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Season 2020/21
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🏆 New partnership for the Robins ✅

Bridgwater Town Football Club is delighted to reveal a new and exciting agreement with [Distinctive UK](https://www.distinctiveuk.com) making them the club's Official Digital Partner.

[Distinctive UK](https://www.distinctiveuk.com), were founded in 2009 and boast a wealth of experience in the web design and graphic design industries. The company were the creative minds behind the new [bridgwatertown.co.uk](https://www.bridgwatertown.co.uk) website and the club is very much looking forward to building on our new relationship over the coming years as we strive to climb the football pyramid in a sustainable way.

Giuseppe Fraschini of LGR Creatives brought the two parties together having worked with the club since the turn of the year. He said, "It's been a great project to be part of and it now gives the club an online presence that complements the aspirations of the club.

The brief was to deliver a website that was clear to navigate and put the fans experience first. In future years, it also has the capability to be expanded further with the addition of e-commerce. Sam and the team at Distinctive UK have been a dream to work with and really understand the world of football. I'm delighted they are now a club partner.

This partnership is really going to benefit both parties and importantly help tell the outside world what Bridgwater Town Football Club is all about."

The Robin's Vice Chairman and Commercial Manager Bob Buckingham commented, "We are delighted to have established a partnership with Distinctive UK who have created a top quality website that will, we are sure, be the envy of many. We are excited to be working with Sam and the Team at Distinctive as we further enhance our digital presence, in line with our driving force of Better Never Stops."

Sam Fletcher Director of [Distinctive UK](https://www.distinctiveuk.com) remarked, "I'm proud to be a part of this project which combines my love of football and my knowledge of web development, to create something which is not only functional, but also improves the enjoyment of the experience for fans. Distinctive UK is honoured to be the club's Official Digital Partner and we hope to support them in their future endeavours and expansion."

To find out more about Distinctive UK please visit their website: [distinctiveuk.com](https://www.distinctiveuk.com)

FROM THE DUG OUT

**'Good evening
everyone...**

After a decent pre-season and a fantastic Emirates FA Cup win in the middle of nowhere last Tuesday night, I cannot hide the disappointment of Saturday's outcome.

In previous games we have showed energy, tempo and great fitness, but Saturday was the complete opposite.

We genuinely expect it to be a 'one off' as Karl and I have great belief in this group of lads - results will follow, we are sure of it.

C'mon on Bridgy!

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NEIL SUTTON

1958 - 2020

All of us at Bridgwater Town Football Club are shocked and extremely saddened to learn of the recent passing of Neil Sutton, aged 62.

Neil was a talented and popular member of the successful 'Robins' teams of the 1970's and early 80's.

A full tribute and details of plans to acknowledge and to celebrate his contribution to the club's history will be published in due course.

In the meantime we send our heartfelt condolences to Neil's family and friends at this desperately sad time.

For those too young to remember Neil in his playing days at the club, a "Goalscorer Scrapbook" article written some years ago by Andy Cole appears later in the programme so you can familiarise yourselves with his BTFC career. RIP Neil.



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Measures have to be put in place so football can return. We welcome constructive feedback

Chairman's Welcome

**On behalf of myself and
Bridgwater Town FC, let me
extend a warm welcome to
our visitors this evening,
Clevedon Town FC.**

We hope their supporters, players and officials enjoyed an easy journey down the M5 and have a safe journey home.

We also extend our welcome to our match officials.

Firstly, before we talk about the football; with the threat of Covid-19 still hanging over us all and with it being the cause for stopping the last season in its tracks; it is lovely to have competitive football returning tonight to Fairfax Park.

As a club, our commitment first and foremost, is to the safety of everyone who visits us. Huge work has been done behind the scenes to make the ground 'covid compliant'. Most of the credit must go to Debbie Gould for formulating risk assessments and protocols for the safe reopening of the ground but I want to thank each and every person involved in helping us get the ground ready for the new season, in whatever way. #

Please all take it upon yourselves to familiarise yourself with the new signage and systems and observe social distancing to keep us all safe. The club could be shut or forced to play behind closed doors if we don't follow the guidelines. All of us must take personal responsibility at this difficult time.

Now onto the football.

Well, this is our first home fixture of the 2020-21 season. We have played two away games so far, a win in the FA Cup and a loss in the league. Still very early days of course but I am sure the lads will want to bounce back today and get the first 3 points of the season. I am sure Karl and Dave will have the lads ready for the challenge Clevedon FC will pose today; I expect to see an evenly fought, competitive, contest but hopefully we will prevail.

Some good news to kick off the season, our new website is now live. Thanks to Zeppi and Bob for all their efforts in making this happen. Please check it out at: www.bridgwatertown.co.uk

With Sam and Ben Dennison still providing new and improved twitter feed for club games on @OfficialBTFC84 we really have taken huge strides as a club in our digital output.

Finally, at the start of my 5th year as club chairman (where has the time gone!) I hope everyone enjoys the game tonight and the season as it unfolds. Please support the team vocally from the terraces, and the club financially through the turnstiles in these difficult times; it is appreciated by all of us associated with the club.

Enjoy the game today and stay safe!

Adrian Byrne

Club Chairman

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<i>Team BTC/BTFC</i>	
<i>U18 Manager</i>	Mo Hopkins

ROBINS

RECAP

A brief timeline of Bridgwater Town (1984) FC - from the **Football Club History Database (FCHD)**

1984 New Bridgwater Town club formed, taking the place of the former club's reserve team in Somerset Senior League Div 2

1986-87 Somerset Senior League Div 1 champions - Promoted to Premier Division

1988-89 Somerset Senior League runner-up

1989-90 Somerset Senior League champions

1990-91 Somerset Senior League champions

1991-92 Somerset Senior League champions (3rd successive year)

1993-94 Somerset Senior League runner-up to Portishead (who could not be promoted)

1994-95 Joined Western League Div 1

1995-96 Western League Div 1 champions (on goal difference) - Promoted to the Premier Division

2006-07 Western League runner-up behind Corsham Town (who could not be promoted)

2007-08 Joined the Southern League in Div 1 South & West

2008/09 Southern League Cup runner-up - beaten by Atherstone Town on aggregate

2009-10 Finished 3rd in Div 1 South & West - not promoted after play-offs - Semi Final: Bridgwater Town 3 - 0 VT FC (now Sholing), Final: Bridgwater Town 3 - 4 Cirencester Town (after extra time)

2017-18 Rejoined Western League

BRIDGWATER TOWN FC

Dave Pearse: Hugely experienced, Dave returned to Bridgwater Town as joint player/manager with Karl Baggailey in season 2017/18 and will be looking to build on the progress made in recent years.

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Jake Viney: Fantastic shot stopper and sweeper keeper. After suffering a serious injury which kept him out for a whole season in 2016/17, he has come back stronger than ever with a string of outstanding performances. Jake was Players' Player, Supporters' Player and winner of the Luke Buckingham #betterneverstops Award for season 2019/20.

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Mark Armstrong: Captain of the club and a born leader, Mark is an experienced, hard-working, tough tackling midfielder, equally comfortable in central defence.

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Ryan Brereton: Ryan is an exciting and dynamic midfielder with a great left foot who will be looking to make a big impression in his first season with the club.

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Conor Bryant: Conor joins for 2020/21 looking to build on experience gained at Buckland Athletic and Wellington. Good in the air and an excellent target man who will create numerous chances for others and expect to get amongst the goals himself.

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Mike Duffy: Mike, returns to the club for the 2020/21 and will be looking to establish his place in the starting line-up with high energy, combative performances.

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Tom Ellis: In his third season with the club, a 'no nonsense' defender, Tom was captain of the Wellington side that won the Toolstation League Division 1 in 2016/17. His height makes him a real threat from set pieces. His long throws are legendary.

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Tyne Govier: Long serving defender, since 2003/04, returns to the club after a year spent travelling.

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Jordan Greenwood: Jordan is a widely experienced, 'body on the line' defender who is equally comfortable as central defender or on the left flank.

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Adnan Hiroli: Adnan is a very experienced attacker who was a key member of the Odd Down side that won the Western League title in 2015/16. He brings a winning mentality to the squad and will add goals and goal scoring chances to the team.

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Jake Horsey: A talented defender who re-joins the club on dual-registration with Somerset County League Premier Division side Middlezoy Rovers.

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Player Bio's 2020/21

Jake Llewellyn: Top quality defender who has played at National League South Level for Weston Super Mare; great going forward with a wand of a left foot. Players' Player of the Season in 2018/19.

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Ollie Morris: Versatile and energetic midfielder who returned to the club last season after spells with Street, where he was part of the squad that won the Western League title, and Larkhall Athletic.

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George Painter: George re-joins the club after a season out with injury. Made a great impression when joining the squad part way through 2018-19 and will be looking to replicate those top class performances in the new campaign.

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Jack Taylor: 'Fan's favourite' Jack signed from Wellington three seasons ago and winning numerous end of season awards in Robins' colours. Toolstation Western League 'Golden Boot' winner in 2018/19.

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Dave Thorne: Now in his fourth season at the club 'Mr consistent' is an 8/10 week in week out. Dave is a committed tough tackling defender who always gives everything. His performances earned him Managers' Player of the Season for 2017/18.

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Sam Towler: Sam returned to Bridgwater after a successful spell with Wellington where he was part of the Division One winning squad. Technically gifted, Sam is a 'box to box' midfielder with an eye for goal.

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Josh Wadham: Josh is a talented and exciting forward who, after a season with our club in 2014/15, has gained experience at Bideford, Willand Rovers and Wellington and was part the Street squad that won the Toolstation Western League title by a wide margin in season 2018/19.

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Finley Wilkinson: A young talent coming through with a big future. Has great ability with set piece deliveries and can get up and down the pitch to join in with attacking play. Winner of the 'Young Robin' Award for 2019/20.

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Also registered: **Reece Bannister**
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09	Nov	2010	A	1	4	Mackay	83	SPC
03	Jan	2011	A	1	1	Peek	176	ZSW
13	Sep	2011	H	3	1	Brimson, Cornwall, Pearse	153	ESW
04	Oct	2011	A	2	3	Wring, Willis	54	SPC
20	Mar	2012	H	2	1	Pearse, 1og	120	ESW
27	Aug	2012	H	0	2		218	ESW
01	Jan	2013	A	1	1	Legg	154	ESW
19	Aug	2013	A	2	1	Bushin, Griffiths	282	CSW
11	Mar	2014	H	1	0	Knighton	125	CSW
25	Aug	2014	A	1	0	Thorn	146	ESW
26	Dec	2014	H	3	0	Knighton 2, Chamberlain	185	ESW
13	Sep	2017	A	1	2	Burrows (R)	72	TWL
27	Jan	2018	H	3	1	Taylor 2, Jenkins	207	TWL
29	Sep	2018	A	0	1		145	TWL
14	Nov	2018	A	1	3	Bellinger	105	SPC
15	Feb	2019	H	3	2	Brown 2, Taylor	364	TWL
28	Dec	2019	A	1	2	Llewellyn	206	TWL
31	Jan	2020	H	3	3	Ellis, Taylor 2	288	TWL

Since the return to the Toolstation Western League Clevedon Town appear to have become one of our “bogey” teams. ‘Town have yet to take a point off them on their own turf in four meetings. In the late December fixture a 20th minute lead was cancelled out just before half time by an Elliot Nicholson equaliser. In the 65th minute a headed goal from ex Robin, Syd Camper gave the “Seasiders” a lead, which they doggedly held on to. In January’s fast-paced and keenly contested return fixture “Bridgy” fell behind early on but then fought back to twice take the lead only to be pegged back once more. Syd again scored for the visitors, this time from the penalty spot.

Clevedon Town possesses a young side with a good deal of potential. As a unit these players have improved steadily year on year and this could be the breakthrough season that sees them making a serious title challenge. In pre-season friendlies there has been a 2-2 home draw against a strong Taunton Town side with both goals coming from Finlay Biggs and a 1-0 victory over a Weston side containing Dayle Grubb and ex Robins, Nick McCootie, Luke Purnell and Scott Laird. Bridgy’s talented U18 ‘keeper from last season, Harley Wilkinson played in both matches for the Clevedon side.

Last season’s leading goal scorer for Clevedon, Lucas Vowles has been involved in pre-season fixtures with Bristol Manor Farm and so may no longer be available.

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FIXTURES SEASON 2020/21

01	Sep	Sat	05	LGE	Away	Buckland Athletic	L	2 - 4
02		Tue	08	LGE	Home	CLEVEDON TOWN		
03		Wed	16	LGE	Away	Wellington	19.45	
04		Sat	19	LGE	Home	HALLEN		
05		Tue	22	LGE	Away	Bridport	19.45	
06		Sat	26	LGE	Home	EXMOUTH TOWN		
07		Tue	29	LGE	Home	BUCKLAND ATHLETIC	19.45	
08	Oct	Sat	03	LGE	Away	Westbury United		
09		Tue	06	LGE	Home	WELLINGTON	19.45	
10		Sat	10	LGE	Away	Plymouth Parkway		
11		Sat	17	LGE	Away	Clevedon Town		
12		Sat	24	LGE	Home	CHIPPING SODBURY TOWN		
13		Sat	31	LGE	Away	Bitton <i>(to be re-arranged – FA Vase Round 1 date)</i>		
14	Nov	Sat	07	LGE	Away	Roman Glass St George		
15		Sat	14	LGE	Home	CADBURY HEATH		
16		Sat	21	LGE	Home	PLYMOUTH PARKWAY		
17		Sat	28	LGE	Away	Cribbs		
18	Dec	Sat	05	LGE	Away	Odd Down		
19		Sat	12	LGE	Home	BRADFORD TOWN		
20		Sat	19	LGE	Home	BITTON		
21		Sat	26	LGE	Away	Street	Boxing Day	
22	Jan	Sat	02	LGE	Home	WESTBURY UNITED		
23		Sat	09	LGE	Away	Cadbury Heath		
24		Sat	16	LGE	Home	ROMAN GLASS ST GEORGE		
25		Sat	23	LGE	Home	BRIDPORT		
26	Feb	Sat	06	LGE	Away	Keynsham Town		
27		Sat	20	LGE	Home	SHEPTON MALLET		
28		Sat	27	LGE	Home	ODD DOWN		
29	Mar	Sat	06	LGE	Away	Chipping Sodbury Town		
30		Sat	13	LGE	Home	CRIBBS		
31		Sat	20	LGE	Away	Tavistock		
32		Sat	27	LGE	Away	Brislington		
33	Apr	Fri	02	LGE	Home	STREET	Good Friday	
34		Mon	05	LGE	Away	Exmouth Town	Easter Monday	
35		Sat	10	LGE	Home	KEYNSHAM TOWN		
36		Sat	17	LGE	Away	Bradford Town		
37		Sat	24	LGE	Away	Shepton Mallet		
38	May	Sat	01	LGE	Home	TAVISTOCK		
39		Sat	08	LGE	Home	BRISLINGTON		
40		Sat	15	LGE	Away	Hallen		
EP	Sep	Tue	01	FAC	Away	Millbrook	W	1-0
PR		Sat	12	FAC	Home	BITTON		
R1	Oct	Sat	31	FAV	?	?		

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Sat 05 Sept

Brislington	4 - 3	Bradford Town
Buckland Athletic	4 - 2	Bridgwater Town
Cadbury Heath	7 - 3	Wellington
Chipping Sodbury Town	1 - 5	Tavistock
Clevedon Town	1 - 1	Westbury United
Cribbs	6 - 1	Bridport
Hallen	1 - 4	Plymouth Parkway
Odd Down	1 - 0	Keynsham Town
Street	2 - 2	Shepton Mallet

No game: Exmouth Town, Roman Glass St George

FA Vase SF

<i>Consett</i>	1 - 0	Bitton
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Tue 08 Sept

Bitton		Brislington
Plymouth Parkway		Exmouth Town
Shepton mallet		Wellington
Bridgwater Town		Clevedon Town
Bridport		Street
Keynsham Town		Cribbs

Wed 09 Sept

Bradford Town		Odd Down
Cadbury Heath		Hallen
Tavistock		Buckland Athletic
Westbury United		Chipping Sodbury Town

Sat 12 Sept

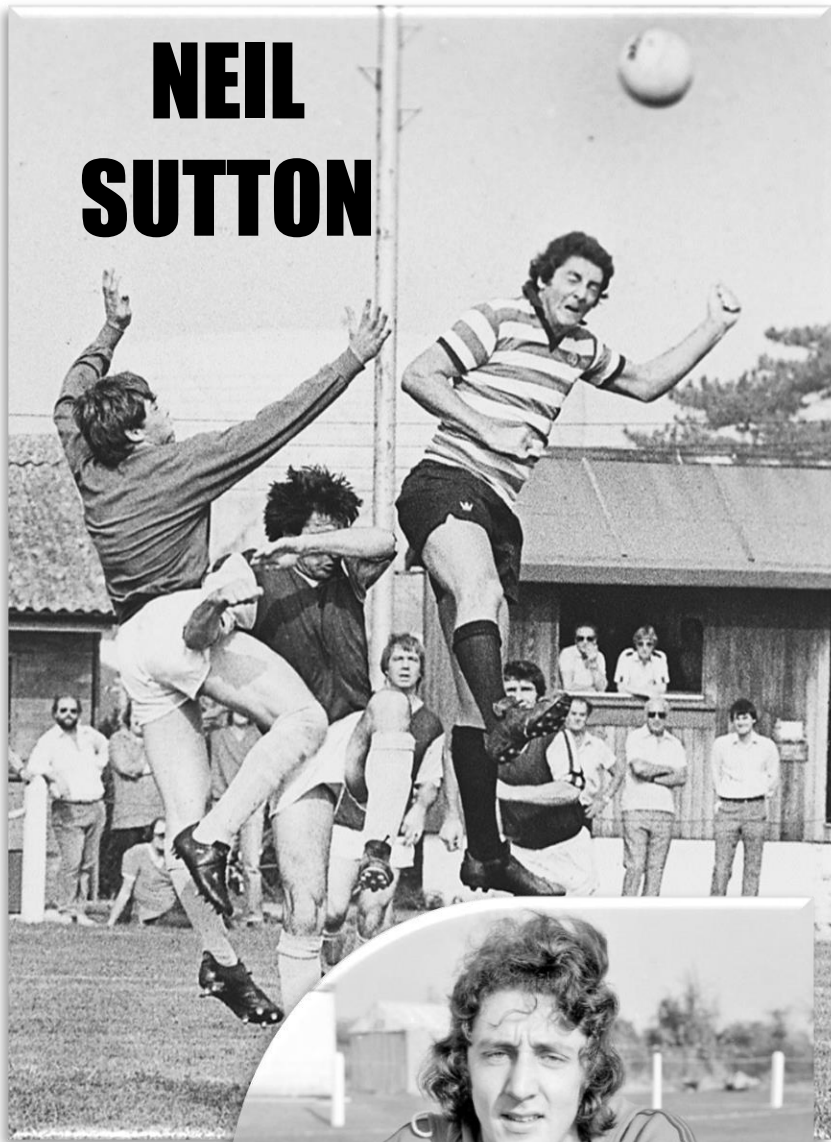
Bradford Town		Wellington
Brislington		Hallen
Buckland Athletic		Keynsham Town
Chipping Sodbury Town		Plymouth Parkway
Street		Roman Glass St George
Westbury United		Odd Down

FA Cup PR

Bridgwater Town		Bitton
Cadbury Heath		<i>Bristol Manor Farm</i>
Cribbs		<i>Berkhampstead</i>
Exmouth Town		<i>Melksham Town</i>
Shepton Mallet		<i>Willand Rovers</i>
Sherborne Town		Clevedon Town
Tavistock		<i>Mangotsfield United</i>

GOALSCORER SCRAPBOOK

NEIL SUTTON



**A deceptive
player with
undoubted talent.**

Neil was, at 6ft 3in and 13 stone, a formidable opponent. He joined the former Bridgwater Town club from local junior side Nether Stowey FC in 1976. For a big man he exhibited remarkable poise and balance and not a small amount of flair and skill. He was an intelligent player with a knack of being able to set things up for his team-mates.

He scored 5 goals in his first season: with the first coming in the 3-0 Somerset Premier Cup defeat of Weston-super-Mare in March 1977, and the following season he increased his tally to 15.

Neil was offered trials by Football League clubs such as Brighton & Hove Albion and Plymouth Argyle and was very disappointed when they came to nothing.

In May 1982 he scored a hat-trick in the Western League Challenge Cup Final victory over Falmouth Town.

For a short period in the 1980's Neil played Southern League football for Gloucester City, but it was for then Southern League Bridgwater Town - in March 1983 - that he was to score his 100th goal. It came in his 229th game against Wellingborough Town.

In total, Neil scored 116 times (in 264 1st team appearances) for the old club - plus a further 11 for the re-formed "Robins" when he was persuaded out of retirement, first in 1987, and again in 1989. Unfortunately, persistent injuries curtailed the career revival of this classy and popular player.

(E&OE)

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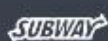
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A Josh Wadham strike 15 minutes from time was enough to give the Robins a welcome FA Cup victory and a prospective big crowd for the visit of FA Vase semi-finalists Bitton next weekend (Sept 12), *writes Kerry Miller.*

In truth, it was an attritional evening all round where all the pointers were indicating a home win, but somehow the squad pulled through despite no ducks whatsoever being in a row.

Dave Pearse and Karl Baggaley lost key defender Tom Ellis who pulled out in the morning and the convoy of players, officials and supporters were forced to find any route they could to Millbrook's slightly remote Jenkins Park home after carnage befell the A38 for most of the day.

Added to that they lost top scorer Jack Taylor to a stomach bug after 25 minutes by which time they were up against a skilful home side who dictated for most of the first half and should have been comfortably ahead at the break.

Home strikers Lee Robinson and Ryan Knight were a handful from the start and only a superb block from Sam Towler to keep out the latter stopped Millbrook from taking an early lead as Bridgy tried in vain to settle after the tortuous journey, but the odds were evened up on 20 minutes when Robinson was carried off in some discomfort after dislocating a knee.

Conor Bryant replaced Taylor, and his header from an Ollie Morris cross was touched over by keeper Chris Wearing on the half hour: but that was the visitor's only chance while Millbrook should have gone ahead just on the break when Jake Foster's close range header somehow stayed out.

Foster then blazed over when he should have scored not long after the restart when a brilliant George Painter tackle kept him out but soon after the defender was also helped off to be replaced by Adan Hiroli by which time Bridgwater had warmed to the task.

Mike Duffy and Bryant both had shots kept out by Wearing but he could do little with 15 minutes left as the ball was worked across to the left and Wadham's curler found its way into the bottom corner for what proved to be the winner.

It was tough on the SW Peninsula Leaguers whose first ever foray into the FA Cup attracted five times their normal crowd including visiting groups from Grimsby Town and Charlton Athletic but the Robins escaped back up country knowing they dodged a bullet but came through.

Att: 247

Town Squad

Jake Viney
Ollie Morris
Jake Llewellyn
Mark Armstrong
George Painter
(sub Adnan Hiroli 60)
Jordan Greenwood
Ryan Brereton
Sam Towler
Jack Taylor
(sub Conor Bryant 24)
Josh Wadham
(sub Tyne Govier 78)
Mike Duffy
Subs not used
Reece Bannister
Dave Pearse



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Paying spectators are the lifeblood of every club and if they stay away from matches because of the objectionable behaviour of others everyone will suffer.

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CLEVEDON TOWN FC: A Short History

Clevedon FC are one of the oldest clubs in the West Country and were founder members of the Western League in 1892, having played friendlies and in county competitions up to that point. They only stayed in the Western League for 3 seasons before dropping into local leagues until returning for a second spell up until World War One. They played their early matches at the local cricket ground at Dial Hill before moving to a new site at Old Street (later named Teignmouth Road) in 1895, remaining there until 1992. After the Great War, they played in the Bristol & District and Bristol & Suburban Leagues before moving to the more senior Somerset Senior League in 1933, staying there until the outbreak of the Second World War. They continued to play throughout the war years, mainly in local leagues, before returning to the Western League after the war, remaining there, other than for one spell away, until they won the League title for the first time ever in 1992/93, when they were elected to the Southern League.

The period after World War 2 was to be one of their best spells and they achieved some national recognition for their exploits in the FA Amateur Cup during the 1950's in particular. For a small West Country club they enjoyed many excellent runs in that competition, playing some of the then giants of the amateur game such as Harwich and Parkeston, Pegasus and Billingham Synthonia, even enjoying a cameo appearance on the emerging television network, with notable victories being achieved against Salisbury, Briggs Sports and Ilford. It was in cup competitions that Clevedon had already gained success and they won the Somerset Senior Cup several times throughout their early history, going on to win the more senior Somerset Premier Cup as well in the 1980's and 90's.

Clevedon spent much of their history playing at junior level, during their early years and in the 1960's, or in the more senior Western League competition. However they finally achieved the next stage of their development when they won the Western League in 1992/93 and were

promoted to the Southern League. The 1992/93 season also saw them move home for the first time in nearly a century when they moved to a purpose built stadium, The Hand Stadium, named after the Hand family who had been instrumental in the running of the club from the 1890's. In their first season at The Hand they went unbeaten and took their first Western League title, in front of an average gate of 421, breaking all kinds of scoring records on the way.

In their first ever season in the Southern League they finished in a very creditable fifth place under manager Steve Fey, all the more remarkable when considering that he took over the side in June with just three players remaining from the championship squad. The club settled into the Southern League and the 1998/99 season saw them win the Midlands Division and gain promotion to the Premier, where they remained for two seasons before suffering relegation. The club again gained promotion to the Premier Division under manager Phil Bater in 2006/07 and, in the same season, reached the 1st Round of the F A Cup for the first time in their long history, losing out to Chester City in front of a club record crowd of 2,261 at The Hand Stadium.

However, in common with many clubs, gates and income gradually fell and the club slipped back into Division One in 2009/10. Worse was to follow in summer 2011 when The Hand Stadium was sold outright and the club found themselves as tenants of their former home. There was however some success to cheer in 2011/12 when the club won the Red Insure Southern League Cup beating Premier Division team Banbury United 2-1 on aggregate under manager Micky Bell. Despite finishing 18th in 2014/15 Clevedon Town were demoted back to the Western League due to problems with their floodlights but the club is looking to build new foundations and emerge on a more stable basis. In October 2015 a sponsorship deal was agreed with a personal fitness company and the Hand Stadium was renamed The Everyone Active Stadium.

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Ollie Babington - Initially joined the club in March 2018 having returned from a spell in Australia playing for Belmain Tigers, and possibly with Atherstone beforehand in the Southern League.

Joel Bayliss – Joined the club in August 2019 after returning to the area after studying at Nottingham University, where he briefly played for Beeston Hornets.

Finlay Biggs – A member of the 18/19 Under-18 squad who has been promoted to the first team squad.

Syd Camper – Syd first joined in Oct 2015 from Weston-super-Mare Academy, making his 1st XI debut in their Conference side in December 2013, after loan spells with Yate Town, Shepton Mallet and Larkhall Athletic. After leaving Clevedon at the end of 2015/16 he went on to play for Bridgwater '84, re-joining us in Sept 2018.

Mike Dangerfield - Signed in July 2019, Michael is an experienced goalkeeper who joined us from Cheddar having previously appeared for Patchway Town, Bedford Town, Weston St Johns and Wells City.

Morgan Davies – Member of the successful Under 18 side at Clevedon, promoted to the first team at the start of 2017/18 until, later, a serious injury kept him out of the game until August 2020.

Ethan Feltham – Came through the youth squad, making his first team debut in the opening match of the 18/19 season; left, and then returned, to the club in January 2020 after a short spell at Cribbs.

Archie Ferris - Archie originally joined the club in July 2015 after starting at the North Somerset Football Development side before leaving and returning in July 2018.

Callum Gould – Initially joined the club in January 2020 after playing for Odd Down at Under-18 level, switching back to Odd Down for a short spell before returning again to Clevedon.

Glen Hayer - Played one game for Clevedon in September 2015, having previously played for Langport Rovers 2000 and Weston-super-Mare Under-18s, before returning for a second spell a year later. Glen was selected to represent the Panjab FA in the 2018 CONIFA World Cup in 2018.

Sam Iles – Signed in November 2019 from fellow Western League side, Cribbs, Sam is an experienced defender who we've been keen to sign for a while.

Callum Kingdon – Callum joined us from Winterbourne United in November 2015, having also appeared for Longwell Green Sports, Cheddar and Langford Rovers.

Charles Lovell - Regular goalkeeper for the Under-18 side in 2019/20 who made his first team debut at Tavistock, in the Les Phillips Cup in January 2020.

Jay Murray – Jay joined us in August 2019 from Odd Down, and is the son of Bristol City legend, Scott. He has also played for Hengrove Athletic, Bristol Academy and Congresbury.

Elliott Nicholson - Signed in July 2018 from Shepton Mallet having also appeared at Under-18 level for Weston-super-Mare and for Clevedon United.

Mitch Osmond – After a spell at Cardiff City Academy, Mitch joined the Under-18 squad at Clevedon, making his first team debut in August 2018, before leaving to captain Portishead and returning to the Seasiders in July 2020.

Josh Pitt – Appeared for the first time in a pre-season match in August 2020 having started his career with Weston-super-Mare at Under-18 level.

Harley Wilkinson – Promising young goalkeeper who joined the club from Wells City in August 2020 having also played at Bridgwater College.

Morgan Williams – Morgan made his senior debut in September 2017 after initially joining the Under 18 squad, he has

also played at Bridgwater and the North Somerset Football Development side.

Max Williams – Former Bristol City Academy player, who also had a loan spell at Mangotsfield United, who was released by City and joined Clevedon Town in August 2020.

Greg Yarde – A young defender originally from Bristol City who was injured for a lengthy spell and who coached at Bristol Inner City Academy during his recovery.

The Management Team

Mickey Bell (Player/Manager) - Micky was first appointed manager at Clevedon Town in May 2010 and was re-appointed in July 2015 after a spell as manager at Weston-s-Mare. He started his playing career at Northampton before moving to Wycombe Wanderers and Bristol City, where he spent 8 years before being released in the summer of 2005. After joining Port Vale for a short spell he then moved to Cheltenham Town, where he helped them gain promotion, as he had Bristol City. Injuries forced him to retire from the pro game and he moved to Team Bath as player-coach and then Weston-super-Mare in 2008, before leaving the following summer. He continued coaching youngsters in North Somerset and had a spell on the coaching staff at the Southampton FC Academy before being appointed at the Hand Stadium as a manager in his own right for the first time.

Lee Rendall (Assistant Manager) – Lee joined the club in April 2020 as Assistant Manager having left Odd Down, where he had been the manager since 2018. He had joined the club in 2015 as assistant to former Seaside Ray Johnson and took over the top role in when Johnson left. A very experienced coach, having also previously been with Ashton & Backwell and Highbridge United, Lee will be a great asset to the club

Alex White (Coach) - Experienced player who signed in July 2015 having spent the 2014/15 season coaching with the North Somerset Development Team and has since been coaching at Clevedon with the Under-18 and first team squads; he also made an emergency debut in goal in the 2016/17 season.

Ryan King (Coach) – Ryan played for Clevedon's reserve side as a youngster back in the early 1990s and then went on to play for Nailsea before turning to coaching at the club and later to become club chairman. He re-joined us in October 2019 to help out the existing coaching team.

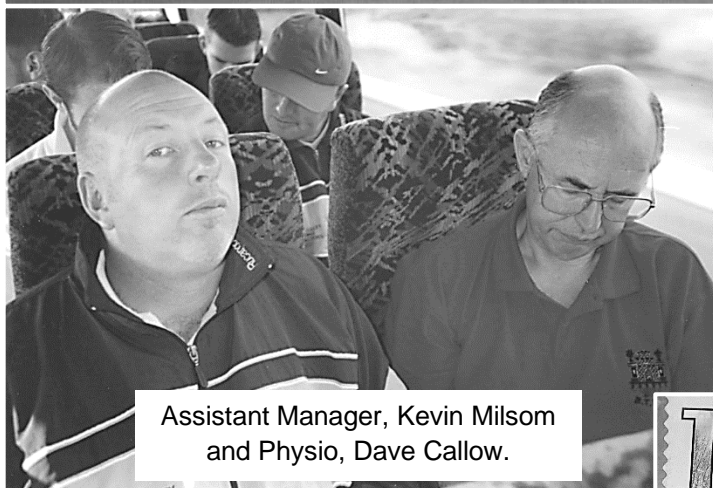
Hannah Lewis (Physio) – Hannah joined the club just after the start of the 2015/16 season and has done a sterling job for the club in that time.

A journey with Jim.

All photos taken by the late Mr Jim Perry.



The covered terrace at Penydarren Park.



Assistant Manager, Kevin Milsom and Physio, Dave Callow.

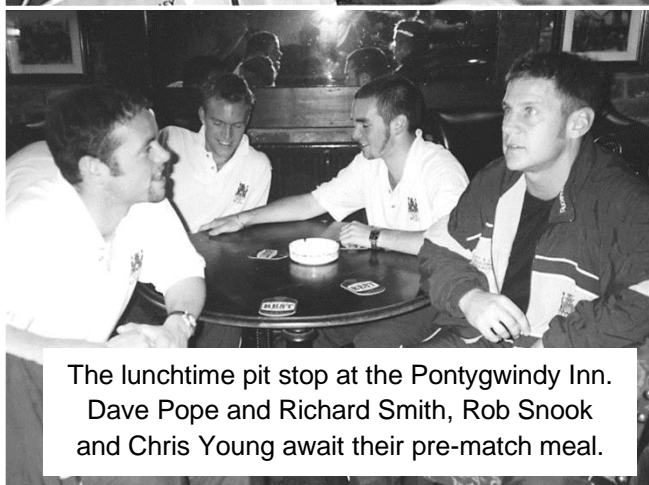
The FA CUP 2nd Qualifying Round.

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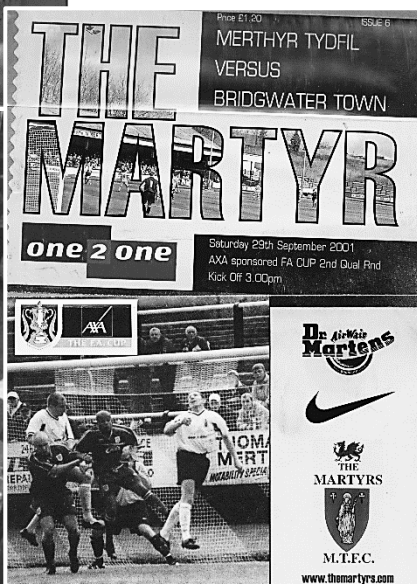
TOWN TEAM:

Hurd, Rice, Dyer, Smith, Hurford (Snook), Bowering, Strange (Clark), Pope, Young, Knox, Forward.

Substitute not used: Sokol



The lunchtime pit stop at the Pontygwindy Inn. Dave Pope and Richard Smith, Rob Snook and Chris Young await their pre-match meal.



Didn't we have a lovely time... the day we went to →

Town are left ruining Young's early miss

A spirited performance from Bridgwater ended in defeat in south Wales - but not before the Western League outfit had given their Dr Marten's League hosts a fright.

A missed early opportunity from Chris Young could have made such a difference: but Merthyr goalkeeper Neil Thomas saved Young's point-blank effort and the follow-up from Pete Knox.

Then Bridgwater captain Craig Rice headed into his own net.

And Merthyr got a two-goal cushion when striker Danny Haines butted home.

Bridgwater kept going, with Young's acrobatic effort just wide.

We had just signed Pete Knox (right, seated behind supporters Dave Jacobs and Andy Freeman), a prison officer, from Bridport, where he had been scoring impressively, at the beginning of that season. Nokker's performance that afternoon was so eye-catching that Merthyr immediately put in 7-days-notice of approach and signed him. This left us a little light in the forward line for the rest of the season.



Merthyr Tydfil 4 Bridgwater Town 1

Knox then latched onto a long ball, beat the offside trap and skipped around goalkeeper Thomas to score from a tight angle.

And Bridgwater nearly levelled, but Thomas was equal to a 25-yard effort from Knox.

Danny Parker capped a fine display by scoring Merthyr's third from close range.

Luke Staton completed the scoring at the death with a superb curling shot from 15-yards.

Star Man: Pete Knox (Bridgwater Town)



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The latest volume covers the unsettled years which separated Book 1 from Book 2. This period was to see five managers and three chairmen in the space of nine seasons, a dramatic drop in support and the eventual voluntary liquidation of Bridgwater Town AFC.



MATCH SQUADS

Please note the players are listed in alphabetical order and the actual line-ups will be announced and made available before each game

BRIDGWATER TOWN *from*

MARK ARMSTRONG ©	ADNAN HIROLI	SAM TOWLER
REECE BANNISTER ^(GK)	JAKE HORSEY	JAKE VINEY ^(GK)
RYAN BRERETON	JAKE LLEWELLYN	JOSH WADHAM
CONOR BRYANT	OLLIE MORRIS	CALLUM WATTS
MIKE DUFFY	GEORGE PAINTER	FINLEY WILKINSON
TOM ELLIS	DAVE PEARSE	
TYNE GOVIER	JACK TAYLOR	
JORDAN GREENWOOD	DAVE THORNE	

Management: Karl Baggaley & Dave Pearse

Coach: Josh Crook / **Therapist:** Taylor Cornish

CLEVEDON TOWN *from*

JOEL BAYLISS	SAM ILES	GREG YARDE
FINLEY BIGGS	CALLUM KINGDON	
SYD CAMPER	CHARLIE LOVELL ^(GK)	
MORGAN DAVIES	JAY MURRAY	
ETHAN FELTHAM	ELLIOT NICHOLSON	
ARCHIE FERRIS	MITCHELL OSMOND	
CALLUM GOULD	HARLEY WILKINSON ^(GK)	
GLEN HAYER	MORGAN WILLIAMS	

Manager: Mickey Bell / **Assistant:** Lee Rendall

Coach: Ryan King & Alex White **Therapist:** Hannah Lewis

NEXT HOME GAME

EMIRATES FA CUP (PR)

Saturday 12 September 2020

v BITTON (3pm)

Match Officials

Referee:

KEVIN RODD

Assistants:

DAVE TREVASKUS

ROB MCDONALD