



Oliver Selfe (Chief Executive Officer , Wiltshire FA), Air Marshall Sir Christopher Colville (former President of the RAF FA) and Andy Walduck (former Chairman of Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC) at the last Veterans' Super Sunday event

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#### First Team Honours

Wiltshire Senior Cup Winners 1998-91, 2000-01
Wiltshire Senior Cup Runners-up 1902-03, 1903-04, 1987-88
Hellenic League Division 1 West Runners-up 2009-10, 2012-13
Hellenic League Div 1 Cup Winners 1989-90, 1993-94
Hellenic League Division 1 Cup Runners-up 1994-95
Wiltshire County League Division 1 Champions 1987-88
Wiltshire County League Runners-up 1905-06
Wiltshire County League Senior Cup Winners 1983-84
Wiltshire County League Division 2 Champions 1984-85
Wiltshire County League Division 2 Runners-up 1978-79
Wiltshire County League Subsidiary Cup Winners 1978-79
Wiltshire League Division 1 Champions 1958-59

Calne & District League Champions 1931-32, 1934-35, 1935-36

Calne & District League Runners-up 1930-31 Calne & District League Cup Winners 1934-35

Calne & District League Cup Runners-up 1935-36

Swindon & District League Advertiser Cup Runners-up 1902-03, 1904-05

Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners 1933-34

#### Reserve/Dev Team Honours

Hellenic League Reserves Division 2 West Champions 1994-95 Wiltshire County League Division 4 Runners-up 1982-83 Wiltshire County League Junior Cup Runners-up 1984-85, 1988-89, 2012-13 Vale of White Horse League Cup Winners 1953-54 Chippenham & District League Division 2 Champions 1957-58

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#### **Welcome To Today's Games**



Good Morning all and welcome to the home of Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC for our long awaited "Vets Super Sunday".

With a number of provisional dates over the past 12 months being cancelled due to

Covid-19 restrictions, we are delighted to finally be able to welcome back the RAFFA Veterans following the last match between us in January 2020.

A special welcome is extended to the current President of the RAFFA, Paul Thorogood and Ambassador Geoff Hancocks along with all the Players and supporters from Royal Air Force Football Association.

We also welcome the Mayor of Royal Wootton Bassett Town, Steve Walls to the Gerard Buxton Ground and thank him for taking the time in his busy schedule to come and cheer us on.

It's fantastic that we are able to renew our rivalries on the pitch against the RAFFA after such a long wait and even better that we can do so by playing two matches this afternoon. The first will be the Over 50s match, which will be played in memory of Brian Johnson from the RAF Veterans who sadly passed away recently after a brave fight with cancer.

We are honoured to have his wife, Di and his two boys, Lewis and JJ with us for the event and they will present the winning team with

The Brian Johnson Memorial Trophy. This will be followed by our Over 35s match.

Our Veterans Section continues to go from strength to strength and both the Over 35s and Over 50s sides are gearing up for what promises to be an extremely competitive season in league and cup competitions. The Over 35s will play in the Wiltshire Senior League (Veterans North Division) and for the 2nd year the Over 50s will play in the Oxfordshire Over 50s Premier League, with fixtures due to start in early September.

Our "Friday Footy" sessions continue to be extremely popular with 30-40 players regularly meeting up at 6:30pm on a Friday night to play football with friends, run off the week's stresses and have a laugh and a joke with teammates over a drink in the bar.

The organising of our "Vets Super Sunday" is a real demonstration of how special our club really is, so I'd like to give an ENORMOUS thank you to all (Committee Members, Catering, Programme, Publicity, Team Managers) involved for putting on such a great event and supporting our aging footballers.

All that's left for me to say is to wish all players and teams the very best of luck (especially those in Bassett Shirts). There will be a collection to support the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund so please be as generous as you are able. Be competitive on the field and make lifelong friendships off it!

Martin

Head of Veterans' Section



The charity that supports the RAF family



# STANDING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE RAF FAMILY FOR 100 YEARS







#### Thank you to everyone who supported the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch today.

The RAF Benevolent Fund has been standing side by side with members of the RAF Family since 1919. Back then we spent £919 helping young airmen get back on their feet.

Today we spend almost £18m every year helping veterans, serving personnel and their dependents in their time of need.

#### Help us to continue our work. www.rafbf.org/get-involved

The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund is a registered charity in England and Wales (1081009) and in Scotland (SC038109).

#### **Brian Johnson Memorial Shield**

This game involving the two Over 50s sides will be played in memory of Brian Johnson who sadly passed away recently after a brave fight with cancer. BJ was a very classy centre half at a time when centre half's were only meant to kick things that moved and anything that didn't move either! Assured and composed on the ball, he enjoyed a fine playing career both for service and for civilian particularly in Germany where he was based for a spell. Despite a number of good centre half's in the mix he still made several appearances for the full RAF representative team.

We are very pleased to have his wife, Di and his two boys, Lewis and JJ with us for the event and they will present the winning team with The Brian Johnson Memorial Trophy. Attendees are coming from all over the UK as well as Spain, Belgium and Qatar which goes to show just how highly BJ was thought of - Rest in Peace player.





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#### **Opponents History**



The RAF Football Association (RAF FA) was formed in 1920 and is a County Level organisation,

affiliated within the Football Association. The RAF FA provides structured opportunities to participate in football for all serving personnel and associated civilians, irrespective of age, colour and gender.

The RAF FA headquarters at RAF Brize Norton, with its full time staff, work with the Association's Board of Trustees / Executive Committee, to address areas encompassing Coaching, Discipline, Refereeing, Communications & Sponsorship and Finance. The RAF FA manages football in line with the strategies and regulations of the Football Association.

The Royal Air Force field Representative Teams, including Men's, Development

(U23), Ladies, Men's Officers' (Icarus FC) and Veterans. The Representative Teams compete in the Inter-Services against the Army and Royal Navy, as well as national competitions and friendly fixtures. Wider football participation is also promoted via Inter-Region and RAF Cup competitions, Service, Station and civilian football leagues. Nationally organised small sided competitions have helped the RAF FA with the transformation of RAF football.

The RAF FA's plans and priorities are identified within the FA National Game Strategy. The Association is focussed on 'Excellence', 'Participation' and 'Community' and is committed to delivering a wide range of benefits to stakeholders who include coaches, referees, players, club officials, sponsors, Sports Board, Air Training Cadets and local populations. Our aim is to develop football, our personnel, and our organisation together.



#### **Last Meeting at GBSG**



The latest Veterans Super Sunday event saw Royal Wootton Bassett Town Blues take the honours in the annual fixture against the RAF FA Veterans team, triumphing 3-2. Bringing a strong, well-numbered squad, the RAF were looking to repeat their win at St. George's Park in February, but Bassett's game plan, conceived by the management team of Bryan Wood and Sam Collier (making the step up from first team duties), was a success in what was a full-throttle affair.



The RAF took off at a pace, moving the ball freely through defence and midfield. Bassett were happy to concede possession to maintain shape, having changed to a 4-4-2. The defence of Davis and Cook, with Warren and Cinquegrani at full-back were in for a busy time but stood up well to begin with. Challenges were uncompromising with the RAF bringing a physicality to their play, which Bassett had to match.

Bassett looked to the speed of Newton on the left and Shaw upfront to relieve the pressure and both looked dangerous when they found space. However, the RAF took the lead on fifteen minutes, a through ball to the right channel caught Bassett square and the number six was clear and able to roll a composed finish past Paul Boys-Stones' right side.



Soon after, a reshuffle was needed when Gav Cook suffered a hamstring tear, with Martin Jefferies coming on at right-back and Warren moving to the centre. And he soon started ruffling feathers, a contretemps with the opposing forward having to be sorted out by the referee. The RAF included the offender in their mass change as they used their combined forces to refresh legs.

Perversely, this allowed Bassett more into the game as they started to find room down the flanks. Martin Ohrland and Pete Wilson were getting through an immense workload as a duo in midfield, and Steve Lynch on the right and Martin Cooper as the front man showed some hard-running, combining to create space for others.

Shaw, dropping off the front started to threaten and his fine lofted ball from right to left found Newton outpacing his marker to then lift a deft finish over the onrushing 'keeper to bring the scores level.



As the first half played out, Blues were indebted to a couple of fine saves from Boys-Stones, one a superhero impression as he reached across in a goalmouth scramble.

Bassett were in the ascendency. Newton saw a volley fly just over, then broke free down the left only to toe-poke over when a square ball may have been better. Another Newton run through the heart of the RAF rearguard was crudely brought to an end-the ball running free to Cooper in on goal, but the whistle had gone early when advantage should have been applied.

Collier and Wood were calm at half-time, happy with the consistent threat on the break by the dangerous Shaw and Newton and the way the defence were soaking up the pressure. Howse came on up front for Cooper and Parker at right midfield for Lynch.

The second half started with a prearranged offering for the retiring head of RAF football, Sir Chris. A penalty was played out, and despite Boys-Stones inadvertently saving with a scorpion kick when trying to avoid the ball Sir Chris tucked home the rebound.

The goal was not to be added to the scoreline but certainly confused some of the well-attended crowd into thinking it

was 2-1. The game started for real at 1-1 and Bassett were into their stride. Howse was holding the ball up well and Newton and Shaw continued to buzz around down the flanks. Newton has a great chance to put the Blues in front but after rounding the defender he got his finish all wrong.

The breakthrough came soon after. Howse held off the defenders when the ball was played up to him and laid it back to Ohrland. Bassett's own Hercules found himself in space and curled a superlative left-footer from 25 yards over the 'keeper but back down under the bar.



The RAF refreshed their ranks once more, and the Bassett defence were put under more strain by the fresh legs. One effort was blazed over as some of the antics got under the defender's skin, Warren again skirmishing with the number six.

PD and Cinq's were also up for the battle and behind them Boys-Stones was pulling out the stops when needed. Shaw had to succumb to a jarred knee, sending Cooper back on but Bassett's ten was soon needed again, as Parker over-reacted to a challenge, chasing and pushing over his opposite number (a la Benny Hill) and had to be taken off. Soon after Wilson took a dig to the ribs off the ball and Lynch was summoned from the bench.

Bassett were still looking sharp and a slack pass across the back game them their chance for take-off. Cooper intercepted and turned before taking advantage of the keeper off his line and lobbing over him from twenty yards.



The RAF turned up the ante, sending defenders forward, and Boystones main moment came: a ball to the back post was controlled and volleyed by one of the troops sent up, but Bassett's number one narrowed the angle and even managed to hold on to the strike.



There was time for an acrobatic left-foot volley from Howse that whistled narrowly wide from a Newton cross, before the RAF pulled one back moments before the final whistle in a goalmouth scramble.

Upon the restart the ref brought proceedings to an end and Bassett were able to enjoy a win in a high-octane, competitive match.

Final Score Royal W. Bassett Town Veterans 3 RAF Veterans 2



#### **Previous Meetings**

#### Royal Wootton Bassett Town Games Against RAF Sides

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I	Date	H/A	Competition	Opponents	Result	Goalscorers
	7-Nov-36	A	WL Div 1	RAF Boscombe Down	L 1 - 2	Gleed
	13-Feb- $37$	Н	WL Div 1	RAF Boscombe Down	W 5 - 1	Beazley 2, Embling, Drury, Perry
	11-Sep- $37$	Н	WL Div 1	RAF Boscombe Down	L1-4	Embling
	18-Sep-37	A	WL Div 1	RAF Boscombe Down	D 1 - 1	Embling
	$04 ext{-} ext{Dec-}37$	Н	WSC R1	RAF Boscombe Down	D 3 - 3	Spraggs 2, Perry
	11-Dec-37	A	WSC R1	RAF Boscombe Down	Awarded	to RAF Boscombe Down
	1-Apr-39	A	WL Div 1	RAF Boscombe Down	D 1 - 1	Brown
	22-Apr-39	Н	WL Div 1	RAF Boscombe Down	W 5 - 0	Longbottom, Arthurs, Gleed, Bartlett, OG
	28-Oct-39	Н	Friendly	RAF XI (Yatesbury)	L 0 - 6	
	$28\text{-}\mathrm{Apr}\text{-}52$	N	VWH Cup SF	RAF Hullavington	W 5 - 2	White 2, Skull, Thompson, Rowlands
	03-May-52	N	VWH Cup F	RAF Compton Bassett	L 2 - 4	White, Skull
	13-Apr-54	A	VWH Cup SF	RAF Lyneham	D 2 - 2	Coles 2
	$20\text{-}\mathrm{Apr}\text{-}54$	Н	VWH Cup SF	RAF Lyneham	W 2 - 1	Skull 2
	9-Oct-54	A	WJC 1 (Res)	RAF Melksham	L 0 - 10	
	21-Aug-57	Н	WL Div 1	RAF Yatesbury	W 5 - 2	Scorers unknown
	25-Jan-58	A	WL Div 1	RAF Yatesbury	W 5 - 1	Hudson 3, Embling, G.Simpkins
	30-Apr-17	Н	Friendly	RAF Veterans	L 0 - 3	
	29-Apr-18	Н	Friendly	RAF Veterans	W 2 - 0	Parker 2
	2-Feb-19	A	Friendly	RAF Veterans	L 3 - 6	Cooper, Howse, Parker
	5-May-19	Н	Friendly	RAF Veterans	W 3 - 2	Cooper, Newton, Ohrland
	19-Jan-20	A	Friendly	RAF Veterans	W 5 - 3	Collier 3, Jefferies, Ohrland



The RAF squad pictured before the game at the GBSG in April 2018

#### **Some RWBTFC RAF Players**

Over the years Royal Wootton Bassett Town FC has had a number of RAF players, mainly from RAF Lyneham, represent the club. Named below are some of those players who played for the club whilst they were in the RAF:

Ronnie Mair (Late 1950s, early 1960s)

Alex Stark (Late 1950s, early 1960s)

Johnny "Sandy" Rose (Late 1950s, early 1960s)

Joe Robinson (1960s)

Andy Harkness (1960s)

Wilf Connolly (1960s)

John "Benny" Lehane (1960s, early 1970s)

Alan Hamilton (1970s) (pictured right)

John Small (1980s)

Graham Smedley (1980s) (pictured right)

Mark Vaughan (2000s) (pictured right)

Mick Byrne (2000s)

Allan Pluckrose (2000s)

Stuart Lamont (2000s) (pictured below)

Dave Turner (2000s)

Tony Macek (2000s) (pictured below right)

Paul Garbutt (2000s)

Paul Clegg (2000s)

Brian Kayll (2000s)

Lee Flynn (2000s)

Carl Evans (2010s)



Stuart Lamont picking up his bottle of champagne as Player of the month during Season 2002-03 from Fred Doherty & Steve Matthews



Alan Hamilton



**Graham Smedley** 



Mark Vaughan



Tony Macek

#### **Club Volunteers In Focus**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Grass Roots Football and Royal Wootton Bassett Town are lucky to have many fantastic helpers, some of whom have been with the club for a long period of time. This season the match day programme will may homage to some of these people without whom the club would be unable to maintain its current level of activity.

Today's featured volunteer is former RAF man:

#### **Rod Carter**

Positions held at the club:

- Reserve Team Assistant
- Club Secretary 1989-90 to 2010-11 (22 seasons in total)
- Club Groundsman 90's until our move
- Match Day announcer (current)

Rod Carter first got involved at Wootton Bassett Town when he was approached by Alan Blyth, who was assisting the first team manager Mick Woolford at the time. Rod used to go along to watch the games in the Wiltshire League and Alan thought that Rod might be interested in getting involved in helping out at the club. involvement started with assisting the reserve team manager at the time Mal Baker, Rod's took on a much bigger role at the club when he succeeded Paul Harrison as club secretary at the start of the 1989-90 season, a position he was to hold well into the new century. All of Rod's time as club secretary saw the first team in the Hellenic League, with the reserves either in the Wiltshire County League (now renamed the Wiltshire Senior League) or in the reserve divisions within the Hellenic League.

Whilst still Club Secretary Rod also became a key member of the trio of unpaid groundsmen who looked after the notorious playing surface at Rylands Way. Working with Treasurer Roger Williamson and Dave Dodds (when Dave was not away on secret missions with the RAF), Rod would spend his Saturday mornings unwinding from the stresses of business life by helping prepare as decent a surface as possible for the players to play on at Bassett. No doubt the trio also had lots of lengthy discussions about the relative merits of the current crop of first team players and what the manager needed to do to improve results on the pitch.

In addition to his club duties Rod was also a club divisional representative on the committee of the Hellenic League for many years and got to work alongside League Secretary Brian King and others. Rod enjoyed his time on the committee and when interviewed a few seasons back he noted that it was good to be able to see things from both sides but any issues relating to our own club had to be dealt with via other club representatives.

Rod finally stepped down as Club Secretary at the end of the 2010-11 season having reached the age of 65, and after 22 years in the role. Those who are not familiar with the club history might be surprised to learn this is not the longest tenure as Club Secretary, that honour resides with Mr Wootton Bassett Town, Percy Stone who held the secretary position for 34 seasons from 1934-35.

When Rod stepped down as Club Secretary it was not the end of his football activities, he remained involved at Bassett, including the match announcer role he still does to this day, but he also went to work for the Wiltshire FA for six-years helping the Chairman and Secretary to bring the them into the 21st century with full time staff for the first time. Rod is certainly the most experienced member of our volunteer base and I doubt few, if any, clubs in the county will be able to match someone with his experience over the years. Rod was made a Life Member in 2008, the second person to receive that honour.



#### **Royal Wootton Bassett Town V**

	Wootton Bassett Town Vets				
Seaso	n 2020-21 - Corsham Print Wiltshi	re Senio	r League	- Vets N	orth Wilts Division
Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Tue	22-Sep-20 Swindon Rovers	A	League	W 5 - 0	Badman 3, M.Cooper, Huggins
Tue	13-Oct-20 Redhouse	Η	League	L1-3	Lilley
Tue	27-Oct-20 Stratton Juniors	A	League	D 3 - 3	Huggins, Newton, Howse
Tue	22-Dec-20 Swindon Rovers	Н	WFA VC	L2-4	Huggins, Badman
Tue	06-Apr-21 Stratton Juniors	Н	League	L 2 - 3	Newton, Shaw
Tue	20-Apr-21 Swindon Rovers	H	League	L1-2	Newton
Tue	04-May-21 AFC Swindon	A	League	W 3 - 1	Shaw 2, Huggins
Tue	08-Jun-21 Redhouse	A	League	L0-4	
Tue	22-Jun-21 KMLC	A	League	L0-1	
Wed	30-Jun-21 AFC Swindon	Н	League	W 4 - 0	Oke 3, Huggins
Tue	06-Jul-21 KMLC	Н	League	L0-2	

Goalscorers	League	Cup	Total
Andy Huggins	4	1	5
Dan Badman	3	1	4
Jeremy Newton	3		3
Steve Shaw	3		3
Chris Oke	3		3
Martin Cooper	1		1
Steve Howse	1		1
Bradley Lilley	1		1
Own Goals			0
	19	2	21

Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League -	Veterans' North Division Season 2020-21
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		4 - 0	1 - 0	2 - 0		7 - 0	4	4	U	U	14	0	12		
2 Redhouse	0 - 4		3 - 2	4 - 0	7 - 2	11 - 1	5	4	0	1	25	9	12	30:12	18
2 Reunouse	2 - 0		0 - 2	3 - 1			3	2	0	1	5	3	6	30.12	10
3 Stratton Juniors	0 - 1	2 - 0		3 - 3	2 - 0	7 - 0	5	3	1	1	14	4	10	26:13	18
5 Stratton Juniors	2 - 2	2 - 3		3 - 2	2 - 2	3 - 0	5	2	2	1	12	9	8	26:13	18
4 Royal W. Bassett T	0 - 2	1 - 3	2 - 3		1 - 2	4 - 0	5	1	0	4	8	10	3	19:19	10
4 Royal W. Bassett 1	0 - 1	0 - 4	3 - 3		5 - 0	3 - 1	5	2	1	2	11	9	7	19:19	10
5 Swindon Rovers			2 - 2	0 - 5		8 - 0	3	1	1	1	10	7	4	19:23	10
5 Swindon Kovers	1 - 6	2 - 7	0 - 2	2 - 1		4 - 0	5	2	0	3	9	16	6	19:23	10
6 AFC Swindon	0 - 7		0 - 3	1 - 3	0 - 4		4	0	0	4	1	17	0	02:58	0
6 Arc Swindon	0 - 11	1 - 11	0 - 7	0 - 4	0 - 8		5	0	0	5	1	41	0	02:58	U

#### Wiltshire Senior League Veterans' Divisions Season 2020-21

(report from the Wiltshire Senior League)

Despite the elongated season the Veteran's divisions were a resounding success last season with the influx of new sides, certainly stepping up the standard over the inaugural season. In addition, in the Mid

Wiltshire Division, the fact that a number of clubs utilised their own pitches, initially at Melksham Town and Corsham Town, but later joined by Bradford Town, Chippenham Town Yard Dogs and Devizes Town, not only improved the experience for the players but also made it easier for the fixture secretary to ensure the games were played.

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Some of these clubs also allowed other teams to utilise their grass pitches which greatly assisted the job of scheduling the fixtures and meant the programme could be completed more quickly.

In the North Division, Stratton Juniors also starting utilising their grass pitch at Meadowcroft towards the end of the season which again helped expediate matters in the North Division. A big thank you to all the clubs who made their pitches available in this way, it was very much appreciated. The Veterans' sides must compete with other sides at clubs for the use of the facilities and will often be at the back of the queue behind reserve and U18 sides and the co-operation provided this season in staging games on pitches other than New College and Green Lane has been outstanding.

On the pitch both title races have been exciting affairs. In the North Division, right from the start it looked to be a two-team battle between KMLC and Redhouse for the title, although Stratton Juniors towards the end put some pressure on the top two. After just one win in their first four games, Stratton Juniors went the rest of the season unbeaten in the league, a run which included a win over Redhouse and a draw with KMLC. When the season had been brought to a premature halt in December KMLC headed the table on goal difference from Redhouse, who at that stage had won all three of their games.

When the season finally resumed at the very end of March, KMLC carried on where they had left off, smashing 11 unanswered goals against bottom side AFC Swindon. Redhouse also came back in style, defeating Swindon Rovers 7-2 and then also scoring 11 against AFC Swindon.

KMLC then got behind with their league fixtures due to progress in the Veterans'

County Cup and by the beginning of June Redhouse, despite losing to Stratton Juniors, were six points clear of KMLC, who had played two games less, and who had also been overtaken by Stratton. However, the latter had just two games to play, and no doubt rued the poor start to the season as they ran out of games in their quest for honours.

One of those two final games was against KMLC and when the two sides drew 2-2 on the opening day of June the title destiny for Redhouse was very much in their own hands. Avoid defeat against KMLC in their next game and then win their two final games against Swindon Rovers and AFC Swindon and they would be champions.

The big game between the two main title challengers took place on the second Tuesday in June was not the close affair that had been anticipated, as KMLC brushed aside their nearest rivals with a 4-0 victory. Two hard fought wins against Royal Wootton Bassett Town, both games being won with late goals, then put KMLC in pole position.

Whilst expecting to have to win their final game against Swindon Rovers to lift the title, a surprise 4-1 defeat for Redhouse at the hands of Swindon Rovers saw KMLC crowned champions before their final game. As noted above they still went out and won that final game against Rovers in another close game that indicates that there should be a few more teams involved in the title race in the North Division in Season 2021-22. Well done to KMLC and Redhouse in taking the title and runnersup spot in the North Division this season. KMLC also made the semi-final of the Wiltshire FA's Veterans' County Cup, losing on penalties to eventual winners Melksham Town.

#### **RWBTFC Veterans' Over 50's**

Seaso	n 2020-21 - Oxfordshire Over 50s Le	eague			
Date	Opponents	H/A	Comp	Result	Scorers
Sun	06-Sep-20 Hazelmere Sports	A	League	L 1 - 10	Jack
Sat	19-Sep-20 Headington Butchers	Η	League	D 3 - 3	Lewis 2, Gleed
Sun	18-Oct-20 Goring United GOB	A	League	L2-7	Cooper, Huggins
Sun	01-Nov-20 North Leigh	Η	League	W 2 - 0	Lynch, Webb
Sat	12-Dec-20 Hazelmere Sports	Η	League	L 2 - 5	Webb, Wood
Sat	10-Apr-21 Marlow Dukes	Η	League	L 0 - 3	
Sat	10-Apr-21 Marlow Dukes	A	League	L 0 - 3	
Sat	17-Apr-21 Witney Royals	Η	League	L 0 - 3	
Sat	17-Apr-21 Witney Royals	A	League	L0-2	
Sun	25-Apr-21 Chinnor	A	League	L0-2	
Sun	02-May-21 Headington Butchers	A	League	D 2 - 2	Lewis, Mitchell
Sat	08-May-21 Chinnor	Η	League	L 0 - 1	
Sun	30-May-21 North Leigh	A	League	L 1 - 5	Howse
Sun	06-Jun-21 Goring United GOB	H	League	L 2 - 3	Fisher, Lynch

Goalscorers Tim Lewis Roger Webb Bryan Wood Stephen Lynch Robert Mitchell Paul Jack Andrew Huggins Tony Gleed Steve Howse Stephen Fisher Chris Cooper	League  3 2 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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#### **Head of Veterans' AGM Report**



Since its inception, thanks to the efforts of Nick Warren and Paul Davis, the Vets section has gone from strength to strength. Big shoes to follow after Nick took a step back from the Vets at the end of last year and not helped by the small matter of a covid outbreak

and what could be classed as the strangest, most challenging year in living memory.

At the beginning of this extended season, the previous Vets "Blues" and "Yellows" teams were split into an Over 35s team and, for the first time ever for the club, an Over 50s team.

The Over 50's team in its inaugural season, were entered into the Oxfordshire Over 50s Premier League. Managed by Martyn Purcell, Paul Jack and Paul Gardner, the ethos for the first season was to involve as many of the loyal vets as possible and to enjoy the challenge of competitive matches, hopefully with a few wins along the way.

The first game of the campaign found us up against the previous seasons' league winners and we were comfortably beaten. With a squad of more than 30 players, there was plenty of people to choose from throughout the season, although sometimes proved to be a challenge in itself to make sure all players had sufficient playing time.

The difficult first season ended with one win, two draws and sadly bottom of the table but, throughout the season, performances improved dramatically and there is optimism for the new season knowing that they can compete with all the other sides in the league.

The Over 35s had a similarly difficult season. With half a dozen new players in

the starting line-up from the previous year and no real pre-season matches due to covid restrictions, it took some time to gel as a team. Competing in the North Wiltshire Veterans Division and managed by PD, Bryan Watson and myself, we struggled to find the right formation at the start of the season and were unfortunate not to hold on to winning positions in several matches. Having made it to the Vets County Cup Final last season only for the match to be cancelled, we sadly exited the competition early this season.

It will undoubtedly be another very competitive league next season but with the increased number of Vets joining the group over the past few months, we look forward to the new season confident that we can challenge for the top again.

Away from the two competitive teams, the Vets Friday Footy continues to be very popular with over a dozen new members since football resumed at the end of March to add to our expanding group. The reopening of the bar was fantastic news for us Vets and I would like to give a massive thank you to Kate, Fiona, Keith and the rest of the staff and volunteers for everything they've done and continue to do for the club.

Thanks also to the rest of the committee for their support in my first season in the role. With covid restrictions hopefully easing we look forward to being able to organise plenty of social events up the club and we look forward to bringing back events such as the Vets Super Sunday against the RAF Vets, due to take place at the end of August.

As at today the Vets section continues to grow and we look forward to continuing to support the club in any way we can.

Martin Ohrland

#### **RWBTFC Veterans'**

	Royal Woo	tton	Bass	sett I	row:	n Ve	ts Hi	istor	ical Leag	ue Record
Season	League & Division	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst	Pts	Position	Top Scorer
2012/13	Wilts FA Flexi League	5	2	0	3	9	16	6	3 out of 4	J. Miller, J. Tidy 2
2013/14	Wilts FA Flexi League	5	3	0	2	11	11	9	2 out of 6	A. Youngsam 4
2014/15	Wilts FA Flexi League	6	2	1	3	11	22	7	5 out of 7	A. Youngsam 7
2015/16	Wilts FA Flexi League	5	3	0	2	7	10	9	4 out of 6	S. Jones, S. Terry 2
2015/16	Wilts FA Flexi League	5	3	1	1	10	10	10	2 out of 6	A. Youngsam 5
2016/17	Wilts FA Flexi League	6	2	0	4	7	10	6	6 out of 7	Not known
2016/17	Wilts FA Flexi League	6	3	0	3	17	14	9	4 out of 7	S. Howse 7
2017/18	Wilts FA Flexi League	5	4	0	1	27	4	12	2 out of 6	S. Howse 8
2018/19	Wilts FA Flexi League	8	4	0	4	23	12	12	3 out of 6	M. Cooper, S.Howse, M.Ohrland 4
2018/19	Wilts FA Flexi League	12	10	1	1	43	9	31	2 out of 7	S. Shaw 12
2019/20	Wilts Senior - North Div	3	2	0	1	10	5	6	5 out of 8	S. Howse 4
2020/21	Wilts Senior - North Div	10	3	1	6	19	19	10	5 out of 6	A. Huggins 5

Totals

Won:Drew:Lost Ratio

	Pld	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Agst				
Wilts FA Flexi League	63	36	3	24	165	118	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	57.1%	4.8%	38.1%
Wilts Senior - North Div	13	5	1	7	29	24	Won:Drew:Lost Ratio	38.5%	7.7%	53.8%





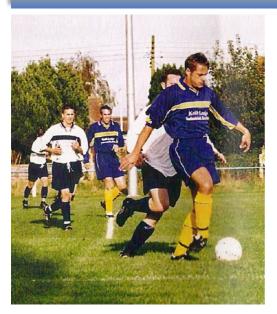








## As Thin Lizzy once sang.... The Boys Are Back In Town





Above left Tony Macek in action from Season 2002-03 and above right Carl Evans from Season 2018-19



Wootton Bassett Town FC Season 2002-03 with Allan Pluckrose second from the right in the back row



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# Royal Wootton Bassett Town First Team Season 2021-22

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#### **RWBTFC Development Team**

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	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Dev	4	4	0	0	18	1	12
2 Pewsey Vale	4	4	0	0	16	1	12
3 Calne Town Res	4	3	0	1	19	3	9
4 Melksham Town Res	4	3	0	1	11	6	9
5 Frome Collegians	4	2	2	0	10	7	8
6 Corsham Town Dev	4	2	1	1	14	7	7
7 Trowbridge Town	3	2	1	0	9	3	7
8 Odd Down Res	4	1	2	1	3	2	5
9 Shrewton United	4	1	1	2	7	13	4
10 Marlborough Town	4	1	1	2	5	13	4
11 Salisbury FC Dev	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
12 Malmesbury Victoria Dev	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
13 Devizes Town Res	4	1	0	3	9	13	3
14 Stratton Juniors	3	1	0	$^2$	3	18	3
15 Ludgershall Sports	3	0	0	3	2	11	0
16 Wroughton	4	0	0	4	2	14	0
17 Purton	4	0	0	4	3	21	0

#### **Last Meeting**

#### Sunday 2nd February 2020 RAF Veterans' 3 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Vets 5

Sunday 2nd February saw Royal Wootton Bassett Town Veterans invited to University of South Wales to continue the biannual fixture against the RAF FA Vets. The complex is also home to Cardiff City Academy and the game was played inside on the full size 4G pitch. Last year's home tie ended in a close 3-2 win for Bassett, so a tough combat was anticipated.

Bassett welcomed graduating elders Sam Collier and Steve Yeardley to the ranks and both fitted in seamlessly. In fact, it was Collier who opened the scoring before the game was minutes old. Jeremy Newton had already served notice with one surging run, and with the next his final ball found Collier running free to fire home clinically. Better was to ensue.

Inside ten minutes it was two. Gav Cook provided the thrust in midfield, then found Steve Shaw breaking free into the area. The lofted ball was flicked back to his strike partner Collier, who was on hand to rasp home a left foot drive. Bassett were in the groove, finding space out wide for Pete Wilson and Newton, backing up the front two spearheads.

Martin Ohrland was next in on the act. The midfielder broke through the RAF rear-guard, shimmied the goalkeeper and 'caressed' the ball to his opposite side to make it 3-0.

Bassett were playing with confidence, the back four strong and organised, with the calm and composed Bryan Watson coming in at right back and Martin Jefferies linking well with Newton on the left. Yeardley and Paul Davis, mentor and

apprentice reunited at centre half, swallowed everything up that was thrown at them and were quick to distribute in transition. Paul Boys-Stones in goal was left a virtual frozen bystander, though he did well to react to one pot-shot and palm it round the post.

At times, Shaw, Collier and Newton were tormenting their opponents, Shaw missing with a one-on one and Collier racing through and (much to the well-placed Cook and Newton's chagrin) firing over.

No matter. More good work from 'Smithy' Shaw on the right led to a hanging cross from the touchline, which found Collier timing his leap expertly to head back past the 'keeper to the top corner. The RAF were dazed and confused, lacking the pace to cause Bassett problems at the back.

A fifth came before half-time from Jeffries. The left-back pounced on a clearance outside the area and fired in a shot that was deflected en-route. A fitting end to a show-stopping first half.

Bassett were expecting the RAF to receive a rocket and indeed they began the second half with renewed vigour. As Bassett slackened off their intensity, the home side wrestled control and went close very early on, only sloppy finishing letting Bassett off the hook. The RAF now had up-thrust and scored their first soon after, their number 10 Tommo pouncing on a loose ball in the area. It was enough to cause some consternation within the ranks. 5-1 was comfortable but a second for the RAF put the cat amongst the pigeons and panic started to spread.

The Vets, having made numerous changes throughout the second half, inevitably lost some of their shape that had been so strong in the first half. Also, their ball retention went AWOL and kept coming back at the defence. Yeardley received a caution for a scything challenge; Davis screamed for more composure. Substitute Wilma showed some good touches on the right and Bassett still carried a threat on the break, with Ben Gould also making a debut and going close with a right foot effort.

With 20 minutes to go RAF scored a third to make it 5-3 but in a strange way, Bassett became more composed. They battened down the hatches, put on the tin hats and rode out the bombardment. Bryan Wood and Paul Jack had come on to add nous and experience and, with some Boys-Stones saves and stout defending, the Vets held out to jet off into the sunset after a Herculean first-half effort.

Man of the Match: Hard to choose between the forward players, but the award goes to Sam Collier for leading the line and a clinical hat-trick.

Bassett teams from previous Super Sundays. 2019 (Top), 2018 (Below)







# Royal Wootton RAF FA Veterans Bassett Town Over 50s









#### The Brian Johnson Memorial Shield

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Ceri Stephen	1	Allan Pluckrose
Roger Webb	2	Anthony Macek
Ian Mitchell	3	Brian Kyall
Paul Gardner	4	Darren Robison
Paul Jack	5	Del Stewart
Martin Luker	6	Dougie Coull
Carl Johnson	7	Gareth Stone
Steve Lynch	8	James Creighton
Martyn Purcell	9	James Donnelly
Bryan Wood	10	Kev Bailey
Steve Fisher	11	Lee Croucher
Darren Hayes	12	Lenny Brayshaw
Kevin Currier	14	Mark Browse
Sean Boyle	15	Mark Bryan
Ted Keep	16	Mark Smith
John Stack	17	Martin Wilkinson
Rob Mitchell	18	Matt Beattie
Tony Gleed	19	Mike Butt
Jason Parr	20	Paul Clegg
	21	Paul Wheable
	22	Philip Harris
	23	Russ Ed
	24	Richie Owens
	25	Sandy Armour
	26	Steve Robertson
	27	Steve Thompson
	28	Warren Robinson

**Dugout Team** 

Manager: Martyn Purcell Manager: Paul Gardner Dugout Team
Manager: Craig Gill
Assistant: Bob Green
Head Coach: Steve Fidler

Match Officials Referee: Assist. Ref (Red Flag): Assist. Ref (Yellow Flag):

Ben Williamson Rhiannon Stevens Stuart Gravenell

#### Royal Wootton Bassett Town

### RAF Veterans Over 35s







Nick	Warren
Andy	Gibson
Martin	Jefferies
Justin	Hyde
Dan	Badman
Gavin	Cook
Pete	Wilson
Martin	Ohrland
Steve	Shaw
Jeremy	Newton
Andy	Huggins
Paul	<b>Boys-Stones</b>
Sam	Collier
Bryan	Watson
Eddie	Stephenson
Steve	Howse

1	Adam	Hennessy
2	Ben	Baker
3	Carl	Evans
4	Danny	Dixon
5	Dave	Wanless
6	David	Barker
7	Garry	Tweedie
8	Jason	Trigg
9	Jay	Addlesee
10	Jonny	Watkins
11	Marco	Burns
12	Mark	Rooney
14	Mike	Jeffrey
15	Phil	Grove
16	Scott	Lawrie
17	Steve	Norton
18	Steven	Muir
19	Stu	Algar

**Dugout Team** 

Manager: Paul Davis Assistant: Bryan Watson

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