight.

It has been a remarkable couple of weeks for our football club as our magnificent supporters have raised the £60000 required to meet our HMRC debt.

Things looked so bleak after the hearing and you have been amazing in raising the required funds.

In return we can only promise that we will give you a greater say in the future running of the club and do everything in our power to ensure that we never end up in this situation again.

In addition to your fantastic efforts we are trying to increase our commercial activity starting with a draw to be the club sponsor for the remainder of the season.

Tickets are £50 + vat and available for businesses or individuals to buy.

The draw will take place at our home game with Bromley on Bank Holiday Tuesday 28th December so if you know of any business or individuals who might be interested please put them in touch.

With two local derbies coming up we are hoping to for two bumper gates so please come along to what should be two huge games.

Tonight promises to be one of those memorable Cup nights, so whoever you are supporting get behind your team and create a great atmosphere.

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From the Dugout

After two weeks without a game we play for the second time in three days against Luton Town.

Welcome to Richard Money and all of his staff for what will be another stiff test of our ability.

I thought that we worked really hard to bring Luton back here tonight.

In the first half I thought we did really well in restricting them.

We knew that they would step it up after half-time and they missed some good chances and Gareth produced a couple of fantastic saves.

All in all it was an enjoyable day pitting our wits against stronger opposition than we meet on a weekly basis at a big club with a good pitch and nice stadium.

There is still work to do, however, and we want to give it a real go tonight.

On Saturday we return to League action when we visit Boreham Wood.

While games like tonight are what we aspire to, we need to start picking up points in the League if we are to stay in the hunt for a play-off place.

I know that you as supporters would love days like Sunday on a regular basis and we would love to do that for you.

The last two weeks have been all about making sure that we still have a football club and you have been brilliant in raising the money required.

The contribution you have made has been nothing short of amazing and is appreciated by all of the boys.

Coming back to tonight's tie we came away from Kenilworth Road carrying some knocks so we will have to manage that situation bearing in mind we have an equally important game on Saturday.

Andy Sambrook played for the first time in eight weeks on Sunday and did well to come through ninety minutes.

We also have a couple more options with myself and Joe Healy available again following one match suspensions.

This is our last home game before Christmas so on behalf of myself and all of the team I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and thank you all for your fantastic support.

Tonight should be a great game so please get behind the team and help us try to pull off an upset.

Jamie

Blue Square Stats

FA Trophy First Round Results

AFC Sudbury 1 Hampton & RB 4;
AFC Wimbledon 3 Braintree Town 0;
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Guiseley 3; Basingstoke Town 0 Salisbury City
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WINGS FA TROPHY FACTS

First Tie:
1982-3
Bromley 3 Welling United 2
First Win:
1983-4
Welling United 2 Hastings United 1
Biggest Win:
2001-2
Welling Utd 8 Erith & Belvedere 1
Biggest Defeat:
1987-8
Welling United 1 Leyton-Wingate 6

MORE TROPHY FACTS

Best Performance:
Quarter Finals
1988-9 Macclesfield Town (A) 0-1
2006-7 GRAYS ATHLETIC (H) 1-4
Most goals in a game:
5 - Gary Abbott
v Erith & Belvedere 2001-2 (Won 8-1)
Most Goals in an away game:
4 - Gary Abbott
v Grays Athletic 2001-2 (Won 4-2)

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Braintree Town v Basingstoke town
Bromley v Maidenhead United
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Eastleigh v Dover Athletic
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Introducing: Luton Town History 2007 to date

Kevin Blackwell signed eight players during the summer of 2007 in preparation for a tilt at promotion back to the Championship.

During the first month of the season it seemed that the Hatters stood a decent chance of doing so, after four wins from their first five league and cup fixtures including a 3-0 victory over Premier League Sunderland at Kenilworth Road.

However form began to tail off and had yet to win away from home but worse news was to follow when the club were deducted 10 points for failing to administration in November. From being in a comfortable mid-table position the Hatters found themselves deep in a relegation battle but the first match following the points deduction the team rallied themselves to beat Southend 1-0 at Kenilworth Road. Results began to pick-up in December and a FA Cup second round replay victory over Nottingham Forest ensured the Hatters faced another cup clash with Liverpool at Kenilworth Road.

On Boxing Day the Hatters were involved in a highly-controversial match at Bristol Rovers where incredibly they held out to record a 1-1 draw despite having to play half the match with nine men and the last 13 minutes with only eight men on the pitch following three sending offs.

And in the last match of 2007 we saw the first away win of the campaign recorded courtesy of a last-minute strike from Matthew Spring.

With the administrator in charge however, the New Year saw the beginning of player sales which would go on to affect the team's performances later in the season.

But firstly the small matter of a game against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in the third round of the FA Cup had to be settled and after going behind to a Peter Crouch goal, a John Arne Riise own goal 13 minutes from earned the Hatters a much needed money-spinning replay at Anfield.

At this point the administrator had been working on cutting the spiralling wage bill at the club and as a result club captain Chris Coyne was sold to Colchester United and midfielder David Edwards - only signed by Blackwell in the summer - was sold to Wolves.

Colossal Polish centre-half Jaroslaw Fojut returned to Bolton after his loan spell expired and would not return as the Hatters were unable to sign anybody while still in administration, which left the squad decimated, especially in defence.

Blackwell then decided to call it quits by saying he would quit the club following the replay at Liverpool.

Before the cup replay at Anfield it was announced that the administrator had chosen Luton Town 2020 Ltd as the preferred bidders to take over the club.

The consortium and was headed by famous Hatters fan and TV presenters Nick Owen and included former Hatters legends Steve Foster and Godfrey Ingram as well as other influential businessman all of which were Town supporters.

Buoyed by this news it made for an extra-special night at Anfield where almost 6,000 Luton fans out-sung the famous Kop for long periods before, during and after the game.

The team held on until the final minute of added on time in the first half before Ryan Babel struck the opening goal of the game to break the Hatters' hearts.

A Steven Gerrard hat-trick and a goal from Sami Hyppia in the second half cumulated in a 5-0 defeat but despite the scoreline the Hatters performance was far from embarrassing.

That was to be manager Kevin Blackwell's last match in charge of the Town as the administrator moved quickly to install legend Mick Harford as his replacement but despite a spirited display the team lost 1-0 in his first game in charge away to Leyton Orient on 19th January.

With the team struggling to find any form and with young players low on confidence, the side failed to win again until a 3-0 home victory over Oldham Athletic on 15th March, by which time they were already 12 points from safety. But after picking five points from the following three games to give them hope the Town went onto lose all of their final six matches and relegation to League 2 was confirmed following the 2-1 home defeat to Brighton on 12th April.

With the new owners set to take full control of the club in the summer the only problem the Hatters prepared themselves for would have been beginning their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree to a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement).

However the Football League decided that because the club had been in administration for the third time in nine years, they would punish them further by deducting a further five points. But worse news followed.

The club were still being investigated by the Football Association for the past financial irregularities that had been made public during Mike Newell's time at the club two years previously.

As a result the club had a further 10 points docked by the FA which meant the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty.

Both Bournemouth and Rotherham suffered a similar fate for recent spells in administration and were hit with 17 point deductions by the Football League.

Once the club was officially taken over a week before the season started, the club only had six professionals on the books leading up to the home game with Port Vale.

Harford though pulled off one of the biggest transfer coups in the club's history when it was announced that former club captain Kevin Nicholls was resigning for the club.

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GOALKEEPER

Mark Tyler

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007.

After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11 appearances for the Shakers. A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous summer.

DEFENDERS

Dan Gleeson

Tall and athletic defender, primarily a right-back, Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from his home town club Cambridge United. A product of the U's academy, Gleeson made his debut at 18 and soon became a regular at the Abbey Stadium making 61 league appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in 2006. Gleeson only lasted a season at Meadow Lane, featuring 17 times before he was back at the Abbey, firstly on-loan before resigning permanently in 2007.

Recognised as one of the best right-backs outside the Football League, Gleeson's performances have seen him rewarded with seven England C caps.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, when the Club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension.

Although the youngster was an unused sub for three matches, Youth Coach Marvin Johnson gave Ed a glowing reference to incoming boss Kevin Blackwell, who gave him a one-year contract.

However with first team opportunities limited, Ed went on-loan to Salisbury City where he earned rave reviews and when Mick Harford arrived as Manager at Kenilworth Road one of the first things he did was recall the young defender. Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

Alex Lacey

Up-and-coming second year scholar who impressed Richard Money in the 2010 pre-season to earn a squad number. The centre-back made his first team debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy first round tie against Welling, earning the man-of-the-match award for an excellent performance.

MIDFIELDERS

Pavel Besta

Assured, tenacious and a good passer of the ball, the Town snapped up the former Czech Under-21 international after impressing in the pre-season friendly against Newcastle.

Besta began his career with his hometown side Banik Ostrava, and in a seven year period, helped them win the Czech league title in 2004 which led to appearances in the Champions League qualifying rounds and made a UEFA Cup appearance against Middlesbrough. He joined the Hatters alongside fellow countryman Zdenek Kroca in August 2010 after a campaign in Slovakia with Ruzomberok.

Jake Howells

The young winger, who can also play at left-back, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 the England C international was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May. In his first season as a pro, Howells made huge strides with impressive performances on the left-side of midfield, ending the 2009/10 campaign with six goals, including his first senior goal in the incredible 4-3 win over Cambridge in September.

Godfrey Poku

Tenacious defensive midfielder who signed together with JJ O'Donnell from Blue Square South outfit St Albans City in January 2010 on an 18-month contract. A tough-tackling and no-nonsense midfielder, the Town beat off competition from several Football League clubs for his signature. He featured and impressed in the Hatters' reserves in 2009/10 and was an unused substitute in the Blue Square Premier but made his debut as a substitute in the 1-0 win at Barrow in October 2010.

JJ O'Donnell

Tricky winger who joined the Town with St Albans teammate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable of playing in attack the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during 2009/10. He made his first team debut as a substitute in the 4-2 FA Cup first round replay win over Corby Town.

Claude Gnakpa

A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008.

Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell. He was then off again in July 2007 to Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games. A favourite with the Kenilworth Road crowd the Frenchman scored the Hatters' winning goal in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe United in April 2009. He continued in fine style down the right-hand side of midfield in 2009/10 finishing with nine goals including a remarkable second-half hat-trick in a 6-1 win at Ebbsfleet in March 2010.

Alex Lawless

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal goes through in January 2011.

Alex agreed a contract which keeps him at Kenilworth Road at least until the end of the 2011/12 season. A star of the Minstermen's campaign last season which saw them

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lose in the Promotion Final to Oxford United, Lawless featured prominently in all four of the meetings with the Hatters last term at the heart of midfield. He only joined York at the start of last season, impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-year-old away from Forest Green Rovers where performances in a variety of positions - in defence and across midfield - had also caught the eye of Football League scouts. It's not just the 150 games experience in the Conference that Lawless has with Forest Green and York that he has on his CV. A former Cardiff City scholar he took-up non-league football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003. Without featuring for the Cottagers it was off to South West to Torquay United for the young Lawless but after just a year and 16 appearances at Plainmoor he was on the move again, to Forest Green in 2006 and in his three seasons he helped the Gloucestershire consolidate in the Conference.

Arriving at Bootham Crescent in the summer of 2009, local media announced him merely as a "utility player" but that was far from the case, and alongside Neil Barrett he forged a formidable partnership in the centre of City's midfield, changing the Yorkshire club's relegation worries from one season to making them just one game away from promotion the next. The Minstermen's slow start to this season saw Foyle lose his job but even despite their inauspicious beginnings to 2010/11, Lawless had been on-song for City, scoring three times in 16 appearances already this term.

FORWARDS

Jason Walker

England C international striker signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from Barrow before a permanent deal goes through in January 2011. Barrow-born Walker signed a deal to keep him at Kenilworth Road until the end of the 2011/12 season after the Town beat off a number of clubs to secure his signature. The frontman hit 11 goals in just 18 appearances for the Bluebirds at the start of the 2010/11 campaign before making the switch south. The striker began his career in Scotland with Dundee, coming through the ranks at Dens Park but, after four seasons without featuring, the youngster was snapped by Greenock Morton in 2004.

Three years with the Ton followed before he was on the move again, crossing the border to sign for Morecambe. But it was with his home town club that the forward began to make his name, firing 50 goals in two-and-a-half seasons at Holker Street, helping them to promotion and Blue Square North Play-Off glory in 2008 in his first season with Darren Sheridan and David Bayliss' side. The goals and eye-catching displays continued to flow for Walker and co. in the Conference culminating last season when they lifted the FA Trophy at Wembley after beating Stevenage in the final with Walker scoring a stunning and ultimately trophy-winning goal in extra-time. His all-round game and ability to strike from distance gives the Hatters further firepower and variety in attack to boost and compliment the fine set of strikers already in the Kenilworth Road dressing room.

Matthew Barnes-Homer

Prolific striker who joined the Hatters initially on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers before agreeing a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently when the transfer window re-opened on 1st January 2010. The powerful forward followed up his 21 goals in all competitions during 2008/09 with nine goals in 20 league appearances last term. Barnes-Homer also enjoyed a dream start to his international career when he netted the winner on his debut for England C in their 2-1 win over Poland in November. An energetic talent, the front man began his career as a trainee at Wolves before going on to lead something of a nomadic life prior to finding his feet at Kidderminster. After leaving Molineux he tried his luck in the United States before returning to England and, following success with a clutch of non-league sides, he was snapped by Wycombe Wanderers. He struggled to make an impression at Adam Park but, after being released at the end of the 2006/07 season, Harriers Manager Mark Yates beat off competition from a host of sides to capture his signature. His form in front of goal at Kidderminster had alerted the attentions of a number of Football League teams but Barnes-Homer was suitably impressed by the Hatters' vision and became Richard Money's first signing for the club.

Danny Crow

A nippy poacher of a striker, Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium. The front man started his career as a trainee with Norwich City and made his senior bow in the Premier League for the Canaries in December 2004. A loan spell at Northampton followed towards the end of the 2004/05 season before he was released by Norwich and signed for Peterborough in the summer of 2005, notching 17 goals in his debut season at London Road. Following a short loan spell at Notts County, Crow was released by Posh and was snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008. The energetic forward's strike-rate of 22 goals in 43 league starts won him many admirers and his 19 goals during 2009/10 saw him scoop the U's online Player of the Year award.

Dan Walker

Quick young forward capable of playing down the flanks who signed a one-year deal in July 2010 after impressing in pre-season in games for and against the Hatters. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town. He made his first team debut for the Hatters as substitute in a 3-0 win over AFC Wimbledon in September 2010 before scoring his first senior goal against Forest Green a month later.

Taiwo Atieno

Kenyan international striker Taiwo originally signed in March 2010 until the end of the 2009/10 season, after returning to the UK after a spell playing in Puerto Rico and America. The big, strong frontman was released at the end of the campaign but after a deal in South Africa fell through Richard Money was first to re-sign him in on 3rd September until the end of the 2010/11 season. Starting his career as a scholar at Walsall he failed to make the breakthrough at the Bescot and was sent out on loan gain first team experience to a number of Football League sides. After failing to make the grade with the Saddlers he was snapped up by Tamworth and scored 12 goals in his first season with the Lambs before signing for the Puerto Rico Islanders in 2007.

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Doig's Digest

with Mark Doig

There has been a lot to digest for Welling supporters in the last couple of weeks and Mark Doig believes that the United in the name is truly warranted now.

Being a humble supporter of Welling United I had no idea before this season about the financial difficulties the club was facing, and that was probably the case with most of the people with whom I stand on the terrace.

When the news came to light that HMRC had served a winding up petition it came as a huge shock.

Various potential investors have come and gone and things looked bleak until the supporters of the club got together and managed to loan the club the £60,000.00 required to save the club from being wound up. This is an incredible sum of money especially bearing in mind the global financial situation.

On top of this supporters have been working tirelessly raising funds by organising events and making the club shop more attractive to visit and open at times other than match days. There is a lot of hard work ahead and I believe that the newly constituted supporters association that will be working hand in hand with the club owners can only be a good thing.

As a result it meant that when we went to Luton on Sunday it was safe in the knowledge that there was no danger of it being the last ever match played by the club.

Jamie Day, his management team, and all the players have been brilliant through these difficult times and the way the team linked up in front of the away fans after the unlikely draw at Luton on Tuesday showed a great spirit throughout the club.

This evening we welcome the Hatters to Park View Road. The club has shown a

lot of understanding to ours and Director Nick Owen even organised a tannoy announcement on Sunday in appreciation of what the supporters have managed.

There is no doubt that a replay was the last thing manager Richard Money wanted and the frustration was probably what caused some of the disparaging remarks attributed to him about how Welling played.

Luton Town supporters here tonight will probably be visiting Park View Road for the first time. I hope they enjoy their time here. It will be a different experience from when they used to go to places such as Anfield and Old Trafford.

Kenilworth Road was equally alien to some of our supporters. All seater stadia and segregation are things rarely encountered when following our club. Huddersfield, Reading and Rushden and Diamonds are the only other examples I can recall readily.

Although a mere part time hack I decided to take advantage of a taste of going into a professional press box and found it an interesting experience although I'm not quite sure how it would have looked had Welling nicked a goal that I wanted to celebrate!

Saturday will see the public transport using Welling supporters back at St Pancras station for our game at Boreham Wood. Apparently the ground backs onto the Elstree studios that house Eastenders Albert Square. I wonder if the Queen Victoria can be included in our pub crawl.

This will be the last home game before 25th December so I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Come on you Wings!!!

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Sat 21 August	Havant & Waterlooville	3-1	783	7	Mitten	Coyle	Obersteller	Day I	Andrews	Parkinson I	Fazakerley I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	Healy	Whitnell	<i>Billings</i>	Omogbehin	Johnson
Tue 24 August	CHELMSFORD CITY	3-2	652	4	Mitten	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Fazakerley	Sambrook	Cumbers 2	Pugh I	Healy	Whitnell	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Omogbehin</i>	<i>Billings</i>
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Sat 4 Sept	BOREHAM WOOD	3-1 ^q	561	5	Mitten	Omogb'n I	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Fazakerley	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	Healy	Whitnell	<i>Billings</i>	<i>Omogbehin</i>	<i>Healy</i>
Sat 11 Sept	Staines Town	2-1	315	4	Mitten	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Fazakerley	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	Healy	Whitnell	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Omogbehin</i>	<i>Billings</i>
Sat 18 Sept	WOKING	2-0	708	4	Mitten	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Clarke	Fazakerley	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	Healy	Whitnell	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Omogbehin</i>	<i>Billings</i>
Sat 25 Sept	Braintree Town (FAC2q)	0-2	433	-	Mitten	Sambrook	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Clarke	Fazakerley	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	Healy	<i>Whitnell</i>	<i>Billings</i>	<i>Omogbehin</i>	<i>Healy</i>
Sat 2 Oct	Weston-super-Mare	0-2	258	4	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Omogbehin	Fazakerley	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	Healy	<i>Whitnell</i>	<i>Billings</i>	<i>Omogbehin</i>	<i>Healy</i>
Sat 16 Oct	Maidenhead United	3-0	275	6	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Fazakerley	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh I	<i>Healy</i>	Omogbehin	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Billings</i>	<i>Cracknell</i>
Sat 23 Oct	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	3-1	515	4	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Fazakerley	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh I	<i>Healy</i>	Omogbehin	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Billings</i>	<i>Cracknell</i>
Sat 30 Oct	Basingstoke Town	3-1	429	4	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson I	Cumbers I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh I	<i>Healy</i>	Omogbehin	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Billings</i>	<i>Taylor</i>
Sat 6 Nov	ST ALBAN'S CITY	6-0	555	3	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller I	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Cumbers I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	<i>Pires</i>	Obamwonyi	<i>Fazakerley</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Cumbers I</i>
Tue 9 Nov	Ebbesfleet United (7.45pm)	0-4	947	3	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Cumbers I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	<i>Pires</i>	Acheampong	<i>Fazakerley</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Acheampong</i>
Sat 13 Nov	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	0-2	3	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Andrews	Parkinson	Cumbers I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	<i>Pires</i>	Obamwonyi	<i>Obamwonyi</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Obamwonyi</i>	
Sat 20 Nov	TONBRIDGE ANGELS (FAT3q)	1-0	-	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day	Day I	Andrews	Parkinson	Cumbers I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	<i>Pires</i>	Obamwonyi	<i>Obamwonyi</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Obamwonyi</i>
Sun 12 Dec	Farnborough	2-2	-	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Day I	Andrews	Parkinson	Cumbers I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	<i>Pires</i>	Obamwonyi	<i>Obamwonyi</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Obamwonyi</i>	
Tue 14 Dec	Luton Town (FAT1)	0-0	-	Stewart	Coyle	Obersteller	Sambrook	Andrews	Parkinson	Cumbers I	Sambrook	<i>Cumbers</i>	Pugh	<i>Pires</i>	Obamwonyi	<i>Obamwonyi</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Obamwonyi</i>	
Sat 18 Dec	LUTON TOWN (FAT1r)																	<i>Acheampong</i>	
Sun 26 Dec	Boreham Wood																		
Tue 28 Dec	Dartford (1pm)																		
Sat 1 Jan	BROMLEY (3pm)																		
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Sat 19 Feb	Hampton & Richmond Borough																		
Sat 26 Feb	MAIDENHEAD UNITED																		
Sat 5 March	WESTON-super-MARE																		
Sat 12 March	Bishop's Stortford																		
Sat 19 March	DORCHESTER TOWN																		
Tue 22 March	Eastleigh																		
Sat 26 March	EBBSFLEET UNITED (7.45pm)																		
Sat 2 April	Chelmsford City																		
Sat 9 April	Woking																		
Sat 16 April	FARNBOROUGH																		
Sat 23 April	St Albans City																		
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Hot Off The Press

with Matthew Panting

With so little action on the pitch in recent weeks, it's a look at off-field matters this week, starting with the Sussex Express. They report that Lewes boss (and ex-Wings defender Tim O'Shea) has been less than impressed with the fitness levels of the squad he inherited.

O'Shea and Neil Smith brought in fitness expert Dave Richardson, who is working with the Great Britain 2012 Olympics judo team and also works full time with Dagenham & Redbridge, and had worked closely with O'Shea and Smith last season as well as with Braintree Town and Woking.

"We're working them (the players) hard. I'll openly say, we've told the players that the squad in general fitness levels was pretty poor to put it bluntly," said O'Shea. "He (Richardson) came in and did a few tests with them (the players). Dave being Dave, he tells it how it is and, even taking into consideration that (they're) not full time pros, the results were generally alarming. "I think that was one thing that we had to work on immediately because, as talented as you are, you need a certain level of fitness to be able to perform at your best – and perhaps players weren't performing at their best and not giving themselves a good enough chance to do so.

"So that's something we pretty much took in hand straight away. But it wasn't just getting them running from tree to tree and stuff like that, we've been in the game long enough between ourselves to fortunately work under some good coaches and a lot of it's done with the ball as well, so it's enjoyable stuff for the guys who, nevertheless are working quite hard and the intensity goes up in training.

"And generally the feedback from the players is they've enjoyed working hard, and hopefully we can carry that through so you'll see (A) individual performances improving and (B) ultimately the team performing and results coming with it, with

obviously the bit of luck you need along the way as well."

Off the pitch matters dominate at Dorchester as well, where the Dorset Echo report that the big freeze will not have the same impact at Avenue Road as it did 12 months ago.

The Magpies lost three games to icy conditions last winter and a subsequent drop in revenue at that time saw the club miss a single instalment of an arranged payment plan with HM Revenue & Customs – prompting the latter to issue a winding-up petition.

Dorchester avoided the threat of a winding-up order and despite seeing another batch of postponements in recent weeks, chairman Shaun Hearn insists there will be no repercussions this time around.

He said: "The big difference is that last year's wage budget was a lot more than it is now. We've cut the budget since then so everything is okay.

"At that point last season we were also coming to terms with what we as a board had inherited.

"I regularly meet with our commercial department and they are struggling to bring money in so we do need more revenue.

"Losing the marquee in January is not going to help but we will keep going."

Finally, the St Albans Review has reported that St Albans City will face a hearing over the investigation into player payments tomorrow (Wednesday).

The FA has confirmed it will be held on Wednesday, December 15. The Saints initially attended a hearing at Wembley back in September and a decision was expected to be reached by the end of November.

The Saints had two registration embargos imposed on them by the Football Conference last season for unpaid tax bills.

Read a report of today's game online at www.kentononline.co.uk

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Naylor's Non-League Newsround With Christian Naylor

Former Welling defender Tony Dolby had his second stint as manager of Ryman Premier League outfit Hastings United ended by mutual consent on Sunday. This followed an embarrassing 3-2 defeat to eight-man Horsham the previous day, and despite promotion being a target at the start of the season, the U's are sitting just outside the relegation zone in seventeenth position with eighteen points from nineteen games.

Andy Ford has shuffled his striking pack at Maidstone United, with Jake Hobbs leaving to be swapped with his former Park View Road teammate Richard Stevens at Sevenoaks Town. Meanwhile, Danny Hockton has left to rejoin Bromley on loan, with Paul Vines going in the other direction, joining his brother Joe at Homelands.

Danish company Fodboldsekabet A/S have completed the takeover of troubled Croydon Athletic, holding a fifty-one per cent stake in the club, with previous owner Mazhar Majeed, who was heavily embroiled in the cricket spot-fixing scandal over the summer, still holding a stake in the club. New manager Dave Garland has stated that he will give his players seven matches to impress him and his coaching staff before making decisions on their future.

Mansfield Town have been kicked out of their stadium, Field Mill, following a rent dispute between new owner of the club John

Radford, and his predecessor Steve Haslam, whose company Stags Limited own the ground. The club are confident of fulfilling the rest of this season's home fixtures, with contingency plans being discussed with both Notts County and Alfreton Town.

Harlow Town winger Louis Riddle has been told he may never play again after breaking his fibula and dislocating his ankle in his side's 4-1 Ryman League Division One North defeat against Maldon & Tiptree.

Rishi Nankani, who came from the youth system at Park View Road, has left Horsham and signed for Godalming Town in the Ryman League Division One South.

Jerome Ingram has completed his switch from Grays Athletic to Aveley. The young defender scored an own goal in the Wings' 2-1 Kent Senior Cup semi-final defeat to Folkestone Invicta last season.

A number of Blue Square South sides crashed out of the FA Trophy at the weekend, including: St. Albans City being thrashed 3-0 at league rivals Dorchester Town, Dartford eventually succumbing 3-2 to Blue Square Premier outfit Crawley Town, Boreham Wood losing 3-1 to Eastbourne Borough, Basingstoke Town going down 2-0 at home to Salisbury Town and Danny Kedwell netting as AFC Wimbledon coasted to a 3-0 victory versus Braintree Town.

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Luton Town's Finest Hours (and a half)

4th September 1897

Leicester Fosse 1 Luton Town 1

Football League Division 2

Luton made their debut as a Football League club with a 1-1 draw at Leicester courtesy of a goal by Ekins. A week later their home debut ended with a 4-0 win over Gainsborough Trinity. The Hatters' stayed three years in the Football League and returned in 1920 as founder members of the new Division 3.

13th April 1936

Luton Town 12 Bristol Rovers 0

Football League Division 3 South

Still the Hatters' record victory and striker Joe Payne set a record by scoring TEN times on his Hatters debut. Twelve days later the Hatters hosted Coventry City on the last day of the season. Luton needed a win to overtake Coventry and win the one promotion place, but could only manage a 1-1 draw. They would achieve promotion the following season.

2nd May 1955

Derby County 0 Luton Town 0

Football League Division 2

Luton's draw in their final game of the season proved enough to bring top flight football to Kenilworth Road for the first time. In a tight division just two points separated the top five sides with the top three all finishing on 54 points. The Hatters were a point clear before the final day, but despite Birmingham winning 5-1 at Doncaster to pip them to the title, Rotherham's 6-1 win at home to Liverpool proved insufficient to overtake Luton on goal average.

2nd May 1959

Nottingham Forest 2 Luton Town 1

FA Cup Final

Despite several semi-final appearances in the 1980's this remains the Hatters' only Final appearance. The Final became famous for the incident that saw Forest's Roy Dwight break his leg in an accidental challenge. Goals from Dwight and Tommy Wilson had put Forest 2-0 up after fourteen minutes before Dave Pacey reduced the arrears just after the hour when he fired home from Ken Hawkes' pass. With no substitutes, Luton pressed hard for the equalizer, but Forest's ten men stood firm and when Allan Brown headed wide from Billy Bingham's cross in the 86th minute their final chance had gone.

14th May 1983

Manchester City 0 Luton Town 1

Football League Division 1

On the final day of the season Manchester City needed only to avoid defeat to send Luton Town down and save themselves.

With five minutes remaining and the game goalless, Hatters boss David Pleat sent on his Yugoslav substitute Raddy Antic. Only a minute remained when the ball fell to Antic on the edge of the area and his shinned effort went through a crowd of players and into the net. The Hatters were safe and City's nineteen year stay in the top flight was over.

The scenes of David Pleat galloping on to the pitch in beige suit and shoes are still an iconic image of football in the eighties.

24th April 1987

Luton Town 3 Arsenal 2

Littlewoods League Cup Final

Perhaps one of the most, if not the most, dramatic League Cup Final as the game swung like a pendulum. Brian Stein's first half strike had given the Hatters a half-time lead, but the Gunners hit back with second half strikes from Martin Hayes and Alan Smith putting them on course to retain the trophy. When David Rocastle was brought down in the area with ten minutes left the game looked over, but Andy Dibble guessed correctly to keep out Nigel Winterburn's penalty. Five minutes from time Gus Caesar's error allowed Danny Wilson the chance to level and, with extra time imminent, Stein swept home Ashley Grimes' cross to take the Cup to Kenilworth Road on Luton's most famous day.

5th April 2009

Luton Town 3 Scunthorpe United 2

Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final

In truth this is the Hatters' finest two hours as they won after extra time. A thirty point deduction had almost condemned the Luton to relegation before the season started, but how they took their best chance of glory that season.

Gary Hooper had given Scunthorpe an early lead, but Chris Martin struck to send the teams in level at half-time. Tom Craddock's half volley put Luton 2-1, but a sensational strike from Grant McCann in the 88th minute sent the game to extra time. Five minutes in to the extra thirty substitute Claude Gnapka ran on to Keith Keane's pass and lifted the ball over Iron keeper Joe Murphy and make it a glorious day for the Hatters whose supporters made up the majority of the 55000 plus attendance.

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Welling United v Bromley

Tuesday 28th December 2010 – kick off 15:00 pm

Bromley will provide our next opposition at Park View Road at the end of this month.

The Ravens are currently second in the league behind Braintree Town on goal difference. They have been victorious at Boreham Wood, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Bishop's Stortford, Maidenhead United, Thurrock and Braintree Town, shared the points at Dartford but returned empty handed from Basingstoke Town before their shock seven-nil mauling at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday.

Last season they won at Park View Road on Boxing Day by two goals to nil but five days later we returned from Bromley with a one nil victory thanks to a goal by Jack Parkinson.

Former Welling United winger Tony Finn will return to Park View Road for the first time since leaving last season.

Earlier in the season, Bromley got the better of us at Hayes Lane by two goals to one with Ben Billings scoring our late goal so hopefully we can exact some after Christmas revenge.

Thanks are due to the three bands that played sets in the Welling United bar last Friday.

Having played a sell-out 'Club Aid' night in September **NELLYS HEROES, TRIGGERS BROOM** and **LIVE WIRES** re-united for another fund raising extravaganza.

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Directions

By Car: Take A2 until exit to Dartford Tunnel. Take M25 and exit at junction 23 and at the roundabout take the 2nd exit, then merge onto the A1. After about 2.5 miles branch left and merge onto the A5135. Stay on the A5135 going across 2 roundabouts. When you reach the 3rd roundabout (a large one) take the 2nd exit onto Brook Road. Broughinge Road is about 350 yards up the road on the right. Just before Broughinge Road there is a car park on the right.

By Train: The nearest station is Elstree and Borehamwood which is about a mile away and is reached via Underground from London Bridge to Kentish Town where you catch the mainline train.

v Whitstable Town Tuesday 21 December 2010 Kick Off 7.45pm

The 'Belmont Ground', Belmont Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1QP. Tel: 01227 266012

Admission: Adults: £8. Concessions: £4.16yrs – 18yrs: £4. Children U16: £1.

Directions

By Car:

- Approach East Kent on the M2 from the London direction towards Margate
- Continue to the end of the motorway at Faversham
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- Continue on the A299 for approx 6 miles (passing Seasalter Marshes on your left)
- Take the Whitstable turn off
- Continue until you reach the Long Reach roundabout. (Long Reach) go straight ahead at this roundabout
- Turn left at the second roundabout (Tesco)
- Descend Millstrood Hill
- After passing the cemetery on your right, turn left into Grimshill Road
- The entrance to the Belmont Ground is on the right. 300 yards along Grimshill Road

There is a car park at the ground.

By Train: The nearest station is Whitstable which is reached via Dartford (Change at Chatham). However having checked the national rail website the last train home leaves at 8.39 so an overnight stop is required should you travel by train.

v Dartford Sunday 26 December 2010 Kick Off 1.00pm

Princes Park, Grassbanks, Darent Road, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1RT. Tel: 01322 299990

Admission: Adults: £12, Concessions: £6. Child 5-11: £2

Directions

By Car: From A2 (London):

- At the Dartford Heath roundabout, take the 1st exit onto 2018/Shepherd's Lane.
- Go through 1 roundabout - 0.8 mi
- Turn right at B2174/Princes Rd Continue to follow Princes Rd - 1.4 mi
- Turn right at Darent Rd - 384 ft
- Turn second left at Grassbanks - 200ft

From A2 (Kent):

- Take the exit toward M25/Dartford/A225 - 0.2 mi
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit toward London(SE)/London(C)/Bexleyheath/A2/M25(N)/M11/M1/Dartford/A225 - 1.0 mi
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto A296/Princes Rd heading to Dartford/Crayford/A225
- Go through 1 roundabout - 0.6 mi
- Turn left at Darent Rd - 384 ft
- Turn second left at Grassbanks - 200ft . There is a car park at the ground.

By Train: There is no train service on 26 December.

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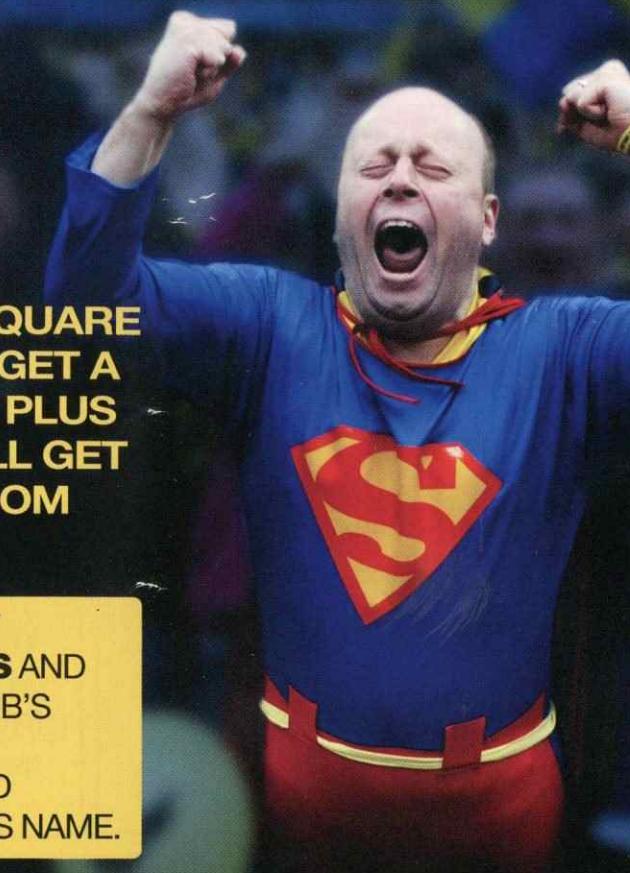
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3. Jack Obersteller
4. Jamie Day
5. Graeme Andrews
6. Jack Parkinson
7. Loui Fazakerley
8. Lee Clarke
9. Luis Cumbers
10. Andy Pugh
11. Loick Pires

12. Osa Obamwonyi
14. Andy Sambrook
15. Joe Healy
16. Jordan Johnson
17. Anthony Acheampong

Match Officials



To be announced



Luton Town White/Blue/White

1. Mark Tyler
5. Craig Hinton
10. Taiwo Atieno
14. Alex Lawless
15. Jake Howells
16. Ed Asafu-Adjaye
17. Pavel Besta
23. Jason Walker
24. Alex Lacey
25. Godfrey Poku
29. Dan Walker

2. Dan Gleeson
9. Matt Barnes-Homer
18. Claude Gnapka
19. Danny Crow
26. JJ O'Donnell

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Gloucester City v Cirencester Town
Kettering Town v Chasetown
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WELLING UNITED v LUTON TOWN

Last Time at Park View Road

No previous meetings at Park View Road.

We wish all supporters a Very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the Bromley game in two weeks time.

Coming up at Park View Road

Tuesday 28th December – kick-off 3pm

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BROMLEY

Blue Square Bet South

Sunday 1st January – kick-off 3pm

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DARTFORD

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