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The club is very grateful to all those who took part in the shorts sponsorship draw for the right to have their name on the club shorts this season.

It helped us raise £8,000 which was very welcome income at a time when there was little other money coming into the club yet there were still bills to be paid.

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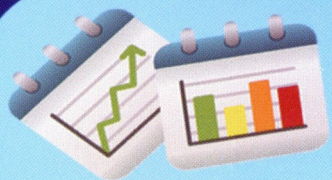
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View from the dugout

It might be a bit late but this is our first programme of 2013 and there's only one New Year resolution you can get from the management and playing staff – that we make the second half of the season far better than the first.

You deserve it – and we will deliver it.

There is no one at the club – management and all the players – who does not believe that we are in a false position in the table. We all know that tables don't lie and that we are where we are because we have not collected the points that we should have done.

OK, we have made mistakes – but we have also had a lot of bad luck. I've heard the saying that the harder you work, the luckier you are. If that is the case then we should prepare ourselves for bucketsful of luck.

We work the players hard in training to try to eliminate some of the basic errors we keep making and I really believe that it is now sinking in.

We have already added competition for places by signing to the two Dannels – strong centre half Danny O'Donnell and forward Danny L Rowe. And as I write these notes there is the very strong possibility that we will have added maybe a couple more defenders and another forward before the transfer window closed.

And what a home debut game this afternoon for any newcomers – against FA Cup giant-killers and strong play-off candidates, if not potential champions, Luton Town.

Yes, they don't come much bigger at our level. And we saw what they can do when we went to their place a few weeks ago. We got turned over; absolutely mauled.

It was a difficult night. We only had two subs and seemed beat before we got on the pitch.

We told the players to keep it tight and not to concede but after one minute and ten seconds we were a goal down.

But we will have new players in now and we will look to get into their faces.

We need to show the fight we did on Tuesday when we beat Gateshead in the Trophy to get into the quarter-finals. I thought it was a great game of football. The "never say die" attitude we have tried to instil into the lads came about again.

Mind you I saw the relief of the fans and the players when the winning own-goal went in. But a slice of luck can define a season. That could be our turning point. We should be looking to get a result at Gainsborough and then anything can happen in a two-legged semi-final.

But it is league points that are the priority and we need to get something today. So let's have your usual great backing this afternoon and... Keep The Faith.

ASH HOSKIN,
Assistant manager

Racism won't be tolerated

The Barrow club will not tolerate any form of racism. We are still involved in an investigation that a Macclesfield player was abused when they visited the Furness Building Society Stadium in December. It was reported to match referee David Webb that Macclesfield player Nat Brown alleged he had been subjected to racial abuse.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Barrow Safety Officer and head steward Mike Forsythe. And as is usual for all referee-reported "extra-ordinary match incidents", the incident is being investigated by Barrow AFC in conjunction, and in full co-operation, with Cumbria Police.

The match DVD has been made available for scrutinisation and any fans witnessing any racial abuse are urged to come forward with information, either to the club or Cumbria Police.

Barrow chairman Brian Keen stated: "This is a decent family community club and there is no place for racism here. If we can identify any culprits they will be facing as stern a punishment as we can dish out."

"We have an excellent relationship with Cumbria Police and together we will do everything we can to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion".

Barrow secretary/director Russell Dodd said: "We take these allegations very seriously. We were asked by the FA for our version of events and we are investigating, involving Cumbria Police throughout."

"We deplore any kind of racism. There is no place for it anywhere in society. We have worked very hard over the last few years with our links with the 'Kick it out' campaign. Our fans have generally been superb in this regard and have if anything displayed positive racial discrimination."

"Our Community team has been delivering anti-racism talks in Barrow schools for the last few years and already six schools have been covered this season, with six more planned by the summer. We are also told by Kick-it-Out that our annual day is one of their best."

"However if some new fans have suddenly started displaying this behaviour, we urge all our true fans to identify them."

Get your thinking caps on

The Bluebirds Development Fund will be staging another of their popular Quiz Nights at the CrossBar on Friday, February 15 with an 8pm start. The event is being sponsored by the Independent Supporters Club who provide affordable coach travel to Barrow AFC away fixtures. Entry fee is £4 for a team or four and there will be a prize for the winning team. There will also be a raffle, free nibbles and heads & tails.

For more details contact Russ Rawley on: 0792 192 3785.



Furness Building Society Stadium Review

By Phil Yelland

A warm welcome to the Furness Building Society Stadium for what is our first Saturday home Blue Square Bet Premier game of the year. Indeed our first home Conference Saturday game since September 17 when Forest Green Rovers were the visitors.

Our visitors today are Luton Town who are one of the title favourites this season and who have captured the imagination of the footballing public with their FA Cup exploits this season. Their win over Wolves of the Championship in the third round proper was the result of the round and last Saturday they headed to Carrow Road to play Premier League side Norwich City in round IV where they recorded a famous victory thanks to Scott Rendell's goal. We wish them well in round V against Championship side Millwall.

However, on Tuesday night their FA Trophy campaign ended with a 3-0 defeat at Grimsby Town.

Of course it is just under four short weeks since we lost 6-1 at Kenilworth Road with former loan striker Jon Shaw, who joined the Hatters from Gateshead over the summer, netting a hat-trick.

Clearly we hope he will not do that again this afternoon and its worth remembering that after losing 5-1 at Kenilworth Road last season, we won the return game here 1-0 thanks to Alex-Ray Harvey's goal. Let's hope we can repeat that again.

Would you believe it?

At long last our long lasting FA Trophy third round saga came to a happy end with a 3-2 win over Gateshead here on Tuesday at the Furness Building Society Stadium in what was an "away" game. Things looked promising when Richie Baker tucked away our first penalty of 2013 to give us the lead but by the hour mark we had slipped behind.

At that point in stepped Matt Flynn who netted his fourth goal of the season with the equaliser and his second goal in successive games. With a replay beckoning - which I suspect neither side would have wanted - in stepped Gateshead defender Carl Magnay. With Danny Rowe closing in a Baker cross, he turned the ball past his own keeper and the majority of the vast majority of the crowd went home happy. Not just with the result but, I guess, the battling performance too.

The crowd of 728 was also highly encouraging in the circumstances as we recorded our first win on this ground since the Trophy replay against Hyde back in November.

Macc - Part I

First things first. To get a crowd of just short of 1,600 for the Macclesfield FA Cup second tie just one week before Christmas, given the small away following, was truly remarkable and a big thank you to all of you who came along with family, friends and

work mates. It made a real difference.

The game itself was good if frustrating as we should have defeated the Silkmen and would have done but for a bit of bad luck and some finishing that might have been better. Richie Baker's well struck free kick - his tenth goal of the season - to level the game in the first half was what we deserved and we were unlucky not to go on and find the winner.

Boxing Day blues

When the fixture list came out last summer, I am sure that along with many fans I looked at the Christmas and New Year games and was a little disappointed to find that our "derby" games were against Gateshead. The Tynesiders are a tough side to beat as we know over the years but they have never brought many fans with them.

From that point of view the gate of 1,135 was disappointing but not a huge surprise given that a number of our own "floating" fans might have been saving money for the trip to the Macclesfield replay.

However that gate is rather less than the 2,000 plus gates we have had on two recent Boxing Days for the visit of two former Football League clubs in Wrexham and Stockport County.

On the field our frustrations continued as there was nothing in the game at all - indeed we might have just about have had the better of it - before the Tynesiders scored just before the interval and then wrapped up the points in the closing stages.

Macc - Part II

We again took a fantastic travelling support who deserved to see better than the final disappointing 4-1 defeat. Clearly 4-1 does not suggest a close game but it might have been very different had we managed to follow up Adam Boyes first half goal with an equaliser but it wasn't to be.

One of the challenges here was the crowd of just 1,554. Our share of the gate will not compensate for the loss of the home league game against the Silkmen which was scheduled for the same day. It was interesting to note that on New Year's Day, the visit of Southport to Moss Rose attracted less than 1,500 fans when amongst other things tickets for their Cardiff FA Cup tie were on sale.

A very happy New Year

I have been to the International Stadium to watch us a number of times down the years and only once have I seen us win - in May 1979 when goals from the late Allan Suddick and Colin Cowperthwaite give us a 2-1 win on the final day of the season. Since then I have seen some disappointing results at the ground and with the game being on New Year's Day I didn't travel this time. I suspect, therefore, that I was among many who having put the computer on was delighted by the news after 52 seconds that Adam

Boyes had netted our first goal of 2013 and that was enough to bring three points home.

Despite both Newcastle United and Sunderland not being in action, only 610 fans turned up to watch, including a fantastic small number of Barrow fans. Getting to the North-east on a public holiday is a nightmare so well done to all of those who made the journey.

That attendance was by a very long way the smallest attendance in the division - the next smallest gate was the Macclesfield v Southport game with Hyde getting over 2,000 for the visit of Stockport County and over 7,000 watching the Lincolnshire derby between Grimsby Town and Lincoln City.

The truth is that now that York City are in the Football League the Tynesiders do not have a natural derby game.

Remarkable

Our trip to Newport two weeks ago saw us return with two points which for a number of reasons was quite remarkable. Full credit to the Welsh side and their supporters for their efforts to get the game played. I am sure many thought there was little chance of the game going ahead but it did and on a reasonable surface.

Then there was the result. In September we capitulated 3-0 to what looked like a very good side. Whilst we drew at Spyty Park last season, the previous season we took a pasting there and so the win at Rodney Parade was a very welcome surprise earned by a great team performance. Matt Flynn popped up with his first goal of the season and Danny L Rowe netted on his debut - hopefully the first of many goals for the club.

Our last success at Newport came at their old Somerton Park ground during our promotion winning 1966-67 season in Division Four when Roy McCarthy netted the winner.

On the road, again

Let's start on Tuesday night when we head across country to the Northolme to play Gainsborough Trinity in the FA Trophy quarter-finals. That will bring a reunion with two of our better players of the early part of this century - Steve Housham and Lee Warren.

"Housh" took charge of Trinity in September 2011 and led them to the play-off finals in Blue Square Bet North last season where they lost to Nuneaton Town. This season they are again well placed for the play-offs and on Tuesday night they won 1-0 at Workington.

Lee Warren is, I believe, Steve's assistant and we will all remember what a consistent performer he was for us.

There may also be a familiar player in defence for Trinity where

Danny Hone, who was on loan here last season, is now playing. Another former loanee Craig Nelthorpe is back playing for Trinity as well.

Our last trip to the Northolme was back in December 2007 just after Dave Bayliss and Darren Sheridan had been appointed as managers on a permanent basis. On that occasion a late Steve McNulty penalty rescued a point.

Next Saturday we head to Nottinghamshire to play Mansfield Town - the only side we have yet to play in the league this season. They seem to have taken confidence from their FA Cup performance against Liverpool and their recent wins at both Stockport County and Southport put them right back in the play-off hunt.

Our trip to Field Mill last season is probably best forgotten as we went down 7-0 which included the home side missing a penalty, Shaun Pearson being carried off with a knee injury and youngster Stuart Dixon coming on for a baptism of fire in goal. Stuart started this season as back-up keeper at Workington and I think he is now in Australia.

Two seasons ago a long range special from Danny Forrest - now at Harrogate Town - earned a point for us and the same again would do us nicely. On Tuesday week we make the shorter trip to Haig Avenue to play Southport looking to complete our first double of the season. Last season we led 1-0 at the interval at Haig Avenue courtesy of a Paul Rutherford strike but conceded two sloppy goals to lose 2-1; the previous season we won 4-2 in the run of three successive away wins that pulled us away from the drop zone.

Back in October, we looked to be heading for defeat here with 20 minutes remaining as we trailed 2-0 but two goals from Adam Boyes and a Richie Baker special, which won the website "Goal of the Month", earned us three points. The same again please.

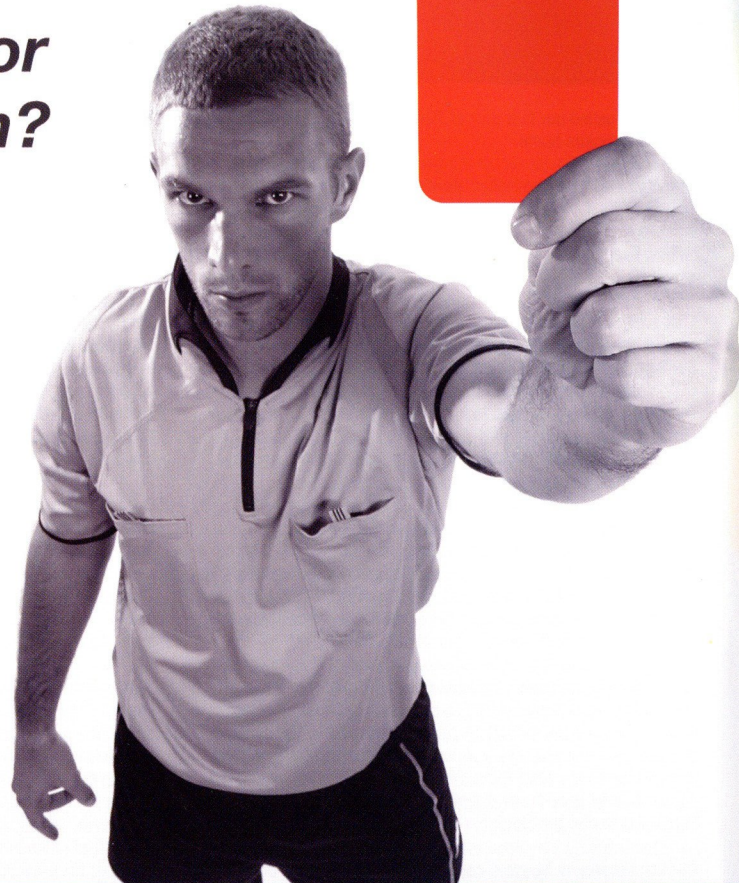
Next at home

Our next home game depends on what happens in the Trophy. If we beat Gainsborough, then our next home game will be on Tuesday, February 19 when Woking will visit; if we lose in Lincolnshire then we will be at home two weeks today with Nuneaton Town as visitors.



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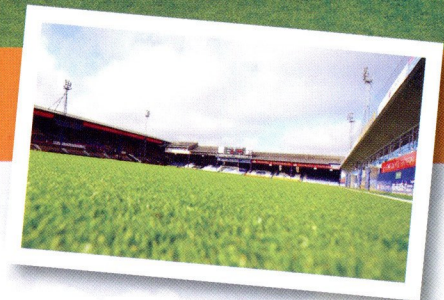
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Our Opponents: **Luton Town**



Luton Town are grabbing all the headlines at the moment after their great FA Cup fourth round win before a gate of over 26,000 at Premiership Norwich City last Saturday.

The victory, through a Scott Rendell strike, meant they were the first non-League side to knock a Premier league club out of the Cup and now entertain Championship side Millwall in a fortnight as they bid to reach the quarter-finals. We wish them good luck as they carry the non-League flag.

They made the headlines in 2006-2007 for totally different off-the-field problems which with manager Mike Newell blowing the whistle on underhand transfer activity he knew of within the game.

The following season they were deducted 10 points for falling to administration, plunging them into the relegation battle. With the administrator in charge, the New Year saw the beginning of player sales and it led to relegation to League 2.

They were to start their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement). And 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.

Worse followed with a further 10 points docked by the FA who were still investigating past financial irregularities. So they started the season with an incredible 30 point penalty.

The burden proved too much and relegation out of the Football League was confirmed on Easter Monday, meaning the club starting life in the Blue Square Premier in 2009/10 after 89 years in the Football League.

In their first season in non-League they finished second behind champions Stevenage but lost in the play-offs semi-final to York City. They finished in a play-off place the following season but lost on penalties to AFC Wimbledon in the final

Last season they finished fifth and with it a crack at the play-offs for a third season running but there was more despair as they lost to York City in the final.

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Luton Town playing staff for this season are...



MARK TYLER (Goalkeeper)
Arrived at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 from Peterborough United where he made 483 appearances in 15 years and was rewarded with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. Former England Youth international was handed No.1 jersey by Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous

summer as first team opportunities at Posh became harder to come by.

LEWIS KIDD (Goalkeeper)

Signed professional contract at end of 2010/11 after impressing in Youth and Reserves teams and signed one-year deal in the summer.

DEAN BRILL (Goalkeeper)

Has made 97 appearance for Hatters after rising through the ranks as youngster. Left club in 2009 for Oldham where he spent two seasons before signing for Barnet last season. Made second "debut" for the Town in a 2-1 victory at Forest Green in October.

LATHANIEL ROWE-TURNER (Defender)

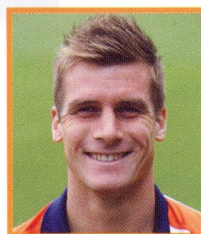
Was sixth signing of a busy 2012 summer, reuniting with manager Paul Buckle having previously worked together at Torquay United. Born in Leicester, began his career with his hometown club and was part of Foxes' youth team that won Premier League Academy League in 2006/07. Following season was named City's academy player of year but having failed to make first team appearance in 2010 was released by and joined Buckle at Plainmoor.

GREG TAYLOR (Defender)

Signed from Darlington in November 2011. Started career as a junior with Northampton before signed for Kettering Town and then joining Darlo.

GARRY RICHARDS (Centre half)

Signed two-year contract at Kenilworth Road last June following release from League 2 Gillingham where made 122 appearances over four years. Started career with Colchester United, who he helped earn promotion from League 1 as runners-up in 2006. In August 2007, for undisclosed fee, joined Southend but, after just six months and 14 appearances made move to Priestfield.



JANOS KOVACS (Centre half)
Arrived for his second spell at Kenilworth Road in September 2011, initially on emergency loan from Hereford United. First joined Hatters from Lincoln City in January 2010 and made 17 appearances before he joined Hereford in the summer of 2010. Previously with MTK in his native

Hungary, came to England in 2005 when signing for Chesterfield before switch to Lincoln.

JAKE HOWELLS (Defender)

Has come through ranks at Kenilworth Road and made first team debut in May 2008. After making 36 appearances for Hatters in 2008/09 he was rewarded with professional contract in May 2009.

SIMON AINGE (Defender)

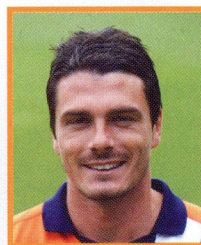
Started as youngster at Bradford City, making his full debut in 2008. When deal at Valley Parade expired joined city neighbours Bradford Park Avenue prior to move to Guiseley. Was signed on a month's loan from Blue Square Bet North side Guiseley in late September before full deal, completed. Spent three seasons at Guiseley with his fine form rewarded by call-up to England C squad.

ALEX LACEY (Centre half)

String of fine display at heart of U-18s' and Reserves' defence led to professional contract in November 2010. Last season featured for Hatters in both FA Cup and FA Trophy and was sent on loan to Cambridge City, Thurrock and Eastbourne to gain experience.

CONNOR ESSAM (Defender)

Town secured highly-rated Gillingham defender on loan on transfer deadline day in August. 20-year-old is product of Gills' youth system and last season played 18 times for the Priestfield outfit.



RONNIE HENRY (Defender)

First signing of last summer. Former Stevenage captain spent seven successful years at Broadhall Way, helping side twice win promotion and twice lift FA Trophy. At Tottenham Hotspur as youngster but after loan spell with Southend United in 2003, joined Dublin City in Ireland in 2004 for four months before returning to England to sign for

Stevenage. Went onto make 329 appearances for Boro. Offered offered new contract with Boro and from string of Football League sides but opted for Luton.



ALEX LAWLESS (Midfielder)

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before deal going through permanently in January 2011. Star of Minstermen's campaign in 2009/10 which saw them lose promotion final to Oxford United. Joined York at start of 2009/10, impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise him away

from Forest Green Rovers. Former Cardiff City scholar took-up non-League football in Wales before earned first

professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003. Without featuring for Cottagers moved to Torquay United but after just year and 16 appearances joined Forest Green in 2006. Arrived at Bootham Crescent in summer of 2009

DANNY SPILLER (Midfielder)

Signed two-year deal in June 2012. With Gillingham as youngster, progressing through ranks to clock up over 100 League appearances. Signed for Millwall in 2007 but failed to settle at New Den and then enjoyed short spells with Wycombe, Welling and Dagenham & Redbridge before resigning for Gillingham in 2010.

ARNAUD MENDY (Midfielder)

Signed from Macclesfield Town in October 2012 on two year deal. Born in France, began with Rouen before moving to England to pursue professional career. Signed for Derby, making one appearance, before signing for Silkmen in summer of 2011. Hit headlines last season with stunning goal against Bolton Wanderers in FA Cup.

ADAM WATKINS (Midfielder)

Signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. Self-confessed Hatters fan, made first team bow in 1-0 defeat at Southampton in FA Cup third round in January 2010. Impressive performances in pre-season saw him force way into Gary Brabin's first team squad at beginning of 2011/12. Form led to being capped by England C and scored for Three Lions in 1-1 draw against Italy – and then won Wales U-21 call-up!

JJ O'DONNELL (Midfielder)

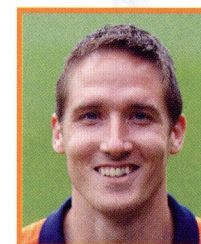
Joined Town from St Albans in January 2010. Having had spells out on loan at Hampton & Richmond Borough and Thurrock in 2011/12, signed three-year contract last May.

JAMES DANCE (Midfielder)

Signed from Crawley Town in July 2011. Was trainee at Birmingham City and on released made name in non-League circles in West Midlands before catching eye of Kettering Town in 2009. Fine performances led to signing for Crawley in January 2011. However, after picking up Blue Square Bet Premier winners' medal last term, found himself out of Red Devils' starting XI and Hatters' bid accepted.

SCOTT NEILSON (Midfielder)

Signed until end of season following release from Crawley Town. Began in non-League circles with Ware and Hertford before moving to Cambridge and then Crawley. Had loan spell with Grimsby this season before Hatters snapped him up on free transfer in January 2013.



JON SHAW (Striker)

Town had to beat off stiff competition to sign prolific scorer on two-year contract in June 2012. Hit 35 goals in all competitions for Gateshead in 2011/12 and netted 56 goals in 97 appearances for the Heed. Has scored almost 130 career goals since starting as trainee at home-town club Sheffield Wednesday. Goals began to flow

when joined Conference outfit Burton Albion before move to Halifax in 2007. His form took back to Football League with

Rochdale but, failing to break into Dale first XI on consistent basis had loan spells with Crawley, Barrow and Gateshead. Had six months with Mansfield before move to Gateshead in May 2010.

SCOTT RENDELL (Striker)

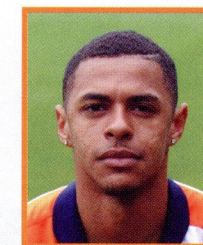
Town's third signing of summer after completing move from Wycombe Wanderers for undisclosed fee. Has hit 85 goals in past six seasons and been creator of many more during successful stints with Wycombe, Torquay, Cambridge (twice) and Crawley in both Conference and League 2. Began career at Aldershot Town before move to Championship Reading. Loan move to Crawley jump-started his career and snapped up by Cambridge 2007/08. Goalscoring form in Conference persuaded Peterborough United to shell out £115,000 for his services in 2008 but struggling to break into Posh starting line-up saw loan move back to Cambridge. Permanent move away from Peterborough saw sign for Wycombe in 2010 and was op goal-getter as they secured promotion to League 1.

STUART FLEETWOOD (Striker)

Signed for undisclosed fee from Hereford United on deadline day in August 2011. Began career as trainee at Cardiff City, making grade to feature eight times for Bluebirds between 2003 and 2006. In January 2006 signed for Hereford for the first time before joining Forest Green Rovers where plundered 32 goals in a season. Wales U-21 international turned down new contract at FGR to sign for then Championship Charlton in June 2008 but was loaned out Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton. Returned to Edgar Street last summer and scored 18 goals as he helped the Bulls avoid the drop in League 2.

MATT ROBINSON (Forward)

Despite being a regular goalscorer for the Leicester City youth team last season, he was released by Foxes. Teenager impressed Paul Buckle enough in pre-season to earn contract.



ANDRE GRAY (Striker)

Signed from Blue Square Bet North Hinckley United on loan transfer deadline day last March. Scored 39 goals in two seasons for Knitters after being released by Shrewsbury Town in 2010. Completed his permanent two-year deal in May.

JAKE WOOLLEY (Striker)

Signed professional contract in summer having impressed coaching staff last season. Made debut as 17-year-old in FA Trophy.

ALASAN ANN (Striker)

Local boy who joined Hatters as Under-13 and progressed through Centre of Excellence to be rewarded with scholarship in summer. Has made immediate impact in Youth team. Made one first team appearance in 2011/12.

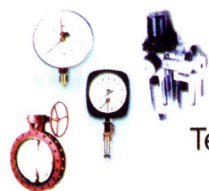
DAN WALKER (Forward)

Signed in July 2010 after impressing in pre-season games. Previously with Bedford Town as well as loan spells at Eastbourne, Cambridge and Southport.

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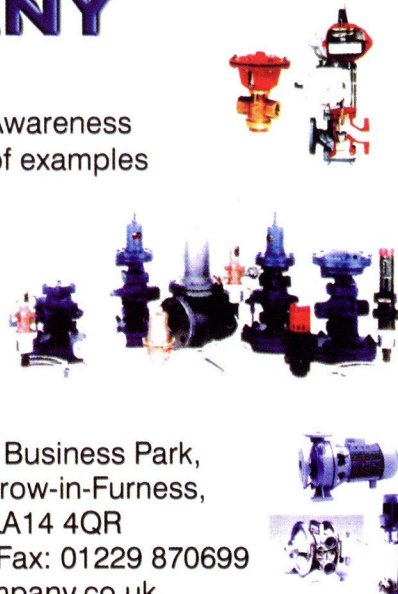
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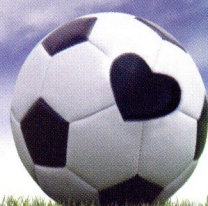
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View from the Boardroom

Good afternoon and welcome to The Furness Building Society Stadium for today's Blue Square Bet Conference game against Luton who we played recently just after their great win against Wolves in the FA Cup. We hoped that they might have been on a high and still celebrating that great victory and we might catch them with their guard down. In fact the opposite was true as they were fully focused and flying. With a very small squad we always knew it would be difficult and Luton were excellent on the night. We played well but we were no match for them. After the game the comments from their directors were very complimentary about the quality of our football and that we continued to play good football right up until the final whistle. Since then Luton have had another fantastic victory this time away to Norwich again in the FA Cup. Hopefully with a stronger team than last time we will be able to gain something from this game.

Previous results count for nothing and we start today with a clean sheet and with two new players, Danny L Rowe up front with Daniel O'Donnell at the back together with Baker who missed the previous game & Owen who came on late but was not fully fit. As they say that is history and today sees us with the chance to build on the great victory at Newport recently. I hope that all the Luton Town directors, players and supporters have had a good journey up to Cumbria to be with us this today and I hope that everyone gives them a warm friendly Cumbrian welcome. On behalf of everyone associated with Barrow AFC I would also like to wish them a safe journey home after the game having had a pointless journey.

In our last four games all away from home we have gained two victories and suffered two defeats. An excellent win at Gateshead on a dreadful pitch was followed by defeats at Kidderminster and Luton. On the night I believe Luton would have beaten any opposition put in front of them. Our fourth away game on the trot, our long trip down to south Wales was more than worthwhile. Many of us hoped that we may come away with at best a point but very few would have predicted that we would indeed come away with all three. This was certainly the result of the day in non-league terms and was described as such by Robbie Savage on Sky TV that day, and a win which was thoroughly deserved. Every last player on the pitch gave their all contributing to a hard earned victory. The comments at the end of the game from their fans and director's were most complimentary. Even their manager said we wanted it more than them and that we deserved our well earned victory. This win has lifted us off the bottom but we still have a long way to go to get us out and then away from the relegation dog fight. With the effort shown at Newport and with a few more new players to strengthen the squad I am sure we will be playing Conference football again next season.

Our away form this season has been fantastic compared to that at home. We have the 8th best away record in the league

to date. In previous seasons it was our away form that let us down whilst this season it is our home form having won only one game at home in the league to date. Hopefully we can start to put that right today and gain revenge for that 6-1 defeat at the hands of today's opponents. So come on let's get behind the lads and give them every bit of encouragement as possible. We know they will make mistakes with passes, crosses and shots but show me a player/team that doesn't. Even the famous Mr Rooney failed blasting his penalty kick at least a yard over the crossbar recently. Home superiority comes from a number of factors, travel for the opposition and the influence of the partisan home crowd which helps urge on the home team whilst hopefully intimidating the opposition. Our lads often travel as far to home matches as they do to away games. This season our attendances have dropped significantly and therefore I ask the question can we as the home crowd do more to lift our players? Bigger home crowds that fully get behind the team might just help to lift the lads whilst at the same time put pressure on the opposition players. I therefore ask you this afternoon and for every home game until the end of the season to do your best to encourage those stay away fans to come along and lend their support to try to keep our club in the Blue Square Conference next season

Can I take this opportunity to thank those members who were able to make our long awaited AGM meeting which was held recently in the Cross Bar. The directors can fully appreciate how fans feel about the present financial position the club finds itself in but you can rest assured that they are doing everything to rectify the situation. As members and fans you too can play your part by helping to keep the club afloat and steering us safely through the rough financial waters which many other clubs and even high street businesses are also experiencing. The best way to do this is to increase our attendances between now and the end of the season. Please do your very best to try and encourage family, friends and work colleges to attend as many matches as possible, become members and or open up a Bluebird Affinity Savings Account at the Furness Building Society. (see:- Commercial Scene for further details)

So as I always request for each and every game please get behind the team and do your utmost to create the atmosphere on the terraces tonight that will not only lift our lads but will also intimidate the opposition. Make the terraces bounce with noise and song like I know you can to create the atmosphere that will pressurise and intimidate the opposition and become our 12th man roaring us on to our second home victory and three more vital points in our attempt to get out of the drop zone.

John Mackay (On behalf of the directors of Barrow AFC)

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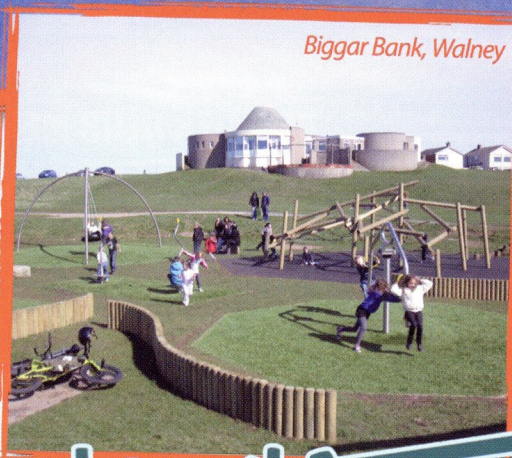


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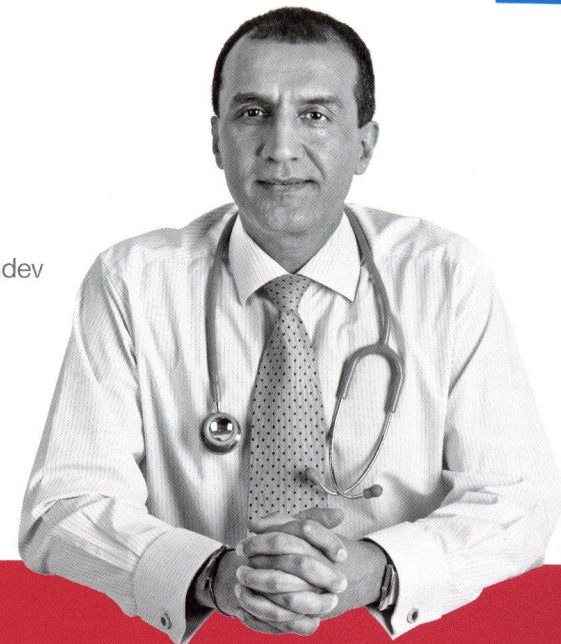
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Lee's cheers and tears with the Bluebirds

The Evening Mail's Barrow AFC reporter LEE PROCTER is moving on after covering the club's activities for nine years. He looks back at the highlights of his time at Holker Street

IT started with a wasted jaunt to Marine for a game that was called off at the last minute and the near write-off of a work's car.

It ended with a 500-mile Tuesday night round trip to Luton to witness a 6-1 drubbing and a bedtime of 2.30am.

In between, my nine years reporting on Barrow AFC, both as understudy and then the main man, have been just as eventful.

There have been highs and lows, cheers and tears, jubilation and frustration, all of which amount to memories I will hold with me for a long time now I have left the Evening Mail today.



Interviewing match-winner Jason Walker in the Wembley tunnel following the 2010 FA Trophy win

Let's stick with the good – Wembley Stadium, Saturday May 8, 2010 and skipper Paul Jones, the man who bled blue and white blood for the club, proudly thrusting aloft the FA Trophy in front of 8,000 delirious supporters.

Wow, I still get goosebumps now, even a tear in the eye.

Having travelled with the squad and spent the entire experience in their company, I felt part of the team. Going to Wembley the day before the final and even getting to kick a ball around on the hallowed turf remains a pub story very few of my mates can trump.

Then there were the FA Cup away days at Middlesbrough and Sunderland and, from a professional

point-of-view, the golden opportunity to interview Premier League managers and players. Perhaps, because it came first, the trip to The Riverside was, for me, the standout of the two. Who will ever forget Jason Walker's goal and then fellow Barrovian Wayne Curtis almost forcing a replay? What a truly special day out that was.

Even better was the Blue Square North play-off final victory over Stalybridge at Burton in 2008. I was stood among the hordes of "shoes off" Barrow supporters seeking colour for my feature article when suddenly Matt Henney tapped-in and the party erupted.

I must have been hugged by more than 100 strangers during the post-match pitch invasion that night.

Probably the best performance I've seen by the Bluebirds was the brutal 4-0 dismantling of an unbeaten Fleetwood side expected to swagger to victory at Holker Street in August 2011.

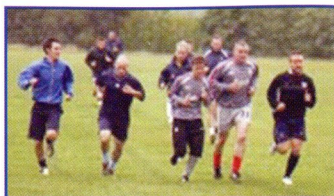
Indeed, it has often been when tagged as underdogs that Barrow have excelled – the FA Cup wins over Brentford and Oxford United, both at a rocking Holker Street, spring to mind.

Then there are those memories off the pitch that will forever make me smile:

* The thousands upon thousands of miles spent travelling the country with BBC Radio Cumbria's Andy Wood and his questionable selection of chav music.

* The day I jumped on board the supporters' bus and made a 23-hour round trip to Torquay to watch a 4-1 defeat.

* Giving former joint-manager Darren Sheridan a lift back from Crawley and being treated to his full repertoire of one-liners.



Lee training with the Barrow AFC squad, then managed by Phil Wilson. Yes that's Dave Bayliss in the background, getting left for dust!!!

* Manager Dave Bayliss's interviews – the guy is non-League's equivalent of Ian Holloway.

* The time ex-midfielder Robin Hulbert dressed up as The Bay radio station's mascot bear and jumped the Mayor of Barrow mid-speech.

* Playing at a rain-lashed Holker Street in a charity match and, despite telling the manager I was a striker, being asked to play left-back and man-mark Chesney from Coronation Street. Random, I know!

There are more, so many more, but, as always, I have already exceeded my word count! (Mail Sports Editor's note: Lee's match reports should be 700 words, they are often more than 1,200. His back page pieces should be 500 words, usually they reach 800).

Away from Barrow AFC, my stand-out highlight was, without a doubt, reporting from last year's Paralympic Games – special thanks to local athletics ace Dean Miller for making that happen.

Oh, and there was the time darts legend Phil 'The Power' Taylor stole my dictaphone – but that, as they say, is another story.

Thanks to everyone – there are way too many to list.

See you on the terraces.

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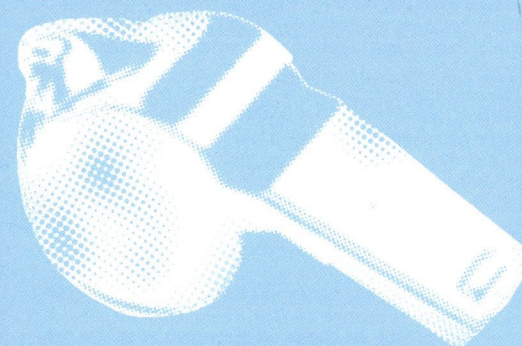
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I know we are now into February but as this is our first home game in 2013 may I take this belated opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The past year or so has been a struggle for the club both on and off the field. The recent AGM brought it home to all fans just how difficult it has been for the Directors to keep the club trading whilst trying to provide you the fans with best team possible on the field. Unfortunately the Conference is getting stronger and stronger with more ex league clubs with much greater financial backing through greater income from gate receipts; others are being bankrolled by big financial backers while some have the benefit of both. Unfortunately we at Barrow have neither. Last season our average gate was about 1300 just below mid-table while this year it is below 1000 the third worst in the Conference.

During this time the club have been attempting to bridge the gap with trying to increase off the field income through sponsorship, corporate hospitality and the hiring of the conference rooms out to a variety of local companies during the week and also evenings. Also the club took steps to save money as was explained at the recent AGM. Football at this level is not cheap if we want to stay at this level which we as directors wish to do and I'm sure the vast majority of fans also want to achieve then we will all need to pull together in the same direction.

When the chips are down it is time for everyone to do what they can to help the club get through these difficult times. The easiest thing in the world to do is to blame somebody else for our position. We are all collectively as a members club responsible so let us all try to play our part in whatever way we can to help overcome these difficulties. There are a number of ways that we can all play our part as highlighted below.

Firstly the club needs to put on offers (repeat existing or come up with new practical ideas) to encourage more fans to attend games.

Secondly you as club ambassadors try your utmost to encourage family, friends work colleagues to come along to as many games between now and the end of the season and sell the positives of the club rather than look for the negatives to always put the club down.

Thirdly get involved with the recent initiatives that will bring in some extra income for the club. These include purchasing your holiday currency through Covent Garden FX who not only give you a better deal than the high street but also pay the Bluebird Development Fund a percentage of each transaction. A second and more lucrative initiative is one that was pushed last year but failed to reach its target. The Furness Building Society run special affinity accounts for various charities and organisations which also includes Barrow AFC. At present we have 423 fans with these accounts. If we can increase this to over 500 then we have a sponsorship deal which will see the club get an

extra cheque for several thousand pounds plus extra income from the interest received from these accounts on a an annual basis. Please can I ask you to open up one of these accounts as soon as possible to enable the club to get a quick injection of much needed cash?

On the Forum recently a number of fans were expressing their wish to donate a monthly amount into an account that was specifically designed to help the club pay the mortgage. The Bluebird Development Fund Account will be more than happy to accommodate any such donations which would certainly help the club get through the difficult financial situation it is in at present. Any such money would be ring fenced for the mortgage and a monthly statement made via the programme, official website and the Forum to keep members and fans fully informed of monies donated.

There are still a number of home and away shirts for sale. If you have not purchased one please can I ask you to consider doing so as this will bring in extra income as shirts have already been purchased by the club. There are also hats, scarfs and caps all available at low prices. Could you do with one of these items to keep out the inclement weather?

The Bluebird Development Fund has been a fantastic help to this club raising over £100,000 during the past 4/5 years to assist with projects and paying bills. This has taken a great deal of effort on their behalf and they can only be congratulated for their magnificent work. Please continue to help them by purchasing their raffle tickets and attending their fund raising functions, the next being a Quiz Night being held in the Cross Bar on the 15th February.

Don't forget there are numerous other ways to help the club either directly or through the BDF. There are still a number of opportunities available within the programme for kit and page sponsorship. If you are interested please contact John Mackay at bafcdirect@yahoo.co.uk or on 01946 841429. The corporate experience is great value for money at £35 per head. Have you considered sponsoring the match or match ball which includes having your name on the front of the programme? Details of these opportunities can be obtained from Suzanne at office@barrowafc.com or on 01229 823061.

Once again can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support by not only attending this game but by also purchasing your programme, both of which provide the club with the finances it requires to keep Barrow AFC playing at the highest level possible. If you are able to support some of the above initiatives this will provide the club with some extra much needed income. Be assured your support is greatly appreciated by all directly involved in running Barrow AFC.

The Sponsors Draw for January will take place at today's game and announced at half time.

John Mackay bafcdirect@yahoo.co.uk

Tribute for two of the club's followers

A minute's applause will be held as a tribute to two Barrow fans before today's game with Luton Town.

Kingsman David Robert Shaw. 23, of Barrow, served with the 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment and was shot when his checkpoint came under attack from insurgents in the Lashkar Gah district of Helmand Province in Afghanistan.



Kingsman David Shaw

He was flown to the UK but died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. His family said he would be "missed and never forgotten".

They said in a statement: "David was a much-loved

son and brother who was proud to have served his country in the 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. He loved his family and friends and would always make time for a hug for everybody. He enjoyed playing football, running, was an Arsenal fan and also followed his local team, Barrow AFC."

He was first deployed to Afghanistan in March 2010. He returned last October as an assault pioneer as well as a qualified sharpshooter. The MoD said in one incident he administered first aid to four Afghan children who had fallen into a canal after a vehicle accident, showing actions "of the highest calibre".

Lieutenant Colonel Nick Wood, commanding officer of 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, said his death was a "devastating tragedy".

"David was a true Cumbrian and Kingsman - physically and mentally tough, a warrior through and through, utterly loyal to those he worked with and possessing a sense of humour that touched us all. Known throughout the Battalion as 'Doctor S', he was the most popular of individuals. His joking and light-heartedness would lift the gloomiest of situations and have us all laughing. He was someone we all wanted to be with and have around."

- Bob Burns, who died at the age of 63, was a keen Barrow supporter – and actually kept goal against Manchester United. That was in a game at Holker Street when the Reds sent a team, containing several of their star names, to Barrow to play Greengate United in a charity match to raise money for an urgent operation for a young Barrow girl. The match was arranged by the soccer team based at the Greengate Workingmen's Club and Bob was their 'keeper.

Bob spent part of his working life in the licenced trade being the steward of the British Workman's Club when it was in Hindpool Road and later the licensee of the Swan pub in Barrow. In that respect he was following his father John who combined being the landlord of the Market Tavern in Barrow with duties as a funeral director.

Bob is the father of Mike Burns who played county cricket for Warwickshire and Somerset. Bob also leaves daughter Natalie and son Stephen.

The club's condolences go out to both families.

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EX BLUEBIRDS IN THE NEWS

By
Phil Yelland

There is lots of news involving activities of former Bluebirds since our last home programme.

Firstly, former joint boss Darren Sheridan has quit his post as manager of Salford City in the Evo-stik Northern Premier League First Division North.

City have actually enjoyed a decent enough campaign and almost defeated FC United of Manchester in the F.A. Cup but Shez's departure comes at a time when City have decided to make budget cuts.

Also on the management front David Rush, the former Sunderland and Oxford United striker who played for us during Kenny Lowe's first season in charge in 1999-2000, is the new assistant manager of Gateshead. He has been appointed as No.2 to his former Sunderland team-mate Anth Smith.

In the Championship a former Barrow striker appeared as part of the caretaker management team at Blackburn Rovers. Coach Terry McPhillips made his name as a player with Crewe Alexandra but had a spell on loan here in early 1992 when John King was manager.

While Graham Heathcote is best known, of course, as manager of rivals Altrincham for many years, in 1991-92 he was assistant manager here to John King and then manager in his own right. Graham has recently undergone a hip replacement operation and according to the Altrincham website all has gone well. As an aside our former goalkeeper Ian Senior is still goalkeeping coach to the Robins.

Former skipper Phil Bolland is on the move again. After we released him at the end of last season he had a brief spell in Blue Square Bet North with Droylsden before being released. He then joined FC Halifax Town in the same Division and signed a dual registration with Ashton United in the Evo-stik NPL Premier Division to get some game time – only to be sent off on his debut.

He had of late held down a place in the Halifax defence but he has now moved back west of the Pennines and into Wales and signed for Airbus UK Broughton who look to have a good chance of

possibly finishing as runners up this season to the New Saints – that would mean European football at the Airfield next term!

Bolly's former defensive partner here, Paul Jones, had a brief spell with Airbus earlier in the season which ended without him making a first team appearance, I think.

In the NPL Premier Division our former goalkeeper Ashley Timms is on the move again. Having been released by Ilkeston he has made the short trip to into Derbyshire and signed for league rivals Worksop Town.

Another player from the Phil Wilson era, midfielder Ryan Zico-Black, will be looking for more luck in 2013. He is now resident in Guernsey and has been one of the main reasons behind their rise up the pyramid – so far to the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League.

Before Christmas he broke his leg but if he can recover quickly he is likely to feature as the Islanders have a huge fixture backlog.

It was a far happier Christmas for our former loan goalkeeper Alan Martin. Alan joined Crewe Alexandra in the summer of 2011 but failed to break into the first team as the Railwaymen won promotion through the play-offs.

In the past summer he was handed a six month contract but an injury to first choice keeper and goalkeeping coach Steve Phillips gave the Scot a first team chance which he has grasped with both hands. His excellent form - some of you may have caught some of his efforts on the Football League Show - have earned him an 18 month contract extension which will take him through until the summer of 2014.

If you go back to the 2004-05 season, some of you might remember the uncompromising centre back Karl Colley who did a job for us that season. He has had many clubs since and is now looking for a new club again having been released in unusual circumstances by his last club, Belper Town of the Evo-stik First Division South.

The release has come about as a result of disciplinary issues rather than form and in an unusual move Town's boss Peter Duffield released a statement explaining the decision which seems to have revolved round a training ground incident and the player then taking to an Internet Forum to voice his views.

Meanwhile, Rochdale defender Neill Byrne, who was on loan here during December, has been on trial with Tamworth with a view to an initial loan move.

Young Dean Overson, who had a spell here on loan earlier this season although he did not make a first team appearance, returned to parent club Bradford City in League Two and he has been loaned out to Evo-stik NPL Premier Division side Kendal Town.

Their squad has been decimated following a budget cut and change of manager and Overson joins three Carlisle United teenagers in trying to keep Town out of the relegation places – it seems like a tall order.

He has been joined at Kendal by two other former Bluebirds. Defender Kevin Brown was signed by Phil Wilson in the summer of 2006 but never played a competitive game for us – he has since served Lancaster City, Clitheroe and more recently Bamber Bridge. Also returning to Kendal is our former striker Mike Rushton who featured once for us last season and has been with Ambleside of late – that is where new Town boss Steve Edmondson was managing before he took over at Town.

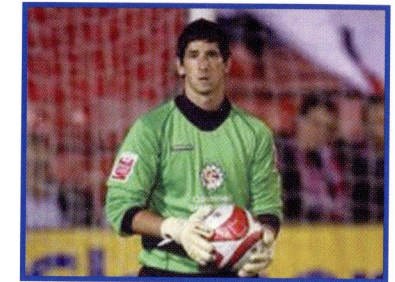
Striker Obi Anoruo, who failed to make an impact here following his summer signing, has joined Vauxhall Motors in Blue Square Bet North – the club where he enjoyed success a couple of seasons ago whilst on loan from Wrexham.

Another former player on the move is former loan midfielder Luke Sharpy. The ex-Bradford City man has been playing for Garforth Town, propping up the Evo-stik NPL First Division North. Just before Christmas he made the short move to join fellow First Division North side Ossett Town.

One ex-Bluebird who seems unlikely to play again this season is former loan striker Mat Bailey who is

now making a name for himself as a central defender with Nantwich Town in the Evo-stik NPL Premier Division.

Bailey has injured knee ligaments and a bit like former keeper Stuart Tomlinson, who suffered a similar injury playing for Burton Albion in League Two, seems set to sit out the rest of this season. Tomlinson, incidentally, has been offered a short term deal by Burton Albion as he looks to recover his fitness.



Alan Martin has signed 18 month contract extension with Crewe.

Up at Workington keeper Aaran Taylor – who signed for us but never made a competitive first team appearance - may be out for the rest of the season due to a wrist injury. That looked set to give a chance at this level to young Stuart Dixon who provided cover for Shaun Pearson in the second half of last season but he has moved to Australia.

Former loan striker Richard Brodie is on the move again. He spent the first half of the season on loan to League Two Morecambe from Crawley Town of League One and reports suggested the Shrimps wanted to make the deal permanent. However Brodie has returned to Blue Square Bet Premier and joined Grimsby Town on loan for the rest of the season – he will be hoping to complete a hat-trick of title medals at this level having collected medals at Crawley Town and Fleetwood Town in the last two seasons.

That move meant that another former Bluebirds striker, Michael Rankine, who had been on loan to the Mariners, has returned to Aldershot Town in League Two.

Also on the move is former midfielder Paul Brown who has left Marine in the Evo-stik NPL Premier Division again and joined their league rivals Nantwich Town.



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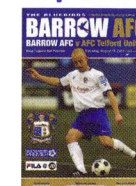
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AFC TELFORD

In a surprise move before Christmas, boss Andy Sinton decided to allow reserve keeper Danzelle Louis-Hamilton to go out on loan to get game time. He has joined stuttering Evo-stik Northern Premier League Premier Division side AFC Fylde where he links up with a number of his former Fleetwood Town team mates.

He also lost the services of former New Saints striker Chris Sharp – son of former Everton and Scotland star and Sky pundit Graeme – who has joined Hereford United as he wishes to play full time football.

At the start of the New Year before more transfer activity, assistant manager Mike Davies resigned as a result of increasing business commitments. He has been replaced by former Birmingham City and Sheffield Wednesday midfielder Graham Hyde who was assistant at Boston United until Jason Lee was sacked and then had a brief spell in caretaker charge.

That sparked more transfer activity with veteran striker Darren Byfield released, summer signing Join Brown leaving for Thailand and midfielder Tom Roberts joining struggling Blue Square Bet North side Colwyn Bay. Defender Liam Chilvers will not be returning to the club having extended his deal with Port Vale in League Two.

Two new faces arrived – former Hull City defender Joe Lamplough who has been featuring for Kettering Town in the Evo-stik Southern League Premier Division and former Everton junior Ged Kinsella, who plays in midfield, joined on a one month loan from Fleetwood Town of League Two. Another new face is winger Jason Stokes recently released by Boston United of Blue Square Bet North.

MACCLESFIELD TOWN

The first move of the window saw confirmation that midfielder John Paul Kissock had joined the club permanently from Luton Town after a successful loan spell. The club then signed French defender Thierry Audel who has been playing in Italy with Pisa Calcio. The first player moving out was defender James Bolton who joined Stafford Rangers of the Evo-stik NPL Premier Division on a one month loan.

MANSFIELD TOWN

There was a boost for the Stags prior to their great FA Cup victory over Liverpool after work on the ground saw the

local authority agree to raise the capacity by just over 1,000 to 7,880.

Former Cardiff City midfielder Solomon Taiwo, recently released by the Stags, has now joined Bromley in Blue Square Bet South whilst youngsters Joe Flint and Kurtis Turner have joined struggling Evo-stik NPL First Division South neighbours Hucknall Town to gain experience.

As the window opened defender Jamie Hand, signed in the summer, was allowed to return to his previous club, Hayes & Yeading United of Blue Square Bet South, initially on a one month loan deal. At the same time three youngsters who were given six month deals in the summer – Jobe Shaw, Joel Holland and Scott Rogers – have been released. All three have had spells on loan at lower league sides and may move to that level.

Shaw was with Sheffield in the Evo-stik NPL First Division South whilst both Holland and Rogers featured for neighbours Eastwood Town in the Evo-stik NPL Premier Division.

First team squad member Andy Owens has seen his loan deal at former club Southport extended until the end of the season.

NEWPORT COUNTY

County boss Justin Edinburgh initially lost the services of loan striker Christian Jolley just before Christmas after he was recalled by his parent club AFC Wimbledon of League Two. There were reports that County wanted to extend his loan but it then seemed possible he might be on the move to either Luton Town or Forest Green Rovers. However he eventually agreed a permanent move to Rodney Parade. He was then joined by winger Robbie Willmott from Cambridge United.

First departure of the window from Rodney Parade saw midfielder Jake Thomson agree a one month loan deal with Lincoln City.

Off the field the club have appointed former Worcester City director and chairman and current Conference assistant general manager Dave Boddy as their new chief executive.

NUNEATON TOWN

Before the festive break manager Kevin Wilkin allowed young midfielder Ben Ford to join struggling Evo-stik Southern League Premier Division outfit Kettering Town – he has played for them before. Also leaving Liberty Way for now is Australian goalkeeper Brad McNamara. He joined in the summer and has now been loaned out to Evo-stik Southern League Premier Division neighbours Barwell.

One player who is not joining Town is Coventry City

defender Jordan Willis – the loan deal had been agreed but Willis decided not to move and so City are seeking a loan move for him to a League Two club.

SOUTHPORT

Manager Liam Watson has allowed one of his summer signings, striker Darren Stephenson, to leave the club. He arrived when released by Bradford City of League Two and had previously had a loan spell at Haig Avenue. He has now joined Chorley in the Evo-stik NPL Premier Division having previously been on loan at Victory Park earlier in the campaign.

First signing of the window was confirmation that former defender Andy Owens, who has been on loan back to the club from Mansfield Town, will now stay at Haig Avenue for the rest of the season.

ALFRETON TOWN

Manager Nicky Law has now allowed midfielder Anthony Wilson to leave the club permanently. Wilson was a long serving member of the Reds squad and he will now try to help Evo-stik NPL Premier Division side North Ferriby United win promotion.

Also leaving the Impact Arena is summer signing Tom Denton. The striker who joined the club from Mossley has joined Evo-stik NPL Premier Division Worksop Town for whom he netted 11 goals in 11 games whilst on loan – whilst the fee is undisclosed, rumours suggest it could be a five figure fee and a record for the Tigers.

The first move of the window to retain a squad member saw teenage defender Ross Killock agree an extension of his loan from Championship side Leeds United until early February. The first player to leave the club was midfielder Simon Russell who was signed in the summer. He has been released and joined Gainsborough Trinity in Blue Square Bet North.

BRAINTREE TOWN

Before the Christmas break, Iron's boss Alan Devonshire moved to bring in another defender and signed 24 year old Ryan Watts from St Albans City of the Evo-stik Southern League Premier Division. At the same time in a more surprising move, summer signing Josh Dawkins, previously with Norwich City, has been loaned out to Ryman Premier Division side Lowestoft Town for a month.

Devonshire then moved to reinforce the midfield area by signing Bradley Dack from Gillingham of League Two on an initial one month loan.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED

United have not had a great season to date and before

Christmas they lost the services of experienced midfielder Luke Berry. He originally injured his knee in late November but it has turned out that he now needs surgery and will be side lined until March at least.

The club also agreed that summer signing Scott Garner could remain on loan with Lincoln City until the end of the season.

The first deal to bring a player into the club saw defender Curtis Haynes-Brown signing for the rest of the season having been originally on loan from Yeovil Town of League One who released him as the window opened.

A number of players have left the club. Defender Michael Wylde, previously of Kidderminster Harriers and Tamworth, has been released having been on loan to AFC Telford. Adriano Moke has also been released whilst Newport County have paid a fee to secure the services of winger Robbie Willmott. Youngster Luke Allen has extended his loan to Evo-stik Southern League Premier Division neighbours Cambridge City for the rest of the campaign.

DARTFORD

Boss Tony Burman has again decided to loan out his first choice goalkeeper from last season, Louis Wells. He has joined Leatherhead in the Ryman League First Division South and it will be interesting to see if he is back in the first team frame at the end of the loan.

The first arrival was experienced midfielder Dominic Green, initially for a month from Dagenham & Redbridge of League Two.

EBBSFLEET UNITED

Boss Liam Daish began the window talking of strengthening his defence and his first acquisition was 21 year old defender Jack Saville from Barnet of League Two initially for a month.

FOREST GREEN ROVERS

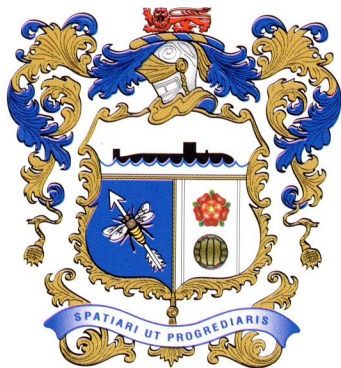
Rovers manager Dave Hockaday was busy before Christmas tying up a number of his current squad on longer deals. Former Watford midfielder Al Bangura agreed a two year contract extension whilst defenders Chris Stokes and Arran Raccine have signed until the summer of 2015.

Goalkeeper Matt Bulman and defender Ed Asafu-Adjaye also agreed to stay until the summer of 2014. In addition defender Eddie Oshodi has signed a new deal which will see him at the club until the summer of 2015.

Experienced defender Chris Todd, on loan at Hereford United earlier in the season, has left the club and signed for Eastleigh of Blue Square Bet South.



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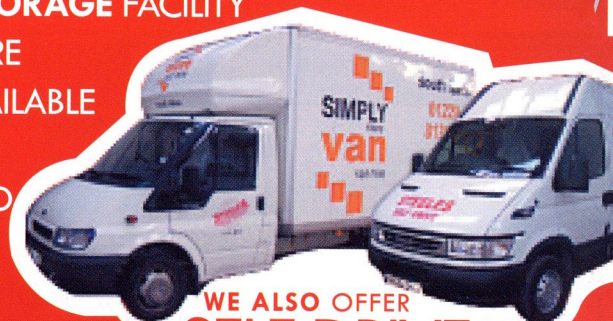
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1907 Lancs Combination Div 1 Barrow 0 Manchester City Reserves 31

Barrow entertained the Manchester City second string looking to bounce back from the previous week when they had gone down 5-0 to a Bury Reserves side who were to finish in the top four at the end of the season. On paper City Reserves did not appear to be as formidable and as the previous home encounter had seen a 5-1 home success against Nelson, another win might have been in prospect.

Sadly it didn't work out that way as City ran out 3-0 winners, having led by a single goal at the interval. This turned out to be the second game of a run of six all of which were lost and no goals were scored.

The irony was that the run without a goal ended in the return fixture in Manchester when Daisy Bell netted the Barrow goal in a creditable 1-1 draw. That result sparked improved form and a run of five home games without defeat until Southport Central ended the run on the final day of the season.

Barrow finished the season fifth from bottom, the same as 12 months earlier; City were four places above them.

Barrow: Pratt; Bentley, Rimmer, Butterworth, Dodds; Watty, Swinney, Wright, Sanderson; Bell, McBeath.

1935 Division Three North Barrow 1 Chesterfield 1

Chesterfield were the visitors to Holker Street as manager Tom Lowe sought to pick up the pieces following a 5-0 thrashing the previous week at Fellows Park against Walsall. That game had been the first in 11 League encounters where the team had failed to score and they went into the game looking to preserve the record of having scored in every home League game that season – the only blank had come in an FA Cup tie with Aldershot.

There were three changes. Defender Billy Host dropped out to be replaced by Harold Hopley; Len Wassell also returned to defence to replace Gordon Wilson; and forward Harry Rowbotham replaced Jackie Foster.

Earlier in the season, the team had lost to the visitors 3-0 at Saltergate. A tough game was expected and that was how it turned out. The

game finished level at 1-1 and the man responsible for earning a point and keeping the home scoring run going was Les Clenshaw. He was a Londoner who had joined the club the previous summer from Southend United. He netted eight League goals that season and this was the start of him scoring four goals in a three game run. In September 1935 he moved on to Mansfield Town.

The scoring run at home continued until mid April when York City recorded a clean sheet in a 2-0 win.

Barrow: Pickard; Hopley, Tinnion, Cowie, Wassell; Baker, Hawkyard, Rowbotham, Clenshaw; Shankly, Robinson.

Gate: 2,959.

1957 Division Three North Gateshead 2 Barrow 2

Joe Harvey's side travelled to the North-east to take on Gateshead at Redheughs Park. Seven days earlier the team had gone down 2-1 at Holker Street to Hull City but now they were looking to defend an unbeaten League run on the road dating back to a 4-1 defeat at Bradford Park Avenue at the end of September.

Since then the team had played seven times – winning three and drawing on four occasions. In addition the team was looking to avenge a 2-1 defeat by the Tynesiders at Holker Street in September. Manager Harvey stuck with an unchanged team and was rewarded with a point in a hard fought draw.

The Barrow scorers were familiar – Billy Gordon grabbed the first goal in what was a prolific season

for him as he netted 27 times in 40 League appearances. The second goal came from Scotsman Bob Callaghan who had joined the club in September 1956 from Division Three North rivals Scunthorpe United. He netted seven times in 23 League games that season. He remained with the club the following season but was released and joined Southern League side Gloucester City in the summer of 1958.

The unbeaten away run ended in the following away game with a 1-0 defeat at York.

Barrow: Lowery; Simpson, Proctor, Wilson, Cahill; Callaghan, Armstrong, Keen, Ormond; Gordon, Glover.

Gate: 2,948.

1985 GL Barrow 3 Dagenham 1

Former Manchester United striker and currently Manchester City assistant manager Brian Kidd had a comparatively short and difficult time as Barrow AFC manager. This was his eighth league game in charge and he went into it still looking for a first league win. His first win had come seven days earlier in an ATS Trophy tie at Holker Street when Wren Rovers had been beaten 1-0 with an own goal.

Kidd had completely re-shaped the playing squad and for the visit of Dagenham, there were three new faces in the side. At right back there was a debut for Benny Phillips who had League experience at Bury and Chester whilst in midfield former Burnley youngster Andy Wharton started alongside former Everton winger Ronnie Goodlass.

Things did not look bright at the interval as on the stroke of half-time Peter McDonnell was controversially judged to have brought down visiting forward Scott and Robert Codner drilled the penalty home.

However it was very different after the break as a Barrow side inspired by Nigel Keen, who was reported to be being watched by a scout from Burnley, took command. The equaliser came on 56 minutes when Kevin Keelan, who had made his debut the previous week, took a quick free kick and found Keen who drilled a shot across the keeper and

into the net – it was Barrow's first league goal since December 1.

Three minutes later Barrow took the lead when another of Kidd's signings, Kevin Gorman, fired home from 15

yards – Gorman had first played for Barrow in 1973 and had been deemed not to be good enough. Now he was back helping the cause after a highly successful spell with Mossley.

The icing on the cake came three minutes from time when Colin Cowperthwaite netted from close range after a Phillips shot rebounded from the post.

The result eased the tension and started a six match unbeaten run.

Barrow: McDonnell; Phillips, Skivington, Brooks, Kennedy; Goodlass, Wharton, Gorman, Keen; Cowperthwaite, Keelan. Subs: Armes & Kidd – unused

Gate: 580.



BRIAN KIDD



Now is the time to rally round and back the club By Phil Yelland

Since our last home Blue Square Premier game against Gateshead on Boxing Day, an awful lot has happened.

Fourteen years ago last month the club went into liquidation and was saved from extinction by those who stepped forward to take over the running of the club with the first task of ensuring survival. Some of those individuals are still involved today.

At that point the club was reconstituted as a members club and over 1,200 members joined from the town and beyond. There is a time and a place, I guess to discuss the constitution and whether it works today in the current economic and business climate – and that might be a topic for discussion at the next AGM.

However what saved the club was the interest and membership scheme. At the moment I believe we might have around 400 members – one third of the original number. Those 400 people are the life blood of the club in many ways but there are many others who attend regularly who are not members. What are the reasons?

Of course for all of us you can forget to pay - I did it one year until very late - or lost interest. However there are two more interesting reasons I have seen.

The first is to the effect that "I don't get anything for my membership". Well for £20 you get very little these days – in fact that would not buy you entrance to a game above Blue Square Bet Premier level in most instances.

The board, in recent times, managed to link some offers to the membership but in reality it is a donation. I think it is not a large donation but every little helps and I have been cheered by a number of contributors to the Forum setting out to get family and friends to become members – every little helps.

The reality is that as a member you do get the right to attend the AGM and if you want to you can put yourself forward to become a director.

The second interesting reason is that people have not rejoined because they don't like the way the club is being and has been run. That is their prerogative but there seem to be to be a lot of unrealistic expectations.

Some of you might just remember the trust type scheme that runs Ebbsfleet United which if reports are to be believed are struggling for members. That was designed to give supporters a say in just about

everything including signings and team selections.

Football is a business and there has to be trust between, in our case, the members and the board. I am sure there would be an acceptance that at times things might have been done better or there might have been better communication but one of the pleasing things again to come out through a number of comments on the Forum is the fact that there is recognition that trying to run a members football club is a difficult and thankless business.

Some of you who read this will agree with these sentiments, others will disagree but that is fine. However, to quote the song "We are all in this together" and we are in a battle so, how can we win it?

On the field, we have to take it as read that Dave and Ash will have whoever puts on the jersey fired up and ready to die for the cause. We have got to back them from minute one to minute 90 – particularly at home. We have a lot of games to play at home against teams in our half of the table and we simply have to win those.

I and many of you have been at Holker Street when a crowd of 1,000 has sounded a lot more and been the team's 12th man. We need that in every game from now until the end of the season.

Off the field we also have to all pull together. Put aside history and let's all pull together. There have been some fantastic schemes appearing on the Forum which people are contributing to such as the betting syndicate – not everyone's cup of tea I accept – the canvas sale, the enthusiasm for Bluebirds Account. These will help but long term we have to find ways of bringing the floaters or non-attenders back.

The bottom line is that we are now competing in a world where you can go to a pub on a Saturday afternoon and watch a Premiership match instead of coming to your local game. There have been some interesting suggestions about attendance prices and the club has run a kids ticket scheme but one of the challenges is that any scheme has to bring in more money than if you didn't do anything. And that's the rub.

Let's look at two recent schemes. A couple of years ago Mansfield ran a scheme for the visit of Gateshead where fans could pay what they wanted to get in. I recall they got a capacity crowd but reports later suggested the gate receipts had been no better than an average home gate – the catering had gone well but for

the next home game the attendance was back to the previous level.

Very recently Morecambe let everyone in for free for the visit of Dagenham & Redbridge on a Tuesday night. A game that might have attracted 1,700 attracted 4,000. But none of those 4,000 paid. Sure they might have brought a programme and food but the gamble Morecambe took is that some of those who came and don't usually come would return. Let's see what their next home gate is.

Some of you might also have read the article about York City's return to the Football League and the fact that despite going to two Wembley appearances during the season they lost over £750k. That tells you that even success doesn't bring profit and if the report was right and suggested that 97per cent of income was spent on player wages, then in my view you can see what is wrong with football.

One of the great myths about us is that we made a lot of money out of two FA Cup third round appearances and winning the Trophy. We did make money but not as

much as people think. The real money that you make, particularly in the FA Cup, is the prize money.

I always remember the trip to Sunderland. Remember they reduced their prices for the game but we still seemed set for a bumper pay day. Then on the day you look and see more stewards than I have ever seen at a Barrow game. All of those had to be paid out of the gate before we got any share.

So, what am I saying (and I think many others are too)? Let's put concerns and criticisms to one side, let's not have a post mortem about recent events now but let's acknowledge that we all have one common goal – to see the team finish 20th in Blue Square Bet Premier or higher when the final whistle blows on April 20.

That means getting behind the team and the club, trying to encourage as many people as possible to join the cause and get behind the team. We didn't have the best team in the world in 1999 but the people of Furness came out in the droves to support them. I know the world is different but let's try for that spirit again.

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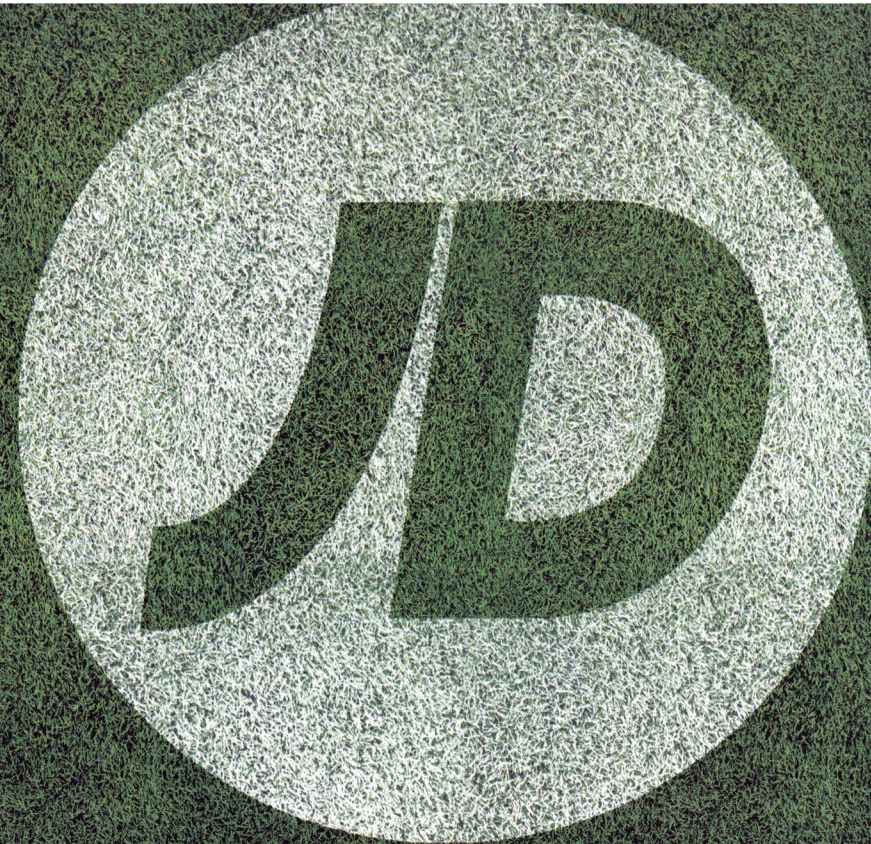
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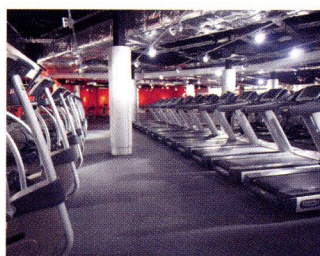
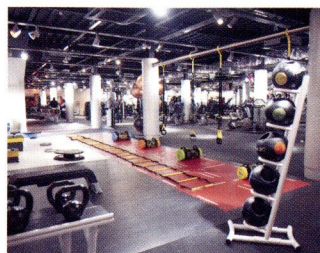
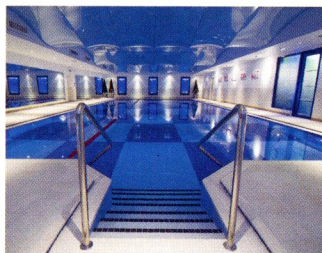


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Down Memory Lane

by Phil Yelland

February began with a series of firsts as Redditch United visited Holker Street - we recorded our first ever Conference North win over them at 2-0. Mark Boyd scored his first goal for the club and Paul Jones netted his first of the season and that set up the visit of league leaders Kettering Town the following Tuesday – that game had been the subject of a late call off in December.

This time the game got underway and Matt Henney even gave us the lead but the heavy persistent rain continued and the abandonment in the second half was inevitable. The signs that team were starting on a run again came in the next two games – at Alfreton and Hinckley.

In the first a back to the wall effort earned a point in a 0-0 draw as Town missed a penalty and then at Hinckley, Chris Thompson equalised with a second half penalty before in injury time Mark Boyd stepped up to curl home a free kick.

There had been transfer movement by this time with young Rhys Hardie released and replaced in the squad by Rio Nelson. Kevin Rapley had returned from Vauxhall Motors but he seemed to be out of the management's plans.

A visit from Blyth Spartans ended in a 1-1 draw with Henney equalising in the second half after the team had laid siege to the visitors' goal – Paul Jones almost grabbed an injury time winner. The crowd of just over 1,000 suggested that the fans might be starting to believe again.

The first week in March was pivotal to what followed. It began with an effective performance at Hilton Park to defeat struggling Leigh RMI 2-1 with goals from Henney and Jason Walker. A midweek win over old rivals Boston United at Holker Street followed thanks to McNulty's early goal.

On March 8, the team produced one of their best performances of the season as they handed out a 5-1 thrashing to Solihull Moors thanks to a Nick Rogan double plus efforts from Walker, Henney and McNulty – the only down side was the late injury to substitute James Scales.

By the time the team visited play-off chasing Nuneaton Borough seven days later there was a new face in the squad – striker Paul Tait, a man of many clubs who joined from Northwich Victoria and he played a part late on as we secured a point in a 0-0 draw – perhaps we had a little luck in the game as Tim Deasy was only cautioned for handling outside his box when he might have seen red.

The play-off places were in reach and two wins over Easter helped us move closer to them. On Good Friday there was a first goal of the year from Andy Bond in injury time to defeat Hyde United and 72 hours later at Hucknall, McNulty popped up to head a first half winner. That set up a trip to AFC Telford who were also chasing a play-off place. The home side were stunned in the opening half hour as Rogan and Walker netted to give us a two goal lead that we never looked like losing.

The result gave us six wins and a draw in March – it was good enough to win Dave Bayliss and Darren Sheridan the "Manager of the Month" award and to make us real play-off contenders.

We had to keep winning to put the pressure on Harrogate Town and Nuneaton Borough and we began the month by squeezing home against Alfreton Town thanks to a Thompson penalty and a late Rogan goal.

The crowd was growing and there was a fair travelling support the following Tuesday night for the trip to Workington. It was a tight local derby and it looked like finishing goalless until with only five

Down Memory Lane

minutes remaining we won a free kick on our right and substitute Darren Sheridan drifted the ball over the wall, beyond Adam Collin and into the net. We were in the play-off zone. The question was whether we could stay there.

The answer was emphatically "yes" as we played our final away game of the season against Redditch United at the Valley Stadium and won 5-0 – Rogan netted twice whilst Walker, Bond and McNulty scored as Deasy saved a penalty, again.

The visit of the champions elect Kettering Town was another milestone as 2,067 fans came through the turnstiles – more than double the number that might have attended the game when originally scheduled back in December. They saw Thompson convert a second half penalty to earn us a point.

That left us with two home games which we simply had to win and the first was against Tamworth. The game was over by half-time as Henney netted twice to give us a 2-0 win. Henney was then withdrawn as he was carrying an injury and he was clearly vital for the final game of the regular season.

The midweek attention turned to play-off rivals Harrogate Town who were playing at Tamworth. They could only manage a draw and that left a simple equation for our final home game against Worcester City – as long as we equalled or bettered the Harrogate Town result we were in the play-offs.

City were stuffy opponents but a crowd of 2,468 - the best for a league game in over ten years - erupted on 17 minutes as the ever reliable Henney netted the only goal of the game to secure a play off place. Aquite remarkable achievement.

Our play-off semi-final opponents were AFC Telford, a side we had done the double over in the league but clearly they were going to be difficult to beat. The first leg was at Holker Street. A magnificent crowd of 2,701 came through the gate, despite the Champions League semi-final between Chelsea and Liverpool, and they had to wait 70 minutes for the breakthrough.

When it came the scorer was a surprise – it was Paul Tait's first goal for the club, scored minutes after replacing Walker. And when Rogan added a second goal in the dying minutes, we were well set for the second leg.

That second leg was played on a Sunday before a partisan home crowd but the majority of the 4,123 fans were stunned in the first half as home defender Roberts turned a Mark Boyd corner past his own keeper and then in the second half substitute Tait struck again to win the game 2-0 and the tie on aggregate 4-0. Just one step more for glory.

Friday, May 8; venue the Pirelli Stadium, Burton. The Blue Square North Play-off Final – Barrow v Stalybridge Celtic. Not the most romantic of venues but one well suited for the game and the live TV coverage.

The crucial news for Barrow was that Henney was fit to start but he had little chance to shine in a first half that saw few chances. Celtic began the second half brighter with Deasy saving from Hall before on 57 minutes the goal arrived. Garner fouled Brown on the right. Boyd floated the ball into the area, McNulty headed down and Matt Henney fired the ball home from close range to the delight of the Barrow fans behind the goal.

There was still half an hour left. Celtic had their chances – there was a shout for a penalty for hand ball against Henney that on another day might have been given; McNulty hacked the ball clear after Deasy had made a fingertip stop to deny Barlow; and Tait, on for Walker, had spent the last ten minutes playing as an extra central defender.

When the final whistle sounded there was a mixture of elation and disbelief. How could this be the side that at the start of November had been staring relegation in the face? Well it was and somehow Dave Bayliss and Darren Sheridan had lifted the team to glory beyond the fans wildest dreams. "Shoes off if you love Barrow?" You bet.





BARROW AFC FIXTURES, RESULTS & LINE-UPS 2012 - 13

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	Att.	Pos.	STARTING ELEVEN				
August										
Sat 11th	AFC Telford United	H	D 0-0	1087	17	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Hessey ★	Anderson
Tue 14th	Hyde	A	D 0-0	798	17	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Hessey	Anderson
Sat 18th	Woking	A	L 1-3	1373	20	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Hessey	Anderson
Sat 25th	Alfreton Town	H	L 1-3	798	21	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Hessey	Anderson
Mon 27th	Macclesfield Town	A	L 0-2	1711	23	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Anderson	Aldred
September										
Sat 1st	Kidderminster Harriers	H	D 1-1	778	22	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Anderson	Aldred
Tue 4th	Grimsby Town	H	D 2-2	966	22	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Anderson	Aldred
Sat 8th	Tamworth	A	W 3-1	892	21	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Anderson	Aldred
Sat 15th	Newport County	H	L 0-3	802	22	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Anderson	Aldred
Sat 22nd	Ebbsfleet United	A	W 4-2	780	19	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey ●	Pearson M	Aldred
Tue 25th	Wrexham	A	L 0-3	2881	21	Hurst ★	Flynn	Skelton	Pearson M	Aldred
Sat 29th	Cambridge United	H	L 1-4	904	22	Hurst	Flynn	SKELTON	Pearson M	Aldred
October										
Sat 6th	Braintree Town	A	W 3-2	608	19	Hurst	Pearson M	Anderson	Aldred	Flynn
Tue 9th	Southport	H	W 3-2	924	19	Hurst	Flynn ★	Skelton	Pearson M	Anderson
Sat 13th	Dartford	H	D 0-0	1278	19	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M	Anderson
Sat 20th	Tamworth FA Cup 4Q	H	W 2-0	1104	19	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M ★	Anderson
Sat 27th	Nuneaton Town	A	D 1-1	844	17	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey ★	Pearson M	Anderson
November										
Sat 3rd	Guisley FA Cup 1	A	D 2-2	1605	17	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M	Anderson
Tue 6th	Stockport County	A	L 1-3	2805	18	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M ★	Anderson
Sat 10th	Lincoln City	H	L 1-2	987	22	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M	Aldred
Tue 13th	Guisley FA Cup 1 rep	H	W 1-0	1402	22	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M ★	Aldred
Sat 17th	Forest Green Rovers	H	D 2-2	853	23	Hurst	FLYNN	Hessey	Pearson M	Aldred ★
Sat 24th	Hyde FA Trophy 1	A	D 1-1	438	23	Hurst	FLYNN	Hessey	Pearson M	Aldred
Tue 27th	Hyde FA Trophy 1 Replay	H	W 1-0	728	23	Hurst	Flynn	Skelton	Pearson M	Anderson
December										
Tue 4th	AFC Telford United	A	D 1-1	1333	23	Hurst ★	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M	Anderson
Fri 7th	Hereford United	H	L 0-2	867	23	Hurst	Flynn	Hessey	Pearson M	Byrne
Sat 15th	Chesham FA Trophy 2	A	W 5-1	470	24	Pearson S	Flynn	Skelton	Pearson M	Hessey
Tue 18th	Macclesfield Town FA Cup 2	H	D 1-1	1592	24	Hurst	Flynn	Skelton	Pearson M	Hessey
Wed 26th	Gateshead	H	L 0-2	1135	24	Hurst	Flynn	Skelton	Pearson M	Hessey
Sat 29th	Macclesfield Town FA Cup 2	A	L 1-4	1554	24	Hurst	Flynn	Skelton	Pearson M	Hessey
January 2013										
Tue 1st	Gateshead	A	W 1-0	610	24	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Hessey	Anderson
Sat 5th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	L 0-2	1703	24	Hurst	Pearson M	Skelton	Hessey	Anderson
Tue 8th	Luton Town	A	L 1-6	5165	24	Hurst	Flynn	Skelton	Pearson M	Hessey
Sat 19th	Newport County	A	W 2-0	2107	23	Hurst	FLYNN	Skelton	Pearson M	Hessey
Tue 29th	Gateshead FA Trophy 3	A	W 3-2	728	23	Hurst	FLYNN	Skelton	Pearson M	Hessey
February										
Sat 2nd	Luton Town	H								
Tue 5th	Gainsborough Trinity FA Trophy QF	A								
Sat 9th	Mansfield Town	A								
Tue 12th	Southport	A								
Sat 16th	Nuneaton Town	H								
Tue 19th	Woking	H								
Sat 23rd	Lincoln City	A								
Tue 26th	Wrexham	H								
March										
Sat 2nd	Tamworth	H								
Tue 5th	Alfreton Town	A								
Sat 9th	Forest Green Rovers	A								
Tues 12th	Stockport County	H								
Sat 16th	Hereford United	A								
Tue 19th	Dartford	A								
Sat 23rd	Ebbsfleet United	H								
Tue 26th	Macclesfield Town	H								
Sat 30th	Grimsby Town	A								

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FURTHER CUP DATES 2012 / 13	
ROUND	DATE
F.A. TROPHY	
Semi Final 1 st Leg	Saturday February 16 th
Semi Final 2 nd Leg	Saturday February 23 rd
Final (at Wembley)	Sunday March 24 th

LANCS F.A. CO-OPERATIVE TROPHY	
(Does not take precedence over Conference Premier fixtures)	
Third Round	TBA
Semi-Final	TBA
Final	Monday March 11 th (Reebok Stadium)

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April

Mon 1st	Hyde	H
Sat 6th	Mansfield Town	H
Sat 13th	Cambridge United	A
Sat 20th	Braintree Town	H
TBA		
	Marine Lancs Trophy 2	A

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1	Grimby	28	9	3	3	28	10	5	7	1	17	9	26	52				
2	Wrexham	28	7	5	2	32	17	7	4	3	23	13	25	51				
3	Newport	27	8	3	4	29	21	7	1	4	28	22	14	49				
4	Forest Green	28	6	3	3	24	13	8	3	5	23	17	17	48				
5	Kidderminster	29	8	3	4	25	13	5	5	4	15	11	16	47				
6	Luton	25	7	2	3	28	14	6	2	5	19	23	10	43				
7	Dartford	28	8	2	4	29	19	4	3	7	17	22	5	41				
8	Mansfield	25	7	3	3	21	13	5	2	5	21	24	5	41				
9	Cambridge	28	7	3	5	26	20	3	6	4	24	24	6	39				
10	Macclesfield	27	7	3	4	20	15	4	3	6	21	27	-1	39				
11	Hereford	25	5	3	4	19	17	4	5	4	18	21	-1	35				
12	Southport	28	5	3	6	19	25	4	5	5	27	28	-7	35				
13	Woking	26	8	1	4	27	19	3	1	9	16	34	-10	35				
14	Braintree	27	4	3	6	17	26	6	2	6	20	21	-10	35				
15	Alfreton	27	3	5	5	18	25	5	5	4	17	21	-11	34				
16	Hyde	27	5	4	4	24	16	4	1	9	17	25	0	32				
17	Lincoln City	28	5	3	7	25	29	3	5	5	18	21	-7	32				
18	Gateshead	25	4	5	2	15	10	3	5	6	15	22	-2	31				
19	Tamworth	27	4	2	8	13	20	5	2	6	19	20	-8	31				
20	Stockport	27	5	2	7	24	26	3	5	5	13	20	-9	31				
21	Telford	30	2	7	6	17	23	3	7	5	21	22	-7	29				
22	Nuneaton	28	4	7	3	22	20	2	3	9	13	30	-15	28				
23	BARROW	26	1	5	6	11	23	5	3	6	18	26	-20	26				
24	Ebbsfleet	26	2	7	4	19	23	3	2	8	17	29	-16	24				

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

	
TODAY	
AFC Telford	v Cambridge
BARROW	v Luton
Braintree	v Lincoln
Forest Green	v Wrexham
Grimby	v Alfreton
Hereford	v Southport
Mansfield	v Dartford
Newport	v Kidderminster
Stockport	v Nuneaton
Tamworth	v Gateshead
Woking	v Hyde

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TROPHY

TUESDAY
Quarter-Final
Gainsborough v **BARROW**

WEDNESDAY
Quarter-Final Replay
Dartford v **FC Halifax**

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PREMIER

NEXT SATURDAY

Alfreton	v	Woking
Braintree	v	Hereford
Ebbsfleet	v	Gateshead
Grimsby	v	Telford
Hyde	v	Macclesfield
Kidderminster	v	Cambridge
Lincoln	v	Dartford
Luton	v	Forest Green
Mansfield	v	BARROW
Newport	v	Tamworth
Nuneaton	v	Southport
Wrexham	v	Stockport

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# - Subject to FA Trophy	
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12th	
AFC Telford	v Hyde
Cambridge	v Alfreton
Dartford	v Luton
Forest Green	v Braintree
Gateshead	v Kidderminster
Hereford	v Wrexham
Newport	v Mansfield
Nuneaton	v Grimsby
# Southport	v BARROW
Stockport	v Lincoln
Tamworth	v Macclesfield

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16th

AFC Telford	v	Tamworth
Alfreton	v	Macclesfield
# BARROW	v	Nuneaton
Braintree	v	Southport
Ebbfleet	v	Stockport
# Forest Green	v	Dartford
Gateshead	v	Wrexham
Hereford	v	Lincoln
Hyde	v	Kidderminster
Mansfield	v	Cambridge
Woking	v	Grimsbv

FA Cup with Budweiser

Fifth Round
Luton v **Millwall**

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Semi-Finals First Leg

Grimsby	v	FC Halifax or Dartford
Wrexham	v	Gainsborough or BARROW



TODAY'S SQUADS...



BARROW AFC

1. Danny HURST
2. Matt FLYNN
3. Gavin SKELTON
4. Sean HESSEY
5. Mike PEARSON
6. James OWEN
7. Paul RUTHERFORD
8. Richie BAKER
9. Adam BOYES
10. Danny L ROWE
11. Danny ROWE
14. Alex-Ray HARVEY
15. Garry HUNTER
18. Danny O'DONNELL
21. Sean PEARSON
22. Sean McCONVILLE

**White shirts; blue shorts;
white socks**

LUTON TOWN

1. Mark TYLER
2. Lathaniel ROWE-TURNER
3. Greg TAYLOR
4. GARRY RICHARDS
6. Janos KOVACS
7. Alex LAWLESS
8. Danny SPILLER
9. Jon SHAW
10. Scott RENDELL
11. Jake HOWELLS
12. Simon AINGE
13. Stuart FLEETWOOD
14. Arnaud MENDY
15. Adam WATKINS
16. Alex LACEY
17. JJ O'DONNELL
19. James DANCE
20. Scott NEILSON
21. Lewis KIDD
23. Matt ROBINSON
24. Connor ESSAM
25. Ronnie HENRY
27. Andre GRAY
28. Jake WOOLEY
29. Dan WALKER
32. Alasan ANN
33. Dean BRILL

**Navy shirts; white shorts;
navy socks**

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Anthony Backhouse Assistants: Graeme Fyvie and Stuart Campbell
4th Official: Paul Brown