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THE MANAGER

Keith Hills

Good afternoon and welcome back to Redding Way for our FA cup fixture against Highworth Town, Naturally we welcome our visitors today, their players, management, committee and supporters. This is my first notes of the new season due to this being our first home game of the season!...Pre season has gone very well with new players coming in and everyone adjusting to a few changes on and off the pitch. Firstly the works that have gone on around the ground have not gone unnoticed, a new seated stand and new undercover standing areas really have made the ground look fantastic, the work that the committee have put in over the close season really have to be commended for. Well done all!

Now back to the football...Pre season we have signed new faces with Mark Watkins signed from Fleet Town, Robbie Kersley ex Abbey Rangers and Danny Taylor ex Westfield. The emergence of Mark Nicel and Luca Bertalone has also given us more competition for places and I feel these players have strengthened our squad and have already made a great impact on the squad.

Our first league game was against a very strong Bedford Sports side who were very hard to break down and very hard to defend against, but with a Jimmy Norman 25y ard free kick power into the bottom left hand corner the game finished 1-0 to Knaphill and I felt we deserved all three points.

Tuesday night and away to Horley Town and we Knew this would be a massive test on how far we have come from the last time we played them. Although we were 2-0 down at half time the players responded well in the second half. Jimmy Norman once hitting a volley 20 yards out into bottom left of the goal. For almost the last half hour Horley had to defend due to our attacking at almost every moment we could. But as we all know just some games that ball just won't hit the back of the net when you most need it.

Moving on to today's game. It's the FA cup, anything can happen as they say. But what ever happens I know our boys will give everything they have to give you an exciting and hopefully rewarding end result. Thank you for your support.



SEASON OFF TO A WINNING START!

The Knappers got their Premier Division campaign off to a winning start on Saturday with a 1-0 win at Bedfont Sports. There were debuts for new signings Mark Watkins and Robbie Kersley whilst Danny Taylor held to settle for a place on the bench.

A positive start from Keith Hills side with Mark Watkins, Yassa Kabuye, Jimmy Norman and Connor Close all going close and if it was not for an inspired performance from the home keeper Knaphill could of been two or three in front. However on the stroke of half time a low drilled free kick from Jimmy Norman put The Knappers in front.

The second half the hosts put The Knappers under pressure in the early stages and Luca Bertalone had to be at his sharpest as he raced off his line to stop a goalscoring opportunity by Bedfont. Knaphill continued to create chances however in hot conditions, Norman's first half strike was enough to secure a rare opening day victory.

Team: Bertalone, Doble, Morris, J.Watkins, T. Taylor, Close, Kersley, Coke, Kabuye, Norman, M. Watkins.

Subs: Rowe, Costello, D.Taylor, Nicell, Taiwo

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THE AWAY END...



Highworth Town Football Club was formed in 1893. They joined the Cirencester & District League and it took them some time to record their first honours, until 1909-10 in fact, when they won both the Swindon Junior Cup and the local Advertiser Cup, a cup they were to capture again in 1912-13.

After winning the Cirencester & District League Division Two Championship in 1931-32, Highworth moved to the Swindon & District League, where they completed the Third Division Championship and Swindon Junior Cup double in 1933-34.

The 1950s saw Highworth make a dramatic rise through the local football ranks. They won the Swindon & District League Third Division title again in 1954-55 and then the Division Two title the following season. One more season was needed to clinch the Division One title and also the Wilts Junior Cup. They then went on to win the Premier Division title in 1957-58, along with the Faringdon Thursday Memorial Cup and the following season saw them Premier Champions again, also winning the Advertiser Cup.

Highworth continued to dominate the Swindon & District Premier Division in the 1960s, winning four successive titles from 1960-61 and another hat-trick from 1965-66 to 1967-68, making seven titles in eight seasons. They reached the final of the Wilts Senior Cup for the first time in 1962-63 and won it the following season.

There was a switch to the Wilts Combination League, where they finished as Runners-Up in Division Two in 1970-71. 1972-73 saw another Wilts Senior Cup victory and all this success prompted them to join the Hellenic League. They achieved their first honours in 1988-89, winning the First Division Challenge Cup and reached the final of the Wilts Senior Cup yet again.

They finally achieved Premier Division status in 1993-94 gaining promotion after finishing third in Division One. Since then they have been Winners of the Wilts Senior Cup in 1995-96, 1997-98, 2008-09 and again in 2014-15, Winners of the Hellenic League Challenge Cup in 2011-12, Winners of the Hellenic League Supplementary Cup in 1998-99 and Runners-Up in 2003-04, Runners-Up in the Premier Division in 1999-2000 and Winners of the Premiership Title in 2004-05.

However, their greatest achievement to date was in reaching the Semi-Final of the FA Vase in 2015, where they were knocked out by eventual winners, North Shields in a closely fought two-legged tie



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IN AND AROUND THE GROUND

The latest news from in and around the ground

Good afternoon everyone and a welcome to the players, officials and supporters from Highworth Town, also the three match officials for today's FA Cup tie. This is the first visit to Redding Way for our opponents.

Last Saturday we made the short trip to Bedfont Sports for our opening league fixture and came away with a 1-0 victory courtesy of a Jimmy Norman special, a twenty yard free kick. This maintained our record of winning away from home on the opening day since entering the Combined Counties League.

We had a decent run in the FA Cup last season and are hoping for the same again. However, Highworth Town will be thinking the same and will be determined to return home victorious.

Should this afternoon's encounter end in a draw the replay will on Tuesday 18th August at Highworth Town.

The Reserves begin their league campaign today with an away fixture at Greenwich Borough. Simon Martin together with Richard Keown and Dean Hartney have worked hard over the summer and in pre-season and have added some players to an already impressive squad. Results have been good in the friendlies but the real action starts today with three points up for grabs. Next Saturday they entertain East Grinstead Town here at Redding Way.

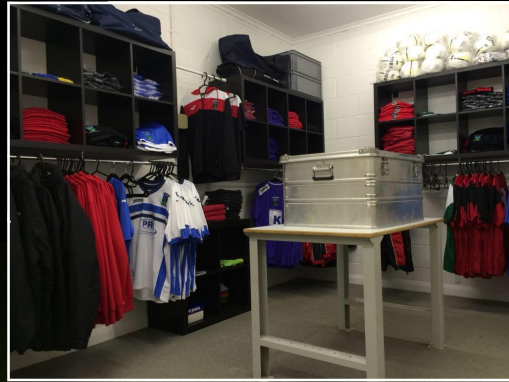
This season sees a new management team in place for the Under 18's and a switch to the Allied Counties Youth League. Barry Losty will manage the side and will be assisted by Steve Hobbs with Lee Mason continuing on the coaching side. Nick Croshaw also returns as Secretary. They have assembled a promising squad and will be keen to get started in the league. In the FA Youth Cup they have a home tie against Redhill.

Away from team affairs and a special mention to all that have been involved over the summer in carrying out ground improvements inside and outside and once again Redding Way is looking superb.

Major drainage works was carried out on the Redding Way end of the pitch and although its not looking as good as it can be at the start of the season hopefully the chances of the matches being called off during the wet months of the season will be limited.

New installations include aluminium stadium goalposts and we have added additional speakers to public address sytem.

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Inside we have now completed the new kit and treatment room, *pictured left* and in the clubroom new furniture is now in place.

Continuing outside the stand only stands have now been painted in the club colours and a new players tunnel has been added. A big thank you to all the committee members and volunteers who have helped in the summer.

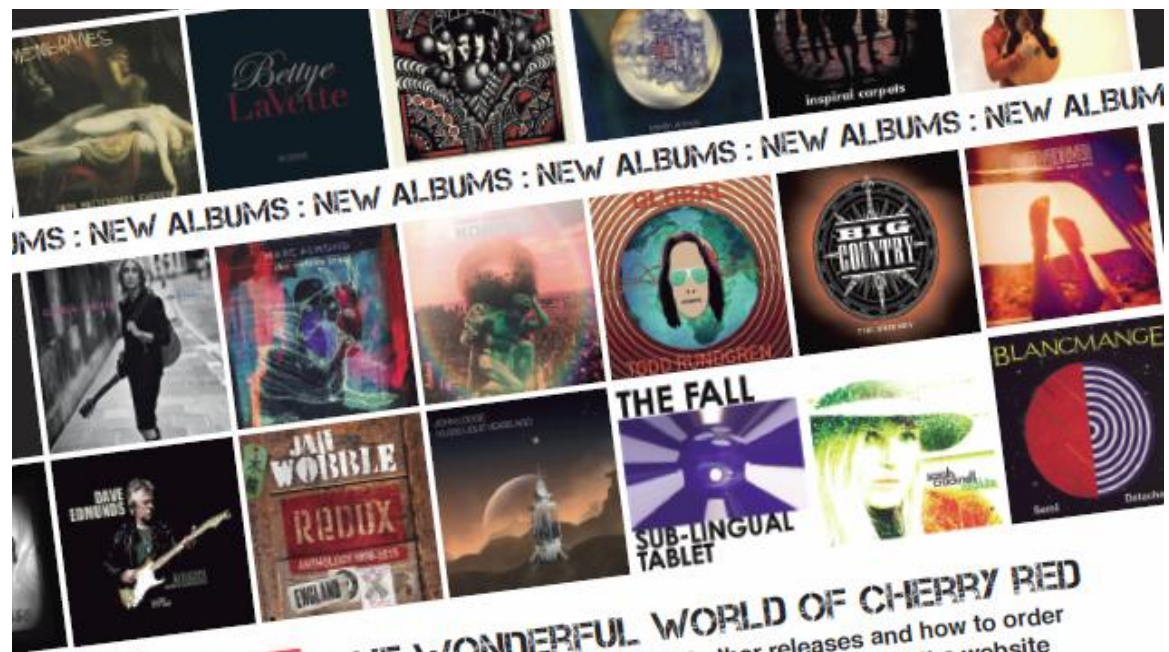
In July we had a stand at the Annual Knaphill Village Show where we revealed our new club mascot for the first time. During the afternoon we asked visitors to the stand to help name our new mascot and the winner was seven year old Ellis Thomas who name was drawn out of the hat. Ellis chose Fergie as the new name for our mascot and Ellis will be at the ground today to be presented with prizes for being the winner.



Also at the ground will one of our associated junior clubs Byfleet Village FC. Their U7's will be our team mascots and they will be having a penalty shootout at half time so please give them your support.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new charity partner in Woking Hospice. We will also be competing for the Woking Hospice Charity Cup when we play local rivals Westfield in our two league games this season. Special thank you to Wendy Denty for agreeing to the arrangement.

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PLENTY IN RESERVE WITH SIMON MARTIN



Hello and a warm welcome back to Redding Way for the first home game of the season.

After a successful season for the club in 2014/15 season across all three teams we are all looking to progress further this year.

The club is looking great as hard work pre-season has gone in and I think you will all agree the hard work has paid off.

So a massive thanks to everyone involved in making this a great place for us to play our football and of course have a drink after the match.

Pre-season for the Reserves has gone very well with four wins against first team opponents which were Godalming & Farncombe, Wokingham and Emmbrook, Virginia Waters, BA Speedbird FC and also one draw against Laleham FC taking us unbeaten into our opening game of the season.

Based on last season it's good to see that all the players have stayed on and re-signed such as, Ben Littlemore, James Harris, Jack Tucker, Luca Bertolone, Shane Cooper, Sam Taylor, Jamie Hills plus many others.

My management team has also stayed the same with Dean Hartney as my assistant and Richard Keown as coach.

As a team we all feel we unfinished business for last term, and our target this season has to be to win some silverware.

We have also managed to strengthen in the striking area with Nic Donaldson and Jacob McDonald coming on board, both have scored in pre-season with Nic getting an impressive seven goals in the process, so he setting a good standard for himself going forward and both have settled into the squad very well.

Moving onto our U18's there is also a fresh new start for them with a new management team in Barry Losty and Steve Hobbs.

I will be working very closely with them as from what I have see so far there are a lot of new exciting young players coming through. They have also kept on a few lads from last season which are going into there second year such as the Atkinson twins, Luke McGloone and Noah King, all have played parts in our pre season and have been putting me under pressure to keep them in regularly.

As a whole we are all very excited about the new season which starts for us today away at Greenwich Borough FC, and are looking to bring all 3 points back to Redding Way and to get our season off to a great start.

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TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2015 - KICK OFF 7.30PM



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I would like to thank Chairman, David Freeman for inviting myself and Steve Hobbs to take on the roles of Manager and Assistant Manager starting this season. All the staff at the club and the committee have made us feel very welcome and have been supportive and positive about our plans for the Youth team. I would also like to mention our coach for this season, Lee Mason, who shows so much enthusiasm for coaching younger players and shares our football ideals.

Our aim is to help the Youth players develop and to achieve squad status with the reserve team and then hopefully they will kick on upwards to the first team squad. However, we are committed to achieving as much success as possible either in the League or in a Cup competition.

The squad this season is 21 players strong and we are delighted that 15 of the players come from the Borough of Woking. Our focus on nurturing local talent is important to us and we hope that this will help to foster a strong bond between the club and the players for the future.

The Youths season kicks off on September 1st at home to Tadley Calleva, I hope to see you here at Redding Way supporting the Youth team.

Best wishes

Barry Losty U18's Manager



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