

The Talk of the Town

Volume #12, Saturday 9th November



**Tickets: £6 Adults, £3 Concessions, £1 Under 16s
vs Edgware Town FC
Bell Close, LU7 1RX
SSML Premier Division**



People at the Club

First Team Managers: Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson.

Physio Team: John Rutherford and Lorraine Smith.

Chairman: Alan Penman

Vice Chairman: Steve Harris

Director of Football: Sean Downey

Secretary: Roy Parker

Treasurer: Steve Harris

Match Photos: Andrew Parker

Reports, Programmes, Kitman, Media:
Kieran Carvell

Hall Hire: Pauline Parker

Groundsman: Bruce Warner



A word from the Press Box

Welcome to Bell Close for today's SSML Premier Division clash with Edgware Town. A very warm welcome to our visitors.

Another game, another convincing scoreline for us on Tuesday evening, a 5-0 win over Wembley, in the Dudley Latham Trophy. Our Under 18s Captain, Luke Pyman, making his first start for the club and also scoring his first goal! His first goal in senior football. A massive achievement and something for Luke and his family to be very proud, with him being just 17! Coming up this week, we welcome Crawley Green to Bell Close on Tuesday, before we travel to leaders Tring Athletic in a weeks time. 2 big local league games.

The reverse fixture against Edgware at Silver Jubilee Park, is on the final day of the season! So something to look forward too.

Enjoy the game!

History

Leighton Town, who were known as Leighton United between 1922 and 1963, were formed in 1885. They were mainly involved in local leagues until the outbreak of the Great War, and were winners of the Leighton and District League on several occasions.

Leighton were one of the original members of the South Midland League in 1922 – which at the time was known as the Bedfordshire County League. They were also members of the Spartan League between 1922/23 and 1951/52, but their only successes being the Spartan League Division 2 title in 1923/24 and 1927/28. They were Bedfordshire Senior Cup winners in 1926/27.

In 1952, they became a founder member of the Hellenic League, but after two disappointing seasons, moved to the South Midlands League. In 1965/66 season however, the Premier Championship sat in the Leighton Town Boardroom. The club then rejoined the Spartan League in 1967/68.

Leighton proceeded to consolidate their League success by winning the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for three successive seasons in 1968, 1969 and 1970. Unfortunately, some of the successful players moved onto other clubs, and Leighton's fortunes again declined. A move to the United Counties League proved disastrous and, after just two seasons, the club rejoined the South Midlands League. During the '70's and '80's, Leighton were unable to capture the success of the '60's.

In 1990/1991 the First Team won the South Midlands League Challenge Trophy and the O'Brien's Premier Division Cup, both for the first time. The 1991/2 season was one of the club's best ever. The South Midlands Premier Division title, which had eluded the club for so long, was won, and with it a place in the Isthmian League.

1992/3 saw the Club's success continue when they won the Bedfordshire Senior Cup for the first time since 1970. The Club missed out on promotion in their first Isthmian League season by just a single point but the Youth Team retained the County Cup.

1995/6 saw the First Team win promotion to Division 2 of the Isthmian League, whilst at the same time retaining the Buckingham Charity Cup.

In the 1996/7 season, Leighton won the Isthmian League Associated Members Trophy for the first time. 1998/99 saw the return of the Associated Members Trophy and the Buckingham Charity Cup.

Season 2003/04 was arguably one of the Club's best ever, as the First Team won the Ryman Isthmian Second Division title. The team was also named Ryman Division Two Team of the Year, and Paul Burgess was awarded Manager of the Year. They also reached the Fifth round of the FA Vase, and the final of the Beds Senior Cup, before losing to Andover and Arlesey respectively.

The 2004-05 season saw the club placed in The Southern League East Division and finished in a creditable tenth place. They also won the Buckinghamshire Charity Cup. The Reserves won the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup and the U18's won the SCYFL League Shield, the first time in the club's history.

The 05-06 Season saw the Club progress again, improving on the year before, as they finished 8th in The Southern League West Division. After a poor start, League results improved and the side only suffered four defeats from the start of November until the end of March, a play-off place just eluding them.

After three excellent victories interest in the FA Trophy competition ended with a single goal defeat to eventual semi-finalists, Borehamwood.

The Club also reached the Beds Senior Cup Final, but sadly they again finished as Runners Up.

The Club were relocated to the Southern League, Midland Division for 06-07 season but only one League win in the first six games and early exits in the two FA Competitions cost Paul Burgess his job in September. He was replaced by former Wycombe, professional Keith Scott, results did improve but it was a disappointing season, although Town did win the Bucks Senior Charity Cup.

The 07-08 started brightly with the first League defeat not coming until mid-October. Three wins in the FA Cup saw the Club reach the 4th Qualifying Round for the first time in its history. A 3-0 defeat to Conference South, Havant and Waterlooville finally ended the run. Keith Scott left in December to join Windsor and Eton. In January 2008, Assistant Manager Sean Downey was appointed as First Team Manager and did a splendid job as the Club ended their League season in 9th place, winning the Bucks Charity Cup and reaching the final of the Beds Senior Cup once more.

The 08/09 Season the First Team finished 8th in the Southern League, Midland Division, achieving their highest points total to date at that level.

The 09/10 season saw Leighton once again finish in the top half of the table, when they finished in 9th place and they also lost the Bedfordshire Senior Cup Final to Southern League rivals, Arlesey Town after penalties.

History

Season 2010/2011, saw Town finish in 7th place in the League, gaining 69 points, their best performance since joining the Southern Football League.

The 2011/2012 a poor season saw Leighton finish in their lowest position for several years.

2012/13 was also very disappointing for the First Team as they finished in 20th place.

2015/2016. After 3 disappointing seasons Leighton finished the season in the bottom two of the Southern League Central Division and were relegated to the Spartan South Midlands League where they had last played in the 1991/92 season.

2016/2017 This was a disappointing season with the club struggling for much of the time after yet another Managerial Change. Things did pick up towards the end of the season and we eventually finished in 16th place.

2017/18 The club retained Scott Reynolds as Manager and finished 4th in the League and reached the Quarter Finals of the FA VASE. Gates improved and it was our best season for about 8 years, however Manager, Scott Reynolds resigned at the end of the season.

2018/2019 The Club appointed experienced coach Danny Nicholls as the new Manager, but he resigned at the start of October. The Club then appointed Joe Sweeney and Paul Copson as their Management Team and results improved but we were unable to reach the top third of the table..

2019 We are hoping to be competitive this season with several new signings but this is a very difficult Division and we are well aware of the quality of many of the teams.



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VISITORS HISTORY

The club were founded in 1939 by a group of football enthusiasts who worked for the construction and engineering firm, William Moss & Sons based in Cricklewood. The firm had taken over the sports ground located in the High Street, formerly used by Edgware Rugby Club. The club initially played in the West Middlesex Combination, winning the league title in 1939–40. The league was renamed the Middlesex Senior League in 1940, with the club winning the league title again in 1943–44, before sharing the title with Twickenham the following season. They joined the London League for the 1945–46 season and were placed in the Western Section, which they went on to win.[3] They subsequently lost the championship play-off against Eastern Section winners Woolwich Polytechnic.[2] The club joined the Corinthian League for the following season.[3] In 1947–48 Edgware won the Middlesex Senior Cup with a 2–1 win against Enfield in the final.[2] In 1953–54 they finished as runners-up in the league and won the league's Memorial Shield, defeating champions Carshalton Athletic in the final.[3] The club won the Memorial Shield for a second time in 1962–63 season, beating Wokingham Town in a two-legged final.[2] However, at the end of the season the Corinthian League was disbanded and alongside most of the other clubs in the league, they joined the new Division One of the Athenian League.[3] They finished third in their first season, and were promoted to the Premier Division.[3] In 1966–67 they finished bottom of the division, and were relegated to Division One. This was followed by a second successive relegation to Division Two as they finished bottom of Division One in 1967–68.[3] In 1972 the club was renamed Edgware.[4] Division Two was abolished in 1977 as the Athenian League was reduced to a single division.[4] They finished as runners-up in 1981–82, but were not promoted to the Isthmian League as their White Lion Ground did not meet the ground grading requirements.[2] When the Athenian League disbanded altogether in 1984 they joined the London Spartan League, before changing their name back to Edgware Town in 1987.[4] They won the Premier Division of the Spartan League and the League Cup in 1987–88. After a second title in 1989–90, the club were promoted to Division Two North of the Isthmian League. After league reorganisation in 1991 they were placed in Division Three, which they won in its first season, earning promotion to Division Two.[3] They were relegated back to Division Three at the end of the 2000–01 season, which was renamed Division Two the year after. In 2006 the now-renamed Division Two was disbanded and Edgware were transferred to the Premier Division of the Spartan South Midlands League. They won it at the first attempt, also winning the Premier Cup and the Challenge Trophy.[2] The club was promoted to Division One North of the Isthmian League, but closed down at the end of the Isthmian League season due to lack of funds following the decision of the local authority to grant planning permission for their ground. However, the club did not fold and remained members of the Middlesex Football Association. In March 2014 it was announced that the club had been revived. They competed in the Spartan South Midlands League from the 2014–15 season, playing at the Silver Jubilee Stadium in Hendon (the former home of Kingsbury Town). Their opening games of the season were played at Underhill Stadium while the ground was refurbished. In the 2015–16 season the club won the Division One title by 10 points and were promoted to the Premier Division.



Away Fan Guide

Transport

Bell Close (LU7 1RX) is situated in the centre of Leighton Buzzard, opposite Morrisons.

There is a bus stop next to the entrance and the Train Station is a 15 minute walk away, where trains run frequently to London, Milton Keynes, Birmingham etc.

If you are coming to Bell Close by car, you can come through Town or down off the bypass (A4146) and down Grovebury Road. This will avoid a potential busy Town Centre, especially on a Saturday Afternoon.

Parking can be found at the ground, or further afield in a number of side streets.

Parking at the ground on a busy matchday will be limited.

Food and Drink

At the club, we have a brilliant tea bar that serves a massive range of hot and cold food items, including burgers, bacon, sausages, curry and more!

In the bar, we have light snacks, as well as a range of draught lagers and ciders.

We also have soft drinks as well as bottles of ale and beer.

In Town, there are a range of pubs, with The Sun being the pub the closest in proximity to Bell Close.

In Town there is a Wetherspoons, as well as fish and chip shops and restaurants.

Across the road, there is Morrisons who have a Deli Counter serving hot food.



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We've come together and had made Leighton Town customised OddBalls beanie hats!

They are £10 from behind the bar. £5 of each hat goes straight to OddBalls to help to continue raising awareness.

All Hats are in one size.

Numbers are limited! Don't miss out, get one from behind the bar this Saturday!

(We also have Club Ties available at £15 each).



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Leighton Town FC

Christmas Party

21st December

7pm - Midnight

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LU7 1RX**

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THE TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Tring Athletic	14	12	0	2	31	36
2	Newport Pagnell Town	14	9	3	2	22	30
3	Colney Heath	10	9	0	1	17	27
4	Biggleswade United	14	9	0	5	8	27
5	Oxhey Jets	13	7	4	2	5	25
6	Harpenden Town	14	7	3	4	6	24
7	Crawley Green	13	6	3	4	12	21
8	Harefield United	10	6	1	3	8	19
9	Broadfields United	14	6	1	7	-16	19
10	Eynesbury Rovers	11	5	3	3	10	18
11	Leverstock Green	13	5	2	6	-9	17
12	Aylesbury Vale Dynamos	9	4	1	4	0	13
13	Dunstable Town	11	4	1	6	-8	13
14	Potton United	14	4	1	9	-15	13
15	Arlesey Town	13	2	8	3	0	11 *
16	Leighton Town	11	3	1	7	3	10
17	Edgware Town	13	3	1	9	-16	10
18	London Colney	11	3	1	7	-16	10
19	Wembley	9	2	2	5	-4	8
20	Baldock Town	11	2	1	8	-12	7
21	North Greenford United	12	0	1	11	-26	1

**One Place separates
the 2 sides...**



FIXTURES

PREM	12/11/19	19:45	Leighton Town	Crawley Green	LEIGHTON BUZZARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION LTD
PREM	16/11/19	15:00	Tring Athletic	Leighton Town	The Grass Roots Stadium
PREM	19/11/19	19:45	Leighton Town	Eynesbury Rovers	LEIGHTON BUZZARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION LTD
PREM	23/11/19	15:00	Leighton Town	Harefield United	LEIGHTON BUZZARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION LTD
PREM	26/11/19	19:45	Leighton Town	Potton United	LEIGHTON BUZZARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION LTD
PREM	07/12/19	15:00	Leighton Town	Biggleswade United	LEIGHTON BUZZARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION LTD
PREM	10/12/19	19:45	London Colney	Leighton Town	LONDON COLNEY FC
PREM	14/12/19	15:00	Baldock Town	Leighton Town	ARLESEY TOWN FC
PREM	21/12/19	15:00	Leighton Town	Arlesey Town	LEIGHTON BUZZARD SPORTS ASSOCIATION LTD
PREM	28/12/19	15:00	Dunstable Town	Leighton Town	CREASEY PARK



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Squads



1. Brad Kirkwood
2. Tom Bryant
3. Tom Silford
4. Dave Murphy
5. Carl Resch
6. Alfie Osborne
7. James Towell
8. Jordon Fredericks
9. Ashton Campbell
10. Danny Webb
11. Archie McClelland
12. Ben Pattie
13. Josh Setchell
14. Kuda Butawo
15. Les Barker
16. Anthony Leslie
17. Michael Donkor
18. Luke Pyman

1. Frazer Siddall
2. Bradley Robinson
3. Rio Beach
4. Mark Burgess
5. Kayden Marks
6. Eisa Azab
7. Felix Amoah
8. Martin Flannery
9. Scott McGleish
10. Ryan Carruthers
11. Steven Benavides
12. George Harsini
13. Michael Koscienc
14. Adam Page

OFFICIALS

Referee: Chay Hathway.

Assistants: Thomas Hood and Steve Williams.

