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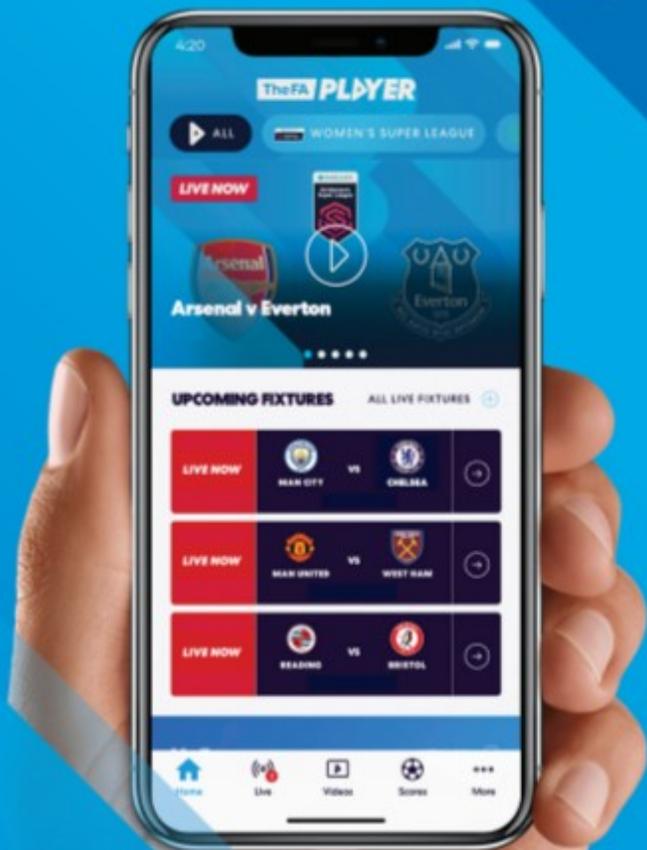


**Wed 13th Apr 2022 KO 7:45pm**

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# CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

This piece is normally written by Chairman Kingham but he has been struck down by Covid last week. He may well be clear by the time of this match and actually be here but I would keep well back, just in case, if he is.

I will fill in for him and provide some comment instead.

Good evening and welcome to the New Lamb Meadow stadium for tonight's SSML Premier league fixture against Ardley Utd FC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, officials, and supporters of Ardley Utd and hope they enjoy their time with us tonight.

The season is almost over and our match against Arlesey on Saturday will be our last home match. We are not out of danger yet and we need every point we can get. We battled for a point against MK Irish last weekend and we need to do the same tonight. Ardley are one of the inform teams in the League so it will not be easy but Dave and the Team will be going all out to make sure we keep our place in the SSML Premier League. We have a game in hand against the teams that we play in our last two games, this is it tonight, and they are both below us. We have two games in hand over London Colney, also below us, but as I said we take nothing for-granted in this battle.

No doubt everyone here and many of the teams in this league, will be glad to see the back of this season. Almost everyone has struggled and we have demonstrated that we can beat anyone but also get beaten by anyone so anything is still possible.

I hope Chairman Kingham gets better soon and he is back for Saturday's match for the last home game and hopefully a celebration after it (Graham likes a good party).

We are at home this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm kick-off, against Arlesey, definitely a local derby with a twist as both Teams are at Home (but away). There will be a decent crowd, its a holiday weekend, the weather will be nice so please come along and cheer the lads on for this last home game. The Players appreciate it and we need your support.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.

*John Graham*  
**Programme Editor**  
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# EASTERN JUNIOR ALLIANCE

It was a case of honours even on Sunday for our teams, who all play in the Eastern Junior Alliance (EJA), with two wins and two defeats across the age groups. Winners on the day were the U13s and U15s whilst the U14s and U18s suffered heavy losses.

The U13s won 4-2 at home to AFC Sudbury with Albie Stevenson and Harrison Benford notching a goal each whilst Joe Draper bagged a brace. The U15s carried on their fine run of form of late with a 2-0 win against Ware Academy to further strengthen their second place in the league. Goals from Jack Beasley and Audley Bennett secured the 3 points for the boys.

The U14s and U18s were involved in 7-goal games but unfortunately, they weren't 7-goal thrillers, as both were on the wrong end of what turned out to be one-sided games ! The U14s went down 6-1 to visitors Billericay Town with Rhys Kessi grabbing our consolation goal. The U18s fared no better when finishing their league programme with what was probably their worst performance of the season, going down 7-0 away to tonight's opponents Tring Athletic, without mustering a decent shot on target throughout the 90 minutes!

That said, the team can look back on what has been a very successful season in other respects. With the majority of the squad made up of 16 and 17-year olds, they opened their season with a fine 2-1 win in the FA Youth Cup under the lights at a very strong Royston Town U18s who are top of the table in the Thurlow Nunn Youth League, before going down 2-0 in the next round at Buckingham Athletic, another strong U18 side. Hopefully, the experience will stand them in good stead for next season's FA Youth Cup.

The support for the boys in these games was fantastic, especially at the Royston Town game, where a large following from the club made their way to the game to cheer on the lads, outnumbering the home support by almost two to one! Included in our following that night were the club's committee and first team management who all left the game very impressed with the boys' performance and it wasn't long before some of them were being drafted into the first team squad.

One player who made a huge impression that night was Fin Aldridge who was given his debut for the first team two weeks later, bagging a wonderful hat trick and assist at St. Margaretsbury in the Herts Senior Challenge Cup, to drag us back from 4-0 down to force extra time and a win on penalties. The rest is history as they say, as Fin has gone on to make 27 appearances for the first team this season scoring a further 12 goals in the process, alongside 18-year old Ashley Hay who has found the net 21 times!

Another who impressed that night was Richard Kusorgbor who scored both our goals and put in a man of the match performance. Richard went on to make his debut for the first team at 16 and has so far made 7 appearances and will surely add to these before the end of the season. Two others who made their debuts for the first team at 16 this season are Joe Dalli and Taylor Franklin and all of these boys should feature at some point in tonight's game.

So far this season, the first team has used 11 of the U18 squad whilst a number have also played for the Reserves, helping them to secure promotion to the Herts Senior County League, Senior Division One with two games still to play.

Credit for this must go to Chairman Graham Kingham, former first team manager Rob Bates and current first team Manager (little) Dave McAdam, plus Ryan Hagger the reserve team manager,. All have put their faith in our youth and have supported the work being done by U18s Manager Nick Carr and Coach Chris Tilbury to progress and develop the boys.

We have a (borrowed) saying here at Baldock Town FC; If they're good enough, they're old enough! You can keep up to speed on the progress of our various teams on Twitter by following them here:

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# TODAY'S VISITORS

## ARDLEY UTD FC

Ardley United were formed in 1945 just after the end of the Second World War. In the early years, the club plied its trade in the Lord Jersey FA and played on a pitch which was situated close to the railway line on the Oxford Road. The 1950's and '60's were successful for the club as they won both league titles and cups; most notably the Oxfordshire Junior Shield on three occasions as well as many other trophies. The acquisition of the current Playing Field site in the mid-60's enabled the club to move into the heart of the village, and a number of volunteers led by life-long supporter Doug Hodges built modest changing rooms.



Ardley continued to compete in the Jersey League throughout the 70's and early 80's without much success but this was to change in the mid-'80's with the arrival of Norman Stacey as chairman. In 1988 the club were promoted to the Oxfordshire Senior League and won the Division One title at the first attempt, following this up with the Premier Division title the following season. Accepting a place in the Hellenic League for the 1993/4 season, Ardley spent six seasons in the 'old' Division One winning it in both 1996/7 and 97/8 as well as winning the Division 1 Cup for a record four consecutive

seasons before it was merged with the Premier Division Cup to become the Challenge Cup that we know today. The manager during these years was ex-Oxford United leading scorer Peter Foley and he was to be the first in a line of managers to keep Ardley at the forefront who include Paul Spittle, Paul Berry, Dan Still and Kevin Brock among their number.

Major change was to come in the early 2000's as, along with the Ardley Playing Field Committee, Ardley United oversaw the construction of dedicated facilities along with a separate village hall which enabled the club to be independent of community activities. The new clubhouse, which had been awarded the Non-League Paper's Hungerford Cup for most-improved facilities, allowed the club to be promoted to the Hellenic Premier Division and so began the club's most successful years to date.

Kevin Brock took the reins for seven seasons which saw Ardley win several cups including the Oxfordshire Senior Cup in 2013/14, a season during which they narrowly lost out on the Premier Division title by just two points. Following Brock's departure, Paul Davis took over as manager for nearly two seasons until the resignation of long-time chairman Norman Stacey in June 2017 for personal reasons.

Ian Feaver took over the role of Chairman and appointed Craig Adey as First Team Manager. A decision to be voluntarily relegated to UHlsport Hellenic League Division One West gave everyone some breathing space to adjust to the new regime.

Craig brought with him a talented squad of players and they won the Division title gaining promotion back to the Premier Division at the first time of asking. The 2018/2019 season had its ups and downs, however, the team finished on a high winning the Hellenic League Floodlit Cup.

During the interrupted time due to covid, we made the most of the opportunity to gain more support from people in the village and created a strong and vibrant community club off the pitch. We now have committees, with a social committee, a football committee, a commercial committee, and our exec committee, who are all helping steer the club to new heights. Now our aim is to progress on the pitch and as a result have appointed Julian McCalmon as our first team manager. 'Jules' was a great player for Ardley United many years ago and has since achieved great success as a Manager at Kidlington.

Due to the regional changes at Step 5, after 28 years of playing in the Hellenic League, we have now moved to the Spartan South Midlands Football League, which will require far less travelling for us.

Moving forwards, our goal is to achieve Southern League football and as a club we will do all we can to support Jules, his management team and players in achieving this.

# DREAM TEAM

The following people have worked tirelessly to bring you this match and many have been doing so for quite a few years – we hope you enjoy and appreciate the work done so far –  
**come on the Red Knights**

**President:** Steve West

**Chairman:** Graham Kingham

**Vice Chairman:** Barry Kingham

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**Adult and Youth Co-Ordinator:** Dave McAdam

**Team Management:**

**1st Team Manager:** Dave McAdam

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

**Sports Therapist:** Amy Kibler

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Ashley Hay  
Sam Heron  
Anthony James  
Charlie Joy  
Richard Kusorgbor  
Dean Laing  
Ryan Lamond  
Daril Ngwala  
Steven Redmond  
Tommy Reynolds  
Owen Robertson  
Charlie Rome  
Lewis Smith  
Adam Turner  
Jude White  
Fyn Stangroom

Manager; Dave McAdam  
Asst; John Dall  
Coach; Danny Hutchins  
Sports Therapist; Amy Kibler

## ARDLEY UTD

(GK) Freddie Lapworth  
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Caelan Isaac  
Ben Willoughby  
Liam Talboys  
(C) Lewis Gabbidon  
Mason Courtney  
Elliot Osborne-Ricketts  
James Casbier  
Jordy Ngathe  
Morgan Williams  
Leam Howards  
Thomas Franklin  
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Daryl Harris  
Hayden McConnell

Manager; Julian McCalmon  
Asst; Elliott Osborne-Ricketts  
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