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WELCOME

Good afternoon and welcome to The Meadow for this Pitching In Southern League division one central between Aylesbury United and Stotfold FC. We offer a very warm welcome to everyone, including visiting players, officials and supporters from Stotfold. We hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

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Aylesbury United and the Supporters Trust (21CD) are proud to announce Legends Day, a commemorative event taking place today, Saturday, 11th April 2026.

Legends Day is dedicated to honoring the individuals who have shaped Aylesbury United's 125-plus-year history. The event offers a unique opportunity for fans to reconnect with their heroes and share in the club's storied past.

Highlights of the day will include:

- **Meet the Legends:** The club is thrilled to welcome back 20 Aylesbury United Legends. Fans will have the chance to meet and chat with the heroes who wore the green and white in years gone by.
- **Memorabilia Exhibition:** A fascinating exhibition will be on display, featuring a collection of historic items that tell the story of "The Ducks".
- **Free Entry for Contributors:** Supporters who bring along and share their own personal collection of Aylesbury United Memorabilia will gain free access to the match against Stotfold FC.

"This Legends Day is a defining moment for our club as we strengthen our commitment to the local area," said a spokesperson for 21CD. "We invite everyone from lifelong 'Ducks' fans to families looking for a great Saturday out to join us as we celebrate our history and look toward a bright future together".

The event is part of 21CD's ongoing mission to safeguard the club's long-term future and bring Aylesbury United back to a permanent home in Aylesbury.

AYLESBURY UNITED FC



LEGENDS DAY XI



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Today's opponents

Stotfold is a small country town with a population in the region of 9,000. It is situated in the county of Bedfordshire but being near the North Herts border has strong links with the Hertfordshire towns of Baldock, Hitchin and Letchworth. The first recorded football in the town was 1904, however it is certain that the game was played for a number of years before that. In those early 1900s, Stotfold sides played in the Biggleswade and District League. This was followed by a spell of nearly 30 years in North Herts Football. The first record of a trophy being won was 1911 when Potton were beaten 1-0 in the Biggleswade and District Championship. Stotfold FC was officially founded after WW2 in 1946. In 1951 we joined the South Midlands League Division 2 and in 1953 were promoted to Division 1. Up until 1965 our home ground was located at Hitchin Road Recreation Ground. Football was very much at the centre of the community and locals in the village clubbed together sufficient funds to purchase a meadow named 'Roker', (previously used in 1911 by

Stotfold Athletic), and developed the ground aptly named Roker Park which we occupied for 54 years. The club remained in the South Midlands League for over 30 years winning promotion to the Premier League in 1955 and winning the championship in 1980 and finishing runners-up nine times. The club joined the United Counties League in 1984/85 season finishing runners-up twice in 1993/94 and 1995/96 under the guidance of ex-Arsenal player Ian Allinson. Phil Pateman took over from Ian stepping up after managing the reserves to League championship and Beds Intermediate success. During 1998-2001 under his charge the club won The Beds Senior and Premier Cups, UCL League Cup, and the Hinchingsbrooke Cup as well as being runners-up and finalists in two North Beds Charity Cups. The club also reached the last 32 of the FA Vase and the 3rd Qualifying Rd of the FA Cup. Phil stepped down to become Chairman in 2001 but after a brief spell under Kenny Davidson, Phil took temporary charge of the side again until the end of the season and guided the team from relegation candidates to 10th in the league, retaining the NBCC and were finalists in the Hunts Premier Cup. However, their most notable success came from being awarded national fair play team of the year by Ladbrokes in association with The Non-League paper as well as the UCL fair play award.

In 2001 after the club gained planning permission for a ground improvement, the Town Council asked us to consider giving up our long-term lease for a new stadium along Arlesey Road. We agreed subject to the facility being suitable for playing at Step 4 which would be a significant upgrade on our existing ground allowing us to play at a higher level. This was agreed but became more complex with the project integrating a whole community concept. As such costs spiralled at a time of recession and the project stalled as monies were transferred from it.

The early 2000s saw a high turnover of managers and players with Steve Cook, Jim Benton, Glen Clarke, Ian Willisicroft and Mark Teeling all unable to turn the club around. After gaining just 11 points from 17 league games and some heavy defeats in season 2006/7, Mark was replaced in December by the return of Ian Allinson and Ian Donnelly. A partnership that turned out to be the most successful in Stotfold's history thus far. With the club staring relegation in the face, Ian recruited several senior players and the club hauled themselves out of the bottom two, winning 8 of the last 10 games. During the summer of 2007 the squad strengthened further, culminating in the most successful season in the club's history. Both first and second team squads won their respective league and county cup competitions, (the first club and to date only one to do so), with the second team under John Philbin remaining unbeaten in the league. The club was the only UCL club to reach the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup before losing to Tonbridge Angels. During the summer Ian was offered the Managers job at Ryman Premier League Borehamwood and he remains one of the best non-League managers of our time currently in charge at St Albans City. However, he left a great legacy and we promoted Ian Donnelly to the position with reserve manager Terry Kitchener stepping up to assist him. Success continued, winning the UCL League Cup and North Beds Charity Cup and finishing League Runners Up.

The Reserves and the Under 18

Academy continued to sweep all before them under Gordon Bickerstaff's management and after Ian Donnelly stepped down with Terry at the end of the previous season, it was easy to promote from within again, with Gordon bringing his Assistant Cecil Lee with him. The Academy continued to go from strength to strength with the U15 and U18 Academy teams winning the Beds County Cup. The U18s also won the County Floodlit Cup and the Ridgeon's League West title under Manager Ryan Brooke. In what turned out to be the club's final season in the UCL, 2009/10 saw the first team produce a very creditable performance reaching the 4th round of the FA Vase and finishing 7th in the league.

The 2010s saw the club move back to the Spartan South Midlands League in 2010/11. In season 2012-13 Gordon stood down and Steve Young was appointed as Manager supported by Roy Ryall but the club were left stunned when Coach Tony Lamacraft collapsed after an abandoned first team friendly caused by the double leg fracture of one of the Stotfold players. Despite the valiant efforts of club officials and paramedics including an air ambulance crew Tony passed away. Over 500 attended his funeral and Tony has been sadly missed not just by Stotfold but the whole of the local football community. Gary Hoy took over the Reserves whilst continuing to run our Under 17 and 18 Academy teams. After another poor start the first team secured a respectable mid-table position whilst the Reserves, made up almost entirely of Academy players, won the Biggleswade KO Cup. Our Under 18s reached the first round of the FA Youth club for the very first time despite playing mostly 16-year-old players before going out to Leyton Orient. The U17s finished 2nd and U18s first in their respective leagues. Steve promoted from within the club, Michael Parkin and Matt Endersby stepping up and the with ex Colchester pro Rob Bates as Academy Manager.

The under 18 side finished second in the Southern Counties Olympian Division and won the Colwyn Cup Final beating league winners Cockfosters. In 2013 the Academy again flourished, reaching the 3rd QR of the FA Youth Cup before losing to full-time Academy side Cambridge United on penalties. They also reached 2 semi-finals and finished 3rd in the league. The first team turned their season around from being 3rd from bottom of the SSML Premier Division with just 18 points at Xmas, to three cup finals and a semi-final place in another. They also moved away from the foot of the table with a further 29 points in the second half of the season. The mid 2010s presented a challenge and following Steve's resignation in January 2015, Rob Bates stepped up and he managed to mould a team to stave off relegation from the Premier League and finish a creditable 16th. Seasons 2015/18 continued the slide into decline both on and off the pitch.

2015/16 saw a re-formed reserves as an U25 side winning the Biggleswade KO cup. The first team won the NBCC defeating Biggleswade United 2-0 in the final in what turned out to be the last game under Rob Bates and his management team who resigned shortly after. The turnaround of managers was matching that of the players as Mick Reardon kicked it off lasting less than 2 months, suffering a humiliating club record a FA Cup 12-1 loss to Berkhamsted.

Michael Parkin stepped in but despite an amazing run of wins at the end of the season we finished bottom on goal difference. Michael unfortunately resigned down to work commitments, Back on the Manager merry-go-round we were given a lift when the FA reprieved us, but we weren't so lucky in 2018/19 when we finished 3rd from bottom and went down on goal difference on the last day of the season. Julian Robinson, Gary Burkett (Temp), Mark Nervais, and finally Marce Collington all having a hand in managing in excess of 100 players. The only saving grace for the season being runners up in the U25 Development Cup losing out 1-0 to Ampthill Town. The U25s themselves having numerous managers/assistants by Christmas before Brad Gillham supported by Phil Pateman steered them to calmer waters. Revised plans were drawn up when an offer to build 60 properties on Roker Park was accepted in return for a stadium being built for us. The club needed a reboot and the new stadium rising before our eyes gave us the opportunity to do just that. The club completely restructured with a merger of Senior & Junior clubs with an ongoing program of inclusive football for a Charter Standard Club comprising of in excess of 60 teams and 700 participants.

So to the 2020s success off the field being as important as on it but the first Team are the standard bearer. In this regard we were delighted that our former player Luke Gregson could see our vision for the future and agreed to be our manager after a wonderful spell at Baldock where he took them from the SSML Div. 1 to 4th in the Premier League in just 3 seasons. He bought with him Jim Sterling and rebuilt the side. After a slow start the Eagles went on a fantastic run of form winning 14 consecutive league games and seemingly nailed on for promotion before Covid-19 null and voided the season. However not before we won the Beds Senior Trophy beating Stevenage 2-0 in the final. Despite, the disappointment 2020 marked a landmark for the club when we moved to our new Roker Park JSJ Stadium. The £2M

Step 4 facility opened its doors on Feb 8th with a home game against Shefford & Campton, and a crowd of 644 witnessed a super game with the Eagles winning 5-3. The stadium is a credit to all but in truth it would not have been possible without substantial financial support from both clubs and generous donations from long standing members of the Seniors. This enabled us to completely furnish the clubhouse, provide external toilets and Irrigation System not catered for in the build. Leaving a legacy for future generations. Unfortunately, season 2020/21 was curtailed again by Covid in December with us finishing in 7th position and the FA Restructure saw us lose out on promotion by 0.01 of a point. Luke also decided to step down due to work and family commitments. After 20 years as club chairman Phil

Pateman stepped down at the end of season 2020/21 with his vice-chairman of some 4 years Rob Parkin agreeing to take on the role of chairman. We started the new 2021/22 season full of optimism having been re-structured off the field and in the re-structured Division 1 under former players Brett and Paul Donnelly. Brett enjoyed a playing career with several local sides and notably National League step 3 sides Biggleswade Town and Hitchin Town becoming assistant manager at both clubs. Paul a member of the 2008 Championship team, is a familiar and popular face at Stotfold. He managed our development side and worked for several seasons with our Juniors before taking a coaching role at Letchworth GC Eagles. Joining Brett's management team is UEFA B licence and FA Coach mentor Eddie McLoughlin.

Eddie left his Asst managers post at Hendon after successful coaching spells with Hertford and Biggleswade Town. The management team are completed by Michael Parkin (Goalkeeping coach), Ryan Jefferies (Physio) and Roy Ryall with Jon Little, Sean Lyness and Darren Clarke looking after the Development/U18 sides. The season saw unprecedented success with the first team winning Division 1 and promotion back to the South Midlands Premier Division, the Development team winning Division 1 of the Beds County Football League and promotion to Premier Division and the U18s winning the Nemean Division of the Southern Counties Southern Floodlit League. We start season 2022/23 with the same management teams for the first and development teams. The club will have their first ever Woman's team this

season under the management of Tom Olney and Becca Lightfoot and they will be playing in the Beds and Herts Woman's Football League. Jon is standing down from Youth football and we have a new U18 management team of Stuart Lopez and Scott Cretton. They will play in the midweek SCFYL and on Saturdays in the Junior Premier League

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WHO'S WHO?

At Aylesbury United FC

Manager- Paul Batchelor

Assistant Managers- Danny Gray & Matt Kelloway

First team kit- Will Harvey

Physiotherapist- James Lewis

Chair- Graham Read

Vice Chair- Ken Turnbull

Managing Director- Bob Moody

Club Secretary- Steve Baker

Fixtures Secretary- Ian Pluck

Company Secretary- Roger Simmons

Directors- Graham Read, Alan Sherwell, Ken Turnbull

Safety Officer- Graham Martin

21st Century Ducks chair- Andy Martin

Club chaplain, welfare officer and safeguarding officer- Rev. Martyn Shaw

Legal name- Aylesbury United Football Club

Company number- 05814026

Significant interests (Shareholders/Shareholding)-

Graham Read (51%), 21st Century Ducks (39%)

Our community role

Do you know what we do
for the community via our Womens and Junior sections of club?

Just have a look – we are more than a Step four club, we are a much larger, envied ONE CLUB. Aylesbury United Football Club.

The Womens and Junior sections are still proudly flying the Aylesbury United flag in and around the town. We are proud of them, and they are proud to do so.

The Womens section comprise of 17 teams! 14

play in local leagues with another three 'social' playing teams. This amounts to more than 270 players, lead by 60 coaches and volunteers, more than 1,000 parents and club members receiving news and information about the club via social media and newsletters, etc.

Paul Timms, chair of the Women's section says: "The demand for women's football is growing enormously, and we are proud to be part of it!"

The Juniors section is currently running 25 teams, with 370 players, 94 coaches and volunteers, week in, week out supporting the youth of Aylesbury, and unfortunately turning kids away as they have no capacity to take more (mainly down to the lack of – or poor quality of – facilities e.g. playing fields).

John Stirzaker, Juniors section chairman, states: "Without facilities, we struggle, the town struggles and kids suffer, this is why it's so important to 'Bring the Ducks Home' and provided the necessary pitches required."

Below are some amazing
figures highlighting the hours given up by volunteers (of both the Womens and Juniors sections) to give

the youngsters of Aylesbury the opportunity of playing football and being part of our club. I would imagine the hours are higher now but based on previous years' activity.

- 675 hours of weekly sporting activity by providing access to training.
- 27,000 hours of sporting activity by providing access to training over a 40 week season.
- 13,500 hours of additional sporting activity with participation in weekly fixtures.
- 13,500 hours of sporting activity for members of the wider community who are members of other clubs and participate as our opposition in fixtures
- 2,500 hours of sporting activity for club members and the wider community at our annual 'End of Season Football Festival'.

The minimum total sporting activity that is provided to its members over a 40 week period, by AUJFC & AUWFC, is 56,500 hours.

And not forgetting the Pan-Disability and Walking football sections that also do an amazing job for our club. All sections are always on the look out for more volunteers and coaches, so if you fancy it, or know anybody that would be interested in helping the Aylesbury youth of today (and our potential players of tomorrow) then please make contact.

As ever, I appreciate your support, whether it be the Mini Ducks right through to the first team, I thank you, and I know we would not be as strong as we are without you all.

Graham Read
Chairman, Aylesbury United Football Club

Charity Partner Youth Concern



Each season Aylesbury United partners with a local charity to raise funds through various activities associated with the club. The election of a Charity This season Aylesbury United is supporting Youth Concern as our charity partner. Youth Concern are a youth charity that support young people in Aylesbury Vale. They welcome all 13-25 year olds, but specialise in working with young people who face additional challenges including, but not limited

to, those who are financially vulnerable, have mental health needs, homeless or at risk of homelessness, young carers, 'looked after' or affected by domestic/sexual violence or abuse. Youth Concern has a drop-in centre in Aylesbury which provides a range of activities and support.

Hannah Asquith, CEO at Youth Concern, said: *"I'm absolutely thrilled that supporters' of Aylesbury United have chosen Youth Concern to be the club charity partner for the season, and we are grateful for your support. We look forward to working in partnership with the club and wish The Ducks all the best this season."*

WHAT DOES YOUTH CONCERN DO?



YOUTH CONCERN SUPPORTS YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THEIR 13TH UNTIL THEIR 25TH BIRTHDAYS.

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Welcome to the

Aylesbury United Archive

An unofficial record featuring history, statistics and player profiles from 125+ years of Aylesbury United history. Up The Ducks! #BringTheDucksHome

An unofficial archive featuring history, statistics and player profiles from the 125+ years of Aylesbury United.

Since stepping down as the club's official website editor in 2022, I wanted a way to retain the extensive database which has grown over the years since I first launched what was then another unofficial Aylesbury United website (known as Up The Ducks!), before going official in 2013.

Not only does the archive feature Ducks statistics, it also hosts facts and figures about Aylesbury's opponents as well as other non-league teams, and more than 33,000 other non-league player profiles.

As a result, the database is growing year-by-year and will continue to do so. We hope you find the resource useful and please do not hesitate to contact us with any feedback.



<https://www.aylesburyunitedarchive.com/>

25/26 FIXTURES

- 2/8/25- Ardley United (A) FAC 1-0 L
9/8/25- Leverstock Green (H) 0-0 D
12/8/25- Marlow (A) 3-0 L
23/8/25- MK Irish (A) 4-1 W- Larwood 10' French 38' Beadle 49' Tamplin 90+4'
26/8/25- Flackwell Heath (H) 0-2 L
6/9/25- Stanway Rovers (A) FAT 4-0 L
13/9/25- Northwood (H) 2-2 D- Raposo 14' Layman 85'
27/9/25- Enfield (A) 3-0 W- Raposo 33' Bewley 65' Larwood 87'
1/10/25- Leighton Town (H) 1-0 L
11/10/25- Biggleswade (H) 3-2 L Tuttle 43' Kakembo 79'
15/10/25- London Lions (A) 4-1 L Kakembo 27'
18/10/25- Hertford Town (A) 5-1 L Garcia 8'
21/10/25- AFC Dunstable (A) 2-0 L
29/10/25- Beaconsfield Town (A) 3-2 W OG, 71' Larwood 81', 87'
2/11/25- Biggleswade Town (H) 3-0 L
8/11/25- Ware (A) 2-0 L
12/11/25- Welwyn Garden City (H) 2-2 D Martin 93' Reeves 97'
15/11/25- Leverstock Green (A) 3-3 D French 15' Reeves 26' Martin 51'
19/11/25- Hadley (H) 1-1 D OG 91'
22/11/25- Hitchin Town (H) Abandoned in the first half due to a waterlogged pitch
26/11/25- Marlow (H) 2-0 W Bewley 30' Akinbobola 45'
29/11/25- Northwood (A) 2-0 W Akinbobola 17' Stobbs 88'
6/12/25- Barton Rovers (A) 1-0 L
13/12/25- Rayners Lane (H) 3-1 W Reeves 41' French 43' Cameron 62'
20/12/25- MK Irish (H) 2-0 W OG 49' Martin 83'
27/12/25- Flackwell Heath (A) 3-0 L
10/1/26- Stotfold (A) 2-1 L Tamplin 83'
14/1/26- Hitchin Town (H) 2-0 L
17/1/26- AFC Dunstable (H) 6-0 W Tamplin 36' Bircham 45+1' Turner 71' Swaby 75' Bircham 85' OG 87'
24/1/26- Leighton Town (A) 2-1 L Turner 23'
31/1/26- London Lions (H) 3-0 L
6/2/26- Biggleswade (A) 2-1 L Jellal 72'
14/2/26- Beaconsfield Town (H) 3-1 L Bircham 75'
21/2/26- Biggleswade Town (A) 5-1 L Swaby 89'
28/2/26- Ware (H) 1-0 W Reeves 35'
7/3/26- Welwyn Garden City (A) 3-2 L Tamplin 7' Bircham 60'
14/3/26- Enfield (H) 4-0 W Reeves 57', 62', 81' Tamplin 79'
18/3/26- Thame United (H) 3-3 D Tamplin 18' Stobbs 26' French 57'
21/3/26- Hitchin Town (A) 3-1 L Tamplin 50'
28/3/26- Rayners Lane (A) 10-1 W Stobbs X3 5' 16' 39', Cleveland 12' Henry 22' Bircham 26' Reeves 41'
----- Tamplin 47' Wood 55' Bewley 76'
3/4/26- Barton Rovers (H) 3-2 L Cleveland 66' Wood 82'
6/4/26- Thame United (A) 2-0 W Cleveland 67,78'
11/4/26- Stotfold (H)
18/4/26- Hadley (A)
25/4/26- Hertford Town (H)

MENS FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

The men's first team currently play in the Pitching In Southern League Division One Central. They are managed by Paul Batchelor.

Founded in 1897 – when local sides Night School, The Printing Works and Aylesbury Town merged to become Aylesbury United – the first team turned semi-professional in 1976 and joined the Southern League.

For the past decade the team has played in the Southern League at step four of the National League pyramid.

The club was evicted from our home ground in Aylesbury when the lease expired in 2006, and for the past 19 years has had to play home matches outside the town. For the past eight seasons, the team has played at The Meadow, home of Chesham United.

WOMENS FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

The women's first team currently play in the Thames Valley Counties Women's Football League Division Three North.

Aylesbury United Ladies was re-established in 2002, following a number of years without a team and the demise of Berkhamsted Ladies. Early highlights including a 7-2 victory over multi-time women's FA Cup winners Southampton Women's FC, and reaching the League Plate Final in 2004. The team picked up its first honours in 2007 with victory in the Thames Valley League Plate Final against Wolverton Wasps by penalty shoot-out. The Ladies won the League Plate again in 2014-15, the same season the club merged with junior side Vale Reds FC, to form Aylesbury United Ladies and Girls.

In 2023 the club changed its name to Aylesbury United Women to better reflect its position as an end-to-end female club for all ages with a clear pathway to the first team.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

Aylesbury United Juniors FC has a long history within the town of providing local youngsters with opportunities to train and play football. We currently provide this provision for more than 350 players from 3 years of age; through to 18.

Our Mini Duck sessions are for 3 to 6 year olds. Age groups U7-U12 play in the South Bucks Mini Soccer Conference where fixtures are considered an extension of training and aimed at development; and age groups U13-U17 play competitively at all levels within the Wycombe and South Bucks Minor Football League. The club's all inclusive disability section also comes under the Juniors' banner and will play in the Berks, Oxon and Bucks Inclusive League.

As an accredited FA Club we will be able to provide regular football, so whether a player is looking to play for enjoyment, or has ambitions to play at a senior level, we can cater for their needs.

All of our volunteers are subject to FA enhanced background checks and are all encourage to develop themselves as coaches as their players progress. The club also prides itself in supporting all volunteers including young coaches and referees.

If you are interested in joining Aylesbury United Juniors, please email:

membership@aujfc.co.uk

PAN-DISABILITY

At Aylesbury United FC

The Aylesbury United pan-disability team is a fully inclusive side for both children and adults with physical or learning difficulties.

The side is affiliated with the Berkshire Oxfordshire Buckinghamshire Inclusive (BOBi) League, one of the largest pan-disability leagues in the country.

Sessions take place at Ashmead School in Stoke Mandeville on Saturday mornings from 9am to 10.30am.

If children or adults you know would be interested in playing football, please come along to a session, or get in touch. Siblings, family and friends are also welcome to come along. There's no need to book, just bring suitable clothing, football, and something to drink.

The team was first established by James Byrne when his disabled son wanted to start playing football. He coached the team for four years, and it's now organised by Nick Gurney and his team of coaches.

WALKING FOOTBALL

At Aylesbury United FC

Walking Football was only invented in 2011. As the name suggests, no running – either with or without the ball – is allowed, and it is a no contact sport so all tackling must be done without touching the opponent. Teams are six-a-side, and is open to men over 50, and women over 40.

Our team was formed back in October 2015, thanks to the vision of the late Matthew Doherty. With an enthusiastic bunch aged between 18 and 78 turning out on a cold autumn night, Aylesbury United Walking Football Club was born. The ethos behind the club has always been to allow an inclusive environment for all to take part in the game we all love.

The team's success means there are two teams at Over 50 – the Aylesbury United Greens, and the Aylesbury United Stripes, as well as an Over-60s side, all of which participate in the Thames Valley Walking Football League. As the team is one of the pioneers of Walking Football, they often find themselves up against 'big' names of Football, and previous matches have seen the Ducks take on Watford, Oxford United, and even Arsenal.

Weekly sessions take place at the Aylesbury Vale Academy on Wednesday evenings between 7-8pm. The minimum age is 48 to participate due to the popularity and space available.

If you'd like to take part and get involved, please contact the team via its Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages.

Paul Batchelor- Manager



'Batch' rejoins the club where he began his management career in the managerial role, he started the season with Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. Paul emphasises opportunities for young players to come through into the first team and will bring the ducks an exciting style of play.

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Danny Gray- Assistant manager



A former Aylesbury United player, Danny joins the ducks as an assistant manager.

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Matt Kelloway- Assistant manager



Matt has previously worked with Batch, as U23 manager at Aylesbury Vale Dynamos. He joined the ducks along with Batch and Danny in October 2025.

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Will Harvey- Kitman



Having been a supporter of the club for nearly 10 years, Will started working for the ducks in November 2024 in a media role, before taking up the role of first team kitman in February 2025.

He currently runs the social media platforms and produces the matchday programme, as well as his kitman responsibilities.

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Jack Hopwood- Goalkeeper



Goalkeeper who joined the ducks from Tring Athletic in 2018.

Hoppy left the club in 2021 following his relocation but returned just a year later for the 22/23 season. He spent a year playing for Kidlington before returning to the ducks for a third spell in 2024/25.

Jack has won multiple end of season awards for his excellent performances and service to the ducks.

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Jack Wood- Defender, Captain

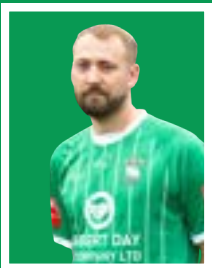


Long-serving club captain, Jack initially joined the club on loan from Luton Town in March 2010, before making the move permanent the following summer. An outstanding and versatile talent, he lines-up in central defence these days, but came to the club as a midfielder and has also featured in the wide positions.

He is top on the list of all-time appearances for the Ducks after breaking the record vs Welwyn Garden City in November 2025, and has made more than 670 appearances for the club. He continues to display incredible loyalty to the club despite several offers to ply his trade elsewhere.

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Jake Bewley- Defender



Ever reliable attack-minded left back who has barely missed a game since being recruited from former landlords Leighton Town in summer 2014 after a four-year association with the Bedfordshire side, having previously played for Dunstable Town and AFC Dunstable before that. Jake's year-on-year improvement culminated in him being named Supporters' Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year at the end of the 2016-17 campaign, having been named the Most Improved Player in 2015-16. Always eager to support attacks on the left flank, he has an excellent left foot which can also be turned to set piece speciality, Jake weighing in with a number of direct free kick goals and penalties over the course of his ducks career.

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Liam Batchelor- Morgan- Defender



Full back signed in summer 2024 from Biggleswade. Has also previously played for Hilltop and Tring Corinthians. Liam is an attack-minded right back, who was our highest appearance maker in 24/25.

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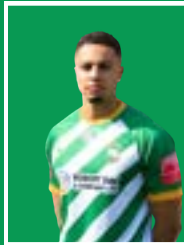
Luke Martin- Defender



An intelligent CB that reads the game and presents a tactical awareness to dictate defensive structure with calm authority. A defensive prowess combined with on the ball-ability including a diverse passing range, and a versatility which allows him to play full-back and in midfield.

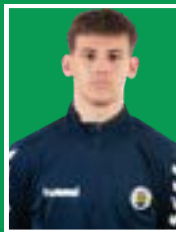
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Kian Henry- Defender



Kian is a powerful defender who has recently returned from injury, impressing since his reintroduction to the squad

James Bone- Midfielder



Midfielder signed on-loan from St Albans City, James played for Enfield earlier this season

Hayden Beadle- Midfielder



Central midfielder who came through the youth and development system at Thame United before breaking into the first team. Joined the Ducks in Summer 2023 before playing elsewhere in 24/25 before rejoining this summer.

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Finlay Reeves- Midfielder



17 year old winger who impressed on his debut against Beaconsfield, Fin joins the ducks from Aylesbury Vale Dynamos, where he scored in their FA Cup tie against St Albans City.

Sonny French- Midfielder



Talented midfielder who has made effortlessly gliding past opponents in midfield something of an art form, Sonny signed for Aylesbury United on registration day in March 2015 from town neighbours Aylesbury FC, where he was a former Player of the Season winner. Began his career with Hemel Hempstead Town, before becoming an important part of the Aylesbury FC team, scoring just short of 40 goals during his four years with the club. Made more than 200 appearances, scoring 62 times for the Ducks, before departing in summer 2023 for Kings Langley. Re-signed for a second spell in September 2024.

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Lee Stobbs- Midfielder/ Fullback



Rejoined The Ducks this summer following a spell away playing at Tring. Stobbsy has previously played over 50 games for us. He is known for his excellent delivery in the final third.

Frankie Bircham- Midfielder



Midfielder recently signed from Rayners Lane

Abdullah Jellal- Midfielder



Powerful striker signed in March 2025 from Kidlington. Scored his first ducks goal in a pre-season game against Chalfont St Peter.

Rocko Tamplin- Winger



Rocko rejoined the ducks this season, scoring on his return to the ducks against MK Irish. Previously playing for the club in 22/23, Rocko's pace and flair makes him exciting to watch on the pitch!

Fabian Garcia- Winger



The rapid winger had spells with Thame United and Aylesbury Vale Dynamos last season including one outing against the Ducks.

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George Cleveland- Striker

Young striker recently signed for the Ducks, scored his first goal away at Rayners Lane

Opposition Squad

Liam Gooch (GK)

Jack Brown

Romero Smart-Tull

Sebastian Simpson

Daniel Sears

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Daniel Kemp

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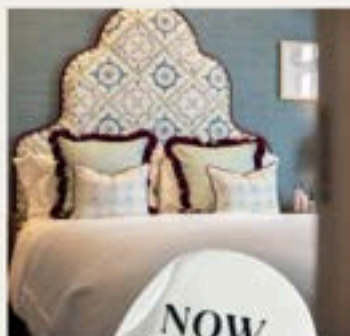
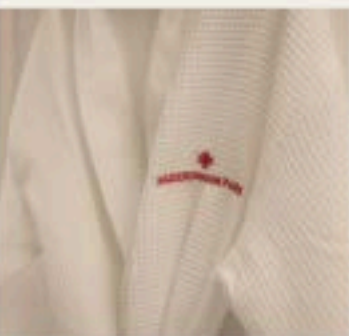
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Please remember the following activities are illegal, dangerous, have serious consequences and have no place in our game:

- Carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros
- Invading the pitch or entering the pitch without permission
- Throwing objects onto the pitch
- Drug use within the football ground
- Discriminatory behaviour

For everyone's safety, we will report anyone carrying out these offences to the police, which can result in a criminal record.

Anyone who enters the pitch without permission and those carrying or using smoke bombs or pyros will now receive an automatic club ban. These measures could also now apply to the parents or guardians of children involved in these activities.

This reflects the seriousness of the risks to fans and staff – pyros can burn at 2000 degrees Celsius and cause life-changing injuries, while entering the pitch endangers players, managers and match officials.

It also impacts the hard working volunteers, who ensure that our special part of the game continues to run. We know those who commit these illegal acts do not represent the majority of supporters. Please work with us to call out the risks.

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Join the Aylesbury United Gold Club

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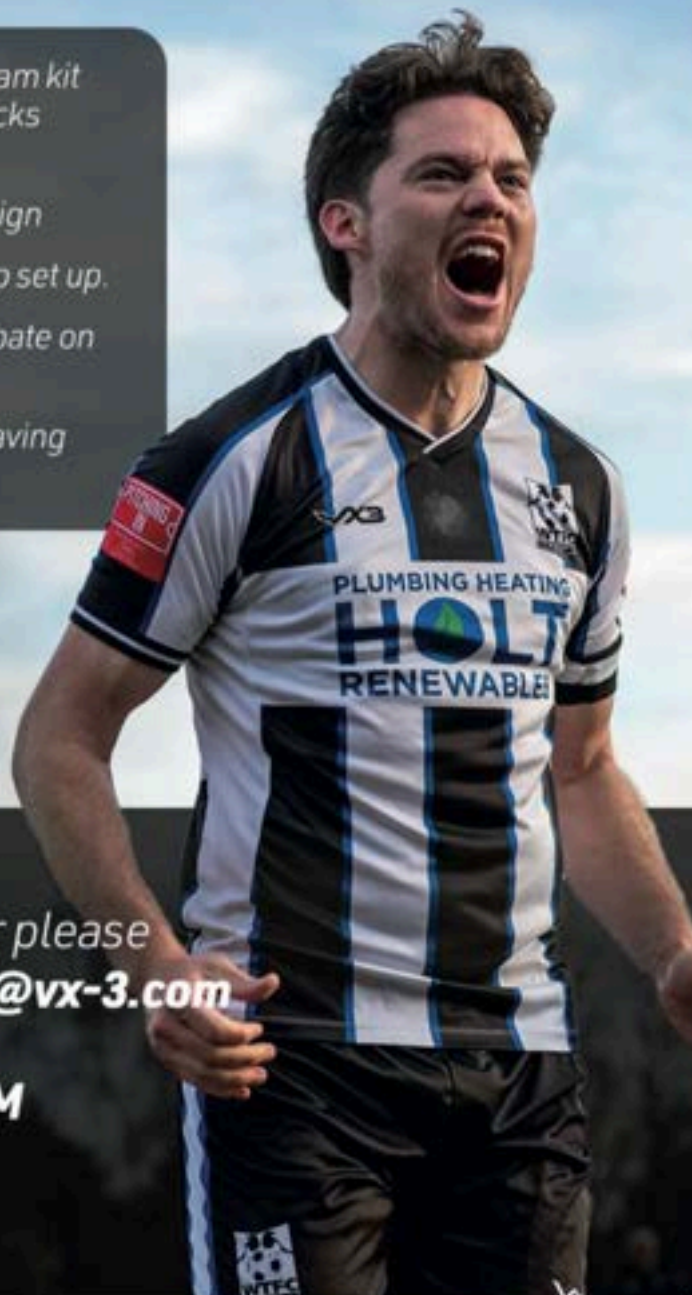
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