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Dave's Diary

Commercial update



Good afternoon and welcome to the Swansway Chester Stadium for the visit of Luton Town.

Our match sponsor today is **Paul Bentley Wholesale Confectionery**. Paul is a long standing supporter of the club who, this season, has already sponsored our annual golf day and is working with us on a major 2014 golf event. His family business has been established over 30 years, supplying customers throughout the UK with a range of confectionery, crisps, drinks, healthy options and fair trade products. A number of the products in the kiosks at the ground are sourced through Paul's company and it is great to have his support throughout the club operations.



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also taken out an extensive hospitality package. With 15 years' operating experience, they have contracts in a number of high profile venues such as commercial premises, shopping centres and football stadia.. See later in the programme for a profile on the company. Programme sponsor is **Rob Thompson**, another long-standing supporter of the club. Rob has a table of ten today who include four guests of **BIG Storage** who have donated their tickets to raise funds for the Lord Mayor's Charity.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS - Mike Hardy is in Legends Lounge today as a present after celebrating his 60th birthday. A lifelong Chester FC supporter, his first match was aged 12 in 1965 when Chester played in maroon. His granny knitted him a scarf for the match then had to make a second the week after because the colours changed! Today he celebrates with his wife Holly. Happy Birthday Mike, from Vicki and David.

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A keen football fan is adopting Chester FC as his team today as he celebrates his 30th birthday! Carl Foster, a Manchester City season ticket holder from Southport, is being treated to a day to remember by friends and family. The group of 13 includes supporters of teams from around the North West and together they settled on a neutral venue with hospitality at today's crunch Skrill Premier tussle. Carl explained: "I'm not a Chester FC fan, but the love of football is something we all have in common and I've been looking forward to today since the lads suggested the trip. As a football fan in the region it's great to see Chester up there again and playing in big games like today against Luton. A Chester win would be a nice start to my 30th birthday weekend."

Chester FC would also like to welcome Richard Burnett and his guests from solicitors Hillyer McKeown, Mike Bell with Bell Developments, Andy Green, Nigel Hughes and Tim Ryan who are all enjoying hospitality.

AN EVENING WITH JACKO - Chester legend Peter Jackson made an emotional return to the club a fortnight ago against Aldershot for the launch of his autobiography *Living With Jacko* and was given such a great response - he has asked to come back and put on a night for the fans! You can read more about this in the news pages, but please order early to avoid disappointment. After the amazing demand for the Rodney Marsh dinner - which sold out in 48 hours - supporters are urged to ring up the club on 01244 371376 and reserve/purchase their tickets. There are 150 available with a mixture of theatre style seating and tables in Blues Bar on the night. You can also email commercial@chesterfc.com

CHRISTMAS TIME - Today we are sold out in hospitality with a waiting list and this is how we want every game to be at the Swansway Chester Stadium! We still have dining availability for the matches in December and early January so why not treat your friends or loved ones with a hospitality voucher. We can tailor a package for any game of your choice to give them a day in style in the Legends Lounge. We've also got half season tickets which give you access to the final 11 games of the season for the price of nine and Christmas goodies in the shop with special promotions throughout December.

COME JOIN US - There is plenty going on at the club both now and being planned for 2014. We are always on the lookout for volunteers to come and join the business side of the club. The club have a number of exciting initiatives in the pipeline and there are opportunities to get involved in commercial, food and beverage, event planning, retail, social media, design and schools liaison so if you have what it takes then drop us a line.

Thanks for taking time to read this page, enjoy the game today and if there is anything the club can do for you then don't hesitate to ask.

Dave Riche



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vs Newcastle Eagles**



**Sunday 8th December
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Southport vs Hereford

Tamworth vs Grimsby

Welling vs Nuneaton

Woking vs Hyde

Barnet vs Cambridge

BLUE TWEETS

"Great attitude from the lads last night. Tough place to go and we came away with something. Kick on again this Saturday. #ontheup #believe"

Craig Mahon reflects on a good point for the Blues.

Half time whistle...

Below are sections from the badges of 9 of our league opponents. Can you name the teams?



Team 1



Team 2



Team 3



Team 4



Team 5



Team 6



Team 7



Team 8



Team 9

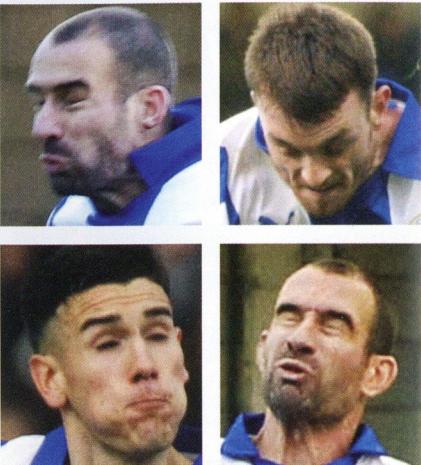
The answers are on page 43.



Linwood laments...

Multiple remote controls. The arm of my couch looks like Mission Control at NASA - and not in a good way.

funny faces



Danny Higginbotham looks like he's in a wind tunnel, Joe Heath does a Mr Grimsdale impression whilst Conor Wilkinson looks just like Cameron from Ferris Bueller's Day Off. This weeks winner though is **Danny Higginbotham**, looking even more like he's in a wind tunnel.

Ashley's fact of the day

In ancient Greek the word "idiot" meant anyone who wasn't a politician. Ironic. Deeply ironic.



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Blues statistics

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PT
1	Cambridge Utd	18	9	0	0	22	2	3	5	1	7	5	+22	41
2	Luton	18	5	3	0	17	7	4	4	2	15	10	+15	34
3	Kidderminster	18	6	1	1	18	7	4	2	4	11	12	+10	33
4	Grimsby	17	5	1	2	17	9	4	2	3	8	8	+8	30
5	Salisbury	17	7	1	1	17	6	2	2	4	7	12	+6	30
6	Barnet	18	4	4	1	14	8	3	4	2	12	10	+8	29
7	Braintree Town	18	4	1	4	13	11	4	4	1	12	6	+8	29
8	Welling	18	5	3	1	14	7	3	2	4	13	15	+5	29
9	FC Halifax Town	18	8	2	0	24	7	0	2	6	8	21	+4	28
10	Alfreton Town	18	7	1	1	21	10	2	0	7	8	18	+1	28
11	Nuneaton	18	4	3	2	15	13	3	3	3	10	13	-1	27
12	Gateshead	18	4	2	3	14	12	4	0	5	13	12	+3	26
13	Lincoln City	18	5	1	2	9	3	2	3	5	9	14	+1	25
14	Forest Green	18	6	1	2	19	7	1	2	6	12	22	+2	24
15	Macclesfield	18	4	3	3	14	13	2	2	4	9	11	-1	23
16	Wrexham	18	5	2	2	15	11	1	2	6	11	17	-2	22
17	Southport	18	5	2	2	11	8	1	1	7	6	15	-6	21
18	Tamworth	18	3	3	4	11	13	2	2	4	6	12	-8	20
19	Hereford	18	3	4	2	9	9	1	2	6	9	15	-6	18
20	Chester FC	19	1	5	3	4	8	3	1	6	12	20	-12	18
21	Dartford	18	4	1	3	12	10	1	2	7	6	21	-13	18
22	Woking	18	2	4	4	11	14	2	1	5	9	13	-7	17
23	Aldershot	18	4	2	3	16	14	2	3	4	5	9	-2	13
24	Hyde	19	0	2	8	6	18	0	1	8	9	32	-35	3

Chester FC Players - Who's who 2013/14

Player	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Previous Club	Conference		FA Cup		FA Trophy		Cheshire		Total		
				Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Senior Cup	Goals	Chester FC	Apps	Goals
CHIPPENDALE Aiden	24/05/92	Bradford	Bury (loan)	3+4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3+4	1	3 0
DANBY John	20/09/83	Stoke	Eastwood Town	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	1 0
FEARON Martin	30/10/88	Blackburn	Lancaster City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0 0
HARRISON Danny	04/11/82	Liverpool	Tranmere Rovers	15+1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	15+1	2	1 0
HEATH Joe	04/10/88	Birkenhead	Hereford United	4+4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4+4	1	2 0
HIGGINBOTHAM Danny	29/12/78	Manchester	Sheffield Utd	11+2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12+2	1	0 0
HORAN George	18/02/82	Chester	Droylsden	11	0	0+1	0	0	0	0	0	146+1	20	2 0
JARRETT Jason	14/09/79	Bury	Airbus UK Broughton	5+1	0	0+1	0	0	0	0	0	5+2	0	3 0
KAY Michael	09/12/89	Consett	Tranmere Rovers	15+2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16+2	0	5 1
KILLOCK Ross	12/07/94	Huddersfield	Leeds Utd (loan)	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0 0
LAIDLER Jordan	01/07/95	N Shields	Sunderland (loan)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1 0
LESTER Chris	27/10/94	Salford	Bolton Wanderers (loan)	2+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2+1	0	0 0
LINDFIELD Craig	07/09/88	Greasby	Accrington Stanley	10+2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	11+2	2	1 0
LINWOOD Paul	24/10/83	Birkenhead	Fleetwood Town	10+2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	44+4	2	2 1
MAHON Craig	21/06/89	Dublin	Vauxhall Motors	4+3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4+3	1	1 0
MCDONALD Shaquille	TBC	TBC	TBC	0+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+1	0	0 1
MCINTYRE Kevin	23/12/77	Liverpool	Rochdale	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	2 1
MILLER Sean	09/05/95	Liverpool	Chester Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0+3	0	0 0
MILLS Ben	23/03/89	Stoke	Macclesfield Town	6+5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19+13	13	2 0
PEERS Tom	23/10/95	Warrington	Chester Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1+4	0	0 0
PUGH Lee	26/05/92	Rossendale	Clitheroe	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1 1
REED Jamie	13/08/87	Chester	York City	5+6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6+6	1	1 0
SEDDON Gareth	23/05/80	Burnley	FC Halifax Town	9+7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	10+7	3	2 0
TITCHINER Alex	13/06/91	St Asaph	Fleetwood Town (loan)	10+4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13+9	0	1 0
TURNER Lewis	03/09/92	Garforth	Leeds Utd (loan)	18	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	27+1	2	2 0
TURNER Nathan	03/09/92	Garforth	Leeds Utd (loan)	14+3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30+8	1	4 0
WILKINSON Conor	23/01/95	Croydon	Bolton Wanderers (loan)	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1 0
WILLIAMS Ashley	08/10/87	Chester	Airbus UK Broughton	2+2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63+16	2	1 1
WILLIAMS Marc	27/07/88	Colwyn Bay	Kidderminster Harriers	1+1	0	0+1	0	0	0	0	0	38+22	14	0 0

League Table and Who's Who updated after Hereford game

The view from the Manager Let's show battling qualities

Good afternoon as we welcome Luton Town to the Swansway Chester Stadium.

Luton Town was always going to be one of the stand-out fixtures this season and it presents a great chance for us to show the league that we mean business, against a side with pedigree. Since the last time we spoke, a lot has happened both on and off the pitch. We've had three games and remained unbeaten, so I have to be pleased with that, although we could have taken 9 points out of 9, as we were in positions to win in two of those drawn games. I'll start with the Aldershot match, which ultimately left me feeling deflated despite an improved performance from the previous weekend in the cup. We've brought some fresh faces in recently and it's fair to say they made an impact, not just Conor's goal, which I thought showed excellent technique. Having competition within the squad can only be healthy and drive existing squad members to push that little bit harder. Take Jason Jarrett for example. He's been out of the team recently but came in and did a good job against Aldershot. All the players will get chances throughout the season, it's up to them to grasp their chance when it comes along.

I thought we deserved to win this one. It was a bit disappointing to concede so late, especially as the goal led from our corner, which we gave away too cheaply when we might have kept it in the corner. On to Hyde and I was pleased with the character the lads showed, especially given the lax start we made to the game. It's not the first time we've started games slowly away from home and we were punished once again. The golden rule of playing away from home is to keep their fans quiet for the first quarter of an hour. We know home sides will attack us, so we need to be extra vigilant to keep our shape and close down space in front of our back line. The early goal for them got their crowd going and you could see their players responded. That said, to come from behind to win any game is a good achievement, so I have to praise the lads for their commitment, especially in tough conditions. That win put us in a good frame of mind for the midweek visit to Hereford.

We knew beforehand that they were a physical side - the sort of side which has caused us problems this season.

Again, we let them score early but then pushed on. It pleased me to see the lads work tooth and nail to keep our run going.

However, now we're on a run it's not a case of us all playing *Ring a Ring o' Roses* outside the Blues Bar. There is plenty of work to get the side where I want them to be.

As a coach you always look for signs of progress - and I think you can see that we are heading in the right direction - but there are things we need to tighten up defensively in order to climb that table.

Away from the field of play it's been a great fortnight for the Club.

I'd like to congratulate George Horan and Barrie Hipkiss on receiving prizes at the North West Football Association awards. To be recognised at such a prestigious

ceremony rewards all of their hard work both on and off the pitch.

We are playing our first match at the Swansway

Chester Stadium this afternoon. On behalf of the club I'd like to thank them, along with our many other sponsors,

for continuing to support the club - It is very much appreciated by us all.

Neil Young



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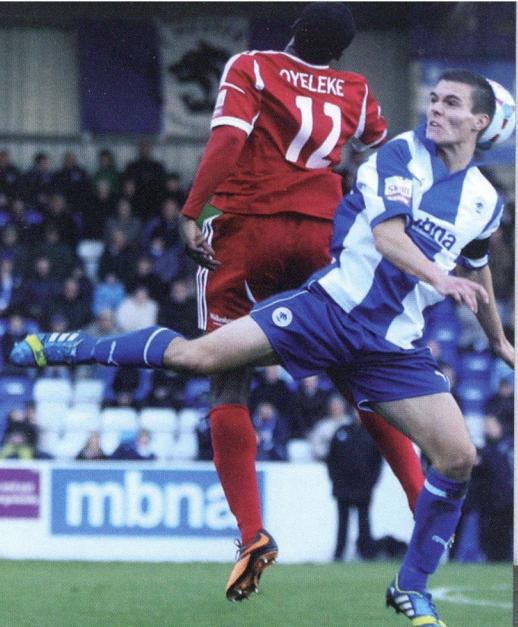
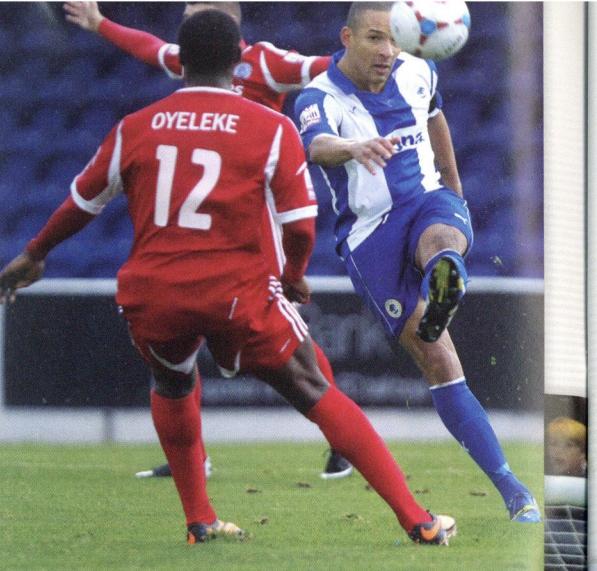
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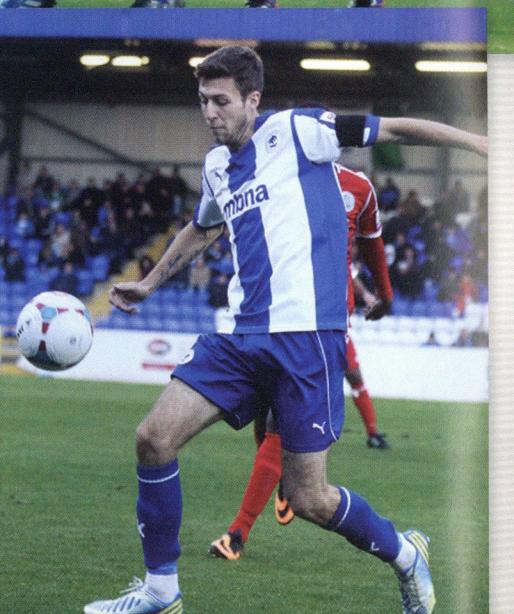
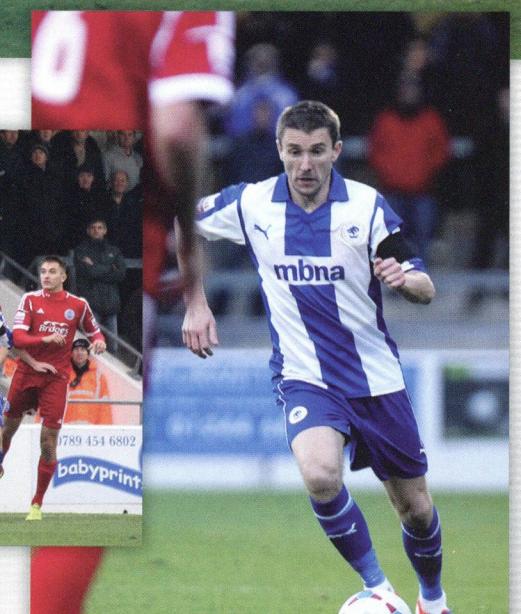
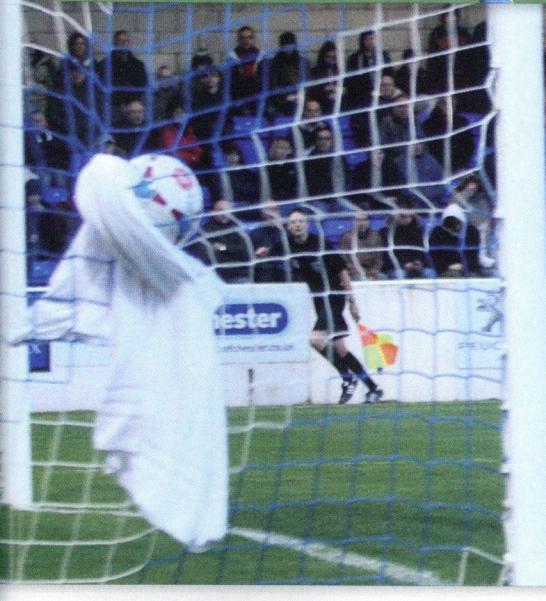
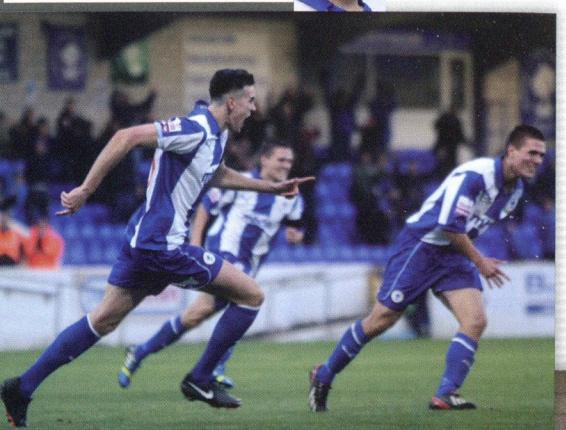
The Top performer

Jason Jarrett put in an assured performance, finding space in a crowded midfield.



The Golden moment

Conor Wilkinson for his superb goal - rifling the ball across the keeper and into the far corner.



The match in photos

Hyde 1 Chester FC 2

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Attendance: 1,232

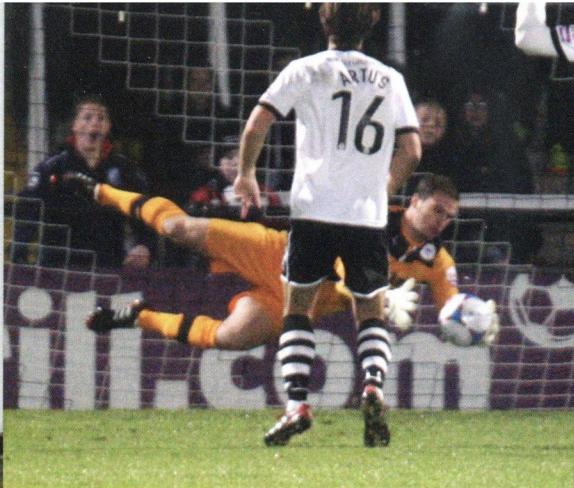
The Top performer

Craig Mahon took his goal delightfully and played well throughout.



The Golden moment

Craig Mahon again for a superb cross to allow Craig Lindfield to nod home our first.



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The match in photos

Hereford Utd 2 Chester FC 2

Attendance: 1,512

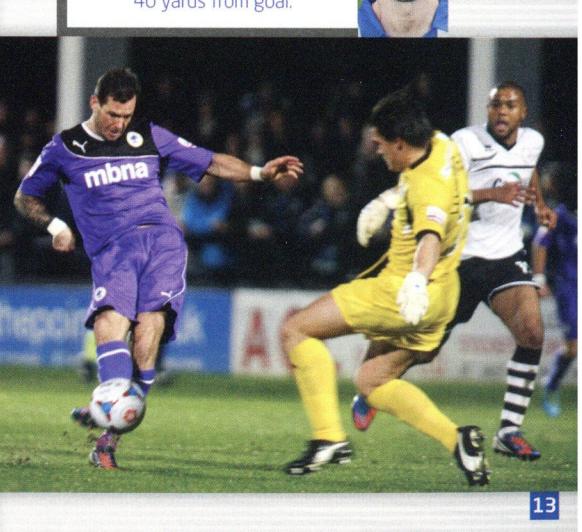
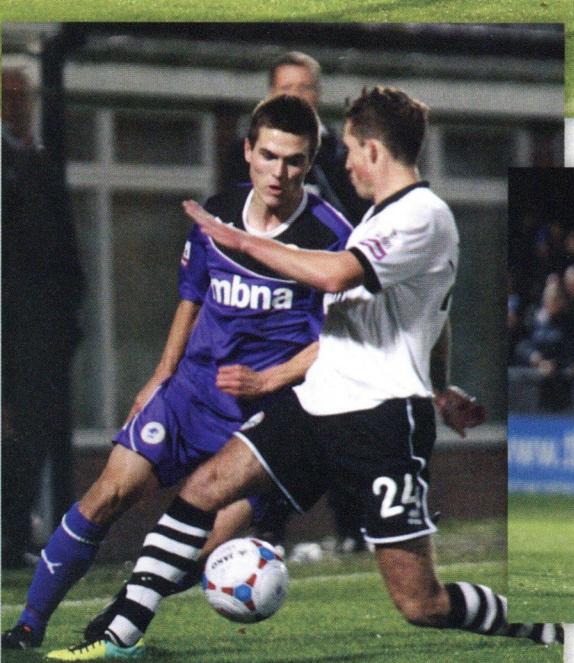
The Top performer

John Danby carried on his good form with some fine saves to ensure a point for the Blues.



The Golden moment

Gareth Seddon for his composed finish, fully 40 yards from goal.



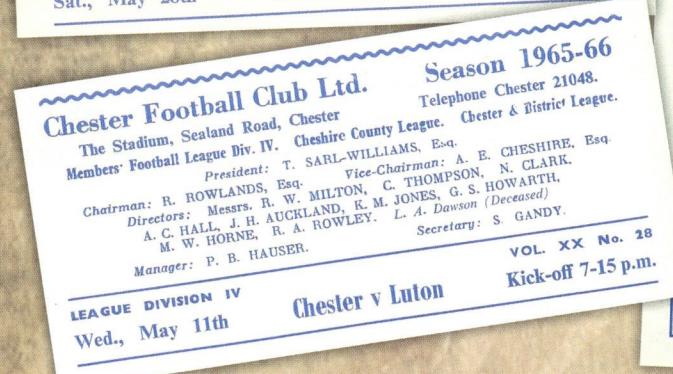
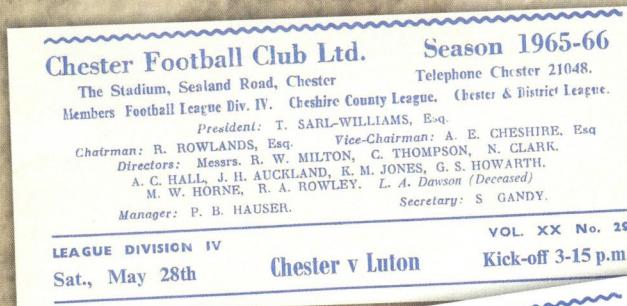
The Deva Archives

The first ever meeting between Chester and Luton Town in the city took place on May 11th 1966 and was a vital match for the Hatters who were chasing promotion from Division Four.

With five games to play the visitors were in a strong position. In those days there were only two points for a win and although Luton stood sixth in the table, three points behind fourth placed Colchester United, they had two games in hand and promotion was in their own hands. Chester themselves were a point behind Luton but, having played two more games, any realistic chance of a place in Division Three had disappeared after a disappointing second half to the campaign. On a wet Sealand Road evening, Luton took control and raced into a two goal lead thanks to John O'Rourke and John Reid. It looked like the visitors were set to claim a vital two points in their promotion push but the match was never completed. Conditions had become increasingly farcical throughout the first half and torrential rain plus a massive thunderstorm forced the abandonment of the game in the 47th minute. It was the sight of three players from both sides trying to extract the ball from a massive puddle in front of the main stand that convinced the referee that the game couldn't continue.

For Luton the premature end proved to have massive consequences. The match was re-scheduled for May 28th and Luton travelled to the Stadium knowing that a win would secure a return to Division Three at the first attempt. All was going to plan when Billy Stark gave them the lead in the 6th minute but in a thrilling second half Chester grabbed an equaliser when a long punt from John Butler was collected by Jimmy Humes who crashed the ball into the net from inside the penalty area. The single point was not enough for Luton and they missed out on promotion to Colchester on goal average and had to wait another two seasons before a place back in Division Three was secured.

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NOTES by The Manager.
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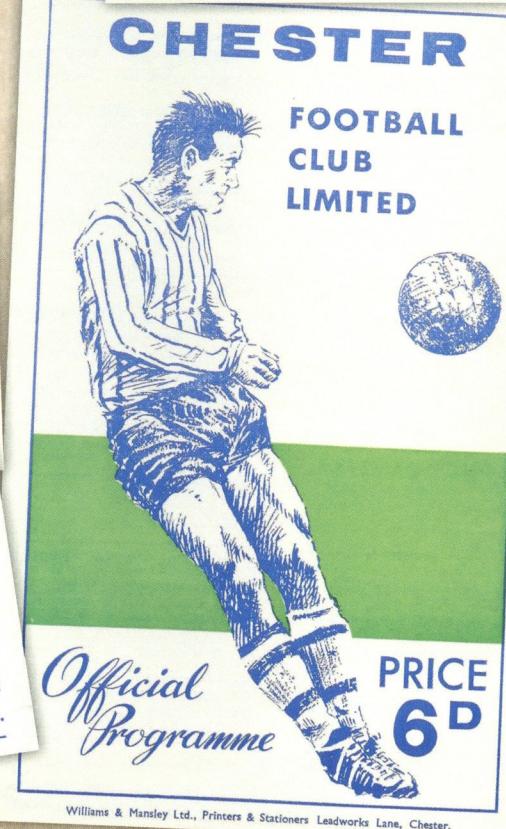
There is a touch of irony about today's game as far as we at Chester are concerned. Not many weeks ago I thought our clash with Luton may be vital to ourselves, but that is not now so, and instead to-day's game is vital to Luton. At the time of compiling these notes the result of Luton's game at Newport is not known, but if they have won their game at Newport they will need both points from to-day's game if Colchester win at Newport to-day. Since our abandoned game with Luton we have played two games away from home which have brought one point, from the game at Crewe. The boys played well at Newport on Monday, and were unfortunate not to get at least one point. Les Jones and Mick Metcalf both scored cracking goals, but Newport got a late decider. I was pleased with the showing of Keith Edwards, a local amateur, making his first appearance with the senior team.

We look forward to a good game, and if Luton win and gain promotion, we wish them well in Division III.

We are all extremely disappointed promotion has not been achieved, and the few weeks before the commencement of next season will be spent searching for any players who become available, and who we consider could help our efforts next season.

I wish to thank you all for your wonderful support, and look forward to seeing you next season.

Yours sincerely,
P. B. HAUSER, Manager.



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A Swansway Chester welcome to Luton Town

Today's visitors were formed in 1885 as the result of a merger between local teams - Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior - and over the years have seen almost everything there is to see in the game.

The Hatters were the first club in southern England to turn professional when they started making payments to players as early as 1890 before turning fully professional the following year. Their early years were spent as founder members of the Southern League where they finished as runners up in consecutive seasons before leaving to help form the United League. After finishing in second place in that new league they then became one of the few southern based teams in the Football League in readiness for the 1897/8 campaign. Such a step up crippled the club's finances, however, and in 1900 they returned to the Southern League.

1920 saw a return to the Football League, albeit this time to the third tier, until the goalscoring exploits of Joe Payne - 55 goals in 39 games - helped the side to promotion via the Championship of Division 3 (South). The 1950s marked one of the best eras in the history of the Hatters with a team boasting many international players being assembled and promotion to the top flight achieved in 1955/6. 1958/9 brought an FA Cup final appearance and all looked bright at Kenilworth Road. As good as the 50s had been, however, the 60s was to be bad and by 1965 the Hatters were in Division 4. The yo-yo situation that has played a significant part in the club's history continued with promotions taking them back to the top flight in 1974 followed by instant relegation and a return under David Pleat at the end of the 1981/2 campaign. Relegation was almost instantaneous until a late winner scored by super sub Raddy Antic secured their status. In 1986/7 the Hatters achieved their highest position, finishing seventh and a year later they beat Arsenal to win the Football League Cup. A return to Wembley was secured in 1988/9 but on that occasion Nottingham Forest got the better of them.

Luton's stay in the top flight ended with relegation in 1991/2 and just nine years later they were back in the fourth tier. Two further promotions were experienced as were two relegations, financial problems and a 30 points deduction which led to relegation in 2009/10 but not before one final act of defiance as the side won the Football League Trophy. Last season brought FA Cup progress to round five but despite three appearances in the play offs a return to Football League status is still only a dream.

The Hatters lost their opening game of the season 1-0 at Southport, but their only other league defeat so far also came on their travels, in mid September, 2-0, at Wrexham. Three away games have been won, 2-0 at Kidderminster, 4-0 at Woking and 4-3 at Tamworth with games at Forest Green (0-0), Hereford (0-0), Aldershot (3-3) and Gateshead (0-0) ending all square. Last Saturday they lost 2-1 at Welling in the FA Cup, this after winning 1-0 at Woking in the previous round.



The Management...

The man currently charged with masterminding promotion for the Hatters is **John Still**, a man who has been there, done it and probably got the T-shirt. John was appointed manager in January of this year having previously spent some nine years in charge at Dagenham and Redbridge where he took the Daggers up to the League as Conference Champions in 2007 and then to League 1 via the play offs in 2010. Prior to his time at Dagenham, John had led Dartford to the Southern League title in 1984 and won the Conference with Maidstone five years later. In 1991 he guided Redbridge Forest to the Isthmian League title before that club eventually became Dagenham and Redbridge. John's assistant is **Terry Harris** who had been on the coaching staff at Dagenham since 1999 and before that at St Albans, Dartford and Enfield.

Goalkeepers...

Mark Tyler is a vastly experienced keeper who was with Norwich as a youngster before playing 416 league games with Peterborough between 1994 and 2009 when he joined the Hatters. During his time with Posh he also had loan spells with Billericay, Yeovil, Hull, Watford and Bury and he's also played for England at under 18 and 20 levels. Mark had kept 72 clean sheets in 184 games for Luton before this season. **Elliott Justham** was signed in May from East Thurrock having kept 14 clean sheets in 31 games for them last term. Elliott has previously had trials for West Ham and Reading.

Defenders...

Central defenders **Steve McNulty** and **Anthony Charles** are both experienced campaigners. Steve was with Liverpool as a youngster before being released in 2003 and moving into non league football. He captained Barrow into the Conference and had spells with Vauxhall Motors and Burscough before linking up with Fleetwood who he again captained as they took the Conference title in 2012. He joined Luton in January. Anthony was signed from Plymouth pre season but he has twice been a Conference title winner, with Barnet and Aldershot as well as having spells with Crewe, Hyde, Hayes, Farnborough and Northampton. He has also been capped by England at C level. Fellow centre backs **Andy Parry** and **Alex Lacey** are both in their early 20s. Andy was signed from Southport for whom he'd made 62 appearances following his release from Blackburn. Alex made his Luton debut as a 17 year old in 2009 and was voted Man of the Match. He had a spell on loan at Eastleigh last season but has been a regular in the Luton side this term. Attacking right back **Ronnie Henry** was signed from Stevenage last season. A youngster with Spurs he made 3 appearances on loan at Southend and then had a spell in Ireland before returning to make 329 appearances for Stevenage, the fourth highest for the club and a spell that saw him enjoy

"Several experienced goalscorers are competing for forward places in the side"

two promotions and an FA Trophy win. Left back **Scott Griffiths** had a spell with Southend as a youngster but made his mark with over 200 games for Dagenham and Redbridge where he was a Conference title winner. He then had spells with Peterborough and Chesterfield before joining Luton on a short term deal last season which has now been extended this. **Danny Fitzsimons** was with both Millwall and QPR as a youngster but he's joined Luton this season after scooping all the Player of the Year awards at Histon last term. Danny can play on the left or in the centre. **Brett Longden** is a teenage right back and first year professional with the club.

Midfielders...

Alex Lawless was voted Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year last term and is well past the 100 game mark since his arrival from York in November 2010. Alex was with Cardiff as a youngster and then played for Ton Pentre before joining Fulham in 2003. He didn't make the first team in his 2 years at Craven Cottage but then moved on to play 14 games for Torquay, 102 for Forest Green and 51 for York. **Jonathan Smith** is another ex Minsterman having joined Luton from York in January after a loan spell. Jonathan started his senior career with York but then helped Swindon to the League 2 title in 2011/12 before returning to York. Jonathan played 51 times for York and 38 for Swindon along with 107 games for Forest Green and brief spells with Morecambe, Bamber Bridge and Fleetwood as a youngster. Left winger **Dave Martin** joined the club in January 2010 having played in 150 League games for Crystal Palace, Millwall, Derby, Southend, Notts County and Walsall. Dave started his career in non league circles with Slade Green and then Dartford. **Luke Guttridge** is another ex League man having made close on 400 appearances with Torquay, Cambridge Utd, Southend, Leyton Orient, Colchester, Northampton and Aldershot prior to arriving at Kenilworth Road in the summer. A score of 45 goals in his former life he has netted 6 so far this term. **Solomon Taiwo** was signed from Bromley in March but he has had a varied career. He started his career at Bromley and arrived at Dagenham in 2007 via several other non league sides. After 54 appearances in two years for the Daggers he joined Cardiff for a fee in the region of £250,000 but the move produced just 9 appearances and after a further single appearance for Mansfield he arrived back at Bromley last season. **Jake Howells** was with Hemel Hempstead and Watford as a youngster before joining Luton in 2007. A player who can play on the wing, at left back or in centre midfield, Jake made his debut in May 2008 and last season passed the 200 game mark whilst still only 21. He has also been capped by England C and Wales at under 21 level. **Shaun Whalley** is a name that may be familiar to Chester fans as he made 3 appearances for Chester City back in 2004. Shaun's career has taken him to Norwich (Academy), Southport Reserves, Runcorn, Witton, Accrington Stanley, Wrexham, Droylsden, Hyde and most notably, Southport where he played over 100 games scoring 27 goals before linking up with Luton in the summer. **Jim Stevenson** is a 21 year old who was

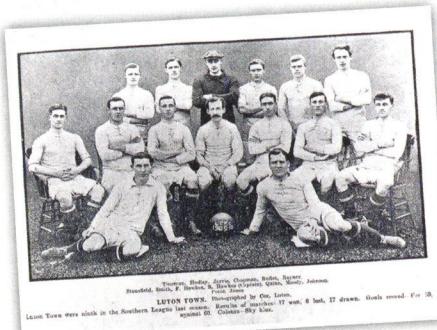
signed from Histon in May after topping their scoring charts last term with 11. Ironically Jim made his Histon debut as a 17 year old against Luton before becoming a mainstay in the Histon line up. **JJ O'Donnell** is a left sided or central player who was signed as a youngster from St Albans in 2010 and has also had loan spells with Thurrock, Hampton and Richmond and Cambridge City. **David Viana** is a well travelled youngster who joined the club in September after playing in America. Previously on the books of Athletico Madrid and Racing Strasbourg, David has been capped by Portugal at under 17, 18 and 19 levels. **Matt Robinson** is a home grown youngster who made 14 appearances last term including the final 7 games and he netted his first goal for the club in the final game of the season.

Forwards...

Several experienced goalscorers are competing for forward places in the side. Ex Hinckley man **Andre Gray** has 6 to his name this season having finished as top scorer last term with 20. A pacy player, Andre made 4 appearances for his first club Shrewsbury but then joined Hinckley in 2010 and scored 39 goals in just two seasons. He had a loan spell at Luton at the end of 2011/12 when he netted 5 goals in 9 games and also scored after just 17 seconds of the play off final defeat against York. He has also been capped by England C. **Paul Benson** has 5 goals under his belt since arriving on a season long loan from Swindon in August. Paul came to notice as a youngster when he scored 107 goals in 65 games for Essex Olympian side White Ensign and he moved to Dagenham where he netted 69 in 165 games. Since leaving the Daggers in 2010 he has added a further 28 goals in 85 games with Charlton, Swindon, Portsmouth and Cheltenham. **Mark Cullen** scored on his Premier League debut for Hull but that proved to be his only goal in 24 outings. He had loan spells with Stockport, Bradford City and Bury adding a further 4 goals in 24 games but has netted 5 times for the Hatters so far this season. **Alex Wall** joined the club on loan from Maidenhead in March and then made the move a more permanent one in the summer. Alex netted 13 times for Maidenhead last term and had previously played for Thatcham Town. He has one goal to his name this season. **Jon Shaw** is in his second season at the club and netted 21 times in all competitions last term. Jon started his career with 2 goals in 18 games for Sheffield Wednesday and has since gone on to play for York, Burton, Halifax, Rochdale, Crawley, Headrow, Mansfield and Gateshead. He has scored goals at all his clubs including 45 in 80 games at his previous employers, Gateshead. **Zane Banton** is a home grown talent who made his debut earlier this season.



Luton Town Classic campaigns



We take a closer look at ten post war 'Classic Campaigns'.

1954/55 - Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954/55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest

and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

1958/59 - Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958/59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

1967/68 - Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967/68. New captain Terry Branston made his debut as



the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1969/70 - Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969/70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield

1973/74 - Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryen as Luton finished runners-up.

1981/82 - David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

1987/88 - Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester.

The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

1988/89 - Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the Littlewoods Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

2001/02 - Steve Howard scored 24 times as Luton Town won promotion in 2001/02. Joe Kinnear's side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Torquay. The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.

2004/05 - Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004/05. The Hatters stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat Bradford City 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at MK Dons. The 1-0 victory over Port Vale in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer Bristol City 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.

Leigh Edwards



Star graduate Bruce Rioch

Powerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

Born in Aldershot, where his father was a regimental sergeant major, Bruce was raised in Luton and became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road. Rioch turned professional in September 1964 and made his League debut in Luton's 1-0 defeat at home to Southend United two months later. His first League goal came in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat at Bradford City in December 1965 and he soon attracted interest from bigger clubs with his pace, power and fierce shooting. He also had great competitiveness and a ruthless streak. Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966-67 and again in 1967-68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. Rioch was also an important figure as Luton narrowly failed to win promotion again in 1968-69, netting 47 goals in 149 League games before moving to Aston Villa for a then club record £100,000 in July 1969. His younger brother Neil, an England Youth international, followed him from Luton to Villa shortly afterwards.

Bruce played for Villa in the 1971 League Cup final and starred in their 1971-72 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Derby County for £200,000 in February 1974, he took over from the injured Henry Newton and helped Dave Mackay's side to finish third in the top-flight that season. Rioch was ever-present and leading marksman with 15 League goals in 1974-75 when Derby won the League Championship for the second time in four seasons.

Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in Derby's remarkable 8-2 First Division victory over Spurs in October 1976.

Rioch could play for Scotland through parental qualification and made his international debut in their 1-0 victory over Portugal at Hampden Park in May 1975. He scored his first international goal to clinch Scotland's 2-2 draw with Wales four days later and went on to become the first English-born player ever to captain Scotland, leading them in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina. Sold to Everton for £180,000 in December 1976, Rioch returned to Derby a mere 11 months later but fell out with Tommy Docherty and Colin Addison. He then had loan spells at Birmingham City and Sheffield United. After that he played for Seattle Sounders, becoming Torquay United's player-coach in October 1980 and later their player-manager. He then took charge of Middlesbrough, managing them from the Third Division to First in consecutive seasons.

After a spell as Millwall's manager, he became Bolton Wanderers' boss in May 1992 and plotted two promotion successes, also leading them to the 1995 League Cup final. He spent a year as Arsenal's manager before the appointment of Arsene Wenger, signing Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Danish side Aalborg.



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Blue's blog I'm as mad as a Hatter

Hereford, Woking, Forest Green, Dartford, Macclesfield, Grimsby, Kidderminster, Cambridge and Aldershot. Those are the home league games we've had so far this season and now today we add Luton Town to that list.

So, in the home games we've played so far we've played against the team with the highest budget, two of last season's Play Off finalists, the FA Trophy runners up, a team who were playing in the Football League last season, this season's pacesetters and league leaders and a Cheshire derby!

Scratch those first three opponents off the list and we're actually unbeaten here in the last 6 league games and against considerably good teams too, so we should hold no fears going in to today's game and instead build on what we have achieved so far. Granted, we've not scored many goals in those games, but that will hopefully come with the new found confidence.

I have a bit of a tie with Luton, having had relations from down that way that I used to visit for years when I was younger. I always used to get to read their match programmes when I was down there, in the days of Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, and Les Sealey - they had a great team back in the 80s, and one outstanding memory I have is when they hammered Liverpool 4-1 on the TV when Liverpool were very successful at the time.

Another great occasion was when the Blue half of Merseyside played Luton in the FA Cup Semi Final at Villa Park. The Cup run ended there for them (as it did in the League Cup for us back in 74-75) but my memory is that virtually every fan had a hat on, to go with their 'Hatters' nickname! I believe that we'll have a great number of visiting fans here today and I'm sure they are wishing for times like that again! Off the pitch here we're continuing to make strides towards driving the club forwards and one key factor

at present is revenue generation. There are different ways that everyone can help do their bit to help the club. Joining City Fans United is an easy one, it costs just £1 per month and you are helping swell the numbers of owners of Chester FC at the same time as giving fans a greater voice with future decisions.

One of those decisions will be the home kit vote which we'll be launching next week and we'll be asking the fans which kit they would like to see the lads wearing on the pitch for the next two seasons at the Swansway Chester Stadium. There are some great choices to select from, some traditional, some retro-style, and some new ideas too.

Another way that fans can help is by buying and selling some Christmas Raffle tickets. CFU members will have been sent these out with their AGM packs, but if you're not a member yet then you can still help buy some books of tickets, and there are some truly great prizes - at last count there were over 40 to be won!

Thanks to our army of volunteers that are helping to

deliver on the Fundraising side of the Club - £7000+

was raised for the Summer Raffle - let's see if we can

make it the magic £10k this time round!

So, back to today then and a chance to make a real name for ourselves today if we can get a vital win against Luton. Neil Young has already referred to the need to get a great atmosphere going in here today, and I'll echo that - and believe that everyone will make it happen, so let's get behind the Blues and #believe and #support! Come on City!

Banksy



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Around the league



Another three rounds of fixtures to catch up on this week and a mix of league and cup games too.

Two weeks ago we had the disappointment of **Aldershot** grabbing a last gasp equaliser to cancel out **Conor Wilkinson's** fine debut goal but a pleasing performance to build on nonetheless. The result of the day, however, came at **Southport** where **Cambridge** finally tasted defeat at the 17th time of asking. The all important goal was another debut goal, for central defender Matty Brown, and came after just 82 seconds of the game. The new man, on loan from Chesterfield, then did his bit at the back as the Sandgrounders withstood incessant second half pressure from the leaders to record their first league win in six. Second placed **Kidderminster** and third placed **Luton** failed to take full advantage of United's slip, however with Kiddy losing out 1-0 at **Barnet** and the Hatters being held to a goalless draw at **Gateshead**. **Grimsby** and **Salisbury** on the other hand both moved to within one point of Luton thanks to fine wins. The Mariners netted in the first minute of their game at **Woking** through Ross Hannah and then again in the 92nd through Craig Disley after the home side had pulled level on the half hour mark. **Salisbury's** fine 4-1 home win against **Hereford** had been achieved a couple of nights earlier in front of the television cameras. The win was set up with two first half goals and though Sam Smith pulled one back on the hour, two goals in the final two minutes made the scoreline emphatic. The day's other victories all went in favour of the home sides. James Norwood scored after just five minutes to give his side **Forest Green** their first win in five, this at home to **Dartford** whilst Jake Gallagher's first goal of the campaign was enough to secure the three points for **Welling** against **Lincoln**. **Alfreton** and **Macclesfield** both gave their supporters three goals to cheer. Two first half efforts from the on loan Jake Speight and a third goal soon after the restart scored by Job Akinde were enough for Alfreton to beat **FC Halifax** but Macc had to work a bit harder for their three points against **Wrexham**. Connor Jennings got the game off to a flying start converting a penalty in the first minute then netted again five minutes before the break to restore Macc's lead this after Joe Anyinsah had pulled the visitors level in the 13th minute. Wrexham then levelled again ten minutes from time but Jennings had the last laugh and claimed the match ball with a late late winner. The remaining two games both ended level. **Hyde** thought they had gained their elusive first win of the campaign when Scott Spencer gave them a 2-1 lead in added time only for **Nuneaton's** Dave Hibbert to level



seconds later. **Braintree** gained a useful point at **Tamworth** to keep themselves just outside the play offs though they will probably consider it two points lost as Tamworth had to play for 65 minutes with only ten men following the dismissal of debut man Charlie Allen.

Last Saturday of course was good for us as we ran out deserved 2-1 winners at **Hyde** in the only league game to take place. Craig Mahon's late recall from Fylde must have caught Jimmy Soul by surprise as Craig had to turn out in a shirt with no number, but that didn't stop him turning in a star performance, though several others weren't far behind in a game played in atrocious conditions. It was the FA Cup that occupied the thoughts of our other teams in action and what a mixed bag of results it produced. Pride of place has to go to **Macclesfield** who beat Swindon 4-0 with Connor Jennings on target twice to take his goals tally to eight in the last four games and 14 in the last ten. Coincidentally Macc had beaten the same opponents in last year's competition. A goal from ex Chester man Nick Chadwick also gave **Tamworth** a taste of the headlines as they saw off the challenge of Cheltenham 1-0.

Kidderminster were 4-1 winners against Sutton United, this after the visitors had taken a tenth minute lead whilst our other winners came from clashes against fellow Skrill Premier sides. Three first half goals gave **Salisbury** the upper hand against **Dartford** who never really got in touch despite scoring twice in the 4-2 defeat. Two first half efforts secured **Welling's** passage against **Luton** who pulled one back just before the hour mark but couldn't break through again whilst **Wrexham** ran out 3-1 winners against **Alfreton**. Four of our sides earned a second bite at the cherry with **Gateshead** probably being the unluckiest conceding a late equaliser after they had led 2-0 at Oxford. **Braintree** took the lead against Newport but had to settle for 1-1 whilst **Grimsby** outplayed Scunthorpe for much of their game but couldn't score and **Lincoln** also had to settle for 0-0 against Plymouth. **Hereford** were beaten 2-0 at Burton on the Sunday but Saturday's losers all did so in style! **Barnet** had Keanu Marsh-Brown sent off after thirteen minutes at Preston and were thumped 6-0 whilst **Southport** were 2-0 down inside ten minutes before eventually losing 5-2 at Leyton Orient. **FC Halifax** only trailed MK Dons 1-0 at half time but were beaten 4-1. **Cambridge's** game at Bury fell foul of the monsoon conditions. And so to Tuesday where our lads gained a good point at **Hereford**. At times in the second half it was a bit like the Alamo and JD needed to show



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how good a keeper he is. It was encouraging to see everyone stand up to the pressure despite some horrible challenges going completely unpunished and right at the death we almost pinched all three points. In the other games **Cambridge** and **FC Halifax** were the night's biggest winners recording 4-0 victories against **Aldershot** and **Hyde** respectively. **Woking** recorded their first win in seven games beating **Dartford** 3-0 thanks to three goals in the final 27 minutes. **Wrexham** were 3-2 winners at home against **Gateshead** with Andy Bishop scoring all three including an injury time winner to take his goals tally to five in two games. The home side went 1-0 up in the 23rd minute only for the visitors to score twice inside a minute to lead at the break. Wrexham levelled 13 minutes from time and then grabbed that late winner. Ex Chester man Nick Chadwick was on target again as **Tamworth** beat **Alfreton** 1-0 whilst Marcus Kelly was on target as **Forest Green** beat **Nuneaton** by the same score. **Luton** and **Lincoln** were the night's away winners, 2-1 at **Braintree** and 1-0 at **Southport** respectively. **Barnet** and **Welling** remained goalless whilst a last gasp effort from **Macclesfield** brought them a share of the spoils against **Kidderminster** who had led from the 27th minute.



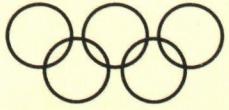
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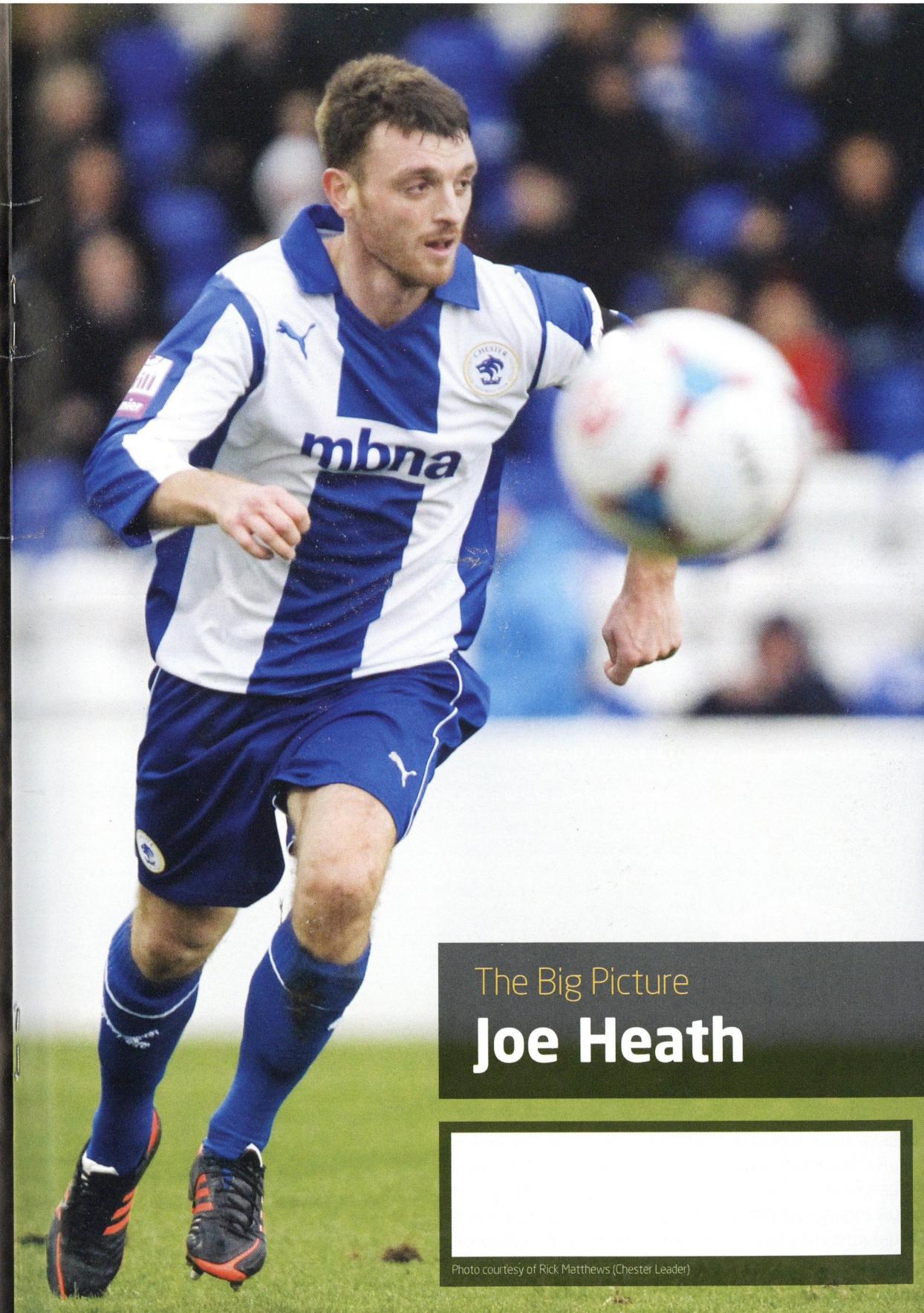
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JD hitting top form

The form of shot-stopper John Danby has been an important factor in the Blues' recent revival, pulling off some fine saves - often right at the death - to preserve important draws and wins for Neil Young's men.

"I'm pleased to be playing my part" said the popular custodian. "We've tightened up a bit recently and we are defending better as a team."

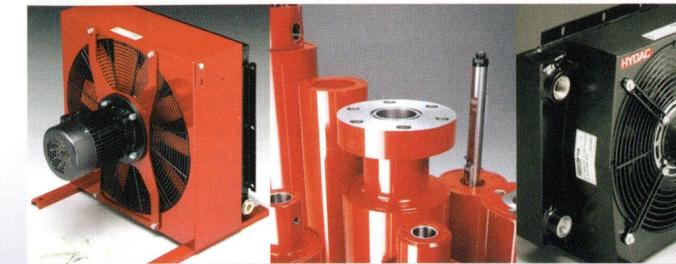
With almost half the season gone, we asked John how he thinks this season will pan out: "Our aim is to just keep climbing that table. It's so tight above us that a good month will see us mid table and a good month after that we could even be eyeing the play-offs!"



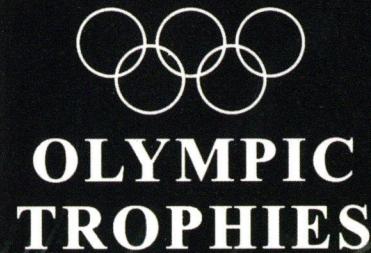
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An evening with Jacko

Chester legend Peter Jackson was a recent visitor at the Aldershot game for the launch of his autobiography, *Living With Jacko*, which proved to be so much of a hit that he has agreed to come back to to put on a night for the fans!

Jacko had a three year spell at Chester and was inducted into the club's Hall of Fame before embarking on a managerial career with Bradford City and Huddersfield Town, so he has plenty of stories to tell about Chester and further afield!

He has agreed to come to the club on Friday December 6th with tickets costing just £15, which includes curry and rice by official caterers Dougherty and Allen and a pint of lager or bitter on entry! Dave Riche will be the man on the mic so that fans can get their chance to ask Peter questions.

Jackson said: "I absolutely love Chester and the fans are fantastic. The reception I got when I walked onto the pitch after all these years away was really emotional and it made me want to do more for the club. It will be a chance for people to come and have a curry and a beer and then I'll have some interesting tales to tell them all."

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Over the coming weeks we will be providing regular information on all you need to know about Chester FC Community Trust.

In the first of these articles we would like to give you an introduction to Chester FC Community Trust.

History - Chester FC has always intended to develop a professional, innovative and sustainable community programme to build on our statement of 'Our City, Our Community, Our Club'. Establishing the Trust in 2013 represented a significant step forward in ensuring that a true legacy is developed for the communities of Chester and the surrounding areas. The next aim for the Trust is to become an independently sustainable registered charity.

Mission Statement - Chester FC Community Trust works to improve and enhance the lives of people living in Chester and the surrounding areas through always working to a high standard in community engagement, social inclusion, health and education.

Aims and Objectives - To deliver high quality football and physical activity, education programmes, social inclusion provision, and health & wellbeing projects to people of all ages and abilities in Chester and across Cheshire West. To actively engage and involve the community and work with partners who share our vision for a cohesive and inclusive future.

What We Do - Chester FC Community Trust delivers programmes and initiatives across four main community themes:

- **Coaching**
- **Education**
- **Health & Wellbeing**
- **Social Inclusion**

The power of football to engage, motivate and educate people irrespective of age, gender and ethnicity is widely recognised. The local appeal of Chester FC and power of our community ethos to bring additional credibility is vitally important in addressing our vision of improving the community. In the next article, we will be focussing on what we are delivering within each of our themes and what we have achieved so far. We will also be providing information on how the Trust is funded, ways in which we are going to communicate our work with fans and general public, community ticket offers, volunteering opportunities and plans for the future. We are working very hard to produce a community scheme for our Club that you can be proud of and we will keep you updated every step of the way. Keep your eyes open for the next updates!

In the mean time, if you have any questions, would like a general discussion about the Trust or would like to help in any way, we would be very happy to hear from you - just email us on community@chesterfc.com

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Blues start cup defence with local derby

It doesn't seem 5 minutes ago since Tony Gray converted from the most improbable angle to secure the Cheshire Senior Cup for Chester last season. This season, the Blues will begin the defence of the trophy with an away fixture against Runcorn Town week ending 18th January. Runcorn Town sit proudly at the top of the North West Counties Premier Division ahead of Maine Road, AFC Liverpool and local neighbours, Runcorn Linnets. More details about this tie will be on www.chesterfc.com closer to the time.



Gone but not forgotten

Elfed Morris, one of the members of Chester's 'Famous Five', sadly passed away recently. In the 1964/65 season, playing outside left, Elfed contributed 26 goals of the team's 141 goals in the season, one of five players to score over 20 goals along with Jimmy Humes, Mike Metcalf, Hugh Ryden and Gary Talbot - an incredible achievement and one not likely to be emulated for quite some time. Elfed took a keen interest in the exploits of Chester FC and made one of his last visits a couple of years ago when the 'Famous Five' were reunited for the game against Bamber Bridge, where the legends took to the pitch to recreate the iconic photo of them all shooting the ball into the net at the same time. Elsewhere, the club are also saddened to hear of John Colin Parry, a life long Chester fan, who sadly passed away following a short illness, aged 77. He started attending matches in 1948 and lived and breathed the club, right up to his death. He went to matches whenever he could and passed on the bug to his son Paul - quite an achievement given Paul was born just 100 yards from Stamford Bridge! John was also brother-in-law of George Spruce, a firm Chester favourite many years back, so perhaps it's no wonder he was blue and white through and through! We hope that Elfed and John rest in peace.

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Junior Blues Christmas parties

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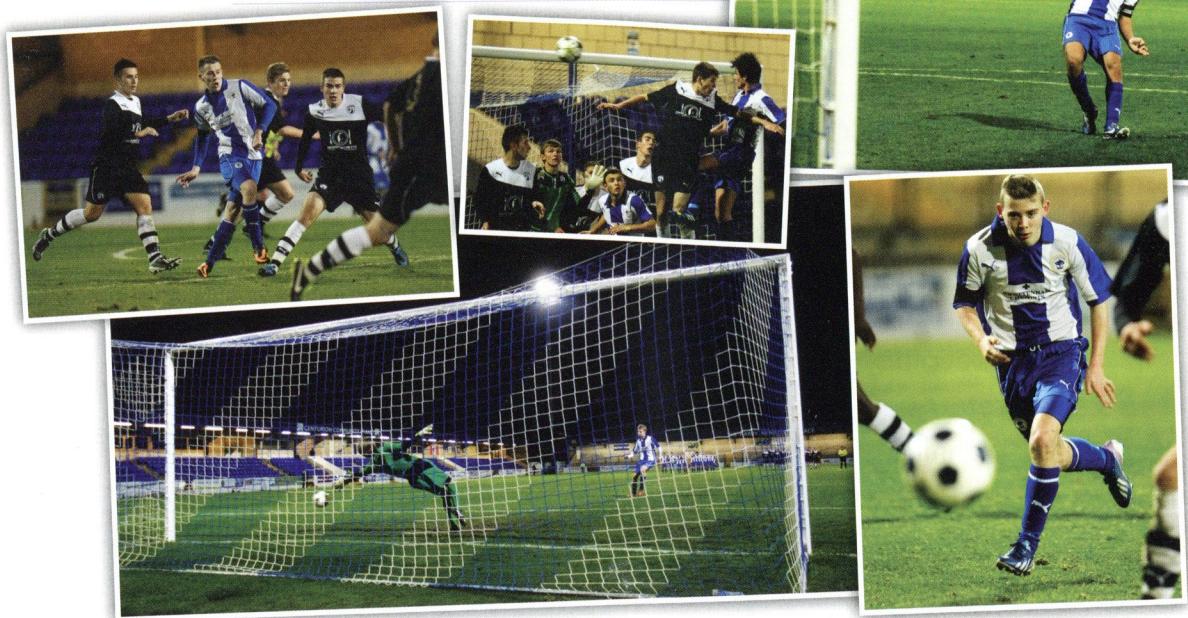
The October Junior Blues monthly prize draw winner is Simon Banks from Upton who wins £20 to spend in the club shop.

New members are also welcome to join the Junior Blues, so if you're interested, contact the club today!





Around the club



under 17s

Colts win a game of two halves

Chester FC Colts defeated Ashton United at Hurst Cross Stadium in the ultimate game of two halves. The home side came roaring out of the blocks and could consider themselves unfortunate not to be ahead before their number 11 beat the offside trap to round **Keighan Jones** and give the hosts a deserved lead. More chances followed with Jones having to be alert to stop Ashton doubling their lead, but he was powerless to prevent number two - a delightful curled effort into the top corner.

Half time couldn't come soon enough for the Blues who had a torrid opening 45 minutes.

After some stern words at half time Chester responded with an early goal in the second half, **James Murphy** showing fleet of foot to evade his marker before arrowing a left foot finish into the top corner. The Blues now laid siege to the home goal and it was no surprise when **Mikey Barrow** rose to nod in the equaliser. A frantic final 15 minutes saw both sides come close before the Blues grabbed what is fast becoming their trademark winner - **Danny Burgess** leaping highest to head home, sparking wild celebrations.

For full match reports



under 18s

Chester bow out of Cup

Chester FC's Youth FA Cup run came to a heartbreaking end as they lost 5-4 on penalties after a fantastic performance. Going behind early in the second half the young Blues battled back with a **Tom Peers** strike and were unlucky not to win the game in regular or extra time before being defeated in a penalty shootout. You can see some photos from the game on this page.

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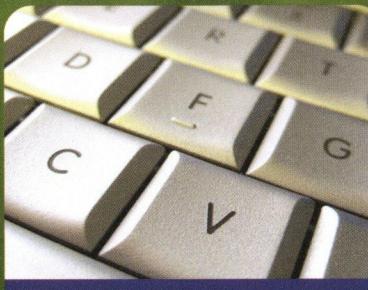
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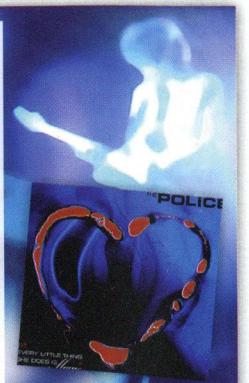


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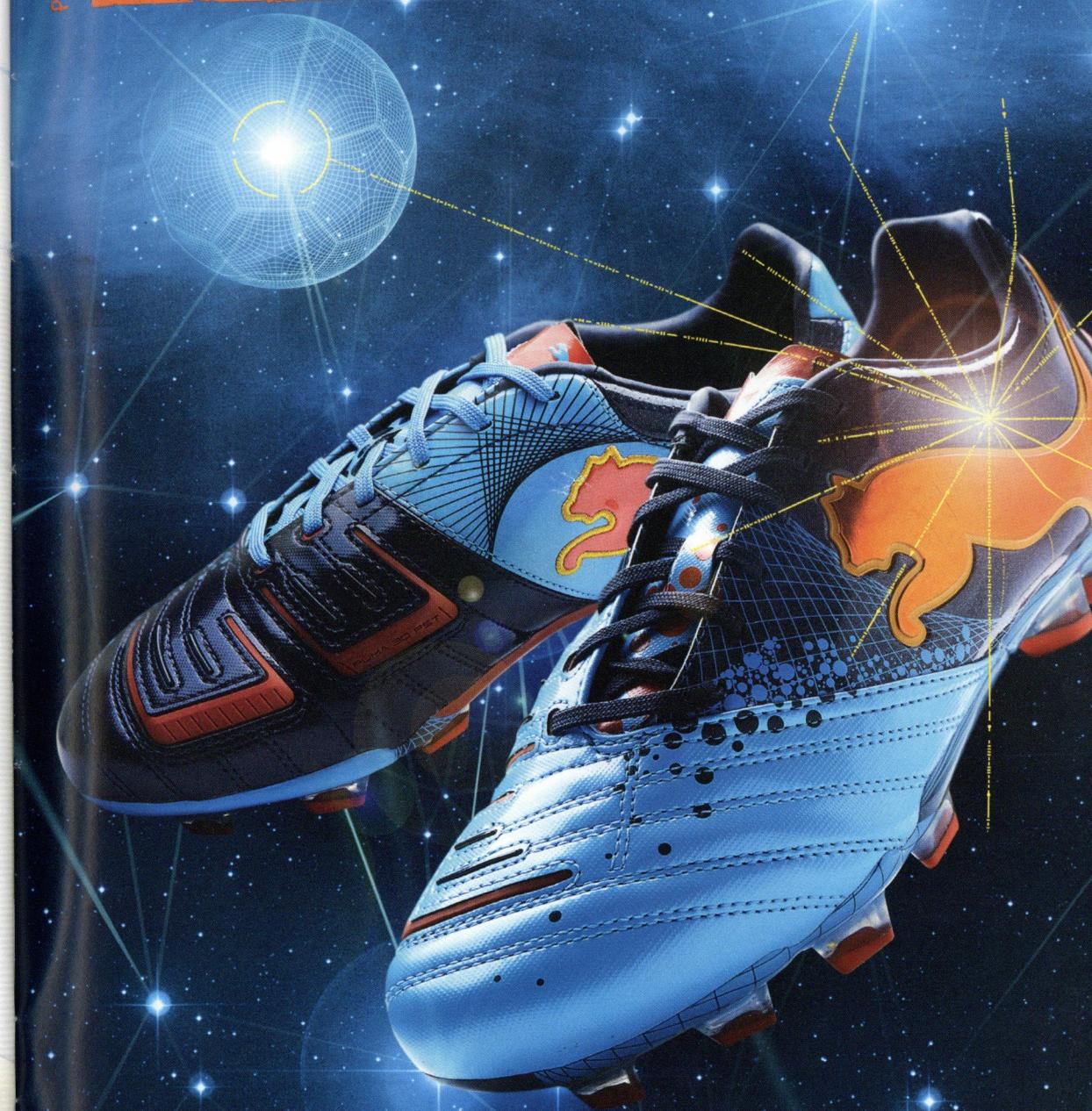
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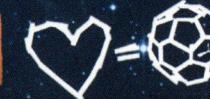


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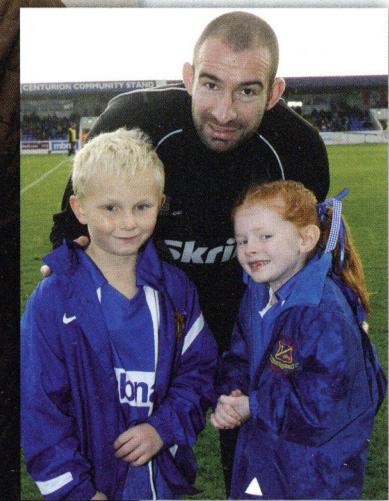
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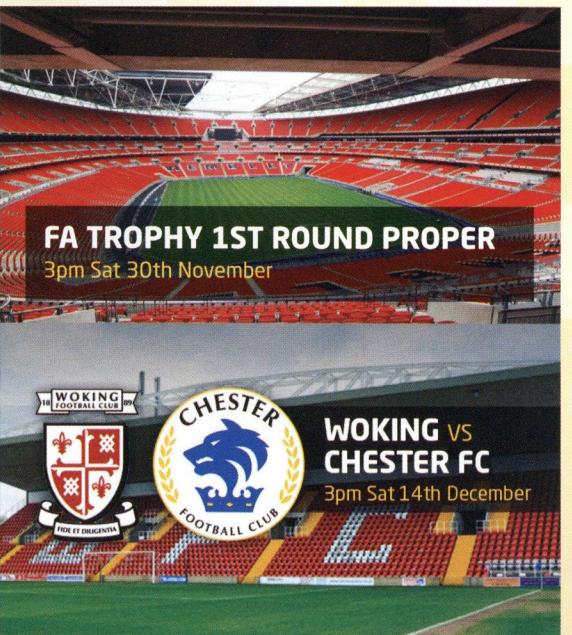
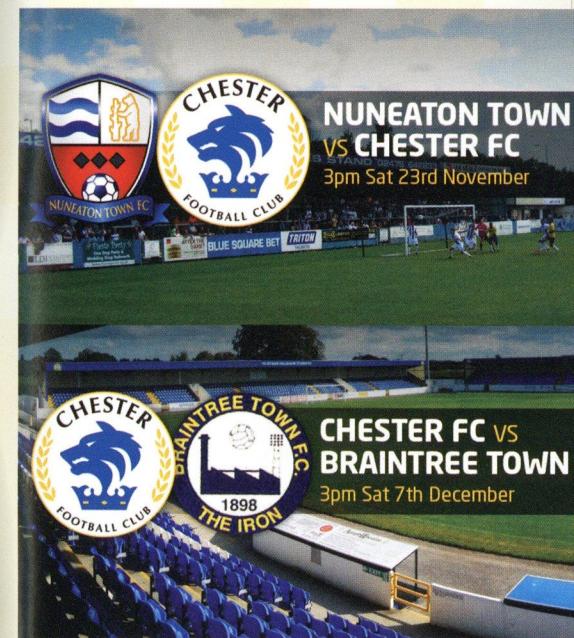


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Football in its many guises



The thing which makes football so universally popular is that it is so easy to have a game...

All you need are some willing participants and a ball - or something to replicate a ball if you're not in receipt of a Mitre Delta.

I seriously question whether there has ever been a football fan who hasn't used rolled-up socks to have an impromptu game. As young children, me and my brother would have many a game, often after our bedtime, leaping into our beds to pretend to be asleep when my dad shouted upstairs! One goal would be the gap between a bed and a wardrobe and the other would be made up of a conveniently shaped shelving unit. It's fair to say that the former was a larger target, so we'd swap ends after every few goals! I remember one time dribbling the ball next to a cupboard and then trying to unleash the most powerful shot imaginable only for my little toe to crash against the aforementioned cupboard with such agonising force I thought I would never walk again. I couldn't even go and get sympathy from my parents as I was meant to be in bed!

Christmas would festoon my grandparent's house with balloons, so we ingeniously untied one of them and used this in kind of a slow-motion game of football. If you've ever tried dribbling a balloon you

I bet they don't use tennis balls here...



will know what I mean! An alternative was keepie uppies. As a 10 year old the thought that I could do over 100 keepie uppies was the stuff of legend! Who cares if I could only do about 5 with a proper football!

At Primary School we had a ban on footballs in the school playground, presumably so that players and bystanders alike wouldn't get injured. This early H&S directive didn't really work as we crunched up a Coke can and furiously booted around the serrated tin as hopscasters and British bulldoggers dived for cover!

Tennis balls have always been an easy alternative for its larger cousin. It's fair to say that I've spent a good proportion of my life, belly down, trying to reach a stray ball from underneath a car or hedgerow. Growing up we had quite a large driveway, with a rockery forming a natural goal at one end. The other goal was the end of the drive, and as we didn't have a gate it meant that whenever we scored a goal the ball would fire across Hermitage Road, peppering any traffic unlucky to be making its trip through Saughall at the time. My horrified Mum caught wind of this one time and I don't think I've ever seen her so angry. Of course the problem with this game is that our pitch would only be available until Dad came home from work. I can only apologise to my Dad if we ever looked disappointed as he pulled into the drive! Cushions make a handy indoor alternative and of course you can use the settee as a goal, allowing for some spectacular dives which Grenville would no doubt be impressed with!

Probably the oddest thing I've ever used as a ball was a cork. Our kitchen formed the pitch with the cabinet beneath the sink forming one goal and the doorway to the dining room the other. It was insanely fun as corks, by their very nature, would bounce off at peculiar angles, often meaning that a wayward shot would take an advantageous bounce to leave the keeper red faced. On one such occasion I was prepared for this, and as the cork reared up and to my right, I swung my body round with all the agility of a 12 year old, crunching my head against the crockery cupboard. The huge split down the otherwise pristine panel almost a metaphor for the goal I had just conceded.

Of course, over the years I have also enjoyed many a game with proper footballs, but for a footy-mad lad like me, these improvised games were every bit as enjoyable!

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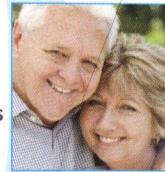
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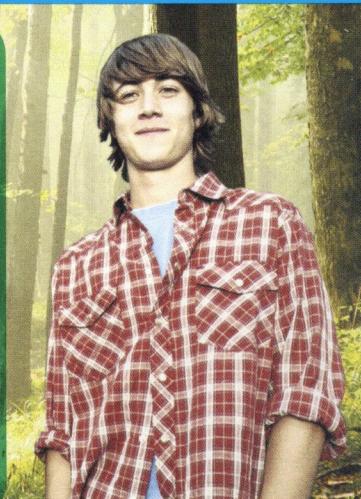
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Swansway Chester proud to extend link with club

Today will mark our first game in the Swansway Chester Stadium, after a sponsorship deal was established with the local car dealership.

Swansway Peugeot on Sealand Road are already stand sponsors and vehicle partners at the Club, but extended their involvement with a two year cash agreement which includes a third year option. The new deal will include the new Swansway Chester brands of Citroen and Fiat which are now available at the company's Huntington outlet alongside the existing Peugeot stock on Sealand Road. The agreement will include stadium branding plus advertising both inside & out and a number of other benefits including sponsorship of all match day substitutions throughout the season! Business Development Manager Dave Riche said: "We're delighted to have Swansway Chester as our stadium sponsorship partner and we feel this is a relationship that is going from strength to strength. "The deal is initially for two years with the option of

a third, but both parties are keen for this to continue long into the future.

"Swansway have a large community presence which mirrors what Chester Football Club are all about. Over the next few months we will be launching a number of exciting initiatives together. We thank the Swansway Group for their generous support." A delighted Andrew Wakelin, Operations Director of Swansway Chester commented: "Swansway is a family business and since we've been in Chester we've become very involved in the local community, not only through the football club, but also through local charities. Now we have acquired the Hartwell Citroen and FIAT site we wanted to make a statement of our intent to continue to support the Chester community and what better way than sponsoring the stadium!"

For the latest news



Quiz night next Friday - have you got what it takes?

Chester FC are launching a quiz night with some great prizes up for grabs as we try to bring more activities into the facilities.

Blues Bar will host the first quiz night on Friday November 22nd.

Blues Live presenter Phil Turner will be quizmaster for the evening with rounds on general knowledge,

music, news, sport, entertainment and more! A gallon of beer is the prize for the winning team with bottles of wine up for grabs and a raffle on the night with Chester FC goodies to be won. The cost is £1 per person with teams limited to four players. The fun starts at 8pm! Come on down and support our venture!

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Today's two teams

Chester FC



Manager
Neil Young



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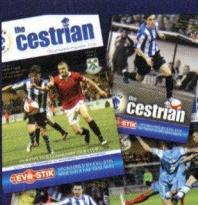
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