



# ***Aylesbury FC***

***v AFC Dunstable***

***Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018***

***KO 7.45pm***

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# ***Welcome to Aylesbury FC***

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## ***A Word from the Chairman***

Tonight we welcome the players, staff, board and fans of AFC Dunstable to the SRD stadium. We hope you enjoy your stay and have a safe journey home.

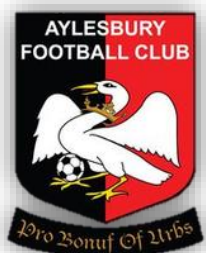
We also welcome a new season and after last term, which was a very challenging one to say the least, we are hoping for better things ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to remember my good friend Danny Martone (Mr Aylesbury FC) who passed away in May last year. Since Danny's passing the club have been going through a transitional period, which makes you realise the work he did for the club and the community. But last season has now gone and a new one begins with renewed hope for the future and I hope we can do the big fella in the sky proud, as I know he's looking down on us with that stupid grin he always had. He is a hard act to follow, but I will do everything in my power to protect the legacy he built.

So on to the playing side. We have brought in a new manager in Scott Reynolds. Scott is a young enthusiastic manager who is new to this level of football, but after a very mixed pre season I am confident he and his staff will get it right. Let's not forget that this is total rebuild of the club from top to bottom and Rome wasn't built in a day, I'm sure that when Scott identifies what players are needed in the coming months and gets a settled squad, we will be very competitive, that in turn will bring the fans back a generate an atmosphere at the SRD like the old days, that wasn't that long ago by the way.

Myself and the Management Committee are working and will continue to work hard, to maintain and improve the facilities at Haywood way, also to support the manager, his staff and the squad to improve on the pitch and give you the fans something to cheer. Your support is so important to us and I hope more and more of you come and cheer the lads on in the months to. Last but not least, I would like to welcome Bedgrove Dynamos to Haywood way. There is nothing I would love more that seeing a few of the young Dynamos wearing the red and black of FC in years to come, because after all that's what it's all about, local boys playing for their local club.

I hope you all enjoy the game tonight and FC get a positive result.  
Tony Masella





## ***From The Manager***

Good good evening and welcome to the SRD Stadium for tonight's league fixture against AFC Dunstable.

An extended welcome from myself as manager of Aylesbury FC to Steve Heath, his staff and players for the evening.

The first home game of many to come and our first opportunity to show our supporters what we are about and how we intend to fight for every point available this year. I want the members and supporters of Aylesbury to get behind the players as much as possible and help create an atmosphere and as much of a fortress as possible down at Haywood Way this season.



As was proven on Saturday, despite a very positive performance, away from home points at this level are often hard to come by. Therefore, it's paramount we look after ourselves and perform to the maximum levels in all games and especially at home.

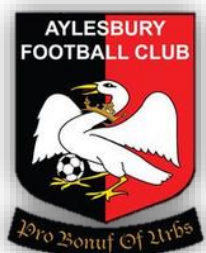
It's been a hectic pre season, we have not been settled all summer and that's was certainly reflected in some of the performances and results in the friendlies. That said, other than three defensive absentees tonight - we are very happy with the squad assembled thus far.

I have however, made it very clear to all players, that we will continue to add quality when and where available to make us as competitive in all matches. Therefore I expect work rate, passion, commitment and quality from all of our players if they want to keep their places in the squad and team.

Please do come and introduce yourself in and around the club as the next few weeks unfold, cheers the team on and enjoy the season ahead!

The task ahead will be made simpler and more enjoyable together, that includes support, passion and patience from you as supporters.

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# ***Aylesbury FC History***

The club has enjoyed a long history in senior and junior football dating back to the 1930's under the previous names of Aylesbury Vale, Haywood United, Belgrave, Stocklake and Negretti and Zambra FC, which was founded in the 1930's by workers at the Negretti and Zambra company then based in London's King Cross district. The company moved to the Stocklake Industrial Estate, Aylesbury.

in 1949 and by the mid 50's the premises had a bar, football, cricket and tennis facilities. The football club joined the Aylesbury District League in 1954. The social club changed its name to Stocklake when Negretti and Zambra sold the premises to the local council, who then leased the facilities; hence the different sections adopted the name Stocklake. Under the guidance of Chairman Mr Ernie Crotty, the club gained many honours including runners up in ADL's top divisions, before gaining intermediate status in the Wycombe and District League first and senior divisions. Sadly Ernie was killed in a road accident just before the club moved premises to the present location at Haywood Way in 1987.

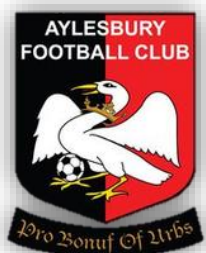
After gaining senior status and promotion to the Chiltern League in 1988, Stocklake enjoyed many further successes including Division One runners up in 1991, Premier Division and League Cup runners up the following season and Wycombe Senior Cup success in 1995. Cup success was also followed on in the following season, this time the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup being added to the trophy cabinet. Belgrave FC was formed in 1983 by Jim Sullivan who lived in nearby Belgrave Road. Jim had two sons who were passionate about football but were limited to where they could play, so formed a team himself with the help of neighbours Lynne and David Hatcher. By 1990, under the guidance of Danny Martone, Belgrave had grown to five youth teams providing football for over ninety boys from the Quarrendon and Haydon Hill areas of Aylesbury.

1996 saw the forming of two senior teams under the Belgrave FC name and by the turn of the millennium teams were represented at all levels from Under 8's through to seniors, some 200 players being registered, this also including Stocklake Ladies. In 2000 four youth teams won league and cup honours, whilst the senior team went on to win the Aylesbury District Cup, the Field Shield and ADL Premier Division runners up.

At the start of the 2000/2001 season, the senior Belgrave FC team was renamed Haywood United following an amalgamation with Stocklake FC with Danny Martone voted in as chairman of the new club. Haywood United joined the Spartan South Midlands League and won promotion into Division One after two seasons. Notable achievements during the 2001/2002 season included league awards for the best kept and most improved ground; this included the erection of floodlights and perimeter fencing, which Danny and his hard working committee fought hard to establish. Another award was gained for the match day programme in recognition of how much the club was developing.

Season 2002/2003 saw a difficult start in Division One, but with the arrival of manager Jon Franklin and his assistant Keith Walker just after Christmas, the club eventually consolidated finishing in 9th place. Promotion was gained to the South Midlands Premier Division the following year after a campaign that saw 23 wins, 7 draws and only 4 losses. Haywood United proved themselves capable of staying in the Premier Division after finishing 3rd in the 2004/2005 season in a campaign that only include one loss in the twenty matches after Christmas. The club also entered the FA Cup and Vase for the first time and won the Buckingham Charity Cup in 2006.

Season 2006/2007 began with Haywood United becoming Aylesbury Vale FC and saw Keith Walker and Steve Gleinster take over as joint managers and steadily build a squad. This was recognised in the 2008/2009 season with a good cup run in the FA Cup and FA Vase, winning three rounds in the FA Cup losing to Level 4 side Gosport after a replay, and losing out in the 4th round of the FA Vase to Leiston Town.



# ***Aylesbury FC History***

After Christmas the side suffered due to long term injuries and finished mid table. May 2009 saw a major new development in a new semi professional side. Aylesbury Football Club was formed under the leadership of Chairman Roger Dance and assisted by Vice Chairman Danny Martone. Former Chairman Bill Harrison was made President of the club.

Great success on the field of play was to follow, with the team having a fantastic run in the F.A. Cup. We were the last 'level five' team in the country to remain in the competition and were rewarded with a visit to Haywood Way for the F.A. Cup trophy, allowing the team, supporters and local people to get their hands on this famous trophy and make the most of this memorable occasion. We were finally knocked out of the competition by Wealdstone in a close game. A brave and superb display was witnessed by a bumper crowd of 800 plus.

Meanwhile, away from the midst of F.A. Cup drama, our success continued, becoming 'Double Winners' Winning both the Spartan South Midland League and League Cup capping an extraordinary season and gaining promotion to the Southern League Division 1 Central.

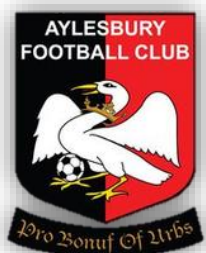
Steve Bateman took over in 2013/14, steered the club to safety in his first 6 months in charge. Then in 2014/15 with Bateman at the helm FC has their most successful season to date most successful to date. Playing at the highest level in the club's history, the team finished third in the League, having been pushing for promotion all season and narrowly lost out in the semi final to Bedworth United having already beaten them twice in the league

the 2015/16 finished with a flourish as the club finished just outside the play off positions, but had the consolation of our first major Cup Final, beating Chesham United in the Berks & Bucks Cup at Windsor. Steve Bateman and his management team resigned at the end of the season and Danny Gordon & Gareth Risbridger took the helm , supported by Paul Bonham , Ryan Wiffin & Aaron Norman. Davis Haule took over from Gordon & Risbridger in December 2016, appointed brother Brian as his assistant and recruited former coaches Fraser McLachlan, Aaron Wiffin and added Ryan Collings to his back room staff for the 2017/18 season.

2017/18 was a difficult season for club finishing 21st and avoiding relegation due to the League re organisation. This season sees a new era with ex Leighton manager Scott Reynolds taking over the reigns assisted by Matt Moran, Lea Coulter and the returning Paul Bonham.

Aylesbury Football Club prides itself on clear ambitions: to progress to higher league football and to achieve higher league status with squads from local talent. The club hopes to continue to work with other local community groups and enhance the clubs facilities to benefit the people within Aylesbury.





# ***Meet the Management***



## **Scott Reynolds - Manager**

Scott joins after parting company with Leighton Town at the start of this month. He had spent eighteen months in charge at Leighton, taking them from potential relegation candidates to promotion chasers last season and FA Vase Quarter Finalists, where they narrowly lost out to 1874 Northwich. Scott has Previous management experience at Ardley Utd and Winslow United and coaching experience at various non league clubs and professional academies. He is a UEFA B Licensed outfield coach and FA level 2 goalkeeping coach.



## **Matt Moran - Assistant Manager**

Former Leighton Town and Winslow Utd goalkeeper coach. Matt will now be stepping up to the role of assistant manager and will focus some time on match analysis and data as well as working with the goalkeepers.

Matt has worked with Scott at all his clubs. Qualified goalkeeper coach who has spent a number of years working alongside ex Watford keeper, Richard Lee, at the GK Icon academy



## **Phil Cave – Goalkeeping Coach**

Phil is a UEFA B licensed outfield and UEFA B licensed goalkeeper coach. His previous experiences include Academy goalkeeper coach at both Brentford and QPR.

Phil has recently moved to Aylesbury and is joining the club as specific goalkeeper coach.



## **Paul Bonham - Coach**

Returning to the club, most recently employed by Oxford United as academy coach and studying his UEFA B license. Paul was Manager of the U18s, Development Side and part of the FC First Team set up in previous seasons and also has experience at Buckingham Athletic.



## **Phil Duffy – Kit Manager**

Phil worked with Scott and his team at Leighton Town. Phil is an integral part of match day preparation and responsible for ensuring all kit and equipment is ready prior to player and staff arrival on match day and training nights. Phil will also take over as club photographer and work closely with the media team to enhance the match day experience at Haywood Way



# Meet the Players



## Nick Bennion

*Previous Clubs Southall, Winslow United, Marlow, Rugby Town, Kettering Town, St Ives Town, Corby Town, Aylesbury United, Buckingham Town*

Nick is an experienced Goalkeeper with a number of non league clubs to his name. Tall, commanding and aggressive. Nicks presence behind the back four will be a huge asset this season. Nick joins from our neighbours Leighton Town



## Ashley Jenkins

*Previous Clubs Leighton Ton, Hale Leys Utd*

Ash is the brother of FCs Jordan. Previously played with Hale Leys Utd & Leighton Town. Ash starts his third season with the club as competition and cover for new goal keeper Nick Bennion and will work hard to push for the shirt.



## Craig Carby

*Previous clubs: Chalfont St. Peter, Burnham, Northwood, Hendon*

Another senior player returns and commits to the Moles. 36 year old central defender who's physical presence will add strength to the back line. Experienced player with a list of non league clubs and successes. We are very pleased to have Craig back at the club.



## Luke Cray

*Previous Clubs Banbury United, Wellingborough Town, Northampton Town*

Former Banbury Utd and Ardley Utd club captain. Hugely experienced Southern League Premier Division defender. Comfortable anywhere across the back line. Natural leader and a huge vocal influence on his team mates.



## Austin Schofield

New signing Austin Schofield joins the club having spent all of pre season with Northwood and AFC Hayes.

A solid defender who can play across he back four and in the defensive midfield positioned. Vocal, experienced and brave. A good addition to the squad ahead of Saturdays season opener.



## Jordan Jenkins

*Previous Clubs Leighton Town*

Into his third consecutive season with the club. No nonsense defender but also very comfortable in possession. Scott's first signing of the new season. Important player and local lad.

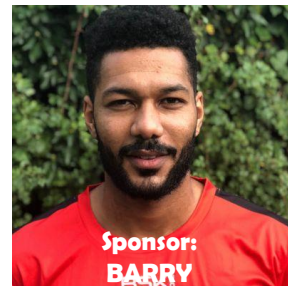


## Temi Oladejo

*Previous Clubs Northwood*

Temi is a Left Back, who has impressed with attitude and performances during pre season and has been rewarded with a deal.

A quick and decisive young full back who lists Northwood amongst others as his former clubs.



## Lewis Strafford

Former South Shields, Gateshead, Ardley Utd and Banbury defender joins the club. Having known manager Reynolds for a while, Lewis put pen to paper after a very positive defensive performance from himself against Tring Athletic in pre season. Former professional in Sweden, a fantastic character and another great addition to the squad



## Kyreece Martei

Signing on loan from Oxford City. Lively and pacey front man who can also play wide or in behind the striker. A product of the youth system at Oxford City, with lots of goals to his name for their Nomads at step 5.

Kyreece has featured in the Oxford City first team for Senior Cup fixtures .



## Adam Morris

*Previous Clubs Thame United, Thattham*

Former Thame Utd and Thattham Town central midfield player. Mozza is a very technically gifted and energetic ball playing midfielder. Local to the area, living in Aylesbury, he will bring composure and quality in possession.

Good experienced semi professional who will play a key part in our team this season



# Meet the Players



## Carl Tappin

Disciplined and skilful central midfield player. Tappin is the type of midfield player who reads the game well and does the simple thing on a consistent basis.

Former Southern League Premier Division player with Banbury Utd, but also had a very successful season with Scott at Leighton Town last year. Energy to burn.



## Alfi Touceda

Young Midfielder/striker who has progressed from the U18s. Stand out youngster from last season and the pre season trials. Alfie is a natural talent who new manager Scott Reynolds was desperate to keep involved and help continue his development. Skilful, classy and an eye for goal.



## Ryan Ware

*Previous clubs: Cambridge City, Cleveland Royals Scholar*

This is Ryan's full season in the UK for a number of years. Former Cleveland Royals Scholar and Cambridge City player. Ryan can play in a number of attacking positions. Quick, skilful and very creative. We look forward to seeing Ryan entertain us at the SRD Stadium this year.



## Josh Williams

*Previous Clubs Barton Rovers*

Josh is a small but explosive wide player. Comfortable on both flanks and good with both feet. Youth team experience with Dagenham and Redbridge as well as Tottenham. Non league experience with a number of Middlesex clubs and Barton Rovers.



## Bruno Brito

Former Portuguese professional football will soon become a hit with the moles fans. Very skilful and athletic wide player who can also play through the middle. Scorer of some incredible goals at this level and higher. An experienced ex professional who has had spells with Newport Pagnell Town, Aylesbury Utd and Leighton Town since moving to the UK.



## Kyle Johnson

Tall, athletic centre forward with a very impressive goal scoring record at his former clubs. Kyle has been on Scott's radar for a while and when the southern league opportunity came up, Kyle grabbed it with both hands. Kyle can hold the ball up, score goals and is very hardworking.



## Mohab Madkour

*Previous Clubs Hillingdon Borough*  
After his impressive debut in pre season, manager Reynolds has confirmed the signature of new recruit Mohab Madkour.

Very direct and pacey wide man who can play on both flanks. A great addition to the squad.



## Lea Coulter

*Previous Clubs: Leighton Town, Tring Corinthians, Winslow United, Aylesbury United, New Bradwell St Peter, Mursley United, AFC Kempston Rovers*  
Talented utility man capable of playing any position, Lea played 150 times for Aylesbury United. He was The Ducks top scorer in his debut season at the club with 27 goals. Later in his career he moved into Midfield but can also cover in defensive areas.



## Aaron King

Centre Forward who spent last season with Winslow Utd. Aaron scored 40 plus goals in the season and impressed locally playing levels below his capabilities.

Former Rushden and Diamonds and Liverpool professional. A class touch, physical presence and eye for goal. Aaron's non league career includes southern league experience at AFC Rushden and Diamonds and Kettering Town



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### **First Team**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Away to Berkhamsted – League KO 3.00pm

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 – Home to Sutton Coldfield – League KO 3.00pm

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Away to Dunstable Town - League KO 3.00pm

### **U18s – Allied Counties Side**

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 – Away to Abingdon Town U18s – League KO 7.45pm

**First Team** - Adult £8.00, Concession £5.00 (OAP's / Students), Under 16's £0.00

**Development/U18s** - Adult £4.00, Concession £2.00 (OAP's / Students), Under 16's £0.00

Season Tickets - £150.00 & £100 Concession

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**Aylesbury FC v AFC Dunstable**

**Bedford Town v Yaxley**

**Bromsgrove Sporting v Kidlington**

**Didcot Town v Aylesbury United**

**Dunstable Town v Berkhamsted Town**

**Kempston Rovers v Coleshill Town**

**Peterborough Sports v Welwyn Garden City**

**Thame United v North Leigh**

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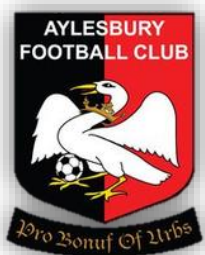
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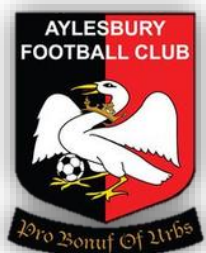
## ***Division One Central Table***

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3	Aylesbury United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Barton Rovers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Bedford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Berkhamsted Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Bromsgrove Sporting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cambridge City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Coleshill Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Corby Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Didcot Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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# ***AFC Dunstable History***

**Founded 1981**

**Nickname: The OD's**

**Home Ground: Creasey Park Stadium**

AFC Dunstable started life as Old Dunstablians Football Club in 1981. The name Old Dunstablians originated from an organisation formed in 1888 for old boys from Dunstable Grammar School. The most famous member of the club is Hollywood actor Gary Cooper, who attended the school in the early 1900's.

When the Grammar School closed and Manshead School opened they took over the mantle but the old boys club was in decline. In 1981 the head teacher was asked if he could re launch the name, hence the football club was born.

By 1988 after its centenary, the Old Dunstablians Club ceased to exist but the football club carried on in commemoration and to this day still bears the club crest on its badge.

The club started in the Dunstable Alliance Football League for a couple of seasons then moved onto the Luton District and South Bedfordshire League in 1983. Still playing at Manshead School with the 1<sup>st</sup> team and reserves, success was limited with the 1<sup>st</sup> team runners up twice in Division One and runners up in the William Pease Cup. While in the Luton League though the 1<sup>st</sup> team did land the Bedfordshire Junior Cup beating Leighton Athletic on penalties in 1989 –90 season.

With the club using Dunstable Town Cricket Club as their social base in Bull Pond Lane, the cricket club was looking to move to a larger site in Totternhoe and when the new club was opened in 1994, a football pitch was accommodated, so the football club moved there from Manshead School.

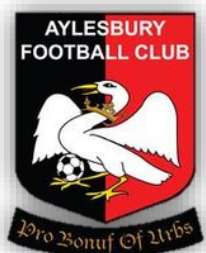
An improvement in facilities gave the club a chance to apply to join the South Midlands League in 1995.

Accepted into the then Division One (Premier and Senior Divisions were the higher divisions) the club struggled, as they flirted with being relegated straight back to the Luton League in the first 2 seasons. Going through new managers every season, we finally started to gain some consolidation and in season 2001-02 the 1<sup>st</sup> team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the league and won the Division One Cup. The following season we just missed out of the title, which was now Division Two. Looking to go one better we finally clinched the title the next season and was runners up in the Division Two Cup.

Ground Grading issues were now starting to stop the team from getting promoted, as 2 ground sharing agreements were turned down by the league. This was now the start of a trophy laden period, as the Division Two title again was secured and back-to-back Bedfordshire Senior Trophy's. Added to that, the Division Two Cup was won again.

The club in 2003-04 decided to launch its youth policy and when the Under 15's were runners up in the Chiltern Youth league, it started on the path to work its way through the FA Charter Standard. We achieved Adult status in 2003-04. The club then made the decision to change its name to AFC Dunstable (when the prefix AFC was not as prevalent as it is nowadays), so not to get confused with the local rugby club, as the club started to grow and the name was more associated to a football club. The club kept the name The OD's, as their nickname. The youth then was awarded the Charter Standard in 2005-06. The next big step was to become a Development Club and a great deal of work saw the club achieve this in 2007. Next up was our goal to become a FA Charter Standard Community Club and 2008 saw the club get there. In that time the club has been awarded the Development Club Of The Year in 2008 and the Community Club Of The Year in 2009. The club now run 30 teams for 2016-17.

Then Bedfordshire Football Association approached the club to become partners in the new Creasey Park Community Football Centre in 2008 and this gave the chance to move the 1<sup>st</sup> team to Creasey Park and apply for promotion to Division One for the start of the 2009-10 season, which was accepted. The team finished a very creditable 5<sup>th</sup> in its first season at the higher level.



# ***AFC Dunstable History***

History was also made in 2010-11, as the team was accepted to participate in the FA Vase. A fine run through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Proper was achieved. Looking to improve on the league position the previous season, the team went all out for promotion and finished runners up in the league and gained promotion to the Premier Division at their 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt. The SSMFL Division One Cup was secured as well.

Now with the team in the SSMFL Premier Division and entry into the FA Cup for 2011-12, finished a fine 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league. 2012-13 the team consolidated in the Premier Division and finished a respectable 8<sup>th</sup>. Their run the FA Cup saw them get through 3 rounds eventually going out to Northwood after a replay.

After the team being managed by the most successful pair in the club's history Alex Butler and Dermot Butler, they decided to step down after 9 years at the helm half way through 2013-14. This left the team in disarray, which saw many stalwarts of the team leave. The club decided to appoint current manager Steve Heath and the club went on a re building exercise.

2014-15 saw the team secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the SSMFL Premier Division as they challenged for the title all season. They also equalled their best run in the FA Vase getting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round proper.

2015-16 was the season that the team broke all club records. Before clinching the SSMFL Premier Division title, they progressed through 2 rounds of the FA Cup before finally going out to Ryman Premier leaders at the time Leiston 1-0 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round.

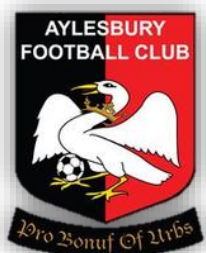
The FA Vase was a great ride as the team made it to the 4<sup>th</sup> Round proper. Unfortunately, we drew phoenix club Salisbury who had competed in the Conference Premier only two seasons previous but had been demoted to step 5. Going out 3-0, Salisbury made it all the way to the semi final.

The league campaign was an unbelievable roller coaster ride. As the season got underway, it was becoming apparent that quite a few teams were vying for the title. As the season reached October, only 5 points separated the top 6. By Christmas it looked like London Colney were starting to break away going 5 points clear. The chasing pack were bunching up behind as only 6 points was the difference between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. When the team lost to a last-minute penalty to Biggleswade United on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we went 8 points behind London Colney and it looked like our title ambitions had faded. That would be the last time we tasted defeat in the league. Hoddesdon Town were now becoming a title contender and it was a 3-horse race.

With 7 games left, the team went top of the league and never looked back and won the league by 13 points.

2016-17 saw us compete in the Southern League Central Division, a position we never thought we would see the club at. We competed nearly all season in a playoff place right up to the last game of the season just to miss out by 3 points. The team though did pick up some silverware winning the prestigious Bedfordshire Senior Cup 2-0 against Dunstable Town at Kenilworth Road. The beginning of this season, the Bedfordshire Premier Cup was won.

After only our 2<sup>nd</sup> season at step 4, 2017-18 saw us top the table at the start of the season. We occupied a play off place all season, which in the end saw us finish 5<sup>th</sup>. So, a semi final play off berth was achieved and we came up against Hartley and Wintney. A 2-0 loss in North Hampshire ended our season but what a great experience it was



# ***AFC Dunstable Pen Pics***

## **JAMIE HEAD – AGE 23 – GOALKEEPER – Sponsored by 1981 Events**

Jamie is in his 2nd season as a senior player after being with us as a youth player. Tall and agile keeper, he has plenty of Southern League experience for someone so young.

## **RYAN FRATER – AGE 33 – DEFENDER – Sponsored by Steve Cantellow**

A highly experienced player, who has many clubs to his name. A great signing for the club last season, as he picked up a championship medal for Royston Town after the club won the Evo-Stik Southern League Central two seasons.

## **LEON CASHMAN (C) – AGE 34 – DEFENDER – Sponsored by Directional CIC**

A tall inspiring centre half, he is captain of the team. Joined the club in 2014 just for a month's loan from Dunstable Town but has remained ever since. Leads by example and has vast experience at the highest non-league level. Former clubs include Corby Town & Havant & Waterlooville. Has also represented the Royal Navy at football.

## **TERRY GRIFFITHS – AGE 27 – DEFENDER – Sponsored by CME Heating**

This no-nonsense centre half, Terry defends as if his life depends on it. Joined the club in 2015 after moving in the area from Essex. His story is quite extraordinary, after he tweeted looking for a club. Terry is now approaching 150 appearances.

## **JOE STEELE – AGE 20 – DEFENDER – Sponsored by Dave Lawlor**

A young defender in his first season with the club. Last season Joe was at Arlesey Town but as the club were relegated from the Southern League, he came over and joined AFC.

## **DANNY MAY – AGE 29 – DEFENDER – Sponsored by Craig Renfrew**

In his first season with the club, Danny is a quality right back, with stacks of experience. He started his career with a pro contract at Northampton Town before moving into non-league. He boasts such clubs as Enfield Town and Hemel Hempstead Town where he played over 200 games.

## **NEWMAN CARNEY – AGE 24 – DEFENDER/MIDFIELD – Sponsored by Carl Newbury**

Joined AFC on a month's loan from Dunstable Town at the beginning of 2014 but decided to stay with the club. An ex professional with Luton Town when he was 18, he is one of the youngest players to represent the Hatters. Newman is one of 3 ex Luton Town players in the squad.

## **LUKE ABRAHAM – AGE 27 – DEFENDER – Available to sponsor**

This will be Luke's first season with AFC after a 4 season stay at Arlesey Town. Before that, he has had an array of clubs including Aylesbury FC, Chesham United and Dunstable Town.

## **ALEX WARD – 19 – MIDFIELD – Sponsored by Leighton Computers**

A young promising talent who has bags of skill and vision. A very neat midfielder who can see a pass that splits defences. His first season at the club after representing Dunstable Town at the back end of last season.

## **KYLE AJAYI – 18 – MIDFIELD – Sponsored by Carl Newbury**

A success story of AFC's youth system. Kyle joined the club at 15 and has made his way through the Under 18' & Under 21's. A tall strong player for his age, the club have very high hopes for Kyle. Represented England Schools at Under 18 last season.



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## **CHRISTIAN TAVERNIER – AGE 25 – MIDFIELD – Sponsored by J&R Coaching**

Another player who has spent time at Luton Town. Chris joined the club last season, after 5 years at Arlesey Town, where he was a regular goal scorer. Another tall elegant player, the club have high hopes with Chris in the team this season.

## **ADAM WATKINS – 26 – MIDFIELD – Sponsored by Trishan Patel Coaching**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> ex Luton Town professional in the squad. The Hatters had high hopes for Adam and at one time a rumoured six figured transfer fee was put on the table for him. Played for the Hatters in the Blue Square Conference final at Wembley Stadium in 2011-12. An elegant midfielder who also combines his skill with masses of energy.

## **RAFE GOODMAN – 19 – MIDFIELD – Sponsored by Dave Lawlor**

Another talented teenager on the club's book, Rafe stood head and shoulders above his team-mates at Arlesey Town last season. AFC's management team moved quickly to secure his signature.

## **BJ CHRISTIE – 29 – FORWARD – Sponsored by Richard Church**

The club's record goal scorer with over 250 goals to his name & now all-time record appearances. First turned out for the club at 15. Has had a couple of spells away from the club with Barton Rovers and Berkhamsted but always returns. As you can imagine, many clubs chase his signature in close seasons.

## **NATHAN FRATER – 29 – FORWARD – Sponsored by Irmak BBQ**

This will be Nathan's 4th season with the club. A proven goal scorer at step 3 after a few seasons with St Neots Town. Had a brief spell at Bedford Town a couple of seasons ago before returning to AFC.

## **JOEL NORRIS – 28 - FORWARD – Sponsored by Dominic Spong**

Joel started his career at Spartan South Midlands club Colney Heath before having a successful spell at Welwyn Garden City. Moved onto Bedford Town then Cambridge City before suffering a bad injury. His first season with AFC, Joel is renowned for hitting the back of the net.

## **CHARLIE CLAYTON – 21 – FORWARD – Sponsored by Craig Renfrew**

Another player in his debut season for the club. Charlie came to light after AFC played Crawley Green in the Bedfordshire Senior Cup last season. He scored over 20 goals in a struggling team which just avoided relegation from the Spartan South Midlands Premier Division. His dad John played for the club back in the mid 1980's, as did his Uncle Dave.



# ***Potential Match Day Squads***



## ***Aylesbury FC*** ***Red & Black***

***Nick BENNION (GK)***

***Ashley JENKINS (GK)***

***Luke CRAY ©***

***Craig CARBY***

***Jordan JENKINS***

***Temi OLADEJO***

***Lewis STRAFFORD***

***Mohab MADKOUR***

***Adam MORRIS***

***Alfi TOUCEDA***

***Carl TAPPIN***

***Ryan WARE***

***Josh WILLIAMS***

***Bruno BRITO***

***Lea COULTER***

***Kyle JOHNSON***

***Austin SCHOFIELD***

***Aaron KING***

***Manager: Scott REYNOLDS***



## ***AFC Dunstable*** ***Blue***

***Jamie HEAD (GK)***

***Ryan FRATER***

***Leon CASHMAN***

***Terry GRIFFITHS***

***Joe STEELE***

***Danny MAY***

***Newman CARNEY***

***Luke ABRAHAM***

***Alex WARD***

***Kyle AJAYI***

***Christian TAVERNIER***

***Adam WATKINS***

***Rafe GOODMAN***

***BJ CHRISTIE***

***Nathan FRATER***

***Joel NORRIS***

***Charlie CLAYTON***

***Manager: Steve HEATH***

***Main Sponsors:***



***Match Officials***

***Referee: Jonathan Bolland***

***Assistants: Chimango Gondwe & Conor Griffin***