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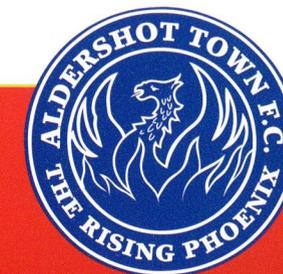
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# from the **dugout**

Andy Scott / Team Manager

**Welcome back to the Electrical Services Stadium where we welcome probably the biggest non league Club that ever has been at this level.**

**W**ith regular home attendances above 6000 and with their rich history in the Football League Cup in 1988 and more recently winning the Football League Trophy in 2009, they certainly have the structure, support and finances to be playing much higher in the football pyramid.

With the appointment of John Still, they have an extremely experienced, knowledgeable and tactically astute manager who knows this level of football inside out, has an impeccable record of bringing players through the levels having spotted them in the lower reaches of non league and understands the rigours and consistency required to gain promotion.

Therefore, tonight's game represents another tough task for our players, and one thing is for certain, we will need to start a lot better than we did on Saturday. The first 10 minutes was a disaster from our point of view, giving the ball away in bad areas, giving away free kicks and allowing the opposition to create chances before we had even started.

To give two goals away to any team so early in the match is a difficult position to find yourself in but to do it to a team that now sit second in the league is nearly an impossible task. Having said that, once we found our rhythm we kept the ball moving well and created a lot of chances. We had 20 shots at their goal and with nine on target it was no surprise that their goalkeeper got the man of the match award!

We have been working hard on our movement, passing and attacking tempo, but we need to make sure that we are ruthless in front of goal to convert our possession into goals. We can't rely on our usually efficient defence to keep clean sheets every week. Everyone is aware of their responsibilities in front of goal, not only in open play but at set plays too.

As we stand now, Luton Town are the seventh team we have played in the top half, with of course us having played Grimsby Town twice, and overall I can say that we have been competitive with all of those teams, playing some good football, being defensively solid and the only issue is our consistency and goal scoring that can be looked at as something that will determine where we finish at the end of the season. We knew September and October presented a very tough run of fixtures and that has certainly proved to be the case but there are lots of signs of encouragement, with lots of young players improving by the week, something that we all should be encouraged by.

Everyone is working as hard as we possibly can to get enough points to firstly get out of the bottom four and then to push up the league and that will remain the case until the final game.

**Thanks for your continued support,**

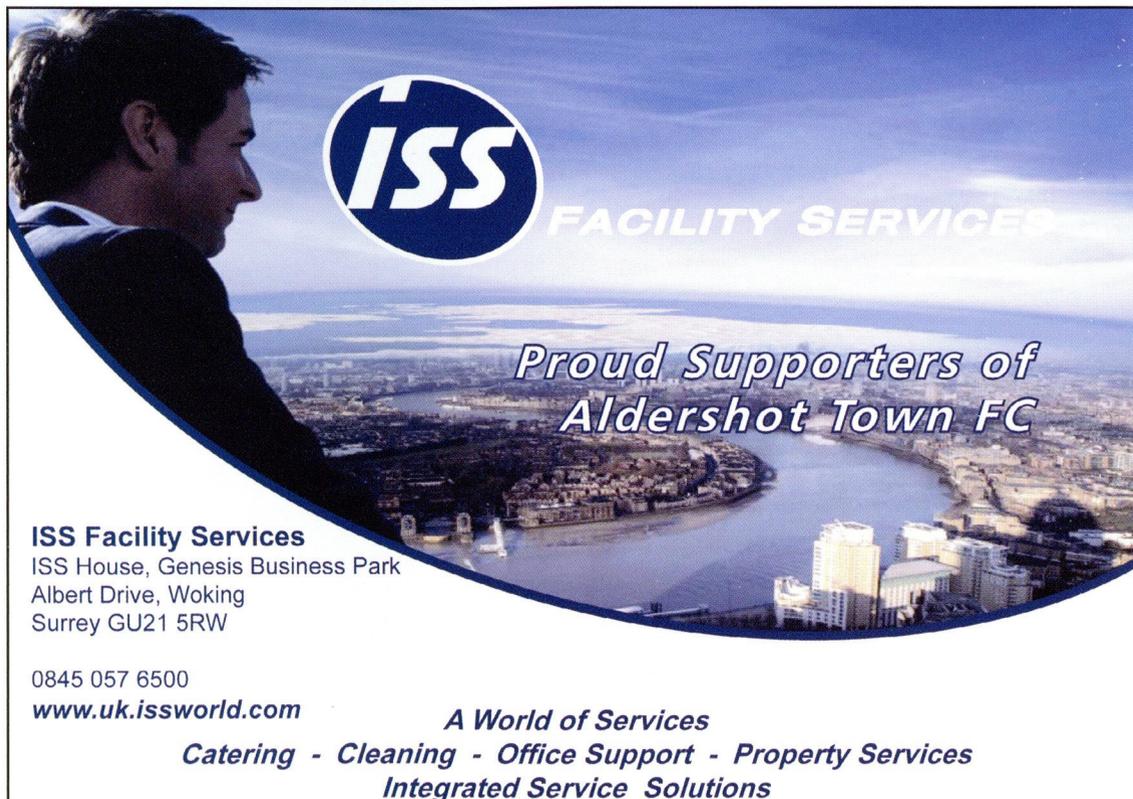
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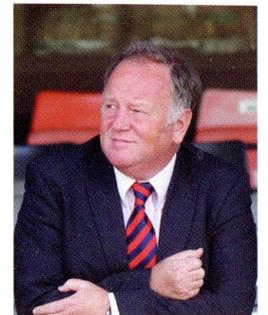
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## from the **boardroom**

Tony Knights / Director

**Remembering our original vision for this season is so important in a league where any team can beat any other team.**



**‘W**ouldn't it be great getting to Wembley this season in the play-offs?’ was a statement I found myself nodding to in a discussion in my office. When I came to my senses my reply was simple. ‘Are you for real? Our aim is to stay up, have you forgotten we had a ten point deduction?’ I have had this discussion on a couple of occasions over the last couple of weeks and it's right if we went on a good run we could climb up the league, why not? The league has had some strange results this season and any team can beat the other. I then find myself questioning my lack of ambition and then on Saturday Grimsby came to Town. Yes we lost 3-0 but it could have been so different in a number of ways during that game and it brought me back to earth, this is a tough league so staying in it this year with a minus 10 point start was our plan and let's not get carried away.

Behind the scenes at the club is more interesting now than I have ever seen it in my time. Our first team squad are a close tight-knit group of players that not only work extremely hard but also portray the right attitude and are very grounded. Last week gave the squad a much-needed rest from the games coming thick and fast with three games in just six days. I recently wrote in my book how disappointed I was with some of the players' attitude last season towards the relegation battle. I believe that if we had the players we have now last season with their great attitude we would still be in the Football League.

We even have two international players with Joe Oastler recently playing for the England C team and now Adam Webster away playing for the England under 19 team.

In last Saturday's programme John Leppard highlighted how important two-way communication is for our club going forward. The Aldershot Town FC programme is one of the methods of positive communication around the club and Victoria Rogers and her team should be congratulated on the recognition that the club gets for such a good read. The programme now includes a two-page spread on the Youth Academy. Please take the time to read this spread as Darren Barnard has produced miracles on the pitch whilst Kevin Knights and Jo McBrearty fulfill the college timetable. For those that have Twitter you will have noticed that this is a good method of communicating and over the last couple of weeks the club and academy have been running competitions through their Twitter accounts.

Lastly, anyone that is unemployed is advised to touch base with the Job Centre Plus and enquire about the future courses that the club are running with the aim of trying to get people back into work. The club will also be running sports courses for 16-18 year olds that have left school and haven't gained employment.

I hope you enjoy tonight's game and we get the result that we all want.

Tony

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# captain's log

Craig Stanley / Team Captain  
in conversation with Victoria Rogers

## On Luton Town

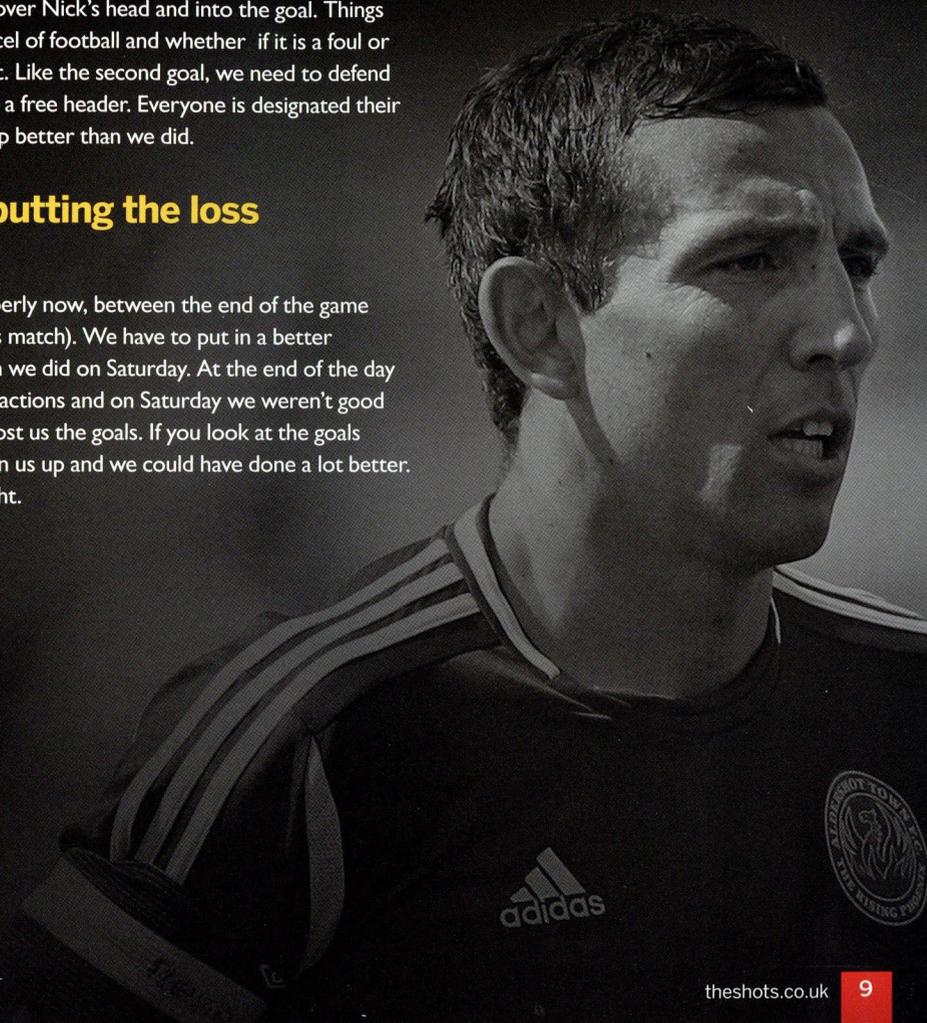
Luton are a well-supported club, a big club for this division but like anything, just because you are a big club doesn't mean you're going to be successful. They've got a good manager in John Still who knows the lower divisions very well and they've got a good squad there so they'll be trying to push for promotion the same as a lot of other teams. Our home form, up to Grimsby game, has been very good so I don't think they'll fancy coming to play here.

## On the loss to Grimsby

At some times we played some good football, we had a few chances and maybe if we had scored the penalty then it might have been a different game. But we weren't good enough and were giving too many opportunities away, especially in the first half because of course we conceded the two goals so early on. In the second half we maybe were the better team but Grimsby scored their third goal, after a foul. The lad tried to cross it in but it went over Nick's head and into the goal. Things like that are part and parcel of football and whether if it is a foul or not we've got to defend it. Like the second goal, we need to defend the cross better, they got a free header. Everyone is designated their man. We need to mark up better than we did.

## On the team putting the loss behind them

We have to prepare properly now, between the end of the game and Tuesday (for tonight's match). We have to put in a better performance tonight than we did on Saturday. At the end of the day games are won by little fractions and on Saturday we weren't good enough and that's what cost us the goals. If you look at the goals Grimsby didn't really open us up and we could have done a lot better. We look to do that tonight.



# match action

Kidderminster Harriers 0

**The Shots** 0

**Date:** Friday 28 September 2013  
**Kick Off:** 7.45 pm  
**Fixture Type:** The Skryll Premier  
**Location:** Aggborough  
**Attendance:** 2,049 (Away 147)



### KIDDERMINSTER

- 2 Lee Vaughan
- 3 Mickey Demetriou
- 8 Lee Fowler (Johnson 81)
- 9 Michael Gash
- 10 Anthony Malbon
- 15 Jamie Grimes
- 16 Danny Jackman (Storer 60)
- 18 Callum Gittens
- 21 Joe Lolley (Morgan-Smith 60)
- 23 Nathan Vaughan
- 30 Josh Gowling

### Subs:

- 1 Daniel Lewis
- 4 Kyle Storer
- 11 Marvin Johnson
- 14 Dior Angus
- 22 Amari Morgan-Smith

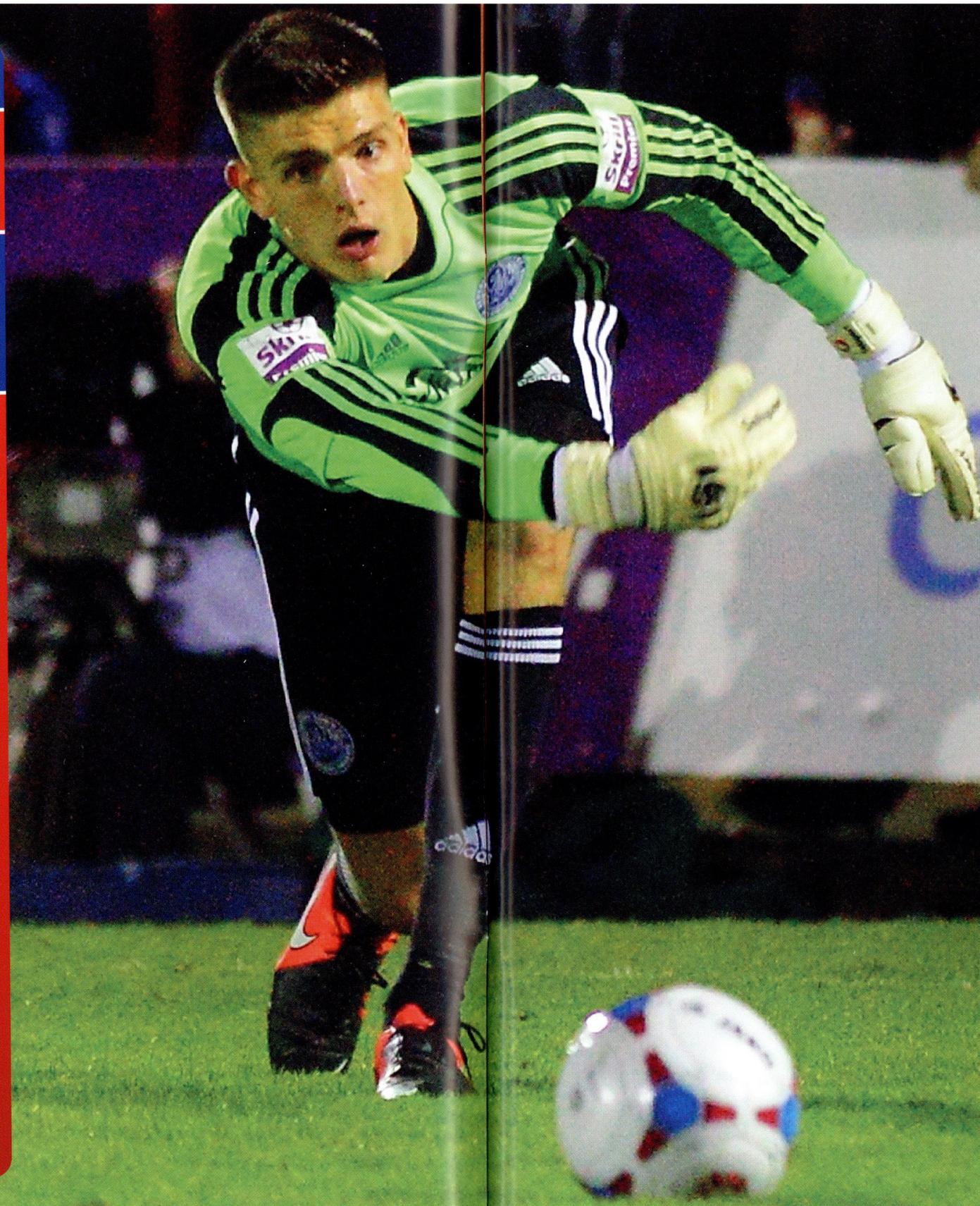


### ALDERSHOT TOWN

- 25 Nick Pope
- 4 Craig Stanley
- 5 Jake Goodman
- 6 Adam Webster
- 8 Martin Rowlands
- 9 Brett Williams
- 12 Manny Oyeleke
- 14 Jordan Roberts
- 15 Chris Barker
- 19 Mark Molesley
- 24 Lewis Young (Paterson 66)

### Subs:

- 10 Matt Paterson
- 11 Aaron Wickham
- 20 Meshack Douglas
- 21 Luke Williams
- 22 Jaydon Gibbs



**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
6: Stanley through ball to Lewis Young, who is fouled as he turns goalwards - Rowlands bends a 25y free-kick just past Vaughan's right post

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
23: Gash's whipped cross on the run finds Malbon rising against Oyeleke at the far-post, and the header is wide. 0-0

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
45: Williams wins a high ball and his lay-off invites Molesley to shoot, but he takes the all on the up and it flies over the bar



**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
48: Stanley sets Molesley on a diagonal run across the box, space seems to open up for him but his shot is blocked by the sliding Grimes



**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
69: Williams is strong to win Rowlands' pass in the far corner, but the cross is cut out by Nathan Vaughan ahead of the onrushing Paterson

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
Storer's snapshot is blocked on the edge of the box as Harriers try to snatch a late winner

Photography by Adrian Hoskins

# around the ESS



with Victoria Rogers



**T**onight we welcome Luton Town to the Electrical Services Stadium for our first meeting since 2009. The problems the Hatters have experienced over the years have been well documented as a proud club, beset with so many problems- many of which we have experienced ourselves here at Aldershot Town- fell from the top flight of English football through the divisions and ended up in the Conference Premier. This is Luton's fifth season down in non league and I think it is safe to say that nobody in the world of football expected their stay here to last as long as it has.

Luton's final season in the Football League was Shots' first but from the very start of the 2008/09 season it was obvious that it was going to be an almost impossible struggle for the Hatters. The highest penalty point deduction ever in English football was handed down for two alleged misdemeanours- 10 points for illegal payments to agents and a further 20 for having a poor administration history, leaving them rooted to the bottom of the division for weeks. Sadly there was no way this massive deduction could be overcome and Luton were relegated at the end of the season.

Here at Aldershot Town we also know about points deductions, having received our own ten-point penalty for entering administration. Andy Scott, his players and staff have worked wonders in moving the Shots to a positive of

eight points and after only 12 matches. There is still a long way to go though and the next target is of course, moving out of the bottom four. Aldershot Town would currently be in a strong mid table position in normal circumstances and it is because of this, plus a superior goal difference to the other teams around us which gives everyone at the club the confidence and belief that this season will not end in disappointment.

As for Luton, they, under John Still continue to strive for that promotion back to the Football League, something we also know a lot about here at Aldershot Town. After a seven goal thriller against AFC Halifax on Saturday afternoon when they came from 3:1 down to snatch the winner in the 83rd minute the Hatter have moved into the play-off places and will of course be looking to cement that position this evening. They are a well-supported club with over 6,000 fans attending home games and a good many travelling too and although this match is midweek there will undoubtedly be a strong contingent here from Bedfordshire. There is no denying that Luton Town is a very big club for this division but tonight both teams meet as equals, as members of the Skriff Conference Premier and everyone will be hoping for an exciting match that showcases the kind of football that can be played, even at this level.

## Gary Waddock

**B**esides having a link with Luton Town that reflects on both teams' turbulent histories, there are other connections with the Hatters too. Luke Guttridge, who played for the Shots between August 2010 and January 2012 signed for Luton in the Summer and Scott Rendell, currently on loan to fellow Skriff Conference side Woking is also a Hatter. Scott was a youth product here at the Shots in 2003 and has the honour of being Shots' youngest ever goalscoring debutant against Yeading in the Isthmian League Charity Shield. However, the one name that everyone will remember here at Aldershot Town is Gary Waddock who played 150 matches for Luton between 1994 and 1998. Gary was of course the manager who took Aldershot Town back to the Football League in 2008, an achievement that will never be forgotten here at The ESS. His departure in October 2009 was perhaps a little abrupt but that does not take away from the fact that

he along with assistant Martin Kuhl, were the architects of the culmination of a 16-year dream - the Shots returning to the Football League. That dream is sadly over for the timebeing but there is no reason why Aldershot Town should not rise again one day. Andy Scott and his players are bringing the attacking, entertaining football back to the ground, the like we have seen little of since the days of Gary Waddock and although the most important thing for this club currently is stability and financial prudence, work on both of which has been going on since before the start of the season, once those two elements are fully embedded there is no reason why Shots' supporters should not begin to dream again. For the timebeing though, we will all continue to be glad that we have a club at all and wait patiently for the time when Shots will rise again.

## Programme

**F**or the Barnet match, which took place on an extremely wet evening three weeks ago, Aldershot Town were visited by the 'Groundhopper' who writes a regular column in the Non League Paper. Groundhopper always assesses various aspects of the match and its environs and I am delighted to say that the programme received a four out of five rating with

Groundhopper describing it as 'A great read'. My thanks go to all who work so hard on the programme, both on contributions and production- this comment reflects on all of the great work that each of you provides.

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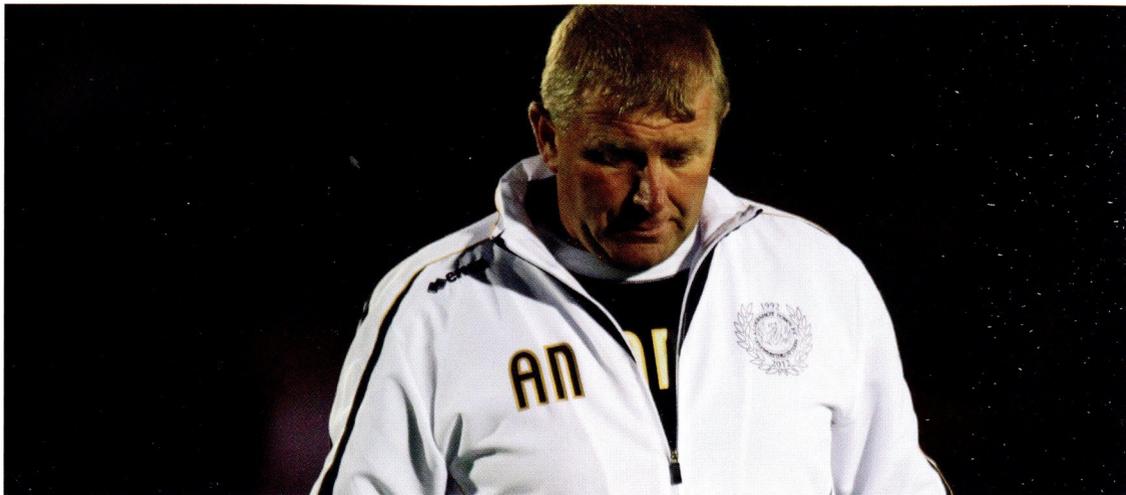
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# andy nunn **groundsman**



## Anyone that knows Aldershot Town Football Club will know of Andy Nunn.

**A**ndy became Head Groundsman at the start of the 2006/07 season replacing his father-in-law Dave Tomlinson who had served the Recreation Ground pitch for 44 years. Andy is a former player too, making 118 appearances after joining in the inaugural 1992/93 season where he won an Isthmian League Division Three championship medal. He also featured for Wokingham Town and Holbeach United. Andy has served the club in a variety of positions including reserve and youth team manager. He was a previous manager of Farnham Town and also reserve team boss at Farnborough Town.

All visiting clubs make mention of our great playing surface and the former Aldershot Town player is rightly proud of the accolades that he has received over the years. Andy is the club's full-time groundsman where other clubs in the league employ part-time groundsman. The difference is as we travel around the country to other clubs we have yet to see a club with a surface as good as Aldershot's. This was obviously a key factor

for Chelsea bringing their reserve games to the ESS stadium. "It is about pride too but you are always looking to improve the standard season upon season" Andy will tell you. The true mark of Andy as a groundsman came in January where despite the heavy snowfall Andy and his team managed to get the game played against Northampton after several pitch inspections. "There is plenty of effort put in which enables protection to the pitch during the winter months which also means that as we came out of the cold spells there is still plenty of grass on the pitch."

Andy is married to Sharon and has a son Kurtis who is a big Aldershot supporter and who regularly helps out after school on the pitch. Andy is well known around the club for his quick yet dry sense of humour and gets on with everyone he meets. When not at the club Andy spends his time either playing golf or representing the Aldershot Traction Club at bowls.

Aldershot Town Football Club are proud to have Andy on our team and the proof is on the surface.

# jack **rollin**

Vice President



**It's pretty scary when you start playing with anagrams of words and often find how appropriate they still remain. Take astronomer as an example and you can discover moon starrer. Really there is nothing new under the sun, especially in football.**

**W**ith goal-line technology now in place in higher circles at least, it is interesting to note that in the early 1930s the idea of goal judges was put forward as a serious idea to combat the over-the-line incidents that occasionally occurred then and of course, had no television cameras present to stir things up.

This came about through criticism of the work of linesmen but the officials were stoutly defended by the football authorities and the idea was rejected. However, a few years later there were a number of experiments using two referees. Again this came to nothing, though it was revived.

Of course we have seen in recent years the fifth and sixth officials lurking behind goals in an attempt to forestall the progress into technology. This will doubtless become a fading memory.

Then back again in time with the post-Great War Third Division established with two sections North and South less than ten years old, there were suggestions to set up a Fourth Division with a similar geographical split. The composition of the separate sections was interesting. One had four of the Northern teams mentioned as Castleford Town, Manchester Central, Connah's Quay and Colwyn Bay. In the South: Aldershot Town, Guildford City, Pontypridd(!) and Grays Thurrock who were our first opponents in the Southern

League in 1928-29 season.

Remember, too, that this was at the height of the Depression and such forward thinking seemed inappropriate for the time. But clearly there was optimism for the future. Had the Fourth Division, presumably of 22 teams in each section come about, the Football League would have expanded to an incredible 132 clubs!

As to the Pontypridd connection the club had actually gone out of business in 1926 – the year of the General Strike in the country. Obviously the source of this actual Fourth Division idea was clearly Welsh in origin, hence Connah's Quay and Colwyn Bay among others. But it provided a fascinating diversion.

To other matters, the world did produce literally, the ideal man-in-the-middle, one Charlie Faultless. Born in Giffnock, Scotland in 1908 he was a fine all-round sportsman including playing in goal. A broken leg ended his career between the sticks, so he took up refereeing and reached FIFA status. This was following war service in the RAF as a Flying Officer. He was unique in that he was in charge of the highest scoring aggregate of goals in a World Cup final tournament when he officiated at the Austria 7 Switzerland 5 match in 1954.

I tried to research a game in which Charlie was the referee and Frank Thomas Perfect was one of the players. Alas Charlie was confined mostly to

Scotland and abroad, Frank in English domestic football. Perfect was a Gorleston native born there in 1915 and played his first serious football with the local team as a full-back.

He also represented Norfolk before signing professional forms for Norwich City and subsequently appeared for Mansfield Town, Wolves Reserves, Tranmere Rovers and Southampton before the war virtually ended his career. In fact his name no longer appeared on the Saints retained list of players by 1943.

Quite what Charlie Faultless would have made of Tommy Fairfoul of Liverpool who played in the 1914 FA Cup final I don't know, but since he was only six at the time it is irrelevant. It is a pity, though, because Tommy was a Scot and played for Kilmarnock and Third Lanark before coming to Merseyside.

Naturally Charlie might have thought to keep an eye on one Arthur Trevor Lawless, who some of our older supporters vintage 1957 could have spotted albeit fleetingly as he came from Oldham Athletic, played just two first team games six months apart and was then off to Southport. He did have other strings; as one of the first graduates from the Open University and an MSc from Loughborough University.

Finally with anagrams in mind, the scariest must be Mother-in-Law as Hitler Woman. Time to go!

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Glenn Morris	11	-	-	15	1	-	-	-
Joe Oastler	11	-	1	11	-	1	2	-
Anthony Tonkin	-	-	-	40	2	-	-	-
Craig Stanley	13	-	-	18	-	1	2	-
Jake Goodman	13	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
Adam Webster	13	-	-	13	-	-	1	-
Adam Mekki	1	-	-	35	35	3	-	-
Martin Rowlands	12	1	-	12	1	-	2	-
Brett Williams	13	-	6	13	-	6	2	-
Matt Paterson	10	2	1	10	2	1	-	-
Arron Wickham	2	6	2	2	6	2	-	-
Manny Oyeleke	12	1	2	12	1	2	2	-
Jordan Roberts	2	9	1	5	17	1	2	-
Chris Barker	13	-	-	13	-	-	1	-
Jack Maloney	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
Cameron Brown	1	3	-	1	3	-	-	-
Mark Molesley	13	-	2	55	8	4	2	-
Meshack Douglas	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Jaydon Gibbs	1	3	2	1	3	2	-	-
Lewis Young	3	1	-	3	1	-	-	-
Nick Pope	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Elliott Blair	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Jake Edwards	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Joe Gater	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Rob Gerrard	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Nick Grosvenor	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Kofi Halliday	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Charlie Kennedy	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Matt Rudolph	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Shaun Sims	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Milan Stosavljevic	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bobby Webbe	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

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# match action

Fleet Town 2  
Davis, Mudge

**The Shots** 6  
Halliday, Wickham, Brown, Mudge, Gibbs (2)

**Date:** Tuesday 1 October 2013  
**Kick Off:** 7.45pm  
**Fixture Type:** The Hampshire Senior Cup  
**Location:** Calthorpe Park  
**Attendance:** N/A



## FLEET TOWN

Pryce  
Moore  
Mudge  
Davis  
Blaxall (Rousell 72)  
Carter  
Staines (Craig Stanley 66)  
B White  
Cadete  
Mwambo (J White 80)  
Carr

### Subs:

Callum Stanley  
Culls  
Rousell  
Craig Stanley  
J White



## ALDERSHOT TOWN

Stojavljevic  
Edwards  
Sims (Rudolph 61)  
Gater (Grosvenor 80)  
Gerrard  
Webbe  
Kennedy  
Halliday (Blair 45)  
Brown  
Gibbs  
Wickham

### Subs:

L Williams  
French  
Rudolph  
Blair  
Grosvenor

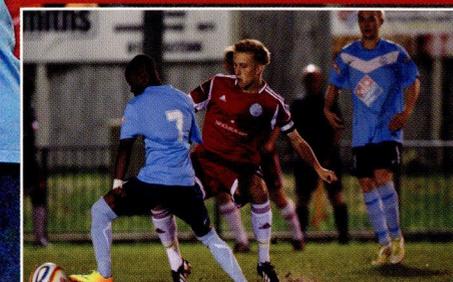


**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
3 mins in and the Shots take the lead with a finish by Kofi Halliday.

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
10 mins in and Fleet score a looping header from a corner. 1-1

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
21 mins in and a lovely ball over the top sees Arron Wickham calmly take it around the GK and slot it home. 2-1 up!

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
GOAL: 33 mins - Brown with a great bursting run and a cool finish! 3-1 up! #Shots



**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
GOAL: Kofi gets in behind and crosses the ball and hits off the defender for an OG. 4-1

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
GOAL: 57 min and the Gibbs slots home. 5-1



**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
GOAL: Fleet score from a corner after Milan makes a fine save. 2-5

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
GOAL: 79th min and Gibbs scores a cracker from outside the box. 2-6

# shots in the tweeting top ten

BY ROB WORRALL

**Shots in the Top Ten? Of the Skrill Conference Premier? Well sadly, no, not yet anyway! Who knows just how high Andy Scott's team can go, given the solid start the new squad has made.**

In fact, there's no 'official' Top 10 for this particular league...it's simply the result of a quick scan of the number of Twitter followers that each club in the Skrill Conference Premier has.

It may come as a surprise to some, but @OfficialShots - Aldershot Town's official Twitter account, at the time of writing, had a staggering, 7,187 'followers'. To put that number in perspective, it's more than three times our average home attendance, which stands at 2,117 to date this season.

So, where are these 'followers'? Undoubtedly, a lot will live locally. Many will live elsewhere in the country, or indeed abroad - 'Stray Shots' as we like to affectionately call them, but it does make you wonder how many are 'floating' football fans, that keep an eye on The Shots' progress. Who knows, with continued good form and entertaining football, The Shots could perhaps entice some of them to, or back to, the Electrical Services Stadium.

If you were to measure how big, or how popular, a football club is by the number of Twitter followers they have, then our visitors today, Luton Town are the 'biggest' club in the Skrill Premier (14,802) and Alfreton are the smallest - with just 1,936. Our local rivals Woking have 3,905. Shots actually sit eighth in this particular league table and even have more followers than Conference leaders Cambridge United (5,738) and only around 300 less than Grimsby Town (7,463)



So, when it comes to Twitter followers, The Shots are definitely 'punching' above our weight', as it were, but full credit must go to those running the PR side at Barnet FC, for they sit fifth, with almost 9,000 followers - more than 4/5 times their average home league attendance at The Hive, to date this season (1,913).

If you still have your doubts about the importance of Twitter - and as to whether or not it is here to stay, here's a few other numbers for you. Manchester United have over 1m followers on Twitter (1,109,802) but incredibly, Manchester City have more! (1,223,140). And if you think that's impressive, then how about this - Chelsea have more than both the Manchester clubs put together! (2,849,429). However, it's actually Arsenal who top the Premier League Twitter Table, with a whopping 2,867,502 followers! Now, add together the followers of all four of those Premiership giants and you'll still come up short of the number of Twitter followers the 'Big Two' have in Spain. Real Madrid have 8,994,104 and Barcelona, a breath-taking 10,170,982!

Within the Shots' Media Team, our own learning has been that keeping the Twitter account as active and interactive as possible certainly helps to attract more followers and our following has grown by more than 500 in the last three months. Competitions help too and we intend to run more of them throughout the season. Twitter regulars may well have noticed that our Academy team also have a Twitter account (@ATFCAcademy) and our media team work closely with Darren Barnard and Jamie Knights to help publicise the Academy team's matches and competitions. Two lucky winners have already won Shots' Shirts (those of Adam Mekki and Glenn Morris) for simply 're-tweeting' tweets.

If you don't currently use Twitter, but are curious, why not get started today? You can either download the 'Twitter' App or go online to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and sign up for it there. It's free and you don't have to 'tweet' anything if you don't want to. However, with just one (free) click of a button...you could soon be running round your garden or your local park sporting a Shots' shirt with your favourite player's name on the back of it!

Here's the full list of Skrill Conference Premier Clubs in order of the number of Twitter followers they have: (sample taken on 2nd October 2013)

POS	CLUB	FOLLOWERS
1	LUTON TOWN	14,802
2	WREXHAM	13,369
3	CHESTER	11,228
4	LINCOLN CITY	9,009
5	BARNET	8,927
6	HEREFORD UNITED	8,543
7	GRIMSBY TOWN	7,463
8	ALDERSHOT TOWN	7,186
9	GATESHEAD	6,997
10	HALIFAX TOWN	6,195
11	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	5,738
12	MACCLESFIELD TOWN	5,112
13	DARTFORD	5,059
14	NUNEATON	5,037
15	HYDE	4,761
16	SOUTHPORT	4,589
17	SALISBURY	4,244
18	WELLING	4,220
19	KIDDERMINSTER	4,152
20	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	3,967
21	WOKING	3,905
22	TAMWORTH	3,731
23	BRAINTREE	2,668
24	ALFRETON	1,936

# shots **ticket prices**

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## ALDERSHOT TOWN TICKET PRICES 2013-14

### MATCH DAY PRICES:

Adult – Seating - £19 – Standing - £17  
Concession – Seating - £15 – Standing - £13  
Junior U16 – Seating - £7 – Standing - £5  
Under-6 – FREE

### Disabled Ticket

Seating as above.  
Terracing as above.  
Carer free on both sections.

\* Credit card reservations available to purchase match tickets up to four days prior to first team matches. Admin charge of £1.50 per ticket.

Match tickets can be reserved in advance; full payment must be paid when booking match tickets. Methods of payment accepted- cash, debit/credit card and cheques (payable to Aldershot Town FC)

**All seating is unreserved**

### Disabled Ticket

£13 (seat or terrace), carer admitted free. (Proof of eligibility required).

### Wheelchair Users

Limited spaces available. Tickets must be purchased in advance by telephoning 01252 320211.

## UPCOMING CHELSEA MATCHES

A crowd of nearly 3000 people attended the first Chelsea U21 match here at Aldershot Town. Don't worry if you missed it or last week's game against Norwich because there are five more fixtures coming up at the Electrical Services Stadium over the next few months.

The full fixture list is below along with the dates for two UEFA Youth league fixtures. Entry is free if you are a Shots or Chelsea season ticket holder and just £3 for adults and £1 for concessions. The UEFA Youth league games will be free entry for all.

Friday 1 November v West Ham Utd, 7.05pm KO (live on Chelsea TV)

Friday 31 January v West Brom, 7pm / 7.05pm KO

Friday 7 March v Middlesbrough, 7pm / 7.05pm KO

### UEFA Youth League games:

Tuesday 5 November Chelsea v Schalke 04 7pm KO

Tuesday 10 December Steaua Bucharest v Chelsea 7pm KO



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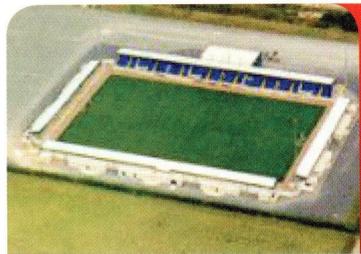
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# shots on the road

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## CHESTER FC

Saturday 2nd November 2013,  
kick-off 3.00pm

COMPLIED BY CRAIG MATTHEWS

### THE GROUND

Chester play at the 5,556 capacity Exacta Stadium, their home since their formation in 2010, following the winding up of predecessors Chester City. The Exacta Stadium, formally The Deva Stadium opened in 1990, prior to that Chester City played at Sealand Road, between 1906 and 1990. Sealand Road was demolished in the mid 1990s and a retail park now stands on the site. The record attendance at The Exacta Stadium is 5,987 when Chester City played Scarborough in the Conference on 17th April 1990. The record attendance was set at Sealand Road on January 16th 1952 when 20,378 saw Chelsea visit in the FA Cup 3rd round.

Away fans are usually accommodated in part of the Centurion Community Stand on one side of the pitch.

### ADDRESS

Exacta Stadium, Bumpers Lane  
Chester

### POSTCODE FOR SATNAV

CH1 4LT

### DISTANCE

The distance from The Electrical Services Stadium to The Exacta Stadium is 214.5 miles, travelling time 3 hours and 53 minutes.

### DIRECTIONS

Take the M56 until its end and then continue along the A494 towards Queensferry and North Wales. Take the A548 turn off towards Chester and Flint and at the roundabout take the first exit (A548) towards Chester.

At the next roundabout again go left continuing along the A548 towards Chester and turn right at the second set of traffic lights into Sovereign Way. Continue to the end of Sovereign Way and at the end turn right into Bumpers Lane and the entrance to the club car park is on the right.

However be aware that the roads around the stadium can quickly become jammed. The ground is situated out of town on an industrial estate.

### PARKING

Ample parking is available at the ground at a cost of £1. However on occasions if using the club car park it can take some time to get away after the game

### TRAIN

Chester station is situated about 2 miles from The Exacta Stadium. Cost of a taxi from the station to the ground is about £6.

### TICKET PRICES

Ticket prices as follows:

Adults (seating)	£16
Senior Citizens	£11
Under 18s	£6
Under 16s	£3
Under 5s	Free

### Disabled

Concessionary prices for disabled supporters with one helper admitted free. Bookings necessary for wheelchair users by ringing 01244 371376

### FOOD AND DRINK

Hollands pies, rollover burgers and hot dogs available inside the ground. There is a social club at the ground which does admit away supporters for a fee of £1, but the capacity of this club is only 120. There are not many drinking outlets near to the ground so it may be worth heading for Chester City centre for your pre-match drink, although this is a 20 minute walk from the stadium. The Old Harkers Arms near the railway station is recommended.

### WEBSITE

[www.chesterfc.com](http://www.chesterfc.com)

### TELEPHONE NUMBER

01244 371376

### ANYTHING ELSE WORTH SEEING?

Like our previous destination Lincoln, Chester is in itself a top tourist destination. Shots' supporters who wish to make a weekend of the trip may like to visit Chester Zoo which is home to more than 500 different species of animal. Adults £18, children £14, Senior Citizen £15.50. Family £59. [www.chesterzoo.org](http://www.chesterzoo.org)

Those with children may be attracted by the Grosvenor Park miniature railway. Built in 1996 to commemorate the centenary of the Duke of Westminster's railway at nearby Eaton Hall, this attraction operates steam and diesel hauled trains on a quarter-mile circuit around the park's beautiful lake. Adult £1.50, child £1. [www.gpmr.co.uk](http://www.gpmr.co.uk)

# supporters trust

These are my first programme notes for this season and I can't believe we are already more than a quarter of the way through the season!

Thinking back to those dark days over the summer it really is a huge achievement how far Andy has taken the squad in such a short space of time. Without the points deduction we would be in and around the play-off places and at the beginning of August I'd never have imagined that would be the case!

We continue to be busy within the Trust. As evidence of our close working relationship with the Club, the Trust has taken over the operation of the scoreboard on matchday.

If you happened to have taken your eye off play on the pitch you may have noticed that during the course of a couple of matches this season, we have experienced a few technical difficulties with the scoreboard. In practice, these have been quite minor issues, simply down to electrical connections and the rather compact Media Box environment being full of 'media people' and their equipment! We've tightened the connections now and will try not to party too much when we score a goal so as not to disturb the wiring!

We recently advertised for a volunteer to operate the scoreboard on matchday. It has been notoriously difficult finding willing and able volunteers in recent years, but we've actually been overwhelmed with the response from supporters for this one. We had some excellent applications for the role and have already shortlisted two people who will operate the scoreboard on a job-share basis. In fact, they will both be trialing the scoreboard board tonight; each doing one half of the match, so let's hope there are plenty of goals (for the Shots of course) to keep them busy!

Over the coming weeks, we hope to install a software upgrade so we can then utilise far more of the scoreboard's capabilities so do keep an eye on it!

If you wish us to publish a message on the scoreboard eg, an anniversary or birthday for a fellow fan, please email [info@theshotstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@theshotstrust.co.uk)

We will be looking for further volunteers over the next few weeks, specifically a supporters' liaison representative who would be situated outside the ground before home games to assist any fans who need it. Things such as which turnstile to use, directing away fans up Redan Hill and anything else that fans might need help with. We'll be posting full details on our website ([www.theshotstrust.co.uk](http://www.theshotstrust.co.uk)) in the next week, so if you are interested in the role please take a look.

Lastly, we are planning on running a supporters' coach to Lincoln on Saturday 12th October. We have been struggling for numbers for away travel this season which is a shame so if you are thinking of going, drop into the Trust office or visit the website to make a booking.

Enjoy the game.

**Sefton Owens**

**Shots Trust Director**





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# the interview

Article by James Beavis

## In 2009 one of the big stories in Britain was the Swine Flu pandemic, and it was something that impacted Shots defender Joe Oastler.

**A**s it was widespread at the time, when he fell ill it was feared that he had contracted the virus, but it proved to be something different.

As the player himself said: "It wasn't swine flu. I had some bacteria from some food that I had eaten and I lost a lot of weight because of it. It went down as swine flu because that was what was going around at the time."

Oastler was born in Portsmouth and grew up around the corner from Fratton Park and he soon became part of the youth side there - where he spent 10 years - but the club's success ultimately cost him his chance of first-team football there.

"I was doing really well and I got a scholarship but things started to change when the club got to the Premier League and the money started coming in and unfortunately I was released. I was gutted at the time but it probably worked out for the better."

As a fan the full back has been amazed at the club's decline in recent years which now sees them playing League Two football just four seasons after they were a Premier League outfit.

"It's shocking really how the club has gone downhill that much. When they were in the Premier League they had players like Peter Crouch and Jermain Defoe and then you look at where they are now. It's a lovely club and I'm sure they'll sort themselves out and get back up."

After his release Oastler went to trials for former Premier League footballers that have been released and was spotted by a QPR scout and soon signed on for the Londoners. He struggled for first-team football, though, and soon joined Salisbury City on loan but his big moment was to come in April 2010 when he was named on the

substitutes' bench for Rangers in their match against Watford at Loftus Road.

"They were doing quite badly at the time and were near the bottom of the league. Neil Warnock came in and I think there was about 35 minutes left when he called me and told me I was going on to play in midfield. I enjoyed it and I thought I did very well."

It proved to be Oastler's only appearance for QPR, and a loan spell at Torquay United followed, but it was a move that provided some troubles at first.

"Paul Buckle called me up and wanted to take me on loan but it was a difficult move at the time because it was three hours away and it was a lot of travelling. It was a great learning curve being down there, though. My little boy was born down there so I've got fond memories of the area."

Oastler made 28 appearances in a season that culminated with Torquay reaching the League Two play-off final at Old Trafford and although the day didn't get off to a great start, it is an occasion that he will always remember.

"I was a bit disappointed I didn't start and obviously you want to be playing in those games, especially after making quite a lot of appearances throughout the season. When I did come on it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I thoroughly enjoyed it but it was a shame we didn't get the right result."

Oastler was then offered a two-year deal by the new Gulls boss Martin Ling and made 89 appearances before his release this summer - a moment that saddened the 23-year-old.

"I'm disappointed at how it ended because I thought



maybe I deserved a bit more. People have their opinions and Alan Knill came in and made a decision on me but that's football."

Oastler joined the Shots in the summer and got off to the perfect start with a goal on his full debut away at Grimsby on the opening day of the season.

"It was a dream come true because you always hope that when you start at a new club you can impress. I actually got a few in pre-season but to get one on my debut was very pleasing."

His good form led to a call-up from the England C team but it was something that the Shots' number 2 had been unaware of until he received a text from one of his teammates.

"I didn't even know I had got the call-up until Craig Stanley text me saying "congratulations" and I text him back saying "what for? He'd seen on twitter that I'd been called up and I thoroughly enjoyed it."

"It was an absolute honour and hopefully I can keep playing well and stay in the team."

Joe OASTLER





**Sam O'Sullivan-** What was the key factor in influencing your decision to join Aldershot Town?

Just speaking to Andy Scott on the phone. The way he spoke about the club and how he wanted to manage it suited the way I want to play and I just thought it was the right move for me.

**Ryan Scollard-** What is the best ground you have played at?

Old Trafford.

**Ryan Scollard-** Who is your all-time favourite footballer and why?

Portsmouth had a player called Robert Prosinecki. He was just ridiculous and one of the best players I've ever seen play live.

**James Rogers-** What do you like to do on a day off?

Spend time with my family. I've got a girlfriend and a little boy and I like to go out with them.

**Lauren Storey-** If you had the chance to go to the moon what three items would you take?

I'd say my mobile but you probably wouldn't get much signal up there. I'd take some gym equipment, my girlfriend and my son.

**Aldershot Town are back in FA Youth Cup action at the Electrical Services Stadium, tomorrow evening, 9 October.**



**A**fter beating Thatcham Town 8-0, their Second Qualifying Round opponents are Buckingham Athletic, who themselves won their first ever FA Youth Cup fixture against Slough Town.

Luke Tavener, with two goals, and Matt Cruse earned a 3-2 away win for Matt Ogle's side on the same night that The Shots were cruising through their own tie.

Darren Barnard's team scored five second-half goals against Thatcham, with Kofi Halliday (2), Meshack Douglas, Charlie Kennedy (2), Elliott Blair, Lewis Howkins and Rob Gerrard all finding the net.

Kick-off at the Electrical Services Stadium is 7.30pm. Admission is £3 for adults, and just £1 for concessions.

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# youth academy

## Tonight we welcome our youth team from the London Soccer Dome

**A**ldershot Town Football Club welcomes our Youth Academy team tonight from the London Soccer Dome. Aldershot Town Football Club wants to invest in the young talent throughout England in the hope of finding our future players. Although the full-time programme is funded through Knights Group, the academy players are proud to wear the red and blue of our great club and have serious ambitions of one day playing in front of the East Bank.

Last week club director Tony Knights and Academy advisor Kevin Knights visited the Soccer Dome to watch the Youth players take on West Ham United. Tony and Kevin dropped off the Academy's football strips and other Aldershot goodies during their visit. Although the Academy is overlooked and administered by Sam Groombridge (Knights Group) the boys have the benefit of two very experienced coaches in Steph Emmanuel and Scott Cousins. The boys played very well during the game showing a good attitude and footballing skills that surprised the West Ham set-up. Bearing in mind the squad of players have just been put together over the last few weeks it was good to see that the players were disappointed to only get a 2-2 draw from the game.

One of the aims of this season is to give the chance for both squads to train and play together and share each other's facilities. Having so many good players in both London and Aldershot can only enhance the club's chances of bringing on our youth players under the watchful eye of Darren Barnard.

The Aldershot supporters should be very proud of all of our youth players and what they have achieved so far both on and off the pitch. It is the club's aim to establish our Youth Academy as one of the best in the country.

**Kevin Knights**  
Academy Advisor



**Nardo Campbell**

Age - 18

Previous clubs - 1966 Academy

Schoolboy Hero - Danny Alves

Biggest Influence - My family

Ambition in Life - To play at the highest level

Dream Car - Bentley Continental Sport

Best thing about the Academy - Playing football every day



**Abafae Omar**

Age - 16

Previous clubs - Chelsea

Schoolboy Hero - Iniesta

Biggest Influence - Mum and dad

Ambition in Life - To make my family proud

Dream Car - Bugatti and Audi R8

Best thing about the Academy - Having the chance to improve



**Sonney Feltwell**

Age - 17

Previous clubs - Southend

Schoolboy Hero - David Beckham

Biggest Influence - Parents

Ambition in Life - To be a professional footballer

Dream Car - Rolls Royce

Best thing about the Academy - Great atmosphere and playing everyday

If you are 16-18 years old and would like to join the Aldershot Academy send your contact details to: [academy@theshots.co.uk](mailto:academy@theshots.co.uk) and someone will get back to you with the details



# match action

## The Shots

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## Grimsby Town

3

John-Lewis 4, Hannah 10, Hearn 54

**Date:** Saturday 5 October 2013  
**Kick Off:** 3.00pm  
**Fixture Type:** The Skrill Premier  
**Location:** The Electrical Services Stadium  
**Attendance:** 2,117 (Away -)



### ALDERSHOT TOWN

- 25 Nick Pope
- 2 Joe Oastler (Paterson 73)
- 4 Craig Stanley
- 5 Jake Goodman
- 6 Adam Webster
- 8 Martin Rowlands (Roberts 60)
- 9 Brett Williams
- 12 Manny Oyeleke
- 15 Chris Barker
- 19 Mark Molesley
- 24 Lewis Young (Gibbs 73)

#### Subs:

- 10 Matt Paterson
- 11 Aaron Wickham
- 14 Jordan Roberts
- 21 Luke Williams
- 22 Jaydon Gibbs



### GRIMSBY TOWN

- 13 James McKeown
- 2 Sam Hatton (Booked) (Jones 82)
- 4 Scott Kerr
- 5 Shaun Pearson
- 6 Chris Doig
- 8 Craig Disley
- 11 Scott Neilson
- 14 Lenell John-Lewis
- 16 Alan Goodall (Thomas 24)
- 17 Ross Hannah (Hearn 46)
- 26 Patrick McLaughlin

#### Subs:

- 3 Aswad Thomas
- 9 Andy Cook
- 10 Liam Hearn
- 12 Clayton McDonald
- 19 Ritchie Jones



**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
Grimsby ahead in the 4th minute as John-Lewis heads home Scott Neilson's cross. 0-1

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
10: the afternoon goes from bad to worse for Shots as Ross Hannah claims he got a touch to a Sam Hatton free kick. We think no touch but 0-2

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
31: McKeown SAVES @Willow1987 spot kick, diving away to his right. It remains 0-2



**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
54: Calamity for Shots as first the ref misses an obvious foul on Webster, @officialgtfc play on & Hearn's cross hits far post & goes in! 0-3

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
85: After patient build up by Shots, @MattPat35 just fails to connect with a ball into the box by @Staners6 It's been that kind of afternoon

**Aldershot Town FC @OfficialShots**  
90: Excellent interplay between @MattPat35 and @Jaydon\_P\_Gibbs sees the latter cut ball back & shoot. Keeper blocks it at near post. 0-3



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# player fund



**For almost seven years, the Aldershot Town Player Share Fund has helped the Club sign some hugely important and influential players.**

**F**rom Jonny Dixon, in January 2007, to Lewis Young in September 2013, the Fund has been pivotal in financing deals which have helped the Club make history.

The Fund is now run by former Shots press officer Nick Fryer, former Supporters Club Director Keith Able and Ian Dawkins, Managing Director of Hi-Speed Services Ltd. In the past, it has enabled moves for Jamie Young, Dean Morgan, Jermaine McGlashan and Aaron Morris, amongst many others, and will continue to support the Club during the 2013-14 season.

Manager Andy Scott said: "We're very grateful to the Player Share Fund for their support. Without them we wouldn't have been able to sign Lewis Young. If people are able to donate, and help Nick, Keith and Ian out, their money is going to go directly to help a player who will be directly involved in the First Team and playing regularly."

This support will come from forthcoming events, the Cash For Shots scheme (costing just £1 per week, with a weekly prize of £100), donations, Golden Goal ticket sales and quiz nights.

Started in 2005 by Nick Fryer and Brian Bloomfield to raise £6,500 for the purchase of Dixon – a transfer which saw the Club earn a profit of £50,000 upon his move to Brighton and Hove Albion – the Fund has donated almost £80,000 to five Shots managers.

Supporters can be assured that all funds are for player loans, transfers and contract extensions only.

If you would like to donate to the Players Fund please contact Nick Fryer via e-mail at [nickfryer@icloud.com](mailto:nickfryer@icloud.com). To join Cash For Shots, please contact Keith Able via [keith\\_able@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:keith_able@yahoo.co.uk).



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# today's visitors

by Dan Blake

## LUTON TOWN FC



### FACT FILE:

**FOUNDED**  
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**STADIUM**  
Kenilworth Road (Capacity 10,226)

**PLAYER/MANAGER**  
John Still

**LAST SEASON**  
7th (Conference Premier)

**RIVAL**  
Watford - 3rd (Championship)

As the programme went to press Luton were battling it out to be involved in the play-off picture in the early stages of the season. The Hatters entertained Halifax on Saturday at Kenilworth Road as they looked to carry on their four game unbeaten run. John Still's side missed out on the play-offs by 13 points last season, and the start they have made so far this campaign shows signs of promise they will not be so far back this time around.

There were significant changes in personnel over the summer as Still looked to rebuild for the upcoming campaign. Mark Cullen bolstered the striking options which were added to by the shrewd loan signing of Swindon's Paul Benson just before the transfer window closed. Former Shots player Luke Guttridge signed from Northampton and he is not the only familiar face that could make a return to the Electrical Services Stadium this evening. Anthony Charles made over 170 appearances in just over four years for The Shots between 2007 and 2011; he arrived from Plymouth over the summer.

Midfielder Shaun Whalley arrived at Kenilworth Road from Southport. John Still has assembled his side from both the Football League and lower league as Histon duo midfielder James Stevenson and defender Danny Fitzsimons were lower league captures although either are yet to make an appearance. Former Cardiff City player Solomon Taiwo is another addition from Mansfield Town whilst Southend's Dave Martin also adds depth to the squad as the midfield has been particularly restructured. Goalkeeper Elliot Justham kept 14 clean sheets for Ryman League side East Thurrock last season and he joins the club as back up for Mark Tyler, with fellow goalkeeper Dean Brill out on loan at early season SPL contenders Inverness. John Still just last Monday made what could be seen as his most impressive capture with the signing of 21-year-old Portuguese youth midfielder

David Viana, after his release from MLS side Real Salt Lake. Striker Stuart Fleetwood departed the club to join Eastleigh. He was joined by former Everton trainee John Paul Kissock, Danny Spiller, Dean Beckwith and Janos Kovacs as high profile departures.

Following a slow start to the season which began with two wins in eight, Luton have found their way again after taking three successive victories and a draw in their last four games. The Hatters did pick up a good point at home to league leaders Cambridge at the end of August on the back of a point away at fancied Forest Green. Before the goalless draw against Hereford last Saturday, Luton had scored three or more in their last three league games. This included a comprehensive victory at Kingfield as Woking felt the full force of Luton as they were hit for four in a 4-0 away victory for Luton. A 3-0 victory against Dartford and a closer contest against Lincoln City, who Luton edged by a 3-2 score showed that Luton Town certainly have goals in them at the moment. New signings Luke Guttridge and Mark Cullen are joint top scorers with four goals each. Goalkeeper Mark Tyler has established himself as the number one goalkeeper with 12 appearances out of 12. Defensive pair Steve McNulty and Scott Griffiths have started every game along with Luke Guttridge. The back line has been largely undisturbed with captain Ronnie Henry, who played a big part in Stevenage's climb up the league pyramid making ten appearances so far. Midfielder Jonathan Smith has played a part in every game with 11 starts and one substitute appearance.

Luton Vs Hereford 28/9/2013: Tyler, McNulty, Howells ( Whalley 88 ), Griffiths, Parry, Henry, Lacey, Smith, Guttridge, Cullen ( Gray 70 ), Benson Subs Not Used: Justham, Charles, Taiwo

### HISTORY

Luton Town are a club steeped in history, who are another of those who have suffered from financial meltdown in recent years. Luton Town defeated Arsenal in the League Cup final of 1988 to clinch their first major trophy. Until the end of the 1991/1992 season The Hatters were in the old First Division, the equivalent of the Premier League for nine years getting relegated the season before the Premier League was formed.

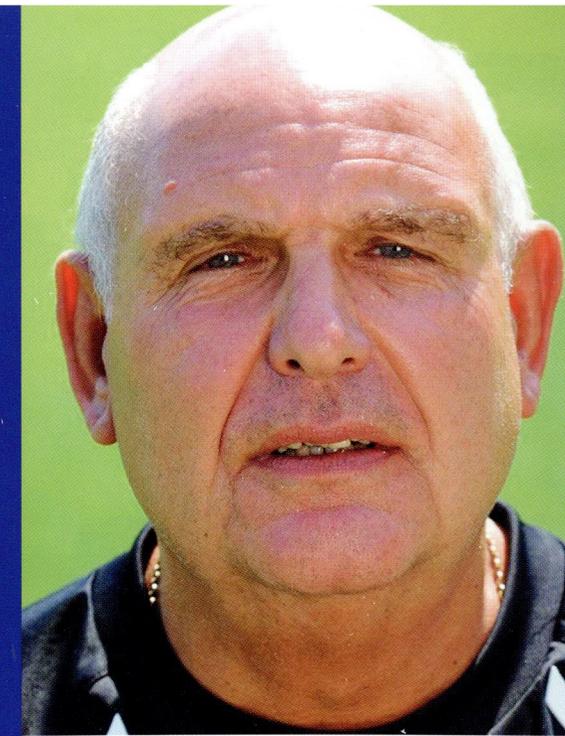
Fast forward another ten years to the 2001/2002 season and Luton were down in Division Three. Former Wimbledon manager Joe Kinnear secured promotion for The Hatters at the end of the season. Kevin Nicholls, Steve Howard and Chris Coyne who would be key players for Luton in the coming seasons helped gain them that promotion. Kinnear was sacked in 2003 and Premier League winner Mike Newell took charge of Luton. Newell's spell in charge saw Luton win the League One title and gain promotion to The Championship. Alongside Nicholls, Howard and Coyne were players of real quality including Curtis Davies who would go on to be the club's record sell when he went to West Brom for £3,000,000 on August transfer deadline day of 2005.

It was not long after this that the club went into freefall. Following relegation at the end of the 2006/2007 season to League One, the club went into administration. With the ten-point penalty it was a second successive relegation for The Hatters and they were back in League Two. The 2008/2009 season however saw an even worse points deduction given to the club as they were awarded a record high Football League deduction of 30 points. Ten points for illegal agent payments and a further 20 points for the poor administration history in the recent years. Luton would go on to win the Football League Trophy at Wembley beating Scunthorpe United 3-2. The jubilation would not last long as eight days later the club were relegated with the rollercoaster that the loyal Luton fans had been on seemingly over at an extremely low point, as they were out of the Football League having been relegated in three successive miserable seasons. Former manager Mike Newell's Grimsby Town side winning 2-0 against Notts County, saw Luton legend Mick Harford's side relegated in what was a final blow, which summed up their season in front of a 6,494 crowd as they drew 2-2 with Chesterfield.

Following an 89-year spell in the Football League, Luton very nearly secured an immediate return but after finishing second in the league table lost 2-0 on aggregate to York City in the play-offs. Luton created history last season when they knocked Norwich out of The FA Cup as the first non league side to knock out a Premier League team. Substitute Scott Rendell, currently on loan at Woking scored the winner in the 80th minute.

Tonight's game is only the third between the sides in 45 years. The last time the two sides met at the Electrical Services Stadium, it was The Shots who came out on top 2-1 with goals from Scott Davies and Kirk Hudson securing victory in March 2009. Luton's last win was in the same season at Kenilworth Road when they beat The Shots 3-1. The game was poised at 1-1 until referee Phil Dowd sent off Ricky Newman with ten minutes to go. Luton went on to score in the 89th and 90th minute through Asa Hall and Chris Martin to take victory. Luton have a far better record than Aldershot in this fixture having won 11 of the 20 contests. The two sides have drawn five times whilst Aldershot have won four.

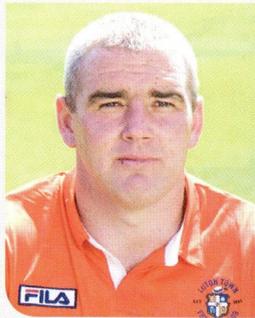
Last season was the first since Luton lost their Football League status that they did not make the play-offs. John Still's side will be looking to take three points to help them to at least a play-off spot at the end of the season, to give some joy to their long suffering fans of recent years as another of the Skriff Premier's big sides visit the Electrical Services Stadium.



**MANAGER: JOHN STILL**

The manager, the boss, the gaffer. The 63-year-old joined the Hatters last March having enjoyed a hugely successful 10-year spell at Dagenham & Redbridge where he guided the Daggers to the Conference title in the 2006/07 season. He achieved further success with the east Londoners in the 2009/10 season when Dagenham beat Rotherham 3:2 in the League 2 play-off final at Wembley Stadium, although they were to only last one season in League 1

# KEY PLAYERS

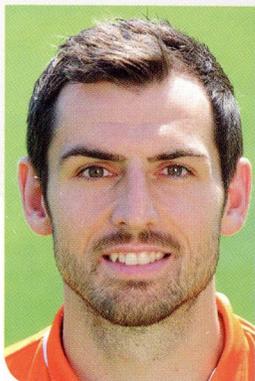


## 5 STEVE MCNULTY - POSITION: DEFENDER

Age: 29

Former clubs: Barrow, Vauxhall Motors, Fleetwood

The experienced centre-half signed a new deal with the Hatters this summer after a string of accomplished performances for the club during 2012/13. The Liverpool-born defender led Fleetwood Town to Conference title in 2011/12, lifting the title as the Cod Army captain.

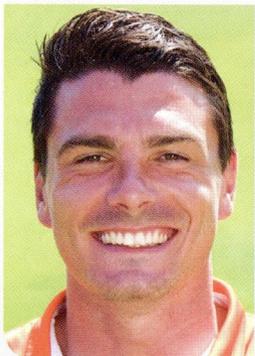


## 7 ALEX LAWLESS - POSITION: MIDFIELDER

Age: 27

Former clubs: Fulham, Torquay, Forest Green, York

The influential and creative midfielder penned a new two-year contract in May, turning down contracts at two clubs in League 1. The 27-year-old has made 124 appearances for the Hatters since signing from York City in November 2010 and has scored 12 goals.



## 25 RONNIE HENRY - POSITION: DEFENDER

Age: 29

Former club: Stevenage

Club captain and right-back in his second season with the club. The defender joined the Hatters last summer from Stevenage, who he helped win promotion from the Conference to League 1.



## 27 ANDRE GRAY - POSITION: STRIKER

Age: 22

Former club: Hinckley

Lightning quick forward who finished last season as the Hatters' leading goalscorer with 20 goals. The young striker made an instant impact when signing from Hinckley in March 2012 and has been capped by England C.



## ONE TO WATCH:

### 21 LUKE GUTTRIDGE POSITION: MIDFIELDER

Age: 31

Former clubs: Torquay, Cambridge, Southend, Orient, Colchester, Aldershot, Northampton

Luke Guttridge needs no introducing to the Shots' supporters, playing as he did for Aldershot Town between August 2010 until January 2012. Influential and experienced central midfielder with over 400 senior appearances to his name, he signed for the Hatters in August on a two-year contract. He has twice won promotion whilst with Southend, and also helped Northampton reach the League 2 play-off final last season.

## SQUAD PROFILES:

### GOALKEEPERS

#### 1 MARK TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a one-year contract extension in May. On the verge of 700 senior appearances, 36-year-old Tyler was one of the Hatters' first signings in their first season in the Conference in 2009, and the stopper has since gone on to make 184 appearances between the sticks, keeping 72 clean sheets.



#### 16 ELLIOT JUSTHAM

Promising young goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May. The commanding 6ft 3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks last season, and the 22-year-old has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading.

### DEFENDERS

#### 3 DANNY FITZSIMONS

Former Millwall and QPR defender who followed team-mate Jim Stevenson to Kenilworth Road from Histon on a two-year contract this summer. He swept the board at the Stutes' end-of-season awards and has over 100 games' experience despite only being 21 years old. Capable of playing at left-back or in central defence.

#### 6 ANTHONY CHARLES

Experienced central defender who helped Barnet and Aldershot to the Conference title in 2005 and 2008 respectively. A calm, composed, left-footed defender, Charles left Aldershot for Northampton in January 2012 and went onto appear 18 times in League 2 for the Cobblers. He ended last season with Plymouth.

#### 12 SCOTT GRIFFITHS

Left-back who penned a one-year contract at the end of last season. Another former Dagenham man, the experienced 27-year-old joined the Hatters in March following his release from former club Peterborough. He won the Conference under Still in 2007 and lifted the League 2 title with Chesterfield in 2011.

#### 30 ALEX LACEY

Highly-rated centre-half who has enjoyed a fine pre-season in which he was handed the captain's armband by John Still. Made his Town debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy and spent last season on loan with Eastleigh. Left-back who penned a one-year contract at the end of last season. Another former Dagenham man, the experienced 27-year-old joined the Hatters in March following his release from former club Peterborough. He won the Conference under Still in 2007 and lifted the League 2 title with Chesterfield in 2011.

#### 32 BRETT LONGDEN

First year professional Brett is a right-back by trade and made his mark in pre-season with a fine 30-yard goal against Thurrock. He's another player who has tasted first team experience in the FA Trophy.

#### 33 JEROME JIBODU

Like Longden, Jerome signed his first professional contract this summer. A composed left-back, he made his Hatters debut in the FA Trophy against Skelmersdale last season.

### MIDFIELDERS

#### 4 JONATHAN SMITH

Central midfielder who joined the Hatters from Swindon last season having helped the Robins lift the League 2 title in 2011/12 under Paolo Di Canio. Also capable of playing at right-back.

## 8 SOLOMON TAIWO

Central midfielder who agreed a new one-year contract at the end of the season having appeared nine times for the Hatters having been signed by John Still in March. Starred for a host of non-league clubs before being snapped by Still at Dagenham in 2007 where he became a driving force in the Daggers midfield. His impressive performances led to him signing for then-Championship Cardiff in 2009 for £250,000.

## 11 JAKE HOWELLS

Still hard to believe he's 22, Howells is the Hatters' longest serving player having made his debut as a 17-year-old on the final day of the 2007/08 season. Since then, the left-footer has been capped by Wales at under-21 level and has made over 200 appearances for the club.

## 14 ANDY PARRY

The central defender signed from Southport on a two-year contract this summer. Also able to play in central midfield, Parry has two seasons' worth of Conference football under his belt but began his career as a youngster at Blackburn.

## 17 JJ O'DONNELL

Left-sided midfielder who joined the Town in 2010 from St Albans and made his debut as a substitute in an FA Cup tie against Corby later that year. After successful loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond, he penned a three-year contract last summer.

## 18 DAVE MARTIN

Left-winger who signed for the Hatters in January this year and went on to score three times in 16 league appearances for the club. He was rewarded for his fine performances with a new two-year deal this summer.

## 22 SHAUN WHALLEY

Attack-minded midfielder or winger who followed Andy Parry to Kenilworth Road on a two-year deal from Southport. The 25-year-old was in inspired form for the Sandgrounders throughout 2012/13, scoring 10 goals and creating many more, and ended the campaign with a string of end-of-season awards.

## 23 MATT ROBINSON

Teenage midfielder in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Leicester City. He impressed John Still towards the end of the previous campaign and was rewarded with a new two-year contract this summer.

## 28 JIM STEVENSON

Box-to-box midfielder signed in May on a two-year deal from Histon. The youngster scored 11 goals for the Stutes in 2012/13 and ended the campaign as the top goalscorer. The 21-year-old made his full debut as a 17-year-old at Kenilworth

Road for Histon in a game the Hatters won 5-1.

## FORWARDS

### 9 JON SHAW

Centre-forward in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Gateshead. Scored 45 league goals in 80 appearances for the Tynesiders and hit double figures for the Town last term, including a hat-trick in the 6-1 win over Barrow in January.

### 10 ALEX WALL

Raw, powerful centre-forward with pace to boot, who became John Still's first signing at Kenilworth Road having joined from Maidenhead last season. He scored his first goals for the Hatters when both hitting both goals in a 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet in April.

### 13 MARK CULLEN

Young striker signed on a two-year deal following his release from Premier League-bound Hull City. A clever, poacher of a forward, Cullen impressed the manager with two fine performances against the Hatters whilst on loan at Stockport. Given his debut for Hull in the Premier League, he scored on his full debut for the Tigers whilst in the top flight.



### 26 PAUL BENSON

Experienced centre-forward signed on a season-long loan from Swindon in August 2013. Helped Dagenham & Redbridge to two promotions with John Still, scoring over 75 times in the process. Continued to score once he left the Daggers when with Charlton and Swindon. Won League 2 title with Swindon in 2012.

### 31 JAKE WOOLLEY

Teenage forward who signed professional forms last summer having impressed the coaching staff with his performances and attitude. Also made his debut as a 17-year-old in the Trophy, but has also tasted action in the Conference.

### 34 ZANE BANTON

outh team striker who was rewarded for his performances in the Hatters' development and youth squads to earn a professional contract in September 2013. Made his debut as a second half substitute in the 4-0 win over Woking.

# the community

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## MARTIN AND JOSH BAG A 'FANTASTIC DEAL'



Shots' midfielder Martin Rowlands was delighted to make young fan Josh's day by signing his

Shots' bag at the Trust's recent holiday course.

The great news for Josh, as he and his fellow attendees of the recent course, are entitled to 'bag' a fantastic offer and receive a place on the forthcoming October half-term course at a cut price £30. The good news doesn't stop there though as ALL junior purchasers of today's programme can also enrol on the course at the discounted rate if they book online either through the Trust website [www.aldershottownftc.co.uk](http://www.aldershottownftc.co.uk) or by completing a booking form at the club's main reception and clearly marking the form 'Programme Offer'.

The course which is taking place at Oakley Park, Fleet will run between the hours of 10am-3pm on the 29th, 30th and 31st of October and is for both boys and girls aged between 5-14 years of age. All course participants as

well as learning new skills through fun games and educational practices will receive a course certificate and the opportunity to win medals and trophies, plus who knows? You might even get to meet an ATFC player or two during the week.

This evening the Community Trust would like to welcome juniors, parents and teachers from the local junior school Talavera which is situated on Gun Hill, Aldershot. The Trust has worked closely with the school for a couple of years now delivering lunchtime clubs and Respect classroom lessons and was delighted when one of the members of staff, Clemmie Stewart, joined the Community staff ranks during the Summer to assist with the delivery of the NCS project. We hope you all enjoy your evening.

'Up the Shots!'



# ron rafferty **returns**



## Aldershot Town were delighted on Saturday afternoon when a legend of Aldershot FC, Ron Rafferty, was at the match against Grimsby Town.

**R**on, who played for the Shots over a three year period in the 1960s, was attending the match with his son, Stephen who works for Intergrated Cleaning Management Ltd, the company sponsoring the match.

It was a carefully chosen match by the sponsors as Ron also played for Grimsby Town. In his time at Blundell Park centre forward Ron scored 145 league goals and remains the Mariners' second all-time highest goal scorer. Ron also played for Hull and Portsmouth and ended his career as a

player coach at Guildford City. He still lives in Aldershot and over the years has watched many Aldershot Town games here at The Electrical Services Stadium.

It is always a privilege and a pleasure when former Shots attend matches at The ESS and although Ron has not enjoyed the best of health recently everyone at Aldershot Town wishes him well.

Ron is pictured here presenting the Man of the Match award to Chris Barker after the game.

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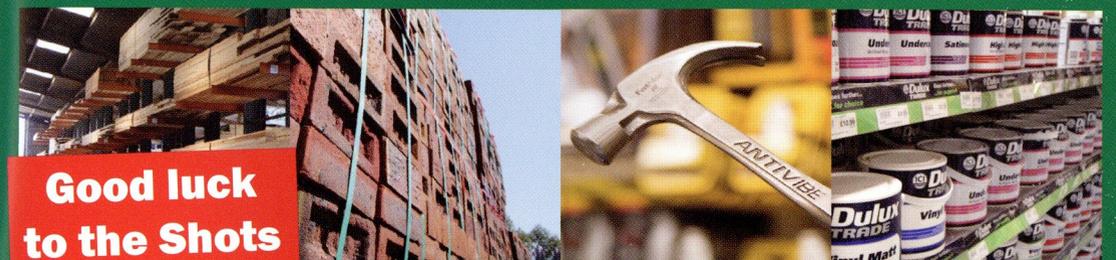


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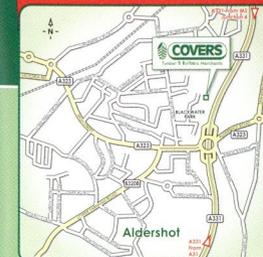


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**G**ood evening Shots' fans and a warm welcome also, to the travelling Luton Town fans who have also had to endure their fair share of turmoil over recent years. Enjoy the game and a safe journey home to all.

There is no doubt that social media has now become a huge platform for the exchange of information, stats, photos and opinions - all of it within seconds of goals going in and events happening. We've come a long way since waiting for the Teletext page to update and provide us with news of a goal somewhere!

Perhaps the most popular now is 'Twitter' which allows anyone to 'follow' anyone, and instant messages to be posted of up to 140 characters long. You don't have to 'tweet' anything if you don't wish to, but if you love to keep up to date with all Shots' related matters, it's easy to get started and all these are worth 'following':

@OfficialShots (that's the club's own Twitter account, from which we provide instant updates and photos from all first team matches), @ATFCAcademy (exactly what it says) @shotsremembered (frequent nostalgia on the original Aldershot FC) @Aldershot\_News (the local newspaper) and @BBCSurreySport (the local radio station). You can also 'follow' many of our current playing squad too, as well as your favourite Premiership stars, sports personalities and celebrities.

If you're still not convinced - how about this fact? Our very own @OfficialShots account currently has over 7000 Twitter followers!

Let's hear the Eastbank in full voice tonight roaring Shots on as they attempt to move clear of the Skrill Premier relegation zone.

**Today's 'Featured Fan' is 16-year-old Ryan Chitson from Ash Vale.**

## FEATURED FAN

**Name:** Ryan Chitson

**Age:** 16

**Location:** Ash Vale

**How did you come to support Shots?:** My Uncle, Alan Chitson, used to take me when I was younger and ever since I have fallen in love with the place!

**Favourite memory watching Shots:** Best memory was that day at Upton Park when we went on to beat West Ham. One of the best away days we have had with the noise being tremendous. To win it late on was even more mesmerizing! To this day I will never forget the feeling of pride and excitement when that second goal went in and when the full time whistle blew!

**Worst memory watching Shots:** My worst memory to date has to be the worry of this summer 2013 and the thought of having no more football at Aldershot! Relegation was bad enough! It was a terrible time and I dread to think what it was like for Aldershot fans back in 1992 when they actually lost their club. However, the commitment shown from numerous people at the club and not least the fans, means that, thankfully, we do still have a football club.

**Favourite all time Shots' Player:** For me, it has to be Nikki Bull. He was an outstanding goalkeeper, who really shone in our Conference days. 100% committed to the badge on the shirt. He loved the club and the fans and we definitely loved him!

**What would you do on a Saturday afternoon if you couldn't watch Shots?:** I hope I never have to contemplate Saturday afternoons with no Shots! I dread to think what that would be like!

**Hopes for this season:** The main goal this season is to achieve safety and I have great belief that Andy and the boys will achieve this! Come on you Shots!



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# memorable matches

Tuesday 20 September 2011  
Shots 2-1 Rochdale  
Carling Cup Third Round- att 3,334

For only the second time ever, and for the very first time as Aldershot Town, the Shots had reached the third round of the Carling Cup- the League Cup for those who preferred their matches unsponsored. A spectacular 2:1 win over Championship side West Ham in the first round followed six days later by a 2:0 victory at home over League 1 Carlisle had brought the Shots to this historic evening and hopes were high for a victory over Rochdale and entry into the fourth round with its opportunity of playing one of the big boys from the Premiership. First though there was the little matter of beating Rochdale to deal with, a team the Shots had played during their first two seasons back in the Football League but who had, in 2010 been promoted to League 1 after a record 36-year stay in the basement division.

The Shots were lying mid-table in League 2 having had mixed results but had hit a run of form just prior to this match with two away wins over Hereford and Bristol Rovers. Rochdale had not had the best start in the league with two of their four wins coming in the Carling Cup and the previous Saturday had seen them go down 3:2 at home to Charlton Athletic. However, this match was nothing to do with league form and everything to do making progress in a cup competition, often the life blood for smaller clubs.

The match started at a good pace, competitive and with both sides creating chances. To the horror of the watching Shots' fans Rochdale very nearly took the lead in the opening minute but the Shots' defence denied Ashley Grimes twice and the crisis was averted. Then first Alex Rodman and then Michael Rankine came close for the determined Shots. On the 19th minute Shots' stopper Ross Worner was beaten but the ball hit the post and Ben Herd came close twice with excellent balls from Alex Rodman but still the score remained 0:0. Rochdale upped the tempo and then, on the stroke of half-time it was that man Grimes again who this time made no mistake with Jones' through ball and to the dismay of the majority of

the watching crowd, slotted the ball home.

After half-time the Shots showed no sign of being crushed by such a setback and immediately applied themselves to the task in hand. This work paid off within two minutes when Shots' number nine, Michael Rankine scored with a spectacular overhead kick from a Rodman corner. His celebration was one to savour as well as he delighted the crowd with a backflip at the High Street End of the ground. Rochdale were not to be knocked back by this though and continued to press and work hard but they were being well controlled now by the resurgent Shots. Ben Herd was pushing forward from his position at right back and caused all sorts of problems in the Rochdale box when his inch-perfect cross landed on Luke Guttridge's head and Rochdale were mainly reduced to occasional breaks from defence. One of these nearly saw the Shots in trouble again though when Ashley Grimes- who else?- forced a smart save from Worner but there was to be no holding the Shots now. In the 78th minute a cross landed onto the feet of Shots' favourite Danny Hylton and he hit it first time into the top corner. 2:1 Shots and the stadium exploded in delight.

The final twelve minutes may have seemed like a lifetime to the watching Aldershot Town supporters but in truth it was Shots on top all the way to the final whistle with Ben Herd having a shot cleared off the line and the fans chanting their support from all sides of the ground. Then Andy D'Urso blew his whistle and the Shots were through to the fourth round for the first time ever which was the signal for mass celebrations to break out around the EBB Stadium. It was also only the third time the Shots had come back from a goal down under Dean Holdsworth, something they would only ever do one more time under his tenure, also in a cup match. The most important thing though was the Shots were in the draw for the fourth round of the League Cup, the only side from either of the lower two divisions. And even better news was to come when the draw took place the following Saturday..



**the teams** CARLING CUP

**The Shots**

- 1 Jamie Hylton
- 2 Ben Herd
- 3 Anthony Bradley
- 4 Ross Worner
- 5 Dean Smith
- 6 Michael Rankine
- 7 Alex Rodman
- 8 Luke Guttridge
- 9 Danny Grimes
- 10 Ben Herd
- 11 Andy D'Urso
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**Rochdale AFC**

- 1 Luke Shaw
- 2 Michael Rankine
- 3 Ben Herd
- 4 Ashley Grimes
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# shots **connections**

Players who have appeared for both ATFC and today's opponents



## Wayne Andrews

**Born:** 22.11.77, Paddington

**Shots Appearances:** 34 + 12

**Shots Goals:** 12

**Mariners Appearances:** 3 + 7

**O**n his day, Wayne could scare defences when running at full tilt towards them. However, he sometimes failed to "produce" when in vital areas. Wayne started as a trainee at Watford and signed full professional forms in July 1996 before making his debut as a substitute against AFC Bournemouth the following month. Unfortunately, his progress was halted early in the 1997-98 season when he broke his ankle, which caused him to miss the rest of the season.

with **Pete Stanford**

A one-month loan spell at Cambridge United in October 1998 was followed by a two-month loan spell at Barry Fry's Peterborough United in February 1999. Wayne's impact at London Road was immediate as he scored four goals on his debut in a televised match against Barnet! He was released by Watford at the end of the 1998-99 season and joined St. Albans City and scored 16 goals in his first 27 games at Clarence Park before joining Aldershot Town along with team-mate Simon Ullathorne in February 2000. He formed a good partnership with Gary Abbott, but his performances became inconsistent and he was sold to Chesham United for £3,000 in August 2001.

His 26 goals in his only season at the Meadow not only made him the club's top scorer, but also brought him to the attention of Oldham Athletic who were managed by Iain Dowie (brother of Chesham manager Bob). An agreement between the brothers saw Wayne move up to Lancashire in May 2002 and his 11 goals in the 2002-03 season helped the Latics reach the play-off semi-finals before losing to Queen's Park Rangers.

He moved back down South in August 2003 and signed for Colchester United, but was in and out of the side at Layer Road. In September 2004, he was reunited with Iain Dowie (this time at FA Premier League new boys Crystal Palace) in a swap deal involving Gareth Williams, but his time at Selhurst Park was disappointing, with the Eagles being relegated that season and beaten in the following season's Championship play-off semi-finals by Watford.

Wayne moved on to Coventry City in June 2006, but limited opportunities at Highfield Road saw him loaned-out to Sheffield Wednesday, Bristol City and Leeds United. Even when he did play for the Sky Blues, it was usually out-of-position on the wing. In March 2008, Coventry announced that Wayne was one of a number of players to be released at the end of season, so he was allowed to join Bristol Rovers on loan until the end of the season. Unfortunately, he was stretchered off with a knee ligament injury after just seventeen minutes of his debut against Yeovil Town and did not play again that season. In total, Wayne played just 10 league and cup games that season, but failed to score in any of them.

Following his release by Coventry and a period of rehabilitation from his injury at Lillleshall, he returned to Bristol Rovers as a trialist, but was not offered a contract. A few weeks after the start of the 2008-09 season, he trialed at Yeovil Town and Luton Town, impressing sufficiently to be offered a short-term contract by the latter; Wayne was released by the Hatters at the start of 2009 and subsequently trialed unsuccessfully at Leyton Orient, Yeovil (again), Northwood and Barnet. Aside from playing football, Wayne has tried his hand at acting and had a minor role in the 2001 film Mean Machine alongside footballer-turned-actor Vinnie Jones. At the time of writing, Wayne's current whereabouts are unknown.

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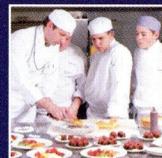
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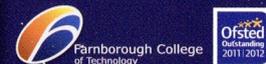
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# social media



## What's going on in the world of Shots Twitter and Facebook?

It's been a bit of a mixed week for Aldershot Town, with good news about the new shirts arriving at the club and not so good news on the pitch!

Saturday's match was a big disappointment for everyone, players and supporters alike, as Grimsby Town arrived at The Electrical Services Stadium and left with three goals and three points too. There is little positive that you can say about such a game and afterwards Shots' captain **Craig Stanley** was apologetic. 'Bad game today, can't give teams a 2 goal start like that. We score penalty and then it's a different game. Another game Tuesday now bring it on #Shots'. The supporters too were unhappy after the result but **John Hannah** was pragmatic about it all. 'Bad day at the office on Saturday for @OfficialShots chance to bounce back tomorrow and next Saturday let's put more points on the board'. And he had advice for his fellow supporters- 'It was always going to be difficult for @OfficialShots this season starting with -10 points- Keep the faith, just need to stay up this season.'

The new shirts were delivered to the club on Friday and that was good news for Shots' fans who had waited patiently for their arrival. **Sam O'Sullivan** tweeted a picture of himself wearing the new shirt with its Bridges logo. 'new shirt :D' and saying 'I always get the red one, usually get the away one the following season'. **John Hannah** was pleased with his too although it wasn't quite the best game to wear it to- 'Not a good baptism for my new @OfficialShots' shirt but hey ho, onto the next game!'

Shots Player is beginning to make its mark now thanks to the hard work of Kappadeano and Jeremy who films all the Shots' matches. **Doug Collier** said on Facebook, 'Looks good but then I wouldn't expect anything else from Kappa' and **Jimmy England** is happy with Player too. 'ShotsPlayer is starting to give us what we pay for- I believe all thanks to Kappa- well done'.

The Shots have a big match tonight and travel to Lincoln this coming Saturday so there will be lots to tweet and comment about over the next few days. Please keep them coming, we love receiving your tweets and Facebook posts.





## SKRILL CONFERENCE PREMIER TABLE (Saturday, 5 October 2013 17:06 UK)T

Pos	Team	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
			W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1	Cambridge Utd	13	7	0	0	16	2	2	4	0	6	4	16	31
2	Grimsby	13	4	1	1	14	7	3	2	2	6	6	7	24
3	Braintree Town	13	3	1	2	7	6	4	2	1	11	5	7	24
4	Nuneaton	13	4	2	1	13	8	3	1	2	6	8	3	24
5	Luton	13	4	3	0	13	6	2	2	2	6	3	10	23
6	Kidderminster	13	4	1	1	10	5	3	1	3	8	9	4	23
7	Salisbury	13	5	1	1	12	5	2	1	3	6	9	4	23
8	Alfreton Town	13	6	1	0	18	9	1	0	5	5	12	2	22
9	Lincoln City	13	5	0	1	9	2	1	3	3	7	9	5	21
10	Barnet	13	3	2	1	12	7	2	3	2	11	10	6	20
11	FC Halifax	13	6	1	0	15	5	0	1	5	8	18	0	20
12	Welling	13	3	3	1	11	7	2	1	3	10	10	4	19
13	Forest Green	13	4	1	1	15	4	1	2	4	10	15	6	18
14	Southport	13	4	2	0	9	5	1	0	6	4	12	-4	17
15	Hereford	13	3	2	1	5	4	1	2	4	8	10	-1	16
16	Gateshead	13	3	1	3	11	12	2	0	4	5	8	-4	16
17	Tamworth	13	2	2	3	7	9	2	1	3	6	10	-6	15
18	Dartford	13	3	0	3	7	6	1	1	5	4	15	-10	13
19	Macclesfield	13	2	1	3	7	8	1	2	4	6	9	-4	12
20	Wrexham	13	2	2	2	9	9	1	1	5	8	13	-5	12
21	Woking	13	1	2	3	7	12	2	1	4	9	11	-7	12
22	Chester	13	1	3	3	3	7	1	0	5	7	14	-11	9
23	Aldershot	13	4	1	2	11	8	1	2	3	3	4	2	8
24	Hyde	13	0	1	6	3	12	0	1	5	5	20	-24	2

\* Aldershot Town deducted 10 points

## SKRILL CONFERENCE PREMIER - FIXTURES (Kick off 7.45pm unless stated)

### Aldershot v Luton

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Braintree v Welling  
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3	Anthony Tonkin
4	Craig Stanley
5	Jake Goodman
6	Adam Webster
7	Adam Mekki
8	Martin Rowlands
9	Brett Williams
10	Matt Paterson
11	Arron Wickham
12	Manny Oyeleke
14	Jordan Roberts
15	Chris Barker
17	Cameron Brown
18	Bobby Webbe
19	Mark Molesley
20	Meshack Douglas
21	Luke Williams
22	Jaydon Gibbs
24	Lewis Young
25	Nick Pope

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## LUTON TOWN FC

1	Mark Tyler
3	Danny Fitzsimons
4	Jonathan Smith
5	Steve McNulty
6	Anthony Charles
7	Alex Lawless
8	Solomon Taiwo
9	Jon Shaw
10	Alex Wall
11	Jake Howells
12	Scott Griffiths
13	Mark Cullen
14	Andy Parry
16	Elliot Justham
17	JJ O'Donnell
18	Dave Martin
21	Luke Guttridge
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