

**Ryman**

**football league**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS  
TROPHY FINAL**

**MARLOW**

**V**

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2001 - Oak Tree Road, Marlow**

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Marlow Football Club is building for a successful future; there are one or two technicalities to go through, of course, but the club plans to have the sort of facilities promotion requires.

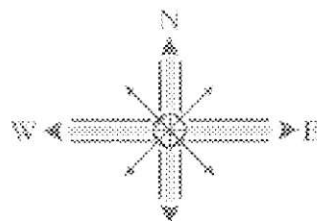
In January of last year MFC directors and shareholders agreed a plan with property company North West Estates (NWE) to safeguard the club's future financial security and provide it with a new FA Conference-standard stadium.

The existing Alfred Davis Ground will be transferred to NWE, and in return a new 1000-seater stadium, a full-size training pitch and a half-size all-weather pitch will be created, along with a capital lump sum that will produce income for the club's future.

The new stadium will be on land NWE owns across the A404, east of the town, and as part of the planned development, there will be new roads and visitor parking, as part of a comprehensive leisure scheme in the gravel pit area.

There's a long way to go before any of this happens but local people support the principle of a move. It is unlikely the move will take place before the beginning of the 2002-2003 season.

NWE and the club are finalising details of the new facilities and are taking part in a Study with Wycombe Council which will lead to Supplementary Planning Guidance for the area. It is to be hoped that this will speed up the planning process and allow the "vision" to be realised.



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<b>Lee CARROLL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Mike FREEMAN</b>
<b>Grant GOODALL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Jason COUGHLAN</b>
<b>Jeff LAMB</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Mark DUCKETT</b>
<b>Jim BRADLEY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Luke MOORE</b>
<b>Luke EVANS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Tony MILLARD</b>
<b>Sam SHEPHERD</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Lee GRAVES</b>
<b>James PRITCHARD</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Jason DOWNEY</b>
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<b>Jason BOWLER</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Lewis FIELD</b>
<b>Nicky RYDER</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>James MEARA</b>
<b>Jason TRAVIS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Mark BRIDGE</b>
<b>Daniel PEDLEY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Jamie CARTER</b>
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**Referee:**

**Mr. Russell EVANS**

**Assistants:**

**Mr. Andy PORTER (Green trim)**

**Mr. Andy DAY (Yellow trim)**

**Mr. Ray LEE**

# MARLOW FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

*A very warm welcome from all  
at Oak Tree Road*

and particularly to our visitors from the Ryman Football League and Hemel Hempstead for this curtain-raiser to a new season. Last season's bad weather meant that this final was unable to be fitted in before the season's end and so we are here tonight in rather unusual circumstances. Fortunately we are in a position to field a side that all played for us in this competition last season (although two new signings have to sit out the game as they previously played in it) but for our most of our visitors their first competitive outings for their new club will be this final following many changes at their end. Still, Let's hope for a good and exciting game to get the season underway.

The League starts for us at Molesey on Saturday and that too is rather different to normal over the coming months following the reorganisation proposals being accepted by the F.A. As a result all Division Two clubs will form part of the regionalised Division Ones next season with no threat of relegation to be considered this term. Many comments have been made that this will mean that the coming months will be sterile but I can't believe that. Surely it is better to go forward as champions, surely it is better for all concerned to win rather than lose and there are of course still many cup competitions to play for. Additionally, with the reorganisation in mind, this should be the time for team building and preparation and I will be very surprised to see things any different from previous seasons. We will be certainly looking to do as well as possible with one eye of course looking towards the challenge to come in season 2002/2003.

So welcome back to a new and hopefully exciting season. We hope that you all enjoy your brief stay with us in Marlow and may I finish by repeating my usual plea to all Blue's fans to even more than usual please get behind the lads and support and encourage at all times - and keep smiling!

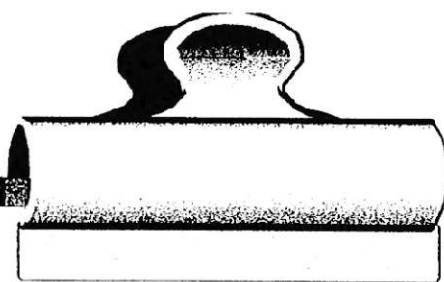
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# From Behind Both Goals

Hello again and welcome to everyone at the start of a new season. Firstly a report on some changes. It's rare to begin the season with a Cup Final but that's what Marlow F.C is doing this evening. This Associate Members Trophy Final against Hemel Hempstead Town gives us all a very early opportunity to encourage and cheer the Blues to victory – we hope that many more of you will join us Behind Both Goals this season. Secondly, on how many occasions can a club start a season being guaranteed promotion? That's the situation this season with the re-structured Ryman league commencing in season 2002/2003. We cannot wait to return to a number of local derbies, remembering that they will all be missing this season.

Another change in the coming season is the introduction of substantial prize money for winning games in the early rounds of the F.A Cup. This gives an added incentive to the trip to Fakenham Town on 1<sup>st</sup> September. We must win that one to be in the running for some of that prize money in the following round. Finally, Mr. Grouser has to inform you hat he will not be present at so many games. Signs of relief from referees and visiting goalkeepers no doubt but bookings already accepted for Saturdays and Tuesday evenings during the coming months mean that supplies will last a little longer this season. However, this column will continue to appear, relying on the phonline match reports for up-to-date comments.

Good to see you all again, let's hope that there are a few more goals at our end this coming season. Cheer the Blues this evening – we want that trophy.

**by**  
**Mr.H.F.Grouser Snr**





## MARLOW FOOTBALL CLUB 2001/2002



Back: Giles Garratt, John Beale, Jim Bradley, Luke Evans, John Isaac, Jason Bowler, Jamie Charles, Lee Carroll, James Pritchard, Frankie Brannan  
Front: Nicky Ryder, Gary Wiltshire, Daniel Pedley, Stephen Miles, Rav Braich, Jason Bowler, Sam Shepherd, Grant Goodall, Jeff Lamb





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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF MARLOW F.C



It was on November 22nd 1870 at the Compleat Angler Hotel on the banks of the Thames that Great Marlow Football Club was formed and so began the history of one of the oldest clubs in the country.

In the last century the Club was a major force in the game and as one of the original entrants in the first F.A Cup competition in 1871/72 contributed a share of the £25 that bought the first trophy. Marlow have the unique distinction of being the only club to have entered every competition since its inception although they were unable to compete once earlier this century. In 1882 they reached the semi-finals where they lost out to eventual winners Old Etonians 0-5 at the Oval. Two Amateur Cup semi-finals and a host of Berks & Bucks Senior Cup wins were among many honours won in this golden age. In 1894 Marlow rejected the opportunity to join the newly-formed Southern League in order to retain their amateur status and allowed Tottenham Hotspur to begin their climb to the top flight.

The Club's ground until 1919 was Crown Meadow, now the Riley Recreational Ground. An enforced move to the Star Meadow meant demotion from the Great Western Suburban League to the Reading League as this ground was unfenced and without the necessary facilities. The Club's long-serving Honorary Secretary Alfred Davis appealed for funds and subscriptions to purchase a new headquarters and contributed much himself. Sadly he died before the opening of the new ground in 1924 which to this day remains home to Marlow F.C and dedicated to his memory. The picturesque grandstand dates from 1930's and was built to celebrate the Club's revival and the Spartan League Division Two championship.

Apart from a war-time break Marlow continued in the Spartan League upto 1965 when entry was gained to the Athenian League Division Two. Promotion to Division One was secured in season 1970/71. Here Marlow remained until 1984 when they joined the Isthmian League, having finished bottom of Division Two in 1985 the appointment of Mike Keen as Manager heralded a rapid rise in status. Promotion to Division One came the very next season and then after just one season in Division One the championship was won after a two horse race with Grays Athletic and along with it promotion to the Premier Division.

Here Marlow found things much tougher and Christmas arrived without a win and from a position at the foot of the table relegation looking very likely.

However a late season Houdini act saw them escape and secure their new-found status. When Keen left his assistant Dave Russell took over and brought in Laurie Craker as Coach. Under them good times returned and the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup was won for the first time this century with a victory over local rivals Wycombe Wanderers and the F.A Cup First Round was reached, also for the first time this century, with an away tie at West Bromwich Albion the reward.

Season 1992/93 saw even more F.A Cup success with progression this time to the Third Round and a tie with Tottenham Hotspur that had to be switched to White Hart Lane where a crowd of almost 27000 saw the Blues give a very creditable performance. The Diadora (Isthmian) League Cup was won to finish the season on a high note by beating Molesey 2-1 at Aldershot's Stadium.

1993/94 must rate as the most successful ever with Marlow again reaching the First Round of the F.A Cup where a 0-2 home defeat against Plymouth Argyle was featured on T.V. while in the league a highest-ever position of third was achieved. The Berks & Bucks Senior Cup was won again with a 1-0 win over local rivals Chesham Utd.

At the end of that season Russell and Craker left for Slough Town and took several players with them. A new squad and slow start left a lot to do in the league and a brave late fight failed to see the Blues avoid relegation. In the F.A Cup things were very different. The First Round saw Division Two table-toppers Oxford Utd. defeated 2-0 at Oak Tree Road and the Blues became the first winners of the Littlewoods Pools' Giant Killers award. Another home victory followed over Trophy holder's Woking to secure a place in the Third Round once again and a trip to Swindon where the home side were grateful to progress by a 2-0 scoreline.

Season 1995/96 saw a good start and great finish in the league with a finish in eighth spot but the following one got off to a terrible start from which the Club was never able to recover – and despite victories over virtually all the top sides, relegation was confirmed on the last day of the season.

Russell returned for the following season and with him high hopes but the season proved to be one of under-achievement and a new team of Graham Pritchard and Derek Sweetman took over for 1998/1999 and provided a period of stability which saw finishes in mid-table. Following the departure of Pritchard just before this season Sweetman has taken over the reins with a largely unchanged squad and hopes this will provide a sound base for progress.

## MARLOW F.C SQUAD PEN PICS

**DEREK SWEETMAN** (Manager) A former Blue who played for many other local clubs. Previously Assistant Manager at Maidenhead Utd and was Joint Manager at Egham in season 1997/8. Has taken over as Manager after assisting for the previous three seasons.

**ANDY AUGUSTE** 20 year old local lad who was with Wycombe Wanderers and Oxford United as a youth player. Has progressed through reserves into first team squad. Debut 20/02/00.

**JOHN BEALE** In his first season following a move to the area. As a youngster was on the books of Notts County and has since played at Arnold Town and Stotfold.

**JASON BOWLER** 23 year old who was out of the game for 18 months prior to last season through a serious illness after spells with Notts County and Cambridge City. England schools under 18 international. Debut 21/10/00.

**JIM BRADLEY** In his fourth season. Previous clubs are Bracknell, Wokingham and Egham. Voted "Player Of The Year" for 1998/1999. Debut 22/08/98.

**FRANKIE BRANNAN** Now in his fifth season and was formerly on YTS forms with Wycombe Wanderers and with Chelsea as a junior. Missed most of last season with a long-term injury. Debut 16/08/97.

**LEE CARROLL** 24 year old who made record number of appearances in Chelsea Youth team. In his 5 years there he was also sub. for a European game. Subsequently spent two years with Northwood. Last season's "Player-Of-The-Year" for 1999/2000. Debut 14/08/99.

**JAMIE CHARLES** Young, left-sided player with pace who was a regular scorer at Flackwell Heath from whom he signed at the start of this season.

**KEVIN CHURCHILL-BROWNE** 23 year old from Maidenhead who joined last season. Was previously with Maidenhead United and Slough Town. Debut 29/08/00.

**GARY COCKERILL** Experienced goalkeeper who was instrumental in the success of the reserve side last season. Debut 15/01/01.

**LUKE EVANS** Gained under-18 honours for Wales when with Brentford on schoolboy and

YTS forms. Moved on to Hayes and Maidenhead before joining Windsor & Eton from whom he signed at the beginning of last season. Debut 19/08/00.

**GRANT GOODALL** Captain of the side and a defender who joined after spending one season with Abingdon Town following his release by Oxford United. Voted "Player-Of-The Year" for seasons 1996/7 and 1997/8. Debut 19/08/95.

**JOHN ISAAC** 21 year old from Wycombe who was with Flackwell Heath youth and progressed through to the first team. Debut 16/12/00.

**JEFF LAMB** 21 year old quality left sided player who signed here in 1998 following his release from Wycombe Wanderers. Debut 27/10/98.

**STEPHEN MILES** Member of the youth team who has impressed since stepping into the first team with his pace and determination. Debut 16/01/01.

**DANIEL PEDLEY** Returned to the Club two seasons ago after a spell with Chalfont St. Peter. Progressed through the youth set up before moving on to Maidenhead Utd. and Flackwell Heath. Debut 15/04/95.

**JAMES PRITCHARD** Another product of the Marlow youth set up. Influential in midfield and a regular scorer he moved on to play for Maidenhead United and Flackwell Heath before returning. Last season's "Player Of the Year". Debut 23/12/95.

**NICKY RYDER** 30 year old who has seen service with Brentford, Hayes and Uxbridge where he was leading scorer in 6 of 7 seasons scoring some 150 goals. Debut 31/10/00.

**SAM SHEPHERD** 21 year old, son of a former Marlow player who was with Oxford Utd and who spent joined last season after a spell at Chesham. Debut 19/08/00.

**JASON TRAVIS** 23 year old who signed from Chalfont St. Peter. As a youngster was with Crystal Palace before moving on to Hayes. Debut 06/11/99.

**GARY WILTSHIRE** Skilful forward and another product of the Marlow youth system who has returned after spells with Chalfont St. Peter, Flackwell Heath and Maidenhead United. Debut 29/11/94.

## APPEARANCES & GOALS 2000/2001

	League (42)			Cup (18)			Total (60)			All Time	
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	G
Andy Auguste	8	5		3	2		11	7		24	
Tony Bonaventura	2	3		3	3		5	6		11	
Jason Bowler	14	5	5	4	3	3	18	8	8	26	8
Jim Bradley	38		4	16		1	54		5	157	17
Frankie Brannan	2	2		1	1		3	3		138	36
Lenny Brayshaw	1						1			2	
Gareth Butcher		3						3		3	
Lee Carroll	32			16			48			103	
Neil Catlin	12	1	1	7			19	1	1	103	16
Kevin Churchill-Browne	1	4		1	2		2	6		8	
Steve Clements		1		1			1	1		2	
Gary Cockerill	7			1			8			8	
Adam Cooper		1		2	1		2	2		7	
Simon Crayden	2				1		2	1		3	
Luke Evans	31	2	3	10	2		41	4	3	45	3
Mattie Flint	5	3	1	6	1		11	4	1	95	4
Robert Gibson	27	5	11	15		4	42	5	15	141	66
Grant Goodall	33	1		12		1	45	1	1	253	13
Michael Healey	1			1			2			2	
John Isaac	22		2	9			31		2	31	2
Jeff Lamb	36	1	1	16	1		52	2	1	144	2
Mattie McDonnell	7	2		5	4	2	12	6	2	175	71
Stuart McMurdo	4	6					4	6		10	
Stephen Miles	8	6		2	1		10	7		17	
Mark Needham	4	4		6		1	10	4	1	14	1
Mark Osborn	1						1			7	
Daniel Pedley	14	8	3	7	2	1	21	10	4	154	11
James Pritchard	35	1	7	18	1	13	53	2	20	180	50
Steve Riley	2		1		1		2	1	1	3	1
Nicky Ryder	23	7	12	6	1	2	29	8	14	37	14
James Saulsbury	24	3		7	1		31	4		35	
Sam Shepherd	38	3	5	15	1	2	53	4	7	57	7
Jason Travis	28	7	6	12	1	3	40	8	9	78	11
Scott Webb		3			1			4		16	1
Total			.62			.33			.95		

### RYMAN DIVISION TWO FORM

Home		Away
WWWDW	ARLESEY TOWN	LDWWW
LLDDD	ASHFORD TOWN	DWWWW
LLWLW	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC	LWDWL
LDLLL	BARTON ROVERS	DLLL
WWWWD	BERKHAMSTED TOWN	LDLLD
WLDLD	CHERTSEY TOWN	LWWLL
LLLDL	CHESHUNT	WLLLW
WWLWL	EAST THURROCK UTD.	WLLWD
WWDWW	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS	LLLWL
DDWWD	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	WLDLW
LWLWD	HORSHAM	LWLWL
LWLLW	HUNGERFORD TOWN	LLWLD
DLWLW	LEATHERHEAD	WWLDL
WWWLW	LEWES	DWLL
WLLLL	LEYTON PENNANT	DWDWL
WLWLW	MARLOW	WLLWW
LWLLL	METROPOLITAN POLICE	DWLLW
DLLWD	MOLESEY	LLLLL
WLLLL	ROMFORD	LLLLL
WWWLW	TILBURY	LLLWL
WLWLD	WEMBLEY	LWDWL
WLWDW	WIVENHOE TOWN	LDWWL

## NEXT GAME AT OAK TREE ROAD

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August

v

Wembley

Ryman League



# MARLOW FOOTBALL CLUB STATISTICS SEASON 2001/2002

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP.	ATT.	RES.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Aug 14	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	AMT-F																	
18	Molesey	RFL																	
21	WEMBLEY	RFL																	
25	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS	RFL																	
27	Banstead Athletic	RFL																	
Sept 01	Fakenham Town	FAC-P																	
04	ARLESEY TOWN	RFL																	
8	Barton Rovers	RFL																	
10	East Thurrock Utd	RFL																	
15		FAC-Q1																	
22	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	RFL																	
25	LEYTON PENNANT	RFL																	
29	Tilbury	RFL																	
Oct 02	Horsham	RFL																	
06																			
09	METROPOLITAN POLICE	RFL																	
13	LEWES	RFL																	
16	Leatherhead	RFL																	
20		FAV-1																	
27	Romford	RFL																	
30	T.B.A	RLC-P																	
Nov 03	WIVENHOE TOWN	RFL																	
10	T.B.A	FAV-2																	
17	Ashford Town (Middx)	RFL																	
20		RLC-1																	
24	BERKHAMSTED TOWN	RFL																	
Dec 01	Cheshunt	RFL																	
08	CHERTSEY TOWN	RFL																	
15	MOLESEY	RFL																	
22																			
26	Hungerford Town	RFL																	
29	WEMBLEY	RFL																	
Jan 01	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC	RFL																	
05	Arlesey Town	RFL																	
12	BARTON ROVERS	RFL																	
19	Hemel Hempstead Town	RFL																	
26	EAST THURROCK UNITED	RFL																	
Feb 02	Chertsey Town	RFL																	
09	CHESHUNT	RFL																	
16	TILBURY	RFL																	
23	Leyton Pennant	RFL																	
Mar 02	HORSHAM	RFL																	
09	Metropolitan Police	RFL																	
16	LEATHERHEAD	RFL																	
23	Lewes	RFL																	
30	Great Waking Rovers	RFL																	
Apr 01	HUNGERFORD TOWN	RFL																	
06	ROMFORD	RFL																	
13	Wivenhoe Town	RFL																	
20	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDY)	RFL																	
27	Berkhamsted Town	RFL																	

## SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

Arlesey Town	v	Romford
Banstead Athletic	v	East Thurrock
Chertsey Town	v	Metropolitan Police
Cheshunt	v	Barton Rovers
Great Waking	v	Wivenhoe Town
Hemel Hempstead Town	v	Horsham
Hungerford	v	Leatherhead
Lewes	v	Ashford Town
Molesey	v	MARLOW
Tilbury	v	Leyton Pennant
Wembley	v	Berkhamsted Town




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## Associate Members Trophy 2000/2001

### First Round

Abingdon Town	2-2	Hungerford Town ( <i>Hungerford won 5-4 on pens</i> )
Arlesey Town	4-0	Tring Town
Berkhamsted Town	1-3	Edgware Town
Bracknell Town	1-1	Wokingham Town ( <i>Bracknell won 6-5 on pens</i> )
Dorking	2-1	Croydon Athletic
East Thurrock Utd	3-1	Clapton
Flackwell Heath	3-0	Chalfont St Peter
Hertford Town	2-3	Cheshunt
Leyton Pennant	2-1	Wembley
Molesey	1-1	Tooting & Mitcham ( <i>Molesey won 3-0 on pens</i> )
Windsor & Eton	4-1	Ashford Town (Mx)
Witham Town	0-2	Tilbury

### Second Round

Chertsey Town	1-2	Bracknell Town
Dorking	3-2	Corinthian Casuals
East Thurrock United	4-0	Aveley
Edgware Town	2-1	Cheshunt
Great Wakering Rovers	1-2	Barking
Hemel Hempstead Town	4-1	Wingate & Finchley
Horsham	5-2	Flackwell Heath
Hungerford Town	0-5	Banstead Athletic
Kingsbury Town	2-0	Leighton Town
Lewes	2-1	Epsom & Ewell
Leyton Pennant	2-3	Hornchurch
Marlow	4-2	Camberley Town
Metropolitan Police	1-1	Egham Town ( <i>Egham won 3-2 on pens</i> )
Molesey	0-1	Windsor & Eton
Tilbury	1-4	Wivenhoe Town
Ware	2-1	Arlesey Town

### Third Round

Barking	4-0	Kingsbury Town
Dorking	1-0	Bracknell Town
Edgware Town	1-0	Hornchurch
Egham Town	0-1	Horsham
Marlow	2-1	Banstead Athletic
Ware	0-4	East Thurrock United
Windsor & Eton	0-5	Lewes
Wivenhoe Town	2-4	Hemel Hempstead Town

### Fourth Round

Barking	0-1	Hemel Hempstead Town
Edgware	1-2	East Thurrock United
Horsham	3-1	Lewes
Marlow	3-3	Dorking ( <i>Marlow won on penalties</i> )

### Semi-Finals

Hemel Hempstead Town	5-2	Horsham
East Thurrock	1-4	Marlow

### Final

Marlow	V	Hemel Hempstead
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# RYMAN LEAGUE RECORDS

## MARLOW

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS	POSITION
1984-85 Isth-2North	38	13	6	19	64	81	45	13/20
1985-86 Isth-2South	38	6	5	27	47	108	23	20/20
1986-87 Isth-2South	40	28	4	8	78	36	88	2/21
1987-88 Isth-1	42	32	5	5	100	44	101	1/22
1988-89 Isth-P	42	9	11	22	48	83	38	20/22
1989-90 Isth-P	42	11	13	18	42	59	46	17/22
1990-91 Isth-P	42	18	13	11	72	49	67	7/22
1991-92 Isth-P	42	20	7	15	56	50	67	6/22
1992-93 Isth-P	42	12	11	19	72	73	47	15/22
1993-94 Isth-P	42	25	7	10	90	67	82	3/22
1994-95 Isth-P	42	10	9	23	52	84	39	21/22
1995-96 Isth-1	42	19	5	18	72	75	62	8/22
1996-97 Isth-1	42	11	6	25	41	84	39	21/22
1997-98 Isth-2	42	16	5	21	64	78	53	14/22
1998-99 Isth-2	42	16	9	17	72	68	57	13/22
1999-00 Isth-2	42	20	4	18	86	66	64	8/22
2000-01 Isth-2	42	15	11	16	62	61	56	14/22

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS	POSITION
1977-78 Isth-2	32	6	9	17	33	50	27	15/17
1978-79 Isth-2	34	13	11	10	46	37	50	8/18
1979-80 Isth-2	36	4	9	23	33	72	21	18/19
1980-81 Isth-2	38	14	7	17	47	54	49	11/20
1981-82 Isth-2	40	15	9	16	54	49	54	10/21
1982-83 Isth-2	42	12	14	16	53	59	50	15/22
1983-84 Isth-2	42	12	9	21	63	69	45	17/22
1984-85 Isth-2North	38	11	7	20	49	64	40	14/20
1985-86 Isth-2North	38	12	9	17	50	66	45	14/20
1986-87 Isth-2North	42	9	12	21	48	77	39	20/22
1987-88 Isth-2North	42	11	12	19	38	71	45	19/22
1988-89 Isth-2North	42	16	10	16	55	58	58	12/22
1989-90 Isth-2North	42	12	15	15	58	70	51	14/22
1990-91 Isth-2North	42	16	14	12	62	56	62	9/22
1991-92 Isth-2	42	18	10	14	63	50	64	9/22
1992-93 Isth-2	42	22	12	8	84	52	78	4/22
1993-94 Isth-2	42	14	11	17	47	43	53	13/22
1994-95 Isth-2	42	10	11	21	45	76	41	18/22
1995-96 Isth-2	40	10	10	20	46	62	40	17/21
1996-97 Isth-2	42	5	6	31	34	125	21	22/22
1997-98 Isth-3	38	27	6	5	86	28	87	1/20
1998-99 Isth-2	42	21	12	9	90	50	75	4/22
1999-00 Isth-2	42	31	8	3	98	27	101	1/22
2000-01 Isth-2	42	22	10	10	74	44	76	6/22



## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

Hemel Hempstead Football Club was founded in 1885 as Apsley F.C., and originally played their football in the West Herts League. The Club affiliated to the Herts Football Association in 1887, two years after the County Association was formed. At the time, the club enjoyed only moderate league success, but did achieve a run of County Senior Cup victories in the first decade of the 1900's, capturing the trophy in 1905/06, 1907/08 and retaining it in the 1908/09 season.

In 1921 the Club made the move to Spartan league and joined Division One. However, once again they had to look to the County Cups for their honours, winning the Senior Cup for the fourth time in 1925/26 and also for the first time, the Charity Cup in the same season. League success finally came in 1933/34 when they won the Spartan League Division One Championship, plus promotion to the Senior Division. The Charity Cup was again won in 1934/35 and 1951/52. In between these wins the Club changed its name to Hemel Hempstead Town, as well as becoming associate members of the Football Association in 1935.

A major step for the Club came in 1952 when they joined the Delphian League and became full members of the Football Association. The Club stayed in that league for eleven years, but unfortunately without any major success.

However in 1962 the senior side reached the first round of the FA Amateur Cup for the first time ever. Although they lost 1-3 to Tooting and Mitcham, the match was played in front of a crowd of 3,500 spectators - a record to this day.

The following season the Club joined the newly formed Athenian League. Once more, with a change of league came a County Cup success, with the Club winning the Charity Cup. In 1965 they gained promotion to the Premier Division, courtesy of a runners up spot behind Slough Town. Following several seasons in the Premier Division the Club was relegated in 1969.

In 1972 the Club amalgamated with Hemel Hempstead United from the South Midlands League and changed names to become Hemel Hempstead FC. Also, the Club moved to the current ground in Vauxhall Road and enjoyed success in the West Herts St Mary's Cup competition in 1971, 1976 and 1977.

In 1977 the Club joined the expanded Isthmian League, where they have remained ever since, and during that season they won the Herts Charity Shield, while the following year they went on to win the Middlesex Border League Cup.

During the 1980's Hemel Hempstead remained in Division Two of the Isthmian League, although never finishing higher than tenth position. Success was again limited to County Cups with the Club winning the Herts Charity Shield in 1984 and the West Herts St Mary's Cup in 1982, 1983 and 1986. In 1985, the Club's Centenary Year, 2,500 spectators watched Hemel Hempstead entertain Watford at Vauxhall Road.

The 1990's started with another St Mary's Cup victory, and then in 1992 the Club reached the final of the Herts Senior Cup where they met Barnet FC. The game was played at St Albans' Clarence Park ground where Hemel Eventually lost 4-1 as superior fitness saw victory achieved with three goals late in the game.

In November 1992 the Club was rocked by a damaging fire, which destroyed the clubhouse, and the changing rooms, and was forced to rearrange several matches whilst temporary buildings were erected.



Easter Monday 1993 saw over 1,100 spectators for the local derby with Berkhamsted Town. Both Clubs were heavily involved in the promotion race, but the visitors won 1-0 and then went on to finish two points higher than Hemel and gain promotion. Hemel finished just outside the promotion places in fourth but went on to further success via the St Mary's Cup by beating Tring Town in the final.

In 1993/94 the club again won the St Mary's Cup, and at the same time underwent a major change in club officials and personnel both on and off the pitch.

During the 1995/96 season, the team was managed by Steve Ringrose, and with a young squad, he guided them safely away from the relegation zone. Further more the club reached the Herts County Cup Final and the St Mary's Cup Final, both of which they lost by a single goal.

The 1996/97 season proved to be disastrous for the Club, with five different Team Managers being appointed during the season and the club was in a dire financial situation. Steve Ringrose left following a 9-0 defeat against Leatherhead and he was followed within a matter of weeks by Mark Pearson and Andy MacMahon. Brian Jackson then took temporary control in January, and in February Colin Jones, formerly of Berkhamsted Reserves was appointed Manager. He brought in a number of young players but he could not prevent the club sliding into the Third Division as they finished in bottom place.

During the summer of 1997 new ownership was voted in, headed by local publican Dave Boggins. Cash was immediately injected into the club to improve the ground and clubhouse. A new man was also brought in as first team manager in the shape of Mick Vipond, who had previously been with Leverstock Green. He brought with him his coach from the successful South Midlands League side, Danny Johnson.

In their first season in charge, Hemel they won the third division championship and the club was promoted at the first attempt. Mick Vipond received the Manager of the Year award and after conceding only 28 league goals all season the club finished with the best defensive record in the entire Ryman league. Hemel also had a good run in the F.A Vase and reached the St Mary's Cup final, where they lost with nine men in extra time to Berkhamsted.

For the start of the 1998/99 season, the name of the club changed to Hemel Hempstead Town Football Club. Work was carried out to improve the ground and the old clubhouse was re-opened along with new changing rooms. During December Vipond and Johnson parted company with the club and were immediately replaced by ex-Watford star Neil Price along with Roy Butler as his coach. Within four months Price turned Hemel's season around, guiding the club from 16th in the table to 4<sup>th</sup>. In a tense finish to the season Hemel narrowly missed out on promotion whilst reaching the final of the South Midlands Floodlight Cup, losing 0-1 at home to Ryman Division One club Barton Rovers.

Price and Butler's first full season in charge ended with Hemel winning the Ryman Division Two Championship with 101 points, gaining the club's highest ever league finish in the process. However, Hemel were refused promotion after Vauxhall Road was not granted the required ground grading for Division One.

The completion of two new stands during the summer of 2000 and the building of a new clubhouse during the following season saw the club gain a Grade B for the ground. Unfortunately on the pitch Hemel could not quite match the previous season's effort and finished sixth in the league at the end of the season. The club did however reach the final of the Associate Members Trophy and can now build for the future under the guidance of new manager Gary Phillips who took over during the close season following the resignation of Price, with the guarantee of being a member of the new Division One North for the start of season 2002/3.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE LEAGUE

### **Promotion and relegation for end of 2001-2002 Season**

When the matter of promotion and relegation was considered at the EGM in December 2000 it was on the basis that one club would be relegated from the Premier Division with three clubs promoted from Division One; a suggestion was been put forward that three clubs should be relegated from the Premier Division and five clubs promoted or an alternative position of two clubs being relegated and four promoted. Since the AGM the Management Committee has been consulted by telephone and the majority are in favour of leaving the matter as originally put forward i.e. that only one club be relegated from the Premier Division and that the usual three clubs be promoted from Division One. This was the proposal at the time of the EGM in December 2000 and was given in answer to a question from The FA Leagues Sanction Committee in February 2001.

### **Turvey wins overwhelming support**

League chairman and managing director Alan Turvey has been re-elected as chairman after beating former Chesham United chairman David Pembroke in a secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The vote – which was overseen by the League's legal advisers to ensure impartiality – was conducted using ballot papers rather than the usual show of hands. Mr Turvey, chairman since 1982, was returned by 47 votes to 8. Speaking to the meeting after being declared the winner, Mr Turvey thanked the clubs for their continuing support and asked for their unity as the League works with the FA and others to restructure the national game.

### **New Ryman structure approved**

The League's Annual General Meeting approved the restructuring of the leagues for the 2002/03 season. The new structure, which has been agreed at an EGM just after Christmas, will consist of a Premier Division of 24 clubs, First Division North, First Division South, also both 24, and 16 in the Second Division. Promotion and relegation has still to be agreed and after taking views from the floor the League's management committee will meet shortly to make some proposals. Meanwhile clubs will have the chance to discuss the national restructuring of the game at a series of informal meetings.

### **Newcomers start to build**

Following their return to the Ryman League, Kingstonian have started to plan for the new season. On the pitch a problem with the watering system has been solved. Parts of the Kingsmeadow surface did not appear to be draining last season. At first this was put down to the torrential rain. It now seems there was a leak in the irrigation system and this has been fixed. New manager Bill Williams has begun working on a squad for the new season after many of last season's team have left. One of the biggest blows is the loss of keeper Steve Farrelly who missed the second half of the season after a near fatal injury. He is now fit again, but the club has been unable to agree terms. Williams has spoken to Farnborough keeper Stuart Mackenzie but the player seems set to stay at Cherrywood Road, where he will be join by former Ks striker Gary Patterson.

### **Loasby moves into at Leighton**

Following the resignation of Craig Johnstone, Leighton Town have named Steve Loasby as their new manager. A Dunstable man with a broad footballing knowledge, Loasby was manager of Toddington Rovers during their successful period in the 1990s. Although he will be appointing a coach and Reserve Team manager as soon as possible, he is also keen to take a fresh look at the local talent within the immediate area. His aim is to create an attractive squad which is capable of being promoted from Division 3 of the Ryman League at the first attempt. Club Chairman Iain McGregor said: "Steve has



the experience to build a side capable of getting the club back up the Ryman League. With his knowledge and ability he will be able to build a structure which will benefit the club in both the short and the long term. This is a most exciting appointment for our club."

#### **Tractor Boys give a helping hand**

Next season footballers at Beveree Stadium, home of Hampton & Richmond Borough, will run onto the pitch through a new players tunnel. Instead of the old metal barriers a plastic covered tunnel which will concertina out to the edge of the pitch has been installed at Hampton's ground. This welcome improvement to the club's facilities has been obtained at no cost from Ipswich Town. Ipswich, already regarded as one of the friendliest football clubs among the professional ranks, offered the tunnel to chairman Victor Searle. All the club had to do was find the necessary transport to take it away. General manager Les Rance said "the 'tractor boys' really came through for us. The tunnel has already been installed, it just needs a spring clean to be ready for use - it will improve the access for supporters to the Simpson Stand and the clubhouse while presenting an attractive entrance for the players to enter the pitch. An additional bonus is that it bears the former Ipswich Town sponsor's name Greene King, which just happen to be the brewery that supplies our bar".

#### **Earlsmead visited by Blair and Brown**

Just days before the General Election, the Labour Battle Buses rolled into Harrow Borough for a surprise visit by the Prime Minister Tony Blair and Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown. The visit, part of the party's campaign to shore up one of the most marginal Labour seats in the country was arranged by Harrow West MP and firm Boro' supporter, Gareth Thomas. Club officials had been informed on Sunday evening that a cabinet minister could be visiting on Monday with Mr Thomas but it was not until early evening that the details were finally released from Labour Party HQ as to who the special guests were to be. The more astute may already have been suspicious following visits by Special Branch officers to look over the club. So just a few days after the club's car park was filled with television vans filming the Carlton Television drama Without Motive, starring Ross Kemp, the TV crews were back, although this time from ITN, Sky News and BBC News. Just before 9pm two of the familiar Battle Buses drove into the car park, one containing the ministers and party officials while the other contained members of the press. Harrow's commercial director Jim Hayes introduced the guests to a packed front bar at the club with all three making a small speech. Gareth Thomas did not miss the opportunity to plug "the finest football club in the area!" What followed was a touch surreal as the two ministers wandered into the main hall where Earlsmead was hosting its regular Monday evening Quiz Night. Standing quietly at the back listening to the questions being read out, it was several minutes before the question master stopped and announced their arrival. Tony Blair apologised for interrupting the evening as the politicians went round each table in turn, followed by a swarm of TV crews and photographers, shaking hands with some rather shell-shocked quiz nighters.

#### **New Shots**

Aldershot Manager George Borg has continued to strengthen his squad by naming two further additions. Striker Mark Watson has signed after playing at Chesham last season. Watson has previously at Sutton United before joining West Ham for £50,000 in 1995. He also played for Bournemouth and Welling before rejoining Sutton and playing a major part in the Ryman Premier Championship winning side of 1998-99. Last season Mark played for Woking who paid £8,000 for his services before his move to Chesham United. Also joining the Shots is 19 year old John Nutter from Wycombe Wanderers. John is a left sided player at home in defence or midfield who began at Blackburn Rovers before joining Wycombe at the end of last year.

#### **Canvey take another prize**

After winning the FA Umbro Trophy and finishing runners up in the Premier Division, Canvey Island were rewarded with some more silverware. To loud applause at the League's annual dinner and dance they were presented with the Barry East Trophy. Named after a former President of the League, it is awarded to the club who has done most to further the name of the Isthmian League in the national spotlight. As well as winning the FA Umbro Trophy, Canvey reached the Second Round proper of the FA Cup. Manager Jeff King was also represented with the FA Umbro Trophy after his side's success over Forest Green Rovers in the final.



# RYMAN LEAGUE TABLES

## RYMAN PREMIER 2000/2001

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	FARNBOROUGH TOWN	42	14	5	2	43	13	17	1	3	43	14	59	99
2	CANVEY ISLAND	42	16	4	1	46	17	11	4	6	33	24	38	89
3	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	42	13	6	2	40	19	9	7	5	33	21	33	79
4	ALDERSHOT TOWN	41	15	4	1	41	11	6	7	8	32	28	34	74
5	CHESHAM UTD	42	13	3	5	42	22	9	3	9	36	30	26	72
6	GRAVESEND & NORTHFLEET	42	12	3	6	32	21	10	2	9	31	25	17	71
7	HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS	42	11	7	3	47	29	7	6	8	27	31	14	67
8	BILLERICAY TOWN	41	10	8	3	34	22	8	5	7	28	32	8	67
9	HAMPTON & RICHMOND	42	14	3	4	43	22	4	9	8	30	38	13	66
10	HITCHIN TOWN	42	10	2	9	40	32	8	3	10	32	37	3	59
11	PURFLEET	42	8	8	5	31	21	6	5	10	24	34	0	55
12	HENDON	40	9	2	9	32	28	7	4	9	30	34	0	54
13	SUTTON UTD	41	7	6	7	40	35	7	5	9	34	35	4	53
14	ST. ALBANS CITY	42	7	2	12	25	33	8	3	10	25	36	-19	50
15	GRAYS ATHLETIC	42	9	6	6	32	28	5	2	14	17	40	-19	50
16	MAIDENHEAD UTD	42	10	1	10	28	27	5	1	15	19	36	-16	47
17	CROYDON	42	9	6	6	34	24	3	4	14	21	53	-22	46
18	ENFIELD	42	9	5	7	31	32	3	4	14	17	42	-26	45
19	HARROW BOROUGH	41	6	4	11	32	48	4	7	9	30	43	-29	41
20	SLOUGH TOWN	42	8	4	9	26	29	2	5	14	14	33	-22	39
21	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	42	9	3	9	26	36	1	3	17	14	49	-45	36
22	DULWICH HAMLET	42	4	4	13	18	36	0	6	15	15	48	-51	22

## RYMAN DIVISION ONE 2000/2001

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	BOREHAM WOOD	42	15	2	4	48	27	11	5	5	34	22	33	85
2	BEDFORD TOWN	42	14	6	1	50	19	8	10	3	31	21	41	82
3	BRAINTREE TOWN	42	15	3	3	64	24	10	3	8	48	36	52	81
4	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	42	13	2	6	58	35	11	4	6	45	39	29	78
5	THAME UTD	42	13	3	5	50	27	9	5	7	36	27	32	74
6	FORD UTD	42	9	6	6	30	26	10	6	5	40	32	12	69
7	UXBRIDGE	42	12	2	7	44	24	9	3	9	29	31	18	68
8	NORTHWOOD	42	11	4	6	50	39	9	4	8	39	42	8	68
9	WHYTELEAFE	42	11	2	8	33	32	9	4	8	29	37	-7	66
10	HARLOW TOWN	42	10	9	2	34	22	5	7	9	36	44	4	61
11	STAINES TOWN	42	8	6	7	32	28	9	2	10	30	36	-2	59
12	OXFORD CITY	42	8	7	6	37	25	7	6	8	25	26	11	58
13	WORTHING	42	7	6	8	35	32	9	3	9	34	37	0	57
14	AYLESBURY UTD	42	8	3	10	34	29	9	1	11	31	26	10	55
15	YEADING	42	8	5	8	38	34	7	4	10	34	40	-2	54
16	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	42	9	4	8	40	31	4	7	10	31	40	0	50
17	WALTON & HERSHAM	42	6	5	10	22	35	8	3	10	37	45	-21	50
18	BROMLEY	42	7	3	11	28	40	7	3	11	35	46	-23	48
19	WEALDSTONE	42	5	6	10	30	34	7	3	11	24	39	-19	45
20	LEATHERHEAD	42	8	3	10	30	38	4	1	16	7	49	-50	40
21	ROMFORD	42	6	2	13	33	54	3	2	16	18	59	-62	31
22	BARTON ROVERS	42	1	3	17	10	38	1	6	14	20	56	-64	15

# RYMAN LEAGUE TABLES

## RYMAN DIVISION TWO 2000/2001

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	TOOTING & MITCHAM	42	14	6	1	48	15	12	5	4	44	20	57	89
2	WINDSOR & ETON	42	11	5	5	33	22	13	5	3	37	18	30	82
3	BARKING	42	15	4	2	43	25	8	9	4	39	29	28	82
4	BERKHAMSTED TOWN	42	13	4	4	52	20	11	4	6	47	29	50	80
5	WIVENHOE TOWN	42	11	7	3	39	22	12	4	5	39	30	26	80
6	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	42	10	5	6	35	28	12	5	4	39	16	30	76
7	HORSHAM	42	12	4	5	47	30	7	5	9	37	31	23	66
8	CHERTSEY TOWN	42	10	6	5	33	21	8	3	10	26	38	0	63
9	TILBURY	42	11	4	6	36	28	7	2	12	25	39	-6	60
10	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC	42	10	2	9	37	27	7	6	8	32	31	11	59
11	GREAT WAKERING ROVERS	42	10	9	2	44	22	5	5	11	24	37	9	59
12	EAST THURROCK UTD	42	10	5	6	37	28	6	6	9	35	36	8	59
13	METROPOLITAN POLICE	42	10	1	10	32	43	8	3	10	32	34	-13	58
14	MARLOW	42	7	7	7	29	30	8	5	8	33	30	2	57
15	MOLESEY	42	8	5	8	31	30	6	4	11	22	31	-8	51
16	WEMBLEY	42	6	5	10	18	35	6	5	10	21	28	-24	46
17	HUNGERFORD TOWN	42	4	4	13	17	44	7	5	9	23	29	-33	42
18	LEYTON PENNANT	42	5	5	11	21	36	5	6	10	26	38	-27	41
19	CHESHUNT	42	6	3	12	24	38	5	3	13	24	39	-29	39
20	EDGWARE TOWN	42	5	4	12	24	37	4	5	12	17	40	-36	36
21	LEIGHTON TOWN	42	4	7	10	21	38	4	3	14	23	49	-43	34
22	WOKINGHAM TOWN	42	3	4	14	20	45	0	8	13	19	49	-55	20

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## RYMAN DIVISION THREE 2000/2001

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	ARLESEY TOWN	42	17	3	1	75	22	17	3	1	63	15	101	108
2	LEWES	41	12	6	2	63	18	13	5	3	41	16	70	86
3	ASHFORD TOWN	42	10	4	7	50	27	16	3	2	54	24	53	85
4	FLACKWELL HEATH	42	14	5	2	47	18	10	5	6	46	33	42	82
5	CORINTHIAN CASUALS	42	12	5	4	43	24	12	5	4	40	26	33	82
6	AVELEY	42	13	2	6	44	26	11	1	9	41	35	24	75
7	EPSOM & EWELL	42	9	2	10	40	29	14	2	5	36	23	24	73
8	WITHAM TOWN	42	12	6	3	44	23	9	3	9	32	34	19	72
9	BRACKNELL TOWN	41	11	5	5	50	37	8	5	7	40	33	20	67
10	CROYDON ATHLETIC	41	10	5	5	45	20	5	7	9	33	43	15	57
11	WARE	42	8	4	9	33	33	9	2	10	42	43	-1	57
12	TRING TOWN	42	5	6	10	26	31	11	3	7	34	40	-11	57
13	EGHAM TOWN	42	7	5	9	33	28	8	6	7	27	32	0	56
14	HORNCHURCH	42	7	5	9	35	29	7	8	6	38	31	13	55
15	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	42	9	5	7	43	32	6	2	13	32	43	0	52
16	ABINGDON TOWN	42	6	4	11	28	49	6	3	12	25	53	-49	43
17	KINGSBURY TOWN	42	6	5	10	40	46	5	3	13	34	54	-26	41
18	DORKING	42	8	2	11	39	58	2	7	12	22	43	-40	39
19	HERTFORD TOWN	41	6	1	14	29	44	3	7	10	28	53	-40	35
20	CAMBERLEY TOWN	42	4	4	13	28	57	4	4	13	25	50	-54	32
21	CLAPTON	42	3	4	14	25	63	2	5	14	23	58	-73	24
22	CHALFONT ST. PETER	42	3	1	17	18	54	1	0	20	12	96	-120	13

ABINGDON TOWN DEDUCTED 3 POINTS



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North West Estates is a privately owned property company, which has created commercial and residential property across Britain.

NWE work with local communities, local authorities and City Councils, with a particular emphasis on the development of "brownfield" land - where there has already been buildings, now out of date or redundant, where jobs have gone and local facilities have run down. The emphasis is always on the creation of sustainable patterns of development.

A recent regeneration project is an example - redundant Victorian maltings in Ipswich, protected from demolition because of their history and prominence on the town's virtually derelict inner harbour. Waterside buildings were empty, run-down and vandalised.

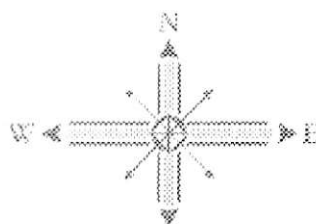
Now, with the maltings completely restored and refurbished - and fully occupied as offices - there is life and a new prosperity and jobs coming back to Ipswich's waterfront - a new pedestrian promenade, wine bars and restaurants, and new housing. Developers and owners who had passed it by are now competing for sites.

NWE's maltings project was the catalyst to get things moving.

The site proposed for the new MFC facilities will make the most of gravel pit lakes and the Thames, introduce leisure facilities - including the gentle relaxation of strolling through undeveloped countryside - and bring the land across the A404 back into use as part of the town, while benefiting the potential young footballers of Marlow.

At the moment this is a vision, but backed by a skilled and experienced developer with the resources to make it happen. A master plan has been produced and the Wycombe councillors will have to grant planning consent before it starts, though.

NWE and the club think it can be achieved, and we hope and believe Marlow people and the council agree that it should happen.



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