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## Welcome to the Thank You NHS Stadium



Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentleman and as Programme Editor may I welcome you to the much changed 'Thank You NHS Stadium'.

May I welcome all from Hythe Town who are known as the 'Cannons'. I am also delighted to welcome the Match Officials. I hope you all enjoy your time with us.

Last Saturday we entertained Welwyn Garden City in the FA Trophy and sadly we were too accommodating, going down 4-1. There is a report with photos on pages 8 & 9.

Hythe Town have had a good start to the season with three wins, a draw and a defeat from their opening five leagues games.

Last Saturday the 'Cannons' also played in the 2nd Qualifying Round of the Trophy. They edged out Ashford United 7-6 on penalties having drawn 2-2. They had beaten Chalfont St. Peter 3-0 in the previous round.

We have been drawn away against Horsham YMCA in the 2nd Round of the Sussex County FA Senior Cup. The game is to be played on or before the 4th of November. Possibly on Tuesday 27th October or more likely, on Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm.

Turning to our evolving playing squad. This is currently being refreshed and once this has been completed, I hope to be able to introduce our new Blues to you.



Filling a 32-page programme is currently very challenging. Sadly, the excellent 'Looking Back' series penned by Mike Lewis in 22 episodes has now finished its run. In the short term the programme will be reduced to 28 pages.

Supporters contributions are welcomed and should aim to be 450 to 500 words with short paragraphs.

I understand that some supporters would appreciate the return of a printed programme. We are looking into this but to make it economical we need to order the shortest print run and sell 20 copies.

I must close by reminding you that we are still living under the cloud of coronavirus. There are a number of restrictions, including always following the 'rule of six', to ensure that your safety is protected within our ground.

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*Dave Ellmer*  
Programme Editor

# The Thank You NHS Stadium

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Division One champions 2015–16  
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Division Two Cup winners 1983–84, 2015–16 (then League One Cup)  
Division Three Cup winners 2000–01, 2008–09, 2012–13  
**Sussex Senior Cup**  
Winners 1941–42, 1957–58  
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Winners 1943–44, 1966–67, 1974–75, 1975–76  
**Sussex Intermediate Cup**  
Winners 2012–13

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## Manager's Notes

### Shaun Saunders



Good afternoon and welcome to the Thank You NHS Stadium for this afternoon's Pitching In Isthmian South East league game against Hythe Town FC.

My welcome extends to the management team, players, club officials and supporters of today's opponents, I hope you enjoy the match and have a safe journey home.

We go into today's game buoyant after a solid weeks training, some discussions, positive that we will be turning the corner sooner rather than later. I've been saying for a few weeks now that we are nearing a settled side. We're still a few links short but we're actively working to amend that over the coming week.

Muhammed, Essa and Kwabena have been let go due to the fact I can't give them the game time they need. All are top lads and I wish them all the very best and thank them for their efforts while with us.

On the injury front both Jordan and Tom continue to make good progress and we expect them back very soon. Nico serves the second game of his 3-game ban, so very soon we will be where we want to be in terms of selection.

During this baron spell I'd like to thank everyone who has stuck with us, and continued to get behind the lads as crowds continue to grow.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome Drew Cooney, Luca Cocharrchio, Harry Williams and Sam Freeman to the club. All will be good additions and we look forward to working with them.

Thanks again for your support. I urge you to get behind the lads in what will be a very difficult game against a very good side.

Enjoy the match.

Yours in sport.

*Shaun*



# Today's Opponents

*Hythe Town*

## Club History

Hythe Town Football Club was formed in August 1910 although football in Hythe can be traced back into the previous century. The club joined the Folkestone and District Leagues and after the First World War had some success, four championships and only once outside the top three in fourteen seasons.

They moved up into the Kent Amateur League in 1936 and were promoted into Division One before the Second World War intervened. The 50s and 60s saw little league success but that changed in the early 70s with three successive league titles and a Kent Junior Cup win. Hythe were granted senior status and elected into the Kent League in 1977, playing at the newly acquired Reachfields, an old army sports ground on the edge of the town's firing ranges. The club were runners-up in the Kent League on three occasions but it was not until property developer Tony Walton took over Hythe Town in February 1988 that things really started to happen.

That summer saw the ground developed to Southern League standard with seats and a social club, with viewing balconies, above new dressing rooms. Standing cover extended behind one goal and for the whole of the far side, and floodlights were installed. The ground capacity still remains at 3,000 with the majority under cover. The chairman proved to be a high-profile character who attracted much media attention with his high spending on the ground and team. Town won the 1988-9 Kent League title by 14 points and set a league record of 133 goals. The club gained promotion to the Southern League.

The next season saw another promotion as the main aim, but the club's great run to the FA Vase semi-finals handicapped their league ambitions, with four games a week at times, and a sixth place finish. Hythe lost out to the eventual Vase winners Yeading, winning the home leg 3-2 in front of the club's record attendance of 2,147, but cruelly losing the second leg 2-0 with the crucial goal coming from a big deflection. They did win the Eastern Professional Floodlight Cup at their first attempt.

The following season was very similar, topping the table in November but runs in four cups again caused fixture congestion and a final placing of eighth. Hythe lost out to Trowbridge Town in a Vase quarter-final second replay, lost to Chelmsford City over two legs in the Southern League Cup final, but won the Kent Senior Trophy and retained the Eastern Professional Floodlight Cup. The club played 40 league games and 33 cup ties.

In 1991/2 Hythe again topped the table in the early months but the money was beginning to

run out. With little cup success, the exit from the Vase at Evesham United in February saw many of the team sold and their replacements could only finish thirteenth. The club did reach the final of the Kent Senior Cup, losing in extra-time to Bromley at Gillingham's Priestfield Stadium. That match proved to be Walton's last game, and he put the club into liquidation soon after.

Supporters rallied round and entered a scratch side, as Hythe United, into the following season's Kent County League and negotiated continued use of Reachfields Stadium. After three seasons the club regained senior status and in 1995 were elected back into the Kent League but the club would struggle for a number of seasons in the wrong half of the table. In 2001 Hythe dropped the "United" suffix, reverting to "Town" and in November 2002 appointed Paul Fisk as Manager.

This proved a turning point and Hythe became a top six club. There was one exception, in 2005/6, when again the Vase was a distraction, winning five ties before going out to Winchester City in the fourth round, in front of 441 spectators at Reachfields.

In season 2007/8 Hythe forced themselves to the top of the table in March and were considered to be favourites for the title. Disappointment was acute therefore when form was lost in the final weeks and the side not only slipped to fourth place, but also lost in the final of the League Cup. The highlight was a fantastic FA Cup win over Andy Hessenthaler's Dover Athletic before a crowd of 1,109 at Reachfields, and achieving the important Ryman League ground grading.

The club achieved runners-up spot the following season and then Scott Porter, who had been Paul Fisk's assistant manager, took over as manager for the 2009/10 season with Clive Cook as his assistant. There were many good results but too many dropped points saw Hythe finish in third position.

Town also progressed through three rounds of the FA Cup to be drawn against the full-time professionals of Woking who were relieved to escape with a replay after an exciting 2-2 draw at Reachfields. The replay was another tight match until the last few minutes when Woking scored three times to go through 5-1.

The 2010/11 season was possibly the most successful in the history of the club, with Scott Porter and leading the playing side to the Kent League Championship for the first time in over twenty years, and with it promotion to the Ryman League. After a 22-match unbeaten run in the new-year, dropped points over Easter took the

**Home Ground:** Reachfields Stadium (below)

**2019-20 Position:** 11th

**Current Position:** 2nd

**Last 6 Games' Form:** WWWDLW

**Average Home Attendance 19-20:** 226

**Colours:** Home - All Red, Away - White & Blue

championship to the wire and the league was clinched in dramatic style on the last day of the season through a last-minute equaliser at Tunbridge Wells.

This amazing achievement was coupled with the club's best ever F.A. Cup run, and the best for any Kent League side in over 50 years. Hythe negotiated their way through six rounds, including memorable wins over higher league opposition at Concord Rangers of the Ryman Premier and at home to Staines Town of the Blue Square Bet South. The prize was an away draw in the First Round Proper to League Two side Hereford United. It was one round too far on the pitch, the hosts comfortably winning 5-1 with Gary Mickelborough getting the Hythe goal.

During the 2011/2 season the club maintained their progress and finished in eighth place in Ryman Division One South. Hythe were also able to get their hands on some silverware as wins over Ebbsfleet United and Dover Athletic were followed by a single goal victory in the final at Dartford to win the Kent Senior Cup. The following season ended with a 17-match unbeaten run and a fourth-place finish. This brought about the club's first play-off appearance, unfortunately losing at Faversham Town in the semi-final.

After another eighth-place finish Scott Porter and Clive Cook left the club at the end of 2013/4 and Tim Dixon was appointed as manager in May 2014. It was a disappointing season that saw the club finish in 16th position and after a poor start to 2015-6 the club decided to part company with Dixon in September. Clive Cook returned to take

over, this time as manager and led a remarkable turnaround from 22nd place to fourth as the club qualified for the Ryman South play-offs for a second time. Defeat followed at Worthing in the semi-final. The club ended just outside the play-off zone.

The club parted company with manager Clive Cook in January 2017 as ex-Herne Bay manager Sam Denly took his place arrived to take his place. Again, we ended up just outside the play off places in 2018/2019. A poor start to this season resulted in the departure of Sam Denly to be replaced by Steve Watt in September 2019 before the season was prematurely brought to an end due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Hythe Town FC Honours Board

Kent League Champions – 1988/89, 2010/11  
Kent League Runners-Up – 1978/79, 1982/ 83, 1984/ 85, 2008/09  
Kent League Cup Runners-Up – 1987/88, 2007/08, 2010/11  
Southern League Cup Runners-Up – 1990/91  
Kent Senior Cup Winners - 2011/12  
Kent Senior Cup Runners-Up – 1991/92  
Kent Senior Trophy Winners – 1990/91  
Kent Senior Trophy Runners-Up – 2003/04  
Eastern Professional Cup Winners - 1989/90, 1990/91  
F.A. Cup - First Round Proper - 2010/11  
F.A. Vase - Semi-final - 1989/90  
Ryman League Division One South Play-Offs – 2012/13, 2015/16



# Today's Opponents

## Hythe Town

### Player Profiles

**WILL GODMON** Goalkeeper Age 24  
Will is an experienced keeper who is his second spell with the Cannons. He started his career in the Chelsea Youth set up before moving to Maidstone United where he had loan spells at Lewes and Faversham Town where he then signed permanently before moving for a short spell at Leatherhead before returning to Salters Lane. He then joined Hythe for his first spell making 50 appearances. He then joined Thamesmead Town before returning to Faversham and then onto Ramsgate before re-joining us in September last year.

**NATHAN HARVEY** Goalkeeper Age 18  
Nathan joined on a month's loan from Charlton Athletic where he has been in the Under 23 squad. He joined Charlton from West Ham United where he was in the youth set-up. He is a exciting prospect for the future.

**DEAN BECKWITH** Defender Age 37  
Experienced central defender, Dean joined us in September from Havant & Waterlooville. He has had an illustrious career starting with Tonbridge Angels before moving on to Gillingham where he had loan spells with Dagenham & Redbridge and Margate. He continued his league career with Hereford United, Luton Town and Northampton Town. He has also played for Eastleigh, Sutton United and Maidstone United.

**TOM WYNTER** Defender Age 30  
A highly experienced defender who joined us from Ramsgate in December 2019. Tom started his career with

Gillingham where he made eight first team appearances before he had spells at Dover Athletic, Dartford & Margate.

**NATHAN GORDON** Defender Age 27  
Former AFC Wimbledon Academy player, Nathan is a 27-year old left back who joined us from Sevenoaks Town. He has previously turned out for Merstham and Walton & Hersham.

**JAMES ROGERS** Defender Age 28  
A highly experienced strong defender who started his career at Dartford before moving onto Dover Athletic. He spent three years at Maidstone United before joining Margate. He joined Hythe in October 2019.

**LIAM SMITH** Defender Age 20  
Full Back, Liam joined us from Tonbridge Angels at the start of this season where he came up through the Youth System. He spent a short period of time on loan at Sevenoaks Town last season.

**CHARLIE WEBSTER** Midfielder Age 24  
Former Gillingham youth player, Charlie joined Tonbridge Angels following a short loan spell after being released by the Gills. He joined Hythe in the summer of 2016 and is now starting his fourth year with the Cannons as the current club captain.

**ALEX BROWN** Midfielder Age 27  
Alex started his career at Gillingham. During that time, he had loan spells with Whitstable Town, Corby Town and Maidstone United. He was then to sign permanently with the Stones. He then went on loan to Leatherhead and made the move permanent in January 2016.

He then joined Dartford before joining Margate.

**ROSS IBBERTSON** Midfield Age 23  
Ross came through the youth set up at Gillingham He has also played for Hollands & Blair and East Grinstead Town.

**JARRED TRESPADERNE** Midfield Age 21  
Young exciting midfielder who joined in October 2019. He has also played for Folkestone Invicta, Herne Bay, Tunbridge Wells, Corinthian and East Grinstead Town.

**DARREN OLDAKER** Midfielder Age 21  
Darren was originally with us on loan from Gillingham two seasons ago when he played 14 games for the Cannons before returning to Priestfield. He went into the Gillingham first team for a short while before leaving for Billericay Town.

**MORGAN WILLIAMSON** Midfielder Age 16  
Youngster, Morgan joined us from the Maidstone United youth set up during the Summer. He is a player with a lot of potential for the future.

**BRADLEY IHONVIE** Midfielder Age 16  
Another youngster who came from Maidstone United. He has a bright future in the game.

**ALEX FLISHER** Striker Age 28  
Alex Flisher joined us from Dartford in October 2019 having played most of his career with Maidstone United and Margate. He is a very dangerous winger who causes headaches for defenders.

**FRANNIE COLLIN** Striker Age 33  
Experienced striker, Frannie Collin joined

us from Margate. He started his career with Gillingham where he made nine first team appearances before moving onto Dover Athletic. He has also had spells with Tonbridge Angels, Maidstone United, Leatherhead and Hastings United.

**TOM WALMSLEY** Striker Age 19  
Local lad, Tom is a midfielder who started his senior career at Folkestone Invicta before moving to Whitstable Town. He moved to Hythe in the latter part of season 2018/2019.

**KAKA DEMBELE** Striker Age 24  
Kaka signed in November following his return from Australia where is was playing for Seaford Rangers in the South Australia State League One. He has latterly been playing as a striker but has also played in defence or midfield. He has also turned out for Dartford, Thamesmead Town, Welling United and Greenwich Borough.

**KANE PHILLIP** Striker Age 21  
Kane is in his second spell with Hythe originally in February 2019 before leaving for Sittingbourne. He rejoined just before lockdown earlier this year. He is a winger who opened his scoring account with a double against Burgess Hill earlier in the season. He has also played for Herne Bay, Dover Athletic

**NICK DEMBELE** Striker Age 23  
Nick joined the club in September having played for Cambridge City last season. He plays mainly on the left-hand side. He has also had spells playing in Gibraltar and for Lingfield, Metropolitan Police, Maidenhead United and Brimsdown.





# The Latest Match

## Summarising Heath's recent matches

### Blues 1

**Welwyn Garden City 4**

**Sat 17/10/20**

**Buildbase FA Trophy  
Second Qualifying  
Round**

Heath were left to rue a host of missed chances as they crashed out if the FA Trophy as their winless start to the season continued.

They squandered a golden opportunity to take a 5th minute when Anh-War Tran-West's penalty was comfortably saved by Charlie Crowley.

The visitors then stormed into a 2-0 lead through Alieu Nije and Lee Close in the 12th and 16th minutes respectively.

Andy Dalhouse squandered a great chance to reduce the arrears shortly after before



*Anh-War Tran-West's penalty is saved in the 5th minute*

Tran-West made amends for his earlier penalty miss by making it 2-1 on the stroke of half time.

After the break Andy Dalhouse, Adrian Rowe and sub Sanuel Ogunseye all had chances to get Heath back on level terms, but despite dominating the second half

Heath conceded two soft late goals, both scored by Jordan Kinoshi in the 87th and 90th minutes, that gave the final score line a rather flattening look about it.

Heath will need to regroup and prepare for next Saturday's tough home fixture against Hythe Town.



*Welwyn Garden City man of the match, goalkeeper Charlie Crowley*

**Words: John Rea**

**Photographs: Ray Turner, Tony Sim and Dave Ellmer**



*Above and below, different angles of Anh-War Tran-West's goal for the Blues*





# An Interview With ...

## Mick Cottingham

Following his retirement as Chairman, Michael Cottingham has been interviewed for the Programme by Editor, Dave Ellmer.

*Michael you have just handed over the reins of responsibility after seven years in office to Steve Isherwood, how does it feel?*

After seven years as Chairman it feels strange, I never felt like a Chairman as everyone just got on with everyone else and made the club run smoothly. I only really felt like I was Chairman when it was a presentation evening and I had the chance to thank all and then gave out a few awards to the best of our great volunteers.

*When you became Chairman, what was the club like and what competition were we playing in?*

To be frank it was not doing very well. The club was in stalemate, but it felt like we were a sleeping giant. While it needed a push as we were in Sussex County League Division 3 (now div 2) we knew that one slip and we could be in the Mid Sussex FL.

*When during your tenure did the club change?*

Very simple, the appointment of Shaun Saunders was the start of a new era.

*When we were denied promotion after the points deduction how did it feel?*

After being denied promotion I felt that we had lost the chance to go further. Our Manager, Shaun, did not like it, our players were gutted, in-fact we all were. But Shaun told me, lets show them



we are the best, and prove everyone wrong.

*And when we won again the next season adding the league cup for good measure?*

Best feeling ever, going to the league dinner and collecting so many trophies that we could not get them all on the table. It was brilliant!

*During your tenure we must have had many players. Who were your favourite four (goalkeeper, defender, midfielder and striker)?*

Sorry can't put one player above another, as all played their part. The whole team were brilliant all through the years.

*Now be honest, is there anything you would like to have done differently and if you had a choice of Sussex or Isthmian League, which one and why?*

Nothing, throughout my whole time as Chairman, in any of the years, regardless of the league we were in, it was good.

*Michael, thanks for your time. Now it's time to take a slightly back seat and enjoy watching.*

# Inside the Isthmian

The Pitching In Isthmian League South East Division



## LATEST 20-21 SOUTH EAST DIVISION TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 VCD Athletic	5	4	0	1	15	5	+10	12
2 Hythe Town	5	3	1	1	12	8	+4	10
3 East Grinstead Town	3	3	0	0	11	2	+9	9
4 Sevenoaks Town	5	2	3	0	9	5	+4	9
5 Whitstable Town	6	3	0	3	9	15	-6	9
6 Hastings United	4	2	2	0	7	2	+5	8
7 Faversham Town	4	2	2	0	6	2	+4	8
8 Whyteleafe	3	2	1	0	7	3	+4	7
9 Herne Bay	4	2	0	2	7	6	+1	6
10 Phoenix Sports	5	2	0	3	6	8	-2	6
11 Cray Valley PM	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
12 Burgess Hill Town	5	1	1	3	5	6	-1	4
13 Whitehawk	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
14 Sittingbourne	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
15 Ashford United	4	1	1	2	5	8	-3	4
16 Ramsgate	4	1	0	3	6	9	-3	3
17 Chichester City	4	1	0	3	5	10	-5	3
18 Three Bridges	4	1	0	3	5	12	-7	3
19 Haywards Heath	5	0	1	4	5	15	-10	1

## FIXTURES

### Saturday 24th October 2020

Burgess Hill Town vs Ramsgate  
Cray Valley PM vs Ashford United  
East Grinstead vs Whitstable  
Haywards Heath Town vs Hythe  
Herne Bay vs Chichester City  
Sevenoaks Town vs Hastings  
Sittingbourne vs Whyteleafe  
Three Bridges vs Phoenix Sports  
Whitehawk vs Faversham Town

### Tuesday 27th October 2020

Ashford United vs Sevenoaks  
Chichester City vs Three Bridges  
Faversham Town vs VCD Athletic  
Hastings United vs Whitehawk  
Hythe Town vs Sittingbourne  
Phoenix Sports vs East Grinstead  
Ramsgate vs Herne Bay  
Whitstable Town vs Cray Valley  
Whyteleafe vs Burgess Hill Town

### Saturday 31st October 2020

Chichester City vs Hythe Town  
Cray Valley PM vs Burgess Hill  
Faversham vs Phoenix Sports  
Hastings United vs Sittingbourne  
Haywards Heath vs Sevenoaks  
Herne Bay vs Three Bridges  
VCD Athletic vs Whitstable Town  
Whitehawk vs East Grinstead  
Whyteleafe vs Ramsgate

### Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Cray Valley PM v Ashford United  
VCD Athletic v East Grinstead Tn  
Whitehawk v Whyteleafe



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## Ref's Corner

with Dave Ellmer



### **Elbows Ref?!**

For today's league game against Hythe Town, I have decided to repeat my column about the illegal use of the elbow and lower arm.

Players claim that they need to raise their arms to gain leverage when jumping for the ball. While this may be true it is essential that they do not endanger an opponent in the process.

Sadly, sometimes the elbow is used as a weapon to injure an opponent, which is the upper end of the scale.

To get here we need to go through a number of steps which I will guide you through.

At the bottom is two opposing players running next to each other when one makes contact with the other with an elbow. Normally this is accidental and requires no action.

Players using their arms for leverage when jumping for the ball must ensure that they do not make anything other than incidental contact with their opponent.

While contact beyond this can be construed as careless striking, it is often mutual and no action is taken. The reality is that when players are so close some contact is inevitable.

A particular bug bear of mine was players jumping for the ball, from behind their opponent, leading with a forearm.

Normally this caused contact with their opponent regardless of whether they headed the ball or not. Sometimes this contact was with the back of their opponent's head or their neck which can be dangerous.

The claim that the arm was there to prevent their opponent jumping

backwards into them is nonsensical. Have you ever tried jumping while simultaneously leaning backwards?

The next scenario is jumping at an opponent leading with an elbow. The point of contact depends on the height of the elbow and to what extent it is leading.

This can easily result in elbow to head contact and we are now looking at taking disciplinary action against the offender.

The referee must decide if the foul was careless or reckless. Please remember that multiple careless fouls are cautioned as are single reckless ones.

I now want to escalate to those cases where using the elbow represents serious foul play or violent conduct.

Players challenging with a swinging arm are showing total disregard for the outcome of any contact with their opponent. This is not acceptable and endangers safety.

Sometimes simply leading with an elbow will attract a red card due to point of contact and the use of excessive force.

I have seen televised incidents where a player has jumped with an arm raised and then, in a secondary motion, violently thrust their elbow into an opponent.

Elbows are also used to strike an opponent who is alongside them. Making forceful contact, often to their head, is clearly inviting the referee to quickly brandish a red card!

In these examples it can be difficult to decide if the offense was serious foul play or violent conduct. My yardstick was to ask myself if it was part of a challenge which is serious foul play or violent conduct against an opponent.



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WHAT'S THE best goal you've seen live? Not necessarily your favourite or one that meant the most, saw your club win something or, dare I say it, avoid relegation. But the best.

Football is subjective. One person's best goal might not be to the taste of another's. Some prefer mazy runs. Others think there's nothing better than a long range strike that crashes in off the underside of the bar.

We're fortunate we get to see more Non-League goals than we ever did. Now wonder strikes from across the country are only a few clicks away, be it on the club's website, YouTube channel or social media. Often we will see a goal just moments after the game has finished.

It used to be waiting to buy the end of season club video to re-live those moments that could have occurred months earlier. Was it quite as good as you remembered? Was it really that far out? Did the keeper really have no chance?

One that will always live long in my memory was a strike by Michael Warner for Farnborough Town against Heybridge Swifts. A headed clearance fell out of the sky to customary cries of 'SHOOT!'

Often the instruction to take aim is swiftly followed by groans as the ball sails off target, troubling parked vehicles in the car park more than the goalkeeper.

But this day, Warner's effort was a dream. Like a tracer missile the ball rocketed into the top corner. Two goalkeepers wouldn't have saved it.

It was brilliant. These days it would have gone 'viral' and been retweeted thousands of times on twitter.

Technology has certainly made our annual Goal of the Season at The NLP's National Game Awards more competitive than ever.

More and more nominations roll in each year, all worthy winners from all different levels of the game. In years gone by, these goals would be the stuff of myth and legend. Now the tangible proof is there.

I was fortunate enough to be at the National League North Eliminator game between Brackley Town and Gateshead a few months ago.

Fans weren't allowed in the grounds. That was a shame for loyal supporters as it is but even more so when Shane Byrne pulled a spectacular rabbit out of the hat on the stroke of half-time.

Gateshead had just gone one up deep in first-half stoppage time and looked for all the world to be heading into the break in front.

But Byrne, apparently, had other ideas. Receiving the ball from kick-off inside his own half, the midfielder hit an inch perfect ball that flew right into the top corner.

Gateshead keeper Brad James had no chance. It wasn't like he'd been caught unawares not concentrating.

It left the handful of people inside the ground open-mouthed. A wow moment. The only problem for me being, I didn't fully see it. I was taking notes down from the first goal. Who shoots direct from kick-off!? I saw it in the air from a long way out, I saw it arrow into the net. I saw 80 per cent of it. But I didn't see the actual strike itself.

So does it count as my best goal witnessed live? It's certainly the best one I nearly saw!

**Matt Badcock**



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## From The Terraces

by Neal Freeman

As well as being a huge fan of the Blues, of course, I am a huge fan of all sorts of music. That opening line would have worked really well if I was a particular fan of blues music, but I am not. Another comedy moment sacrificed to honesty.

Anyway, I thought it might be fun to look at connections between music and football. Those of you who have been listening to the songs I have been playing before the game might have recognised 'All Together Now' by the Farm, which reached number 4 in the UK singles chart in 1990. What you may not know is that the song is based on the famous Christmas Day Truce in 1914. Soldiers on both sides of the trenches put down their weapons, met in No Man's Land, exchanged gifts, and kicked a ball about.

The story may have been exaggerated, it may not, but it doesn't matter. It really resonates with us still today because, as

the great Edwin Starr put it, "war, what is it good for, absolutely nothing."

In these Covid times, football brings us together in a different way. Let's face it, there aren't too many events to attend at present, and Saturday afternoons are a hugely important lifeline for those of us who are mostly at home. So, make the most of it! Maybe even talk to some of the opposing fans in the spirit of the Christmas Day Truce.

In a story in 1962, Robert Graves provides a fictional account in which the German side wins 3-2. I prefer to think that it was a 2-2 draw which went to a penalty shoot out, which, of course, Germany won.

Stay safe everyone. Oh, and if you want to hear a particular song, why not tweet your suggestion using @HHTFC?

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In October 2019 we presented our 100th Defibrillator to the wonderful Upper Beeding School, since then we have donated a few more taking our total to 104 Defibrillators since 2012.

This is all in memory of Connor's remarkable gift for life and know that despite our personal tragedy, he'd be delighted at just how many people are 'heart safe' because of him and how he lives in our hearts, our memories and actions today.

We look forward to getting back to our work in the community after this difficult time for us all, we hope by the end 2020 we will have donated another defibrillator nationwide and locally too.

Our hopes for 2021 is to be able to put together a mindfulness program that helps children who are suffering with loss and grief.

## MEET THE TEAM

**Darran**, Connor's proud Mum, works tirelessly to prevent another families heartbreak. By using their story in anti violence workshops and training, she encourages children to understand the full impact of their actions and to use their hands for good, instead of in anger.

Darran was awarded a British Empire Medal in 2018 for her incredible & brave work on the issue, in recognition of meritorious civil service.

**Courtney**, Connor's adored big sister, works booking the school visits, planning and organising the fundraising and making sure all the communication channels are up to date.

Like her mum Darran, Courtney was awarded a British Empire Award in 2018 for her dedication and work on the issue in her brother's name, again in recognition of meritorious civil service.

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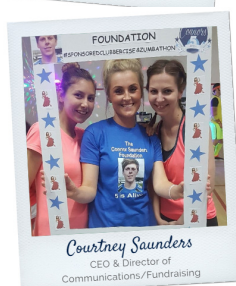
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As a small family run organisation, we simply can't do it by ourselves and rely on our lovely volunteers to help raise awareness and get more schools and students involved. We'd love you to join us – please email us at [info@connors5.com](mailto:info@connors5.com) to find out how you can help us with our work.

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**Walk and Talk MMH believe football is key to opening up the conversation regarding men's mental health, raise awareness and prevent male suicide, which is the biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK.**

14 men take their own lives in the UK every single day. The group are determined these shocking statistics have to change. They hold events across the UK, bringing opposition fans together, walking from one stadium to another on match days.

Their fundraising and events that help so many were impacted with lockdown and games played behind closed doors, but they are back! This will be the sixth season for Walk and Talk MMH.

They have covered over 9,000 miles to date walking and talking with fans from Non-League, Championship, Premier League and Scottish Premiership Clubs.

They have seen that something as simple as companionship can save lives. The group believes that football has the power to help men who find themselves in a position of loneliness and isolation.

Walking has such a powerful effect on mental and physical health, and with the ability to talk openly in a friendly environment elevates that impact. Everyone is welcome to join for a mile, 2 miles or the whole distance.

Lockdown has been a chance to reset and unwind for some, and a challenging, worrying

and lonely time for many others. Never has there been a more important time to get out and talk about your own mental health.

The walk between stadiums gives the opportunity to open up about anything weighing on your mind, or just talk football, no matter what your club colours are. The group provide peer to peer support for each other, based on personal experiences.

Lee Adams, Founder of Walk and Talk MMH, said "I went through a difficult period some time ago. I felt alone, isolated, with nowhere to turn, and was close to taking my own life. Five years ago I started walking to Fulham FC away games, to raise awareness that 1 in 4 of us may suffer at some point in our lives, and I soon understood I wasn't alone.

"I became motivated to turn my experiences into a positive to help and support others who felt the same as I had.

"People started to join me, and now this has become a huge movement of fans coming together from many teams, to let other men know that it's ok to talk."

Walk and Talk MMH are extremely proud to be named as one of the 2020/21 charity partners, and look forward to working together with HHTFC for the forthcoming season.

**See their website for further information**  
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# Fixtures, Results & Line-Ups

## Heath's 2020-21 Season Record

HOME Away ■ Cautioned ■ Sent Off Scorers in **BOLD**  
**ILSE** = Isthmian League South East Division **FAC** = FA Cup **FAT** = FA Trophy  
**SCC** = Sussex Senior Challenge Cup



Red = Evening Kick-Offs

Team Line-Up First XI

Substitutes Used

Date & Opposition	Comp	Res	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	#	+	*
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																	
12 Broadbridge Heath	FACP	A/W	~														
19 <b>EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN</b>	ILSE	L 1-4	230	Collings	<b>MORRISON</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span>	Summerfield	Pearse	Allen	Wilson #	Clarke	Napper	Ogunseye *	N Cotton	Cadman +	Cumber <span style="color: red;">■</span>	Batchelor <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Hallard
22 <b>HANWELL TOWN</b>	FAC1Q	L 0-1	163	Collings	Morrison	Summerfield	T Gilbert	Allen	Napper	Clarke	Wilson #	Ogunseye +	Hallard *	N Cotton <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Cumber	Dalhouse	Batchelor
26 Burgess Hill Town	ILSE	D 1-1	341	Collings	Morrison	Summerfield	T Gilbert	Allen	Napper	<b>CLARKE</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> #	L Cotton <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Ogunseye +	Wilson <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	N Cotton	Ryder	Hallard	-
<b>OCTOBER</b>																	
3 <b>WHITSTABLE TOWN</b>	ILSE	L 0-2	145	Collings	Morrison	Summerfield <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Napper	T Gibert	Bromage	Clarke	Wilson *	Ogunseye +	Hill #	N Cotton	Pearse <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Dalhouse	Osei
6 <b>HASTINGS UNITED</b>	ILSE	L 1-5	159	Collings	Morrison <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Summerfield	Napper	Osei	T Gilbert <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Batchelor #	Wilson <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Ogunseye +	Clarke	N Cotton *	J Gilbert	Dalhouse	Monteiro
10 Chichester City	ILSE	L 2-3	263	Otuyo <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Morrison <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Summerfield <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Napper <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Cumber	T Gilbert *	Clarke # <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Rowe <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	<b>DALHOUSE</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> +	J Gilbert	<b>N COTTON</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span>	Wilson	Osei	Ogunseye
17 <b>WELWYN GARDEN CITY</b>	FAT2Q	L 1-4	210	Otuyo <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Morrison	Summerfield <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	Napper	Janneh <span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	T Gilbert	<b>TRAN-WEST</b> <span style="color: red;">■</span> #	Cumber	Dalhouse +	Hill *	Rowe	J Gilbert	Ogunseye	Akehurst
24 <b>HYTHE TOWN</b>	ILSE																
31 <b>SEVENOAKS TOWN</b>	ILSE																
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																	
TBC Horsham YMCA	SSC2																
7 Sittingbourne	ILSE																
14 <b>PHOENIX SPORTS</b>	ILSE																
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28 Whitehawk	ILSE																
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>																	
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9 Cray Valley PM	ILSE																
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<b>FEBRUARY</b>																	
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<b>MARCH</b>																	
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## Blues players' 20-21 statistics



Player Name	HTTFC 20-21 Stats					HTTFC Career	
	St	Su	Gls	Y	R	Apps	Gls
Billy Collings (GK)	5					5	
Karly Akehurst		1				146	31
Reece Batchelor	1	2		1		3	
Tadley Bromage	1					1	
Tom Cadman	1					1	
Jordan Clarke	6		1	1		6	1
Nico Cotton	6		1	1	1	38	3
Danny Cumber	2	2			1	12	1
Andrew Dalhouse	2	3	1			32	11
Jacob Gilbert	1	2				3	
Tom Gilbert	6			1		6	
Reece Hallard	1	2				15	
Michael Hill	2					2	
Vitor Monteiro		1				1	
Hamish Morrison	7		1	2		45	2
Byron Napper	6			1		89	6
Samuel Ogunseye	5	2				7	
Dan Pearse	1	1				3	
Kieran Rowe	2			1		68	10
Farrall Ryder		1				4	
Tom Summerfield	7			3		38	
Anh-war Tran-West	1		1			1	1
Michael Wilson	5	1		2		10	
Muhammed Otuyo (GK)*	2			2		2	
Marcus Allen*	3					3	
Lloyd Cotton*	1			1		20	1
Kwabena Osei*	1	1				2	
Essa Janneh*	1			1		1	

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Karl **AKEHURST** ■  
Reece **BATCHELOR** ■  
Tadley **BROMAGE** ■  
Tom **CADMAN** ■  
Jordan **CLARK** ■  
Luca **COCHARRCHIO** ■  
Drew **COONEY** ■  
Nico **COTTON** ■  
Andrew **DALHOUSE** ■  
sam **FREEMAN** ■  
Jacob **GILBERT** ■  
Tom **GILBERT** ■  
Reece **HALLARD** ■  
Michael **HILL** ■  
Vitor **MONTEIRO** ■  
Hamish **MORRISON** ■  
Byron **NAPPER** ■  
Samuel **OGUNSEYE** ■  
Dan **PEARSE** ■  
Kieran **ROWE** ■  
Farrall **RYDER** ■  
Tom **SUMMERFIELD** ■  
Anh-war **TRAN-WEST** ■  
Harry **WILLIAMS** ■  
Michael **WILSON** ■

Shaun Saunders  
Blue & White

Manager  
Colours

Referee **Tristan Greaves**  
Asst. Referee **Ffion Eade**  
Asst. Referee **Greig Walker**

## THE CANNONS

■ Will **GODMON**  
■ Nathan **HARVEY**  
■ Dean **BECKWITH**  
■ Tom **WYNTER**  
■ Nathan **GORDON**  
■ James **ROGERS**  
■ Liam **SMITH**  
■ Charlie **WEBSTER**  
■ Alex **BROWN**  
■ Ross **IBBERTSON**  
■ Jarred **TRESPADERNE**  
■ Darren **OLDAKER**  
■ Morgan **WILLIAMSON**  
■ Bradley **IHIONVIEN**  
■ Alex **FLISHER**  
■ Frannie **COLLIN**  
■ Tom **WALMSLEY**  
■ Kaka **DEMBELE**  
■ Kane **PHILLIP**  
■ Nick **DEMBELE**  
■ Ryan **BOTLEY**

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