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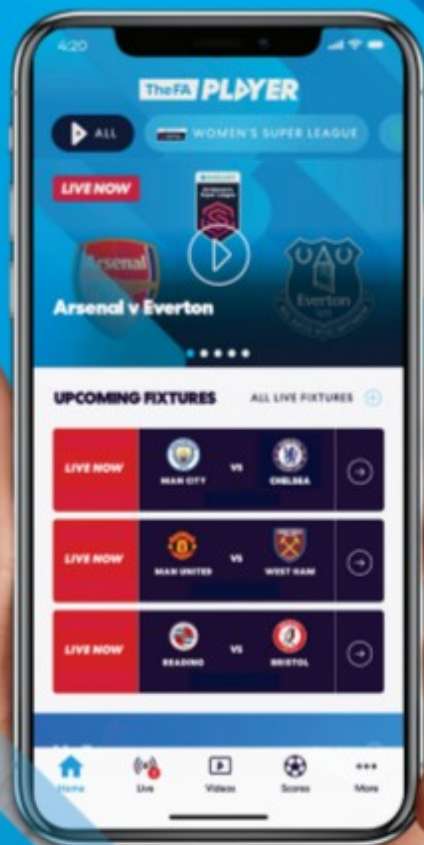


Mon 10th Apr 2023 KO 3:00pm

v Arlesey Town FC

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Welcome

Baldock Town offer a warm welcome to the players, officials, and supporters of Arlesey Town this afternoon, who haven't travelled very far, and hope that they enjoy the game.

Arlesey are sorely struggling at the moment and in desperate need of points to avoid relegation. They have the run-in from hell and having to pick up some points from us, Biggleswade or Leighton Town before facing a last game against Hoddesdon Town, who are also battling against finishing in the bottom two.

We have found a bit of form recently and playing better with four draws and two wins in the last six games with some of those draws deserving a win and against top of the table opposition.

We have London Colney (A), Pottton (H) and then Ardley (A) to wrap the season up in under two weeks. Ardley is almost in Oxford, what a trek that is.

Everyone needs to start thinking about some good excuses for Saturday afternoons to avoid being stuck at home, otherwise the dreaded gardening or even worse, decorating, may become a habit.

For those of you even considering 'housework' to relieve the boredom then a special; helpline will be set up at the end of the season. Apologies to anyone who likes cleaning, etc.

Please read the serious special message about Fan Behaviour and Safety on the next page and please help support the message.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.

John Graham
Programme Editor

PS – Thanks to those people who liked our little April Fool last week and apologies to those that believed it.

Special thanks to the multitude of AEK Athens fans who contacted me after my error in using an image of their proposed super stadium which is now an actual super stadium. Some of the images they sent of a real match there were awesome. That one post got to nearly 18,000 people through all channles (or maybe 1 person 18,000 times). We had the highest number of hits on the website for a long time.

Unfortunately ATFC have not supplied squad or history so there may be inaccuracies
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SOME INFORMATION

Upcoming Fixtures

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Type	Date / Time		Home Team		Away Team	Venue
PREM	10/04/23	15:00	Baldock Town	VS	Arlesey Town	New Lamb Meadow
PREM	13/04/23	19:45	London Colney	VS	Baldock Town	LONDON COLNEY FC
PREM	15/04/23	15:00	Baldock Town	VS	Potton United	New Lamb Meadow
PREM	22/04/23	15:00	Ardley United	VS	Baldock Town	Nolan Oils Ground

Recent Form

Overall

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Form
1	Leighton Town	6	5	1	0	13	3	● ● ● ● ● ●
2	Risborough Rangers	6	5	0	1	16	9	● ● ● ● ● ●
3	Leverstock Green	6	4	0	2	11	11	● ● ● ● ● ●
4	Cockfosters	6	3	2	1	14	8	● ● ● ● ● ●
5	Stotfold	6	3	2	1	10	4	● ● ● ● ● ●
6	Baldock Town	6	2	4	0	9	6	● ● ● ● ● ●
13	Potton United	6	1	3	2	5	6	● ● ● ● ● ●
14	Arlesey Town	6	1	2	3	6	11	● ● ● ● ● ●

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Important Message

Every football fan should feel safe when watching their team. But last season we saw a minority of supporters ruining the game for others. That's why we're supporting strong measures across football to tackle antisocial and criminal behaviours within football grounds.

These include entering the pitch without permission, carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros and throwing objects onto the pitch, as well as discriminatory behaviour and taking drugs. All of these are illegal, dangerous and have no place in our game.

For everyone's safety, clubs will report anyone carrying out these offences to the police, which can result in a permanent criminal record. These measures could also now apply to the parents or guardians of children involved in these activities.

From the start of the 2022/23 season, anyone who enters the pitch and those carrying or using smoke bombs and pyros will now automatically be banned by their club.

These measures reflect the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause life-changing injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials – it is impossible for anyone to tell the difference between a celebrating fan and a violent attacker.

The football authorities are working with clubs and the Football Supporters' Association to make sure everyone feels safe on matchdays. We ask all fans to come together to show that those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters.

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ARLESEY TOWN FC

Arlesey Town Football Club celebrated their centenary in 1991, having been formed by a group of local people before the turn of the last century. Before the Second World War, Soccer was played on a localised basis, and in common with many clubs in the area, Arlesey competed in the flourishing Biggleswade & District League and entered the Biggleswade Knock-out Cup.

During the 1920's, the club joined the Bedfordshire County League -which was later to become the South Midlands League. Arlesey originally played at 'The Bury' before moving to their former home, 'Lamb Meadow.' The ground took its name from 'The Lamb,' a former Public House situated near the site which, for many years acted as the club's headquarters and changing rooms. The birth of the modern era is owed to the foresight of officials of the late 1940's and early 1950's. They purchased the premises and became landlords for the princely sum of just £500 in 1948. Four years later, in 1952, an adjoining area was bought and this is where the clubhouse used to stand. The story goes that two

Committee members missed their train to Kings Cross and with time to kill, saw a notice in a local Estate Agent's window for a forthcoming auction of the land. They returned the following week and purchased the said land for the clubhouse. The area lay unused for a number of years until the arrival of 'Biggs Wall' who negotiated with the club to build temporary offices and canteen facilities - which the Football Club then bought back, turning them into what was then, the clubhouse. The first competitive match under floodlights was played in January 1981 against the now defunct 'Pirton FC' and two months later the Blues played host to Luton Town for the official opening in front of over 1,000 spectators.

Playing fortunes have fluctuated since the war and season 1950-51 saw the Blues finish as runners-up to Bletchley Town in the S.M.L. Premier Division. The following season the 1st XI lifted the championship crown and the second string were crowned S.M.L. Division Two champions with the Youth team winning three trophies. The 1952-53 season began North Beds Charity Cup final win over Biggleswade Town (the match was held over from the previous season), and ended with a second successive championship win, Arlesey amassing S.M.L. record 52 points.

During the late 1980's the Blues won the United Counties League, Premier Division Cup and a Beds Premier Cup final appearance against Luton Town. During the 1991 centenary year in the blues lifted the South Midlands Floodlight Cup with a fine victory over fellow U.C.L. side Irtlingborough Diamonds, who went on to become Rushden & Diamonds in the football league.

With the rising cost of UCL travel and the attraction of more 'local derbies' in 1991-92 it was decided to resign from the United Counties League and cross to the familiar surroundings of the South Midlands League. With changes to support and playing staff for 1994/5 the results exceeded expectations. The South Midlands League championship was won with a record 107 points, but even this memorable feat was eclipsed when Arlesey Town defeated Oxford City at Wembley Stadium in front of over 13,000 spectators to lift the F.A. Carlsberg Challenge Vase on May 13, 1995.

Season 2008/2009 saw Arlesey Town reverting to the BGB Southern League with the consequence of substantial extra travelling miles and additional costs. Because of the league restructure Matt had to put together a totally different team comprising of a number of young players.

As a result of Arlesey Town successful cup runs there were three players who were playing professional football for the 2008 season with Dave Kitson, who was a main A.T.F.C. sponsor, and who moved from Reading to newly promoted Stoke City to remain in the Premiership, Craig Machail-Smith and Shane Blackett were with newly promoted Peterborough United. This is a record to be proud of for a small club like Arlesey.

Season 2008/2009 saw Arlesey Town escape relegation by the skin of their teeth. No honours were forthcoming in the season. But the Club were hoping season 2009/2010 would be more fruitful, which it so proved

TODAY'S VISITORS

With a complete new management structure in place and a new Management team, of: Gary King Director of Football, Lee Cowley Manager, Zema Abbey Assistant Manager, and Darren Staniforth as Coach, Arlesey played the season with renewed style and passion, finishing the season in 9th place in the League and getting through to the first round proper of the F.A. Trophy and lifting the Beds Senior Cup in the last game of the season.

Season 2010-11 saw them staying in the Zamaresso Southern League in the new "Central Division" and saw them looking forward with a lot more hope and even more optimism, with the whole team showing great experience and growing in strength and confidence on and off the field all of the time.

The season in which Arlesey were in the top echelons all season finished in dramatic style as they won 10 games on the bounce, had 9 points deducted on the day they thought they had won the league away at Hayes and then beat long term arch rivals and near neighbours Hitchin Town on Hitchin's own ground on their last game of the season to be finally crowned League Champions.

This was followed soon after by beating Biggleswade Town to retain the Beds Senior Cup at Luton Towns Kenilworth Road ground to give Arlesey a League and Cup Double and see them promoted to the new Evo-Stick Southern League Premier Division, a truly tremendous season.

The season was topped of in early August of this year as Arlesey beat neighbours Luton Town in the Beds Premier Cup to make a quite unique "treble" for the side.

The first season in the Premier League was seen as a settling in period targeting staying up and a good cup run, both of these ambitions were achieved with the club reaching the F.A. Cup 1st round proper for the first time in their history.

The second season again saw a good FA Cup run that went again to the 1st round proper before it ended at the Ricoh Stadium against Coventry City. The season finished on a knife edge as Arlesey missed out on the play off spot of the Premier Div by just a single point. Although promotion was narrowly missed the Red Insure League Cup was won in a 2 legged final v Frome to bring home yet another impressive piece of Silverware.

Season 2017-18 proved a very difficult year with a season plagued by injuries and problems and indeed a terrible record of no league wins at home all season saw us unfortunately get relegated from the Southern league.

This now presents a new challenge in the South Midlands league for this year and to that end a new management team of Matt Endersby and James Hatch were appointed during the close season and they have rebuilt the team and gathered together a whole new coaching staff. We look forward to the new season with a degree of confidence that was perhaps missing in the previous season.

The new League started well with a good start although a cup run eluded us and things went reasonably well until the Christmas period when a series of injuries knocked results but things were slowly rebuilt leaving us an 8th place finish that left a feeling of under achievement that led again to a rebuild.

A change in management as Matt Endersby left the club at the beginning of October the club appointed Chico Ramos in November to try to push the club forward again. His reign has been blighted by the Covid pandemic with two uncompleted seasons although some progress seems to be happening on the pitch. Also off the pitch much change is happening with a complete refurbishment of the clubhouse and dressing rooms. Also a change off the pitch saw ex player Dave Kitson come back to the club he started at as Chairman.

Although progress was made a further change in management came in December 2021 as Martin Standen was appointed to take charge of the team.

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