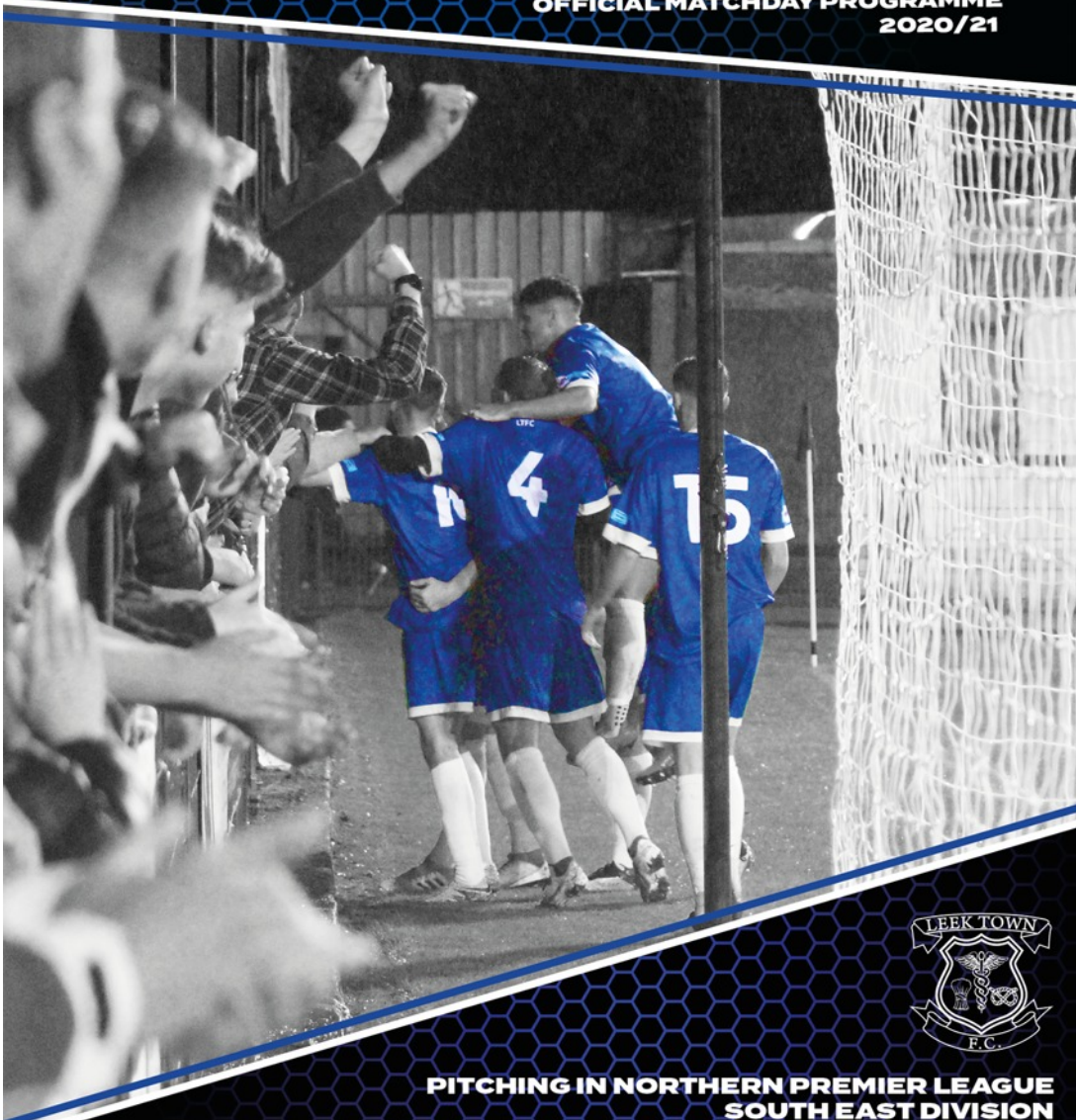


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LEEK TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME
2020/21



PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
SOUTH EAST DIVISION

leek town vs stocksbridge park steels

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2020





LEEK TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB LTD

Company Number: 01297305

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#TODAYSTEAMS

THE LINE-UPS FOR TODAY'S FIXTURE

Leek Town



Danny Roberts	1
Leon Ashman	2
Louis Keenan	3
Marc Grocott	4
Olly Harrison	5
Darren Chadwick	6
Dan Trickett-Smith	7
Billy Reeves	8
James Kirby	9
Matt Bell	10
Will Saxon	11
Rob Stevenson	12
Tim Grice	14
Lewis Short	15
Charlie Walford	16
Ben Cortes-Smith	17

Stocksbridge Park Steels



Edward Hall
Jordan Lemon
Michael Trench
Kurtis Turner
Matthew Reay
Reece Fielding
Lewis Whitham
Ross Goodwin
Luke Mangham
Scott Ruthven
Joshua Nodder
Johnny Pugh
Toby Kenyon
Robert Ludlam
Clarke Greaves
Thomas Crosby

Pitching In Northern Premier League South East Division

Leek Town v Stocksbridge Park Steels

Tuesday 20th October 2020

Today's Officials

Referee: Daniel Bruce

Assistant Referee: Daniel McDonald

Assistant Referee: Andrew Wood

Good evening

Tonight we welcome our visitors from Stocksbridge to Harrison Park. Games between us are normally close encounters and we expect no different tonight.

Games are coming along thick and fast at the moment and it's a test of the players stamina and ability to recover quickly from the last game. Obviously the amount of rest they get is important but just as important is diet and rehydration. I accept at our level it is difficult to control these things and you are reliant on the players themselves to be as professional as possible.

We had a few players who played on Saturday who hadn't played or completed ninety minutes for a while and I shall be watching them closely this evening to see if they can go again. They may be tired physically or mentally but such is the amount of football we are asking them to play you need them to produce game after game. This is part of management gauging the fitness of your players as we haven't the tools that professional clubs have. They have fitness coaches to monitor this but we have to go by what our eyes are telling us.

Obviously with the amount of games we have picked up injuries. Jess, Jack and Rob were all missing at the weekend. We don't think any of them will be missing for long.

Our fitness was not in question at Histon on Saturday. After a first half in which we huffed and puffed to no avail we produced a dominant second half performance good enough to win the game. Although it was a late goal the players stuck to what we do and got their rewards. They controlled the game well and showed real patience even when the minutes ticked away towards the end. This is what we preach to them. Keep playing your football, stick to how we practice and don't stop believing that what we do will work.

Will Saxon will take the plaudits because he scored both goals but all players played their part. Will is still settling in but the early signs are good. He has had to be patient because we have good strikers at the club but he has taken his chance in the last two games. He has the qualities to be a very good player. Like with all players there are always things to learn and improve your game.

As you may have noticed we have been fortunate enough to get Dan Trickett-Smith on loan from Port Vale. Our thanks to them and also my board who have made that happen. Dan was a big favourite here before his move back into professional football. We all hope he hits the ground running and shows the form that got him his move. If he does he will add to the team and push us on. It also adds to the competition for places we have here; something that should push all players onto doing better.

Enjoy the game

Bake



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TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 7.45PM
HARRISON PARK, LEEK

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ALL THE LATEST LEEK TOWN GOSSIP

Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Stocksbridge Park Steels who have made the now familiar journey from Sheffield. We hope they enjoy their brief stay and have a safe journey home.

This will be our last home game for almost a month as we will be on our travels on Saturday to Carlton. The following Saturday will be the next round of the FA Trophy, in which we have another away trip to Evesham United. Evesham play in the Southern League, South Division and they beat Carlton Town 2-0 to earn their place in the Third Qualifying Round draw.

On Tuesday 3 November, we have the rearranged trip to Ilkeston Town and then another long journey to Spalding United on Saturday 7 November. So, as it stands currently, we will see you back here on 14 November when we entertain local rivals, Newcastle Town.

It's great to see Dan Trickett-Smith back at Harrison Park and we know you will give him a big welcome tonight.

With Christmas getting closer, we have again produced the Leek Town gin that was so popular last year. You can purchase this from The Blue Mugge, Brewce's Graft Ale on Stanley Street and Wine and Whiskey on Russell Street. It's already selling really quickly so make sure you get yours soon!

On the subject of alcohol, if you haven't tried the Order.Beer website yet, then take a look there for more present ideas, or just to treat yourself. Remember Leek Town fans can get a £5 discount by using the code LEEKTOWN5.

Enjoy the game tonight and thank you for sticking to the social distancing rules.



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MORE THAN JUST A FIRST TEAM

Player	Player Sponsor
Chris Baker	Liam Duggan
Jessy Bavanganga	Tom Eeles & Conor Malkin
Matthew Bell	Leek Town ACFC
Mawgan Blight	Wetley Victoria U11s & FAB
Darren Chadwick	Andy Downs
Niall Green	Winners Lad
Tim Grice	Moorland Private Hire
Marc Grocott	Dave Reid
Olly Harrison	Dave Swarbrook & Steve Pashley
Lewis Keenan	Margaret Pedley
James Kirby	Wetherby Building Systems Ltd
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Danny Roberts	James Allcock & Ade Warwas & FAB
Will Saxon	Jessica & Jack Duggan
Lewis Short	Steve Clark
Rob Stevenson	Kev & Georgina Chandler
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JDan Trickett-Smith	Geoff & Michael Stonier
Jack Wakefield	JGSP
Charlie Walford	Mike Howson
Neil Baker	Rob Bond & John Gordon
Jamie Cullerton	Dennis Booth
Peter Ward	Ruby Spittles
Nick Farrington	Jon Eeles
Ken Ashford	The Blue Seagull
Jo Case	Incoherent Baggy
Lauren Dawson	Leek Town Girls

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MORE THAN JUST A FIRST TEAM

Leek Town Ladies were back in league action, as they welcomed local rivals City Of Stoke Women to Harrison Park. The ladies started brightly with numerous attacks before finally getting the opening goal on the 11th minute, as Katie Gibbons played through striker Michaela Lockett on the left hand side of the 18 yard box. Lockett burst into the box and lashed a fierce shot into the bottom corner of the goal.

It quickly became 2-0 to Leek as Kirsty Ryder managed to find herself free in the box to strike the ball past the City of Stoke goalkeeper. Leek continued to control and dominate the game and could have extended their lead further before half time. Just before half time there was a real test for Leeks back four and goalkeeper but with some resolute defending they kept City of Stoke at bay.

Leek started the second half as they did in the first, on the front foot and did get their third goal of the game. With some fine play down the right, Katie Gibbons released Hollie Chipman, who crossed the ball right into the path of Michaela Lockett for her to side foot the ball home.

Leek made it 4-0 with 20 minutes left to play and possibly a contender for goal of the season, as Gina Rushton tried her luck from 30 yards out, seeing her effort fly straight into the top left corner of the goal.

Moments later Leek got their 5th and final goal of the game as substitute Lucy Goodfellow entered the field of play and just seconds later responded quickest to a loose ball inside the area, after a fine save from City of Stoke goalkeeper who denied Holly Chipman's effort.

The result keeps Leek Town top of the league after their dominant display against City of Stoke, who they have now completed a league double over. Leek continue their league campaign as next week (25th October) they host title challengers Sutton Coldfield at Harrison Park.

Squad: Beth Cottrell, Naomi Sale-Hancock, Cassie Hyde, Chloe Brown, Emma Smith, Gina Rushton, Holly Chipman, Lucy Goodfellow, Katie Maya, Michaela Lockett, Rehanne Mellor, Katie Gibbons, Georgia Lawton, Kirsty Ryder.

Player of the Match: Katie Gibbons (pictured)





**LEEK TOWN
FOOTBALL CLUB
COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

RULE OF 6

THIS IS A 'COVID SECURE' VENUE

**GROUPS OF UP TO SIX LOCATED
TOGETHER
(INSIDE OR OUTSIDE)**

**DO NOT MIX OR FORM LARGER
GROUPS**

MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING

FOLLOW THE ONE-WAY SYSTEM

**WASH YOUR HANDS OR USE
HAND SANITISER REGULARLY**

*...thank you for your
co-operation!!*



LEEK TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB COVID-19 GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE FOR SPECTATORS (1 OF 2)

GENERAL

- Andy Reeves & Jon Eeles are the nominated joint Leek Town COVID-19 Officers
- The Clubs risk assessment, control measures and guidance can be found on the Clubs website and are regularly updated
- Signage has been installed throughout the stadium, along with multiple hand sanitising stations
- Track & Trace details will be held for the necessary individuals for 21 days after each game

ENTRY & GAME PROTOCOLS

- Individuals should undertake a self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms and not travel to the stadium if any of these symptoms are present
- The **MAIN CAR PARK** will not be available to spectators, unless you have paid for a car parking space or are a **BLUE BADGE HOLDER**. Disabled spaces are on a first come first served basis
- Admission to the games is by advance ticket or season ticket, **SPECTATORS** should arrive in good time to avoid congestion at the turnstiles
- Some tickets may be available on the day of the game, but these will be limited by our capacity which is currently 200, rising to 400. These will be available on a first come, first served basis and payment will be contactless
- Entry is through the main turnstiles
- Individuals should sanitise their hands on entering the stadium
- Please note currently paper programmes and team sheets are not available, **DIGITAL PROGRAMMES** will be available
- The main stand will be open and available, but will be limited to 200 people, the remainder of the stadium will be available to view the match
- When the game has finished **SPECTATORS** should leave the game in a quick and orderly fashion

CLUBHOUSE

- The Clubhouse will be open from an hour before the game begins and will close 30 minutes before the game ends
- Entry will be through the Clubhouse door, and **SPECTATORS** will be asked to enter in a only when they are called
- Drinks will be ordered and paid for at the Bar, **SPECTATORS** will then be asked to vacate the main bar and consume their drinks outside through the double doors
- Drinks will be served in plastic containers
- Preferably purchases from the Bar will be contactless, please note if you want to use cash no change will be given



LEEK TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB COVID-19 GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE FOR SPECTATORS (2 OF 2)

TEA HUT

- The Tea hut will be open from an hour before the game begins and will close 30 minutes before the game ends
- A limited menu will be offered whilst the Club operates under COVID-19 restrictions
- A separate area has been created for **SPECTATORS** to queue for the tea hut
- Food & Drink will be ordered and paid for at the Tea hut counter, **SPECTATORS** will then be expected to vacate the area and not congregate
- Preferably purchases from the Tea hut will be contactless, please note if you want to use cash no change will be given

TOILETS

- Toilets around the ground will be open and operational on a restricted basis
- Gents toilets will operate on a ONE IN, ONE OUT basis
- Ladies toilets will operate on a reduced capacity
- Disabled toilets will remain unaffected
- **SPECTATORS** will be asked to follow the one-way traffic flow where appropriate

SPECTATOR SUPPORT

If you have additional support requirements please contact the Disability Liaison Officer by clicking the link on our contacts page <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/leektown/contact>

NPL SOUTH EAST DIVISION TABLE

Pos		Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Belper Town	7	4	1	2	22	10	12	13
2	Kidsgrove Athletic	5	4	1	0	8	1	7	13
3	Loughborough Dynamo	6	4	1	1	10	9	1	13
4	Stamford	5	3	2	0	18	4	14	11
5	Newcastle Town	5	3	2	0	10	3	7	11
6	Leek Town	5	3	1	1	15	4	11	10
7	Worksop Town	5	3	1	1	18	9	9	10
8	Ilkeston Town	4	3	1	0	12	6	6	10
9	Lincoln United	6	3	1	2	16	11	5	10
10	Chasetown	5	3	0	2	10	8	2	9
11	Stocksbridge Park Steels	6	3	0	3	11	14	-3	9
12	Carlton Town	7	2	2	3	10	12	-2	8
13	Spalding United	6	2	0	4	8	9	-1	6
14	Frickley Athletic	6	2	0	4	9	12	-3	6
15	Cleethorpes Town	6	1	2	3	10	11	-1	5
16	Glossop North End	7	1	2	4	5	15	-10	5
17	Sutton Coldfield Town	6	1	2	3	6	19	-13	5
18	Sheffield FC	4	1	1	2	3	6	-3	4
19	Market Drayton Town	5	0	0	5	2	21	-19	0
20	Wisbech Town	4	0	0	4	2	15	-13	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS NPL SE DIVISION 2020/21 SEASON

Name	Total	Team
Vaughan Redford	6	Worksop Town
Joey Butlin	5	Chasetown
Matthew Cotton	5	Lincoln United
Alex Troke	5	Ilkeston Town
Zak Goodson	5	Ilkeston Town
Tom Siddons	5	Stamford
Jonathon Margetts	5	Frickley Athletic
Tim Grice	4	Leek Town
Steven McDonnell	4	Belper Town

PLAYER STATS 2020/21

Player	Debut	2020/21			Career		
		Apps	Goals	YC	RC	Apps	Goals
Leon Ashman	16/08/2008	4+2				118	28
Chris Baker	31/10/2015	2+1		1		67	5
Jessy Bavanganga	16/04/2018	5		1		32	0
Matt Bell	17/03/2012	7	3	1		168	18
Darren Chadwick	16/08/2014	5				220	26
Niall Green	13/10/2015					118	0
Tim Grice	24/09/2011	6+2	4	1		377	203
Mark Grocott	12/08/2017	8				124	2
Oliver Harrison	13/04/2019	8		1		41	2
Louis Keenan	17/08/2019	8				46	0
James Kirby	17/08/2019	2+4	2	1		18	7
Billy Reeves	22/09/2018	7			1	86	3
Danny Roberts	22/01/2011	8				163	0
Will Saxon	19/09/2020	2+5	4			7	4
Lewis Short	15/09/2018	5+1	1			71	6
Rob Stevenson	18/08/2012	6+1	4			186	58
Dan Trickett-Smith	16/09/2017	1				75	28
Jake Twyford	17/08/2019	0+1				24	7
Jack Wakefield	12/09/2020	4	2			4	2
Charlie Walford	18/08/2018	0+6				82	4

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YOUR COMMUNITY MONTHLY DRAW

Charlie Walford Leek Golf Club	Allan Beaumont Peltit France	Billy Reeves Leek Police Station	Kerry Cope Allon Towers	Danny Roberts Specsavers	Anthony Goldstraw The Roebuck Inn
Chris Baker Live Love Loaf	John Goldstraw Kniveden Trust	Rob Stevenson Biddulph Moor	Steve Reynolds St Edward the Confessor	Jack Wakefield Field Street	Leon Ashman Ashcombe Way
James Kirby James Street	Nick Farrington Nicholas Grove	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Brought To You By Leek Town Football Club</p>    <p>£5 per space</p> <p>50% payout to the winners</p> </div>		Dave Reid Dyers Arms	Mark Dickin Railtrail Tours Leek
Craig Simpson The Fountain	Gavin Bateman Rochford Close			Gavin Bateman Leek Town U16s	Richard Farrington The Golden Postbox
Paul Kirby Kiln Lane	Jimmy Buxton Chilly Tillys Ice cream Van			Deb Beachell Earl Grey	John Sowerby The Yorkshire Trading Company
Rob Lovatt Highfield	Steve Clark Tatton Close			Glyn Bagshaw The Blue Mugge	David Payne Leek ACFC
Rehanne Mellor Rewind	Danny P Waterloo Street			Ian Smith Leek Town Ladies	Lee Casswell Magic Textiles
Pete Ward Churnet Business Park	Joanne Smith Protech Domestic Appliances			Jeff Yelling USA	Wayne Heath Westwood Recreation Ground
Tony Hine Order.Beer	Josh Johnson Ostlers Lane	Ben Hine Macclesfield Road	Nath Ball Sneyd Close Arms	Jamie Jeffrey Gun Moor	Gareth Knapper Brough Park
Derek Goldstraw Novi Lane	Carol Burnett Oliver's Nightclub	Grant Roberts Bumpy Road	Chris Jenkins Baddeley Green Stag	Andrew Rushton Ladderedge	Dave Burnett The Organ Grounds
Jon Eeles Beggars Lane	Kay Pickford Spout Brew House	Elizabeth Maxwell Leek Rugby Club	James Allcock The Wellington Inn	Angela Walters Leek War Memorial	Mick Crichlow Leek Cricket Club
Kev Chandler Selbourne Road	Martin Baker The Hideout	Amy Bloor Moorland Hospital	James Lockett Westwood Golf Club	Georgina Chandler Junction Road	Tracy Reynolds Tilttesworth Reservoir
Richard Cope Ladderedge Country Park	Peter Cope Bank House	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Brought To You By Leek Town Football Club</p>    <p>£5 per space</p> <p>50% payout to the winners</p> </div>		James Bridgewood Leek Hockey Club Junior Pitches	Jason White Deep Hayes Country Park
Leah Cope Churnet Valley Railway	Derek Goldstraw The Foxlowe			Tasha Tyson Harrison Park	Ian Smith The Roaches
Hannah Rushton Birchall Playing Fields	Hannah Rushton The Banks			Niall Green Peak Wildlife Park	Craig Stonier The Market Place
Andrew Knowles Pabna Restaurant	Colin Burkes Devils Lane			Tasha Tyson The Green Dragon	Paul Buxton The Blues Bar
Robert Antrobus The Cock Inn	Marc Grocott The Bird in Hand			Darren Chadwick The Lazy Trout	Tim Grice Leek Tennis Club
Alan Ferns The Dog & Rot	Steady Focus Images Benks			Matthew Bell The Three Horse Shoes	Lewis Short Rudyard Lake
Jamie Pointon Ball Haye Green	Chris Walford The Cattle Market	Neil Baker All Saints Church	Ann Eeles The Winking Man Pub	Greg Johnson Breaks Snooker	Jessy Bavanganga The Heights
Louis Keenan Derby Street	Lorraine Goldstraw Leekbrook Junction	Will Saxon Rudyard Sailability	Nigel Goldstraw Leek Water Works	Ollie Harrison Leek Bowling Club	Jake Twyford The Valiant



The
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*Providing Screening and Defibrillators to
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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).

Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH IN THE YOUNG (SCD)


- SCD is the leading cause of death in young athletes during sport and the majority of deaths occur with **NO SYMPTOMS** or family history.
- ARVC can be found in one in every 1,000 to 5,000 young adults - **IF IT IS LOOKED FOR.**
- Warning signs may include light-headedness, fainting, palpitations, swollen legs, breathlessness.
- Every week in the UK, 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) die from previously undiagnosed heart conditions.
- In Italy, where screening is mandatory for all young people engaged in organised sport, they have reduced the incidence of young sudden cardiac death by 89%.

OUR MISSION


The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

Tragedies can be prevented through cardiac screening. It is vital that young people are identified and treated.


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Danny Roberts – Goalkeeper

Re-joined the club for a second spell in January 2018 from Belper Town. Danny originally joined Leek during the 2010/11 season and has since also played for Norton United and Witton Albion helping both to win promotion. A strong, dominant keeper who has made over 150 appearances for Leek Town. Danny was a member of the NPL team of the year in 2018/19 and in 2019/20 boasted the meanest defence in the league with only 19 goals conceded including 16 clean sheets.

Jessy Bavanganga - Defender

Comfortable as a full back or central defender defender. Jessy made his first team debut in April 2018 and became the first graduate from the Blues NPL Academy side to make it into the first team squad. Formerly on the books of Stoke City as a youngster.

Darren Chadwick – Defender

Originally signed from Norton United in July 2014. Darren was part of their NWCFL Championship winning squad after joining from Stafford Rangers. Following a successful season at Harrison Park where he was named Manager's Player of the Year he left to join Witton Albion, but was back at Leek by November 2015 and has now passed 200 appearances and is the Club Captain. A popular member of the team with players and supporters alike.

Niall Green – Defender

Hard working, versatile defender comfortable playing as a full back, in the centre of defence or anywhere across midfield. Niall is another player who helped Norton United to the North West Counties Championship in 2013/14. He first joined the Club in 2015 and left at the end of that season, but returned in 2017 and was virtually ever present until an ACL injury kept him on the side lines for the 2019/20 season.

Olly Harrison – Defender

A young, strong, defender who had previously been a scholar at Crewe Alexandra. After a stint in Sweden for IKF Ostersund he returned to the UK and signed for Leek Town at the tail end of 2018/19 season, making his debut against Glossop NE. Virtually ever-present in 2019/20 and an integral part of the meanest defence in the NPL.

Louis Keenan – Defender

An experienced defender who joined Blues from Loughborough Dynamo at the start of the 2019/20 season, where he had played under our Assistant Manager Peter Ward. A previous member of the NPL team of the year. Achieved the most starting appearances of any outfield player in 2020/21 - "Keeno" has become an immediate crowd favourite.

Leek Town ACFC

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Leek Town ACFC is you local Football team, where players with special needs compete in tournaments. We have players from all over the Staffordshire Moorlands.



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<https://www.facebook.com/leektownacfc/>

Lewis Short – Defender

Joined the Blues in September 2018 after a short spell with Chorley. Lewis was on the books of Crewe Alexandra and then went on to play for Northwich Victoria, Airbus UK, Nantwich Town, Connahs Quay and Bala Town. Comfortable as a left back or higher up the pitch, with an eye for spectacular goals.

Leon Ashman - Defender

Rejoined this close season from Whitchurch Alport, having also played for Kidsgrove Athletic, Newcastle Town and Chasetown during his time away from Leek. Leon originally signed as a striker at the start of the 2008/09 season from Burton Albion. He left in the 2010/11 season, having clocked up 108 appearances and 28 goals.

Chris Baker - Midfield

Versatile midfielder in his second spell at Leek Town. Another member of the Norton United team who won the North West Counties Championship. He first joined in 2015 after a brief spell with Witton but left at the end of the season and has played for Newcastle, Chasetown and Kidsgrove Athletic before returning to Leek in the 2019/20 season.

Matthew Bell - Midfield

A left sided midfielder, who is equally comfortable in the middle. He began his footballing career progressing through the youth ranks and signing professional forms at Port Vale before moving on to Mansfield Town. He first joined Leek Town in 2012 and was key member of Lee Casswell's successful team. "Belly" moved to Nantwich Town in 2015 where he accumulated 200 appearances at Step 3. Now in his second spell with Leek Town after re-joining from Nantwich Town in October 2019.

Marc Grocott – Midfield

Combative midfield player signed in June 2017 from Kidsgrove Athletic where he was Manager's and Player's player of the Season in 2016/17. Marc began his career on the books of Stoke City where he spent several seasons and gained experience with loan spells at Alfreton Town and Stafford Rangers. A firm fan favourite now in his 4th season with the Club.

Jack Hurd – Midfield

A talented prospect who is another product of the Blues NPL Academy, he is skilful and committed in the tackle. This season Jack is on dual registration with our neighbours Rocoester FC, who play in the Midland Football League.

Billy Reeves – Midfield

Classy midfield player who arrived at Harrison Park in September 2018 after a spell with Stafford Rangers. Billy was previously on the books of Port Vale where he made a number of first team appearances. A popular player with his peers and fans, winning Players Player in 2018/19, and having another impressive season in 2019/20.

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Jake Twyford – Midfield

A talented midfielder, comfortable in the middle or wide. Until recently “Twiggy” was a member of the Stoke City Academy and joined Leek from them. Previously on loan to Kidsgrove Athletic where he played an instrumental part in the FA Cup run in 2018/19. Now in his second season with the Club.

Charlie Walford – Midfield

Left sided midfielder player who signed for Blues in August 2018. Charlie was previously on the books of Port Vale, where he had progressed through the Academy and Reserve teams to earn a professional contract. Now in his third season with the Club.

Jack Wakefield - Midfield

Midfielder who has returned from playing a season out on loan at Abbey Hulton United after stepping up into the Blues first team from the NPLFA Academy during the abandoned 2019/20 season. Made his first team debut in an Integro League Cup tie in January 2020.

Tim Grice – Striker

Prolific striker signed in September 2011 from North West Counties League side Eccleshall. Tim started out at the Stoke City Academy and was also on the books of Aston Villa before going on to play for Wolstanton United and Alsager Town. Our longest serving player "Gricey" is the club's record goal scorer, having recently passed the 200 mark, and is affectionately known as Mr Leek Town.

James Kirby – Striker

A no-nonsense striker who has previously played for Congleton and Sandbach United. A member of the NPL Champions Atherton Collieries where he was on dual registration with Sandbach. James joined the Blues at the start of the 2019/20 season.

Rob Stevenson -Striker

Attacking player who previously had a spell at Harrison Park under Lee Casswell in the 2012/13 season. Since then Rob has played for Market Drayton Town, Belper Town and Stafford Rangers before returning to Leek in October 2016. "Stevo" is talented player renowned for individual goals and mazy runs and now closing in on 200 appearances.

Will Saxon – Midfield

Will is a pacey, tricky midfielder who can also play as a winger - he joins from Step 3 neighbours Nantwich Town. Will has experience in the Northern Premier League after a successful spell with neighbours Kidsgrove Athletic in 2018/19. Welcome to the Club Will.

Dan Trickett-Smith - Midfield

Attacking midfielder currently on loan from Port Vale. Dan original joined Leek in September 2017 after a spell playing for Sacramento Republic in the USA. Dan started out on the books of Crewe Alexandra before securing a £300,000 move to Liverpool aged just 16. He moved to America following his release from Anfield. He stayed for two seasons before signing a pro contract with Port Vale at the end of the 2018/19 season.



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#MEETTHE STEELMEN



A HISTORY OF STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS

Stocksbridge Park Steels FC was formed in 1986 as the result of the merger of Stocksbridge Works, the works team of the local British Steel Corporation plant, and another local club, Oxley Park Sports. The new club was immediately admitted to the Northern Counties East League Division Two, the works club having previously played in Division Three of the same league.

The Steels spent five seasons in Division Two before being placed in Division One when the lower division was discontinued upon league re-organisation in 1991. In the same year Mick Horne was appointed as the club's manager and he led the team to the championship of Division One in the 1991/92 season.

In Stocksbridge's first season in the Premier Division the team finished near the bottom of the table, but in the 1993/94 season the Steels became Northern Counties East League champions. The club failed to gain promotion to the Northern Premier League (NPL), however, as their stadium did not meet the required standard. The club finished second in the Division Two seasons later, losing the championship on goal difference to Hatfield Main, and on this occasion were admitted to the Northern Premier League Division One.

Stocksbridge finished in the top half of the table in the club's first five seasons at the higher level, with a best finish of fourth place in the 2000/01 season, but the following season the Steels finished only two places from the bottom of the league. Shortly before the end of this season, manager Mick Horne tendered his resignation after 11 years in charge and was replaced by his assistant, former Norwich City player Wayne Biggins.

Under Biggins' management, the Steels had their best ever runs in both the FA Cup and FA Trophy and set a club record with a 17–1 defeat of Oldham Town in the FA Cup Preliminary Round in August 2002, but remained near the bottom of the league table. After the Steels were defeated 6–0 by Sildon in the final qualifying round of the 2003/04 FA Cup, Biggins attempted to resign but the board of directors persuaded him to continue in his job. However, he left in November 2003, with the club again fighting a battle against relegation.

Former assistant manager of local rivals Worksop Town Peter Rinkcavage was appointed as Stocksbridge's new manager, and in the 2005/06 season he led the team to a sixth-place finish, sufficient to qualify for the Play-offs for promotion to the Northern Premier League Premier Division. After holding Kendal Town to a 1–1 draw in the Semi-Final, the Steels lost a penalty shoot-out, ending their hopes of promotion.

A HISTORY OF STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS

The following season Stocksbridge again finished in sixth place, although with only two teams promoted, it was not high enough to qualify for the Play-offs. Stocksbridge did, however, defeat Worksop Town to win the Sheffield and Hallamshire Senior Cup. Following this win manager Rinkcavage resigned in order to return to his former club, Worksop, as manager, with Gary Marrow replacing him for the 2007/08 season, for which the club was placed in the Southern section of the now-regionalised Division One. Stocksbridge again qualified for the Play-offs, but lost to Sheffield.

In the 2008/09 season, the Steels again qualified for the Play-offs and defeated Belper Town in the final to gain promotion to the Northern Premier League Premier Division for the first time. During the following season, Marrow resigned as manager and was replaced by Simon Collins. The Steels spent five years in the Premier Division, never finishing out of the bottom half of the table, and were relegated at the end of the 2013/14 season.

In 2017, Stocksbridge qualified for the end of season Play-offs in their bid to return to the Premier Division, but were beaten in the Semi-Finals by Spalding United. Geographical re-organisation of the NPL saw them play in Division One East in 2018/19, and Division One South/East in 2019/20.

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A LOOK AT THE STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS SQUAD

Ed Hall - Highly rated goalkeeper, who signed from Farsley Celtic, has also represented the Yorkshire International Team. Looking to put his recent injuries behind him.

Tom Crosby - Our back up goalkeeper. Tom is dual registered with Retford United. A good shot stopper who can count Hednesford Town amongst his former clubs.

Jordan Lemon - Into his third season with Stocksbridge, he initially came on loan from Matlock Town but made the move permanent during the summer. The former Blue is a talented right back who likes to get forward.

Michael Trench - Highly rated left back who won the NCEL title with Worksop Town, now in his second season here.

Liam McFayden - Club captain and a solid central defender who is now into his seventh full season with the Steels, he has also played for Retford United and Worsbrough Bridge

Reece Fielding - Now into his third season with Stocksbridge, he joined the Steels early in the 2018/19 season. a highly regarded centre-half who was voted both the Player of the Season and the Young Player of the Season.

Robert Ludlam - 2019 summer signing by manager Chris Hilton, Ludlum is a highly rated defender who was recently played for Rossington Main and Rainworth Miners Welfare amongst others.

Matt Reay - A summer signing and now in his second spell with Stocksbridge. Spent the past two seasons at rivals Worksop Town brings much needed experience to the squad

Clarke Greaves - Another 2019 summer signing after he impressed in pre-season. Comfortable playing either in defence or midfield'

Cameron Foulkes - A young defender who can play anywhere across the back signed and from Doncaster Rovers. Sent to Bottesford Town for 2019/20 season

Kurtis Turner - The former Barnsley and Mansfield midfielder has joined Stocksbridge for a second spell, an excellent passer of the ball, Kurtis has impressed in pre-season. An ever present in the Yorkshire squad.

Ross Goodwin - In his second season with Stocksbridge, a strong tackling midfielder who joined from fellow Northern Premier League side Worksop Town, he has also represented Staveley Miners Welfare.

A LOOK AT THE STOCKSBRIDGE PARK STEELS SQUAD

Josh Nodder - Signed from Maltby Main during last summer. A predominantly left sided player he is capable of scoring some spectacular goals

Jon Pugh – Midfielder whose former clubs include Frickley Athletic, Sheffield, Parkland College in the USA. Expecting big things in 2020/21 from Jon.

Declan Slater - Having spent two years at Grimsby, midfielder Declan was released and had a short spell at Gainsborough before the opportunity to play in Sweden for Gotten IF. Declan joined the club in July 2019, spent some of last season at Athersley Recreation

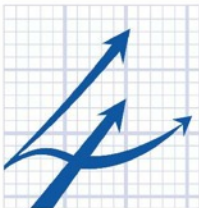
Toby Kenyon - Summer signing following his release by Sheffield Wednesday. A very exciting prospect for the future.

Joe Lumsden - Striker who re-signed in the summer from Pontefract, a proven goal-scorer and well known to Stocksbridge fans after his first spell at the club. Will add extra fire power to the Steels attacking line

Scott Ruthven - Forward signed from Lincoln United, Scott is a natural goal-scorer who has been prolific at every club he's played for

Luke Mangham - One of manager Chris Hilton's long-term targets eventually signed from Frickley Athletic at the start of the 2017/18 season. Striker Luke was plagued with injuries in his first season but had a good 2019/20 till the season was cut short due to COVID

Liam Whitham - Striker Liam has come through our junior setup and is definitely one for the future.



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#BLASTFROMTHEPAST

FORMER BLUES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A CATCH UP WITH SOME FORMER FAVOURITES

Where do you live? Stockton Brook

Occupation? Regional Manager at The FA

Favorite films? Shawshank Redemption, Hangover 1 & 2

Favourite singers/bands? Oasis, Stereophonics, Ocean Colour Scene

Three course meal? Calamari, steak, crème brulee

Fantasy Dinner Party Guests? Alan Shearer, Mohammed Ali, Will Smith

Favourite Drink? Peroni

Which manager signed you for Leek and where from? Wayne Johnson from Nantwich Town

How did you enjoy your time at Leek? I loved it, being a Leek lad it meant a huge amount to me, especially when I was made captain. It was a shame that we couldn't push on and get the club promoted as the club needs to be competing higher but I enjoyed every moment. It was the one club that I played at that felt like a real old school football club, especially with the fan base.

Is there a game that sticks in your memory more than others? Probably when myself and Wayne Corden took over the management for a couple of games between Wayne Johnson and Neil Cox, we had a midweek home game and put in a fantastic performance and the atmosphere was brilliant, it was a proud moment. I cant remember the score but I know that Copey scored a worldie!!!

Are there any games you'd rather forget? There was a few to be honest but probably when myself and Steve Hodgson got sent off away at Stamford, things weren't going great at the time.

Did you have a set pre-match routine? Not really, just prepare properly.

Who was the best player you played with? Wayne Corden; I was also fortunate to be a youth team player at Vale when he was a professional and he was different class then and also at Leek; untouchable on his day.



#BLASTFROMTHEPAST

FORMER BLUES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What would be your best defensive four made up of players you played with? The best back 4 I played in was myself, Paul Taylor, Richard Smith and Paul Donnelly - we played together at Stone Dominoes and Nantwich together. If I can't pick myself then I would need to put Steve Davis in there.

Is there a football decision you regret making or not making? I try not to have regrets as I feel everything happens for a reason and you make the most of the here and now. I do however wish I could have played at Leek for longer, whether that had been earlier in my career when I did have opportunities to join or later on when I left.

Andy made a total of 104 appearances for Leek starting with his debut at Carlton Town in November 2008 and ending in April 2011 at Belper Town.

One little known fact is that he played a large part in the setting up of our junior section during his time at Leek, helping put together the application for the grant that allowed us to set up our Mini Blues. This of course led to the first Leek Town Junior teams and is still going now.

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Not really news as such, but an interesting article written by former Blues fan Rob Carroll, before his job moved him to Yorkshire

The Wrong 3 O'clock

It's 3 o'clock on Saturday. The first league game of the season. The first league game since March, in fact. In non-league football, where social distancing isn't generally a problem for spectators, fans have been allowed back inside grounds. Saturday, 3 o'clock. After the last few months this is the stuff of dreams for football fans, isn't it?

Well, it could be, but this happens to be the wrong 3 o'clock. In the eerie small hours of Saturday I'm standing outside Ingfield, home of Northern Premier League Division One club, Ossett United. Fellow members of the supporters' club are readying themselves for the first away game. Recent tradition has seen the hardy Ossett lads and lasses walk to the first opponents' ground for charity. Our opponents are Mossley, some 30 miles away over hill and dale on the other side of the Pennines. As we brace ourselves for the hike we thank our lucky stars. After all, it could have been worse. The fixture generator could have thrown Workington at us, in which case we would have needed to set off a week ago!



This year's walk is in support of two causes, with 50% of proceeds going to Andy's Man Club, a mental health charity providing spaces across the country for men to talk about their problems, the lack of which is said to be a contributing factor to high suicide rates amongst young men in the UK. The other half of the proceeds would help fund away travel for the club.

Fundraising is nothing new in non-league and certainly not alien to Ossett. There are eight of us setting off from Ingfield in the darkness.

Luke and Chris are the walk organisers, both Ossett Albion prior to that club's merger with local rivals Ossett Town in 2018, now passionately involved in the resulting United and its Supporters' Club. "We used to run the bar at Albion," Luke tells me, "and often we'd give the bar takings straight to the manager after the game, trying to scrape together enough money to pay the players." Chris adds, "The financial challenges we've overcome at Ossett United would have sent many clubs two or three levels higher than us out of business. The fans have pulled us through. I'm not sure how we'd cope though without constant financial peril!"

#LEAGUELATEST

NEWS FROM THE NPL SOUTH EAST

In 2018 the directors of Ossett's two clubs came together in the belief that the town would always struggle with two clubs in Step Four, proposing to build one unified, well-supported and competitive community football club without a wealthy benefactor. It is safe to say that the two years since then have been a rollercoaster in this part of West Yorkshire. A colourful first season at Ingfield, formerly home to Town in the centre of Ossett, featured crowds sometimes in excess of 600 (far greater than the previous clubs could manage), crisp and attractive branding, the promotion play-offs, an unforgettable West Riding County Cup Final victory against Guiseley at Ingfield in front of 1,100 fans, followed by resignations at board level and the legacy of considerable debt for the new board.

The new incumbents cut their cloth accordingly during last season's second campaign and, although United struggled on the playing side, things were approaching an even keel before the next bombshell. A now much-publicised court case found the club liable to the tune of £20,000 in damages and a further £135,000 in legal costs for the broken ankle suffered by Reece Welsh when playing for Radcliffe Borough against Ossett Town in 2015 prior to the merger. Recovering from this setback, coupled with the impact of the Coronavirus, has only been possible thanks to colossal support from fans and the surrounding community.

As we head through the darkness towards Dewsbury along the Greenway, a former railway line converted for walkers and cyclists, I quiz the only couple walking, Jon and Becky, about their motives for supporting United. Jon, one of the club's photographers, to whom I'm grateful for the accompanying images, had been to one Town game, then decided to follow the merged club from the beginning. "I don't even like football!", Becky tells me. She came along to a game, then became hooked. In non-league the closeness of the players, management and directors with the fans forms a bond and a passion that, once triggered, is pretty hard to shift.

Along with Chris and Luke the other pacesetter in the party is Liam, a half-marathon running machine. Then there's Rich, who won the Supporters' Club quiz last night. Instead of going home Richard kipped for a couple of hours on a sofa in the 'Can Bar' until the start of the walk. We might be called United but this isn't Old Trafford! Mark is a seasoned walker with a similar story to me in that he came along to watch his new local team. That team happened to be United, not Town or Albion. Joining us at Marsden for the toughest terrain over the Pennines will be Dave, for whom again it was really the merged club that excited the imagination. A football club can help galvanise a community, even more so in tough times like the one we are living through right now.

"Get on the f***ing kerb," screams an angry early morning cyclist at Luke as we approach Mirfield on an otherwise empty road. Poor Luke would be accosted again before long, but for now the chatter stops. Hopton Lane, a never-ending climb up into the countryside, is a shock to the system. With daylight breaking as we descend to the next town, a man aimlessly wandering the streets asks what we are doing. "Walking for charity," is Luke's response. "You're not walking for charity! You're walking because you're a fat bastard!" came the uncharitable reply. Welcome to Huddersfield.

The towpath of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal is a delight for walkers and cyclists, with natural life in abundance, beautiful houses with manicured lawns stretching down to the water. Struggling with my 50 year old hips around Slawit (otherwise known as Slaithwaite to BBC local news reporters) I decide to leave the group after 20 miles at Marsden, completing my journey with a 7 minute rail ride through Standedge Tunnel to Mossley rather than a 10 mile slog over Marsden Moor. Then a second wind miraculously blows and I decide, "What the hell. It's a good cause. In for a penny, in for a pound!"



Old Mount Road, climbing out of Marsden into the Pennine wilderness, would be the most relentless, unforgiving incline of the day. The amazing views of Butterley Reservoir to the left are scant comfort. Leaving the road for the heather, we saunter past Redbrook Reservoir towards Lancashire and the place Luke had described as nothing less than the promised land, a place after which everything would be okay. A place called Diggle. Our vital support at several stages along the route, Ossett Town Juniors Secretary Debbie, is waiting at Luke's promised land, car packed with refreshments, bandages and pizzas to send us on our merry way down the canal towpath to Mossley.

Onto the game. Yes, there is a game taking place today, a further mile up a steep hill at Mossley's lovely Seel Park. Whilst the other walkers manage it, that hill would have been the end of me. Thankfully a car comes to an abrupt halt next to the pub and out jumps Aidan "Chippy" Chippendale, scorer of Ossett United's second goal in that West Riding Cup Final and fan favourite to the extent that there used to be a beer in the clubhouse named after him. Chippy's new club, Colne, didn't have a game, so he had decided to come and watch the club he still clearly remembers fondly. "Jump in. I'll take you up to the ground," generously offers the skilful ex-Ossett winger. On the short journey uphill Chippy explains that he can barely watch the Premiership, loving non-league instead for its close community spirit. And giving a lift to a knackered stranger because of a mutual love encapsulates everything that is very great about non-league. Thanks mate.

Seel Park is one of my favourite grounds, even if it isn't a happy hunting ground for Ossett. It's a place oozing with old school non-league charm, with a couple of lovely old stands framed by the Pennine hills. United's first visit two seasons ago ended with an FA Cup replay defeat by penalty shoot-out. Last season's league game saw Ossett heading for a rare away win before clutching defeat from the jaws of victory.

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NEWS FROM THE NPL SOUTH EAST



When the right 3 o'clock finally arrives, this season's fixture sees Mossley dominate, applying pressure with and without the ball, harrying and generally not allowing United to play the football that they had shown pre-season. The Mossley pressure pays off and in truth, as I crawl behind the goal to plonk my aching bones on the terraces for the second half, it's a relief to be just one goal behind. The second half is more open, but soon Mossley score again. Although Ossett gradually come back into the game as it progresses, we just don't quite reproduce any of that recent fluent football and chances are scarce. The game passes by in a bit of a blur. I'm not sure whether it is fatigue or the Hopmeister. Maybe it's a mixture of the two. I don't know. What I do know is that we are made very welcome by the Mossley fans, some of whom approach us to donate to the charity.

Outside the ground we walkers gather to collect our gear and make our way to the station for the journey home when Ossett manager Wayne Benn emerges into the car park. Honest and forthright as always, Benno tells it like it is. "You should have heard it in there after the game. I told them there are people out there who've walked 30 miles to be here today. And this is how you repay them!" That closeness, the community. What we love about non-league football again encapsulated in a scene on a late summer's day in the Pennine hills. Forget your prawn sandwiches. Win, lose or draw, this is the beautiful game.

"Are you not walking back?" shouts one Mossley fan in jest, "You've only done half the job!"

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#CHAIRMANCHAT

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

A warm North Staffordshire welcome to Chairman Graham Furness, the Club Officials, Coaching staff, players and supporters of Stocksbridge Park Steels, a relatively short but picturesque journey through the Peak District.

Two games since our last programme - one home and one away in the Trophy, and two wins. We are beginning to show signs of previous form, and the attractive football we can play. The win against Cleethorpes was a very entertaining watch, packed full of incident and controversy. We came from behind twice and won the 5 goal thriller, it was great to have a full house and you all did your bit in observing social distancing. However the game came at a cost with both Rob Stevenson and Jack Wakefield picking up injuries.

Our game in the Trophy was another close affair, a competitive first half where we fell behind, but a very dominant second half where we could have recorded a larger margin of victory. Will Saxon scored twice and is showing why we brought him to the Club with 4 goals in 7 appearances. The last gasp winner was greeted by rapturous celebrations from a small but passionate travelling Leek contingent. Saturday also saw a familiar face return in the form of Daniel Trickett-Smith, who will strengthen us. "Tricky" comes initially on a 3 month loan from Port Vale and I'd like to take the opportunity to thank John Askey and Colin Garlick for pushing this through last week.

It is inevitable that when you travel to an away ground you look at how your counterparts have coped with the Covid restrictions, social distancing at Histon was easy as the stadium was large and the crowd was small. However I felt more could have been done on signage, hand sanitiser stations and post match arrangements for players. What it did tell me is we are doing the right things at Leek; a credit to all the volunteers at our home games.

As I write this the FA Trophy draw has not yet been published but I am very pleased that we have progressed to the 3rd Qualifying Round, this tie will now be played on Saturday 31 October in place of our game against Worksop Town, this game will be re-arranged. We also have a provisional date for our league game away at Ilkeston Town - Tuesday 3 November, ticket arrangements will be released in due course.

Our game this evening will be tough, Stocksbridge have had a mixed start but have shown they can beat anyone on their day - beating Sheffield, Lincoln & Belper in the league, so we will need to be on our mettle against the Steels! I'm also looking forward to saying hello to another old face, Jordan Lemon, who is plying his trade as a Steel. Ticket sales are going well and I would imagine tonight's game could well be a sell out again - your support has been fantastic and your continued co-operation with our covid protocols is appreciated.

We are continuing to push our monthly fund raiser #LEEKOPOLY and we are on our way to the next target of 150 tiles - a great way to raise funds for the Club and your chosen section while having a chance to win £200 in prize money. The bigger we make it the bigger the prizes and it is my hope we can make this the biggest fundraiser in the town encompassing as many Clubs or sports associations as possible.

I'm looking forward to the game this evening and I hope you enjoy it too, please get behind the Neil and the team as it makes such a difference.

Jon Eeles, Chairman

#ONTHISDAY

A LOOK THROUGH THE ARCHIVES

On This Day - 20th October

2012/13 Lincoln United, League A 2-1 (Tim Grice, Dan Shelley)

2009/10 Market Drayton Town, Presidents Cup 2-3 (Dan Cope, Leon Ashman)

2007/08 Buxton, FA Trophy A 1-2 (Ant Danylyk)

01/02 Trafford, League H 5-0 (Franck M'Fomo, Dave Whittaker x2, Simon Tucker, Martin Ridley)

1998/99 Buxton FA Cup Replay H 3-0 (Adie Mike x3)

1990/91 Marine League H 2-3 (Mark Fisher, Chris McMullen)

1984/85 Macclesfield Town FA Trophy A 0-3

Stocksbridge Park Steels

P18 W10 D4 L4

A familiar face of the last few seasons Stocksbridge, first meeting in the league in the 2001/02 season; all 18 ties have been league matches apart from one FA Trophy Preliminary match in the 2003/04 season, which Stocksbridge won 2-1.

Biggest Leek win was our second ever meeting, winning 5-0 at home on 03/05/2002. The scorers that day were: Martin Ridley, David Whittaker x2, Jamie Marrow and Dave MacPherson.

Biggest defeat was losing 4-1 away in the 2008/09 season, Leon Ashman getting the goal for Leek that day.

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^	✓	Name	Artist	Album	Genre	Time
1	✓	C'mon C'mon	The Von Bondies	C'mon, C'mon - EP	Rock	2:15
2	✓	96 Tears	? and the Mysterians	Cameo Parkway 1957-196...	Rock & Roll	2:57
3	✓	Longshot	Catfish and the Bottlemen	The Balance	Alternative	3:53
4	✓	1000 Answers	The Hives	Lex Hives	Pop	2:07
5	✓	Have Love Will Travel	The Sonics	Have Love Will Travel - Si...	Rock	2:40
6	✓	Drained	The Brian Jonestown Massacre	The Brian Jonestown Mas...	Alternative	3:44
7	✓	Yearnin'	The Black Keys	The Big Come Up	Alternative	1:59
8	✓	I Come From the Mountain	Thee Oh Sees	Floating Coffin	Alternative	4:28
9	✓	Garageland	The Clash	The Clash	Punk	3:12
10	✓	Louie Louie	The Kingsmen	The Best of the Kingsmen	Rock	2:45
11	✓	You Can't Put Your Arms Round...	Johnny Thunders	So Alone	Rock	3:46
12	✓	C.R.E.E.P.	The Fall	The Wonderful and Fright...	Alternative	3:10
13	✓	Zig Zag Wanderer	Captain Beefheart & His Magic...	Safe As Milk	Rock	2:39
14	✓	Let Her Dance	The Bobby Fuller Four	I Fought the Law: The Bes...	Rock	2:35
15	✓	Cinnamon Girl	Neil Young & Crazy Horse	Decade	Rock	3:00
16	✓	Last Nite	The Strokes	Is This It	Alternative	3:18
17	✓	I Wanna Be Your Dog (Remaster...	The Stooges	The Stooges	Rock	3:10
18	✓	Roadrunner	The Modern Lovers	The Modern Lovers (Reiss...	Rock	4:06
19	✓	Gloria (feat. Van Morrison) [Ster...	Them	The Essential Van Morrison	Rock	2:39
20	✓	Harmonic Generator	The Datsuns	The Datsuns	Rock	3:04
21	✓	Red Morning Light	Kings of Leon	Youth and Young Manhood	Rock	2:59
22	✓	The Hardest Button to Button	The White Stripes	Elephant	Rock	3:32

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