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1. Andy Cole, Les Ferdinand, Marcus Bent, Nick Barmby, Craig Bellamy, Darren Bent, Peter Crouch, Robbie Keane and Nicolas Anelka.
2. Newcastle, Norwich, Plymouth, Plymouth.
3. Stuart Pearce, Chris Waddle (Germany 1990), Gareth Southgate (Germany 1996), Paul Ince, David Batty (Argentina 1998), David Beckham, Darius Vassell (Portugal 2004), Frank Lampard, Steven Gerrard, Jamie Carragher (Portugal 2006), Ashley Young, Ashley Cole (Italy 2012).
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Regards,

Ian Jones

Chairman



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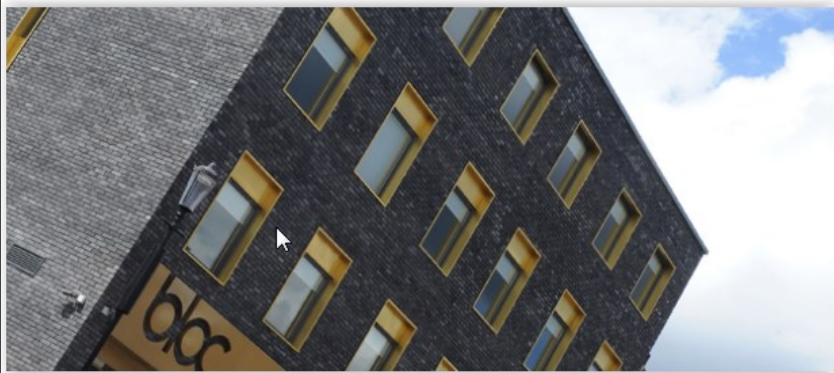
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Oswestry Town — From past to present



The club was founded as Oswestry United in 1860 and were one of the worlds oldest clubs. They were Founder members of the Football Association of Wales in 1876, a rare achievement for an English club!

In 1886/87 Oswestry were Welsh Cup semi-finalists and 1893 joined the Shropshire league. In 1925 Oswestry joined the Birmingham & District League and were again Welsh Cup semi-finalists in 1938/39. The outbreak of war meant a short break before re-joining the Birmingham & District league in 1946. Yet another Welsh cup semi final in 1955/56 and the club switched to the Cheshire County League in 1959.

A fourth Welsh Cup semi final in 1970/71 and move to the Southern League Division one North in 1975. In 1979 Oswestry joined the Northern Premier League and reached the FA Cup 1st round on several occasions. Oswestry enjoyed large crowds at Victoria Road and rubbed shoulders with the now mighty Wigan Athletic! Sadly the club fell into decline and Oswestry were forced to sell their Victoria Road ground to pay their debts and the club folded completely in the late 1988.

The club re-formed in 1993 using Park Hall as its home ground and opted for Welsh football, playing in the Welsh National League 1st Division. Promotion to the Cymru Alliance soon came and the 1999 made it into the League of Wales. The club remained financially weak, and on 7 June 2003, it was announced that the club would merge with Total Network Solutions, from Llansantffraid, eight miles away, with the aim of playing at a new stadium in Oswestry from 2005/06. The Football Association of Wales approved the merger.

This signalled the end of the club after 143 years.

The new club FC Oswestry Town was formed in 2013. And took the place of Oswestry Lions in the Mercian League Division 1. The club achieved promotion to the Mercian League Premier Division at the first attempt and is working hard to attract the best local players to help Oswestry return to their football glory days and play the highest possible standard of football.



Half time teasers!



1. Which nine players have scored for six different Premier League clubs?
2. Which English league sides are the furthest north, east, south and west?
3. Which 12 players have missed in a penalty shoot-out at a major tournament for England?
4. Which six Dutchmen have scored Premier League hat-tricks?

Answers on page 19



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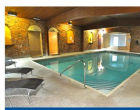
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Reminiscences of Oswestry Town

SATURDAY, April 2 1988 is a date that will live long in the memory of many Oswestrian soccer fans.



Over 130 years of footballing history in the town came to an end when Oswestry Town played their final game at the historic Victoria Road ground.

The club had been struggling for some seasons prior to 1987/88 and, in a bid to turn around their fortunes, sold off the ground - which was by now in need of a major upgrade - to housing developers Sunley. Mossley were the O's last opponents for a Northern Premier League fixture and a larger than usual programme was issued to mark the occasion.

In it, club officials recalled their memories of the great players who had plied their trade on the hallowed turf - editor Mike Clarke waxed lyrical about heroes of the 1950s like goalkeeper Tiger Williams, defender Edgar Cornes, striker Derek 'Barney' Barnes and from later years record scorer Vince Pritchard.

Great matches were also fondly remembered including runs in the Welsh Cup culminating in a 2-0 semi-final defeat by Wrexham at Victoria Road in 1971 when 4,948 spectators were packed into the ground. The great FA Cup ties with Bournemouth (1957), Southend United (1959) and Doncaster Rovers (1974) were recalled while Birmingham League battles with the reserve sides of Wolves and Aston Villa plus local rivals Hereford and Kidderminster also got a mention.

Secretary James Bond closed his programme notes in ironic and somewhat prophetic tones. "What's done is done," he wrote. "There is no coming back to Victoria Road and where, and in what league, the club will play in future remains to be seen. But after 130 years as a senior club - a record unparalleled anywhere in the world - Oswestry Town FC must not be allowed to slip into oblivion."

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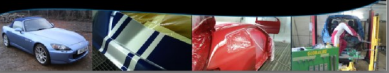
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2	Wroxeter Rovers	28	20	6	2	86	66
3	FC Oswestry Town	28	21	3	4	69	66
4	Rock Rovers	28	17	6	5	43	57
5	Bishops Castle Town FC	28	17	2	9	48	53
6	Hanwood United Reserves	28	14	4	10	34	46
7	Clee Hill United	28	12	6	10	-14	42
8	Dawley Town	28	11	6	11	3	39
9	Brown Clee	28	11	3	14	8	36
10	Oakengates Rangers	28	11	3	14	-19	36
11	Wrockwardine Wood Juniors	28	7	2	19	-71	23
12	Oswestry Villa	28	6	4	18	-18	22
13	Meole Brace	28	6	4	18	-76	22
14	Shawbury United Reserves	28	6	2	20	-67	20
15	Shrewsbury United	28	2	1	25	-123	7

Name: Rob Shone

Position: Centre Back

Previous clubs: Morda United



Rob is in his second season with FC Oswestry Town and was the mainstay of the best defence in the league last season and was players of the season. Rob is a local lad who previously played for Morda United and signed for FC Oswestry Town whilst studying at Leeds University.

A ball playing centre back with ambitions of playing further up the pitch. Rob likes to think he is "running the show" but with performances like last season he will surely catch the eye of numerous clubs playing at a higher standard.

Pre Season Fixtures 2014

Date	Opponents	Venue	Kick off
Saturday 5 th July	Oakengates Athletic	Home	3pm
Friday 11 th July	Chirk AAA	Away	7pm
Sunday 20 th July	Graham Edwards Match Malpas FC	Gobowen	3pm
Friday 25 th July	Corwen FC	Home	7.30pm
Tuesday 29 th July	Graham Edwards ¼ Match ? St Martin/Loppington	Gobowen	6.30pm
Saturday 2 nd August	Llanfair Utd FC	Home	5.30pm
Tuesday 5 th August	Guilsfield FC or Graham Ed- wards semi	Away	7pm
Saturday 9 th August	League fixture	??	3pm
Sunday 10 th August	Graham Edwards Final ???	Gobowen	3pm

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