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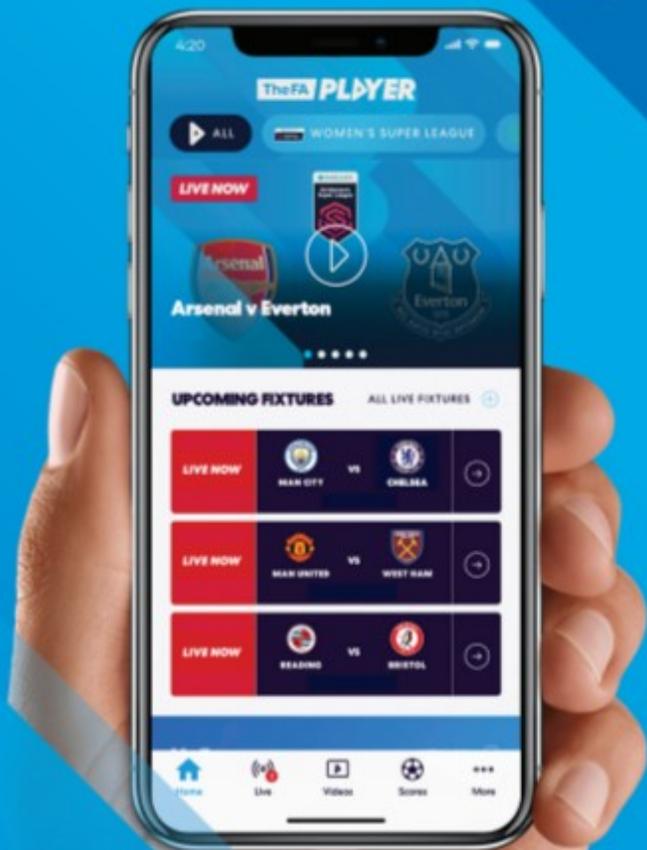


**Sat 8th Jan 2022 KO 3:00pm**

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# A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

First of all I want to apologise for last weeks performance against Crawley Green. It was nowhere near the standards that we set for ourselves and both the Management and Players know that we can't afford to have another game like that.

I would like to welcome London Colney and their fans to New Lamb Meadow and hope that they enjoy the match.

It is great that so many Baldock Town supporters come along to watch us every week and we need your continued support at this time.

Please know that as a Team we do have the objective to get ourselves out of our current position as soon as possible and start to provide you with the performances and results that we all need and you want to see.

I have made some more new signings and there may well be a few more to help with the current injury and on-going Coronavirus situation.

I really appreciate your support and I hope that you enjoy the game today.

*Dave McAdam*

**Manager  
Baldock Town FC**





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# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Good afternoon and welcome to the New Lamb Meadow stadium for today's SSML Premier league fixture against London Colney FC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials, and supporters of LCFC and hope they enjoy their brief time with us.

Last Monday's home game against Crawley Green was without question our worst league performance of the season. Having started brightly and gone 1-0 up in the opening minutes we suddenly lost all momentum and composure on the ball resulting in a deserved 4-2 loss. I know that the manner of the loss has hurt the management and players, particularly after the fine performance they put in against Arlesey. Today they have the chance to put things right and hopefully play the way they can and get a much-needed result.

In the corresponding fixture back in October we drew 1-1 with London Colney but we really should have come away with 3 points. I remember their keeper making a couple of magnificent saves to keep the score line at 1-0 before they equalised.

London Colney have not played a league game since the 18<sup>th</sup> December, losing to our landlords 5-1 on the day. I have no doubt that they will come here well rested and expecting to leave with the maximum points. We will therefore need to match their effort and desire from the first to the last whistle in order to get something from the game.

Our next game is here on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January against Harefield United with further home games on the 26<sup>th</sup> January against Tring Athletic and 29<sup>th</sup> January against Leighton Town. Please come along and cheer the lads on as I know they appreciate it.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.

*Graham Kingham*

**Chairman  
Baldock Town FC**

# TODAY'S VISITORS

## LONDON COLNEY

London Colney Football Club was formed in 1907, playing at Whitehorse Lane until moving to its present ground at Cotlandswick, London Colney in 1976.

The Club played in the Mid Herts League until the mid-fifties, when it joined the Herts County League. The Club has enjoyed many successes over the years with the 1st team winning the Premier Division League 3 times between 1986 and 1990, and the reserves winning the Reserve Division 4 times between 1987 and 1992.

In 1992 the Club moved to the South Midlands League where in the first season the 1st Team became runners up in the Senior Division and the Reserves won the Division 1 Reserves section. Further successes came between 1993 and 1998 with the 1st Team winning The O, Brian Butcher Challenge Cup, The Herts Charity Shield, The Herts Centenary Trophy, The Premier Division Cup, and gaining promotion to the Premier Division. The Reserves also did well during this time and in 1998 won The Reserves Challenge Trophy.

In the 1998/99 season, the South Midlands League amalgamated with the Spartan League to form the Minerva Spartan South Midlands League and London Colney finished 3rd in the Premier Division. The Blue Boys had the title within their grasp after a brilliant 11 match winning streak between October and December and they remained in the top two throughout the final weeks of the season only to be pipped at the post on the final day of the season by Barkingside and Potters Bar Town. This disappointment was eased a few days later when they beat Hoddesdon Town 1-0 to win the Herts Charity Shield. The Reserves had a brilliant season winning the Reserve League and the reserved cup comfortably. This was also the year that The Spartan South Midlands League Management committee made first Team Manager Mick Wright Manager of the Year for the 1998/99 season.

The 2002/03 season whilst not expecting the same successes as the previous season the loss of many of our players to other clubs meant a disastrous start to the season. We then lost Malcolm Doctor who resigned early in the season. However thanks to John Templeton stepping into the breach to join Mick we managed to finish the season a creditable 6th in the league. Our reserves were an academy side and whilst their footballing skills were undisputed and they won the league and were finalists in the reserved cup, they contributed little to the well-being and spirit of London Colney Football Club.

2004/05 saw Mick Wright stepping down as Manager leaving John Templeton in sole charge. After a very good start, when we won 7 league games in a row, we seemed to lose our way and finished a disappointing 11th in the league. However, we fared better in the Challenge Trophy and were finalists but were well beaten by Hillingdon Borough 4-1 on the night. The Reserves finished in the lower half of the table in the Reserve Division.

2005/06 season saw a new Management Team of Nigel Tester, Kevin Bland, and Vince Buck without much success with the 1st Team finishing 14th in the league but having a good FA Vase Cup run. The reserves finished third under the management of Mark Tyrell and Gary Barber.

2007/2008 London Colney FC Centenary Year saw the club relegated from the Premier League for the first time we now start the next century of the club trying to get back to Premier SSMFL Premier status.

# TODAY'S VISITORS

## LONDON COLNEY (cont)

2009/10 After what seemed an endless season due to fixture congestion and the weather being so inclement the club had a tremendous campaign, albeit after the disappointment of losing out by one point for one of the promotion places leaving everyone at the club deflated for a while until we reflected on two cup final victories and one losing 9-10 on pens in the other. The first team with a third-place finish in the MSSML Div One good cup runs in the FA and Vase competitions, the reserves having a tremendous season finishing second in Div Two.

2011/12 Following the disappointment of staying in Division One a new management team of Ryan Thompson, Chris Day, and Tony Kavanagh were brought in to bring fresh impetus into the club after Dave Townsend stepped down to become a reserve team manager due to his heavy work commitments together with his impending marriage. The season went from strength to strength with promotion to the premier division gained by a record 15 points with top scorer Matty Newman hitting the 50 goal mark over all competitions, with the young reserve side finishing a creditable mid-table.

Season 2013/14 Saw the side again finish 7th in the Spartan Midlands League Premier Division in what would be Ryan Thompsons last season as manager. After a slow start, the team had a good middle and end to the campaign climbing up the table in the process. Matt Newman also departed scoring 32 goals in his final season with the Blueboys, backed up well by Martin Collins with 17 goals.

Season 2014/15 had seen the start of a new era with Jim Nicholls and his coaching staff at the helm. However, due to work commitments, Jim became Chairman and Ryan Thompson came back as first-team manager. The club went on a remarkable unbeaten streak during the second half of the season, narrowly missing out on the title by finishing second to Kings Langley.

Season 2016/17 saw the club bring in Joe Sweeney and his team from Chesham. An excellent start to the season meant that the Blueboys went straight to the top of the table, and remained there until the end of the season becoming the Spartan Premier Division champions. The Reserve team also won the Suburban league table to make it a double to remember. The powers that be decided to refuse promotion to the Ryman's League Division 1 which meant 2nd place Hertford Town gained promotion instead. Manager Joe Sweeney and almost all the promotion-winning squad left the club after this decision for pastures new.

The board also decided they no longer wanted to carry on running the club so unless a new board could be found quickly the club would fold with immediate effect.

Season 2017/18 saw a new consortium headed up by Chairman Gareth Davies along with former Peterborough, Watford and Birmingham center forward Ken Charlery agreeing to become the new custodians of the club which was perilously close to folding.

The season started brightly with the Blueboys top of the league after the first 6 games which were a remarkable achievement considering the club had no players with less than 4 weeks to go until the season started. With a very young inexperienced squad the early pace could not be maintained and the club finished the season in 13th place while also reaching the semi-final of the League cup before going out to Risborough



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# DREAM TEAM

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**come on ye Reds**

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**Team Management:**

**1st Team Manager:** Dave McAdam

**1st Team Assistant Managers:** John Dalli

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Adam Harpur (GK)  
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Manager; Dave McAdam  
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## LONDON COLNEY FC

Montel Joseph  
Andrew Simmons  
Jordan Gill  
Jack Mace  
Robert Armstrong  
Jimmy Hartley  
Callum Ismail  
Isaac Olaleye  
Finbar King  
Pijus Montvydas  
Kambo Smith

Manager; Jack Metcalfe  
Asst; Jason Coughlon  
Physio; Josh Richards

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