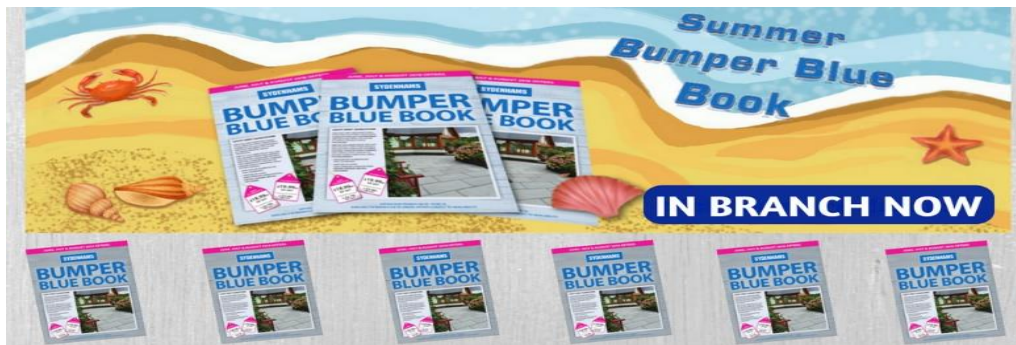


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NON LEAGUE DAY

13.10.18

Plenty of advance notice here. It's Non-League Day on Saturday 13 October. OK so we don't know FA Vase fixtures scheduled for that day, but perhaps clubs might like to plan ahead and look for some special deals- sponsorship or community ideas to promote the event?

PHISHING EMAIL ALERT

Clubs are asked to be alert with the hoax emails that seem to be going the rounds. The gist of the latest being that the email purports to be from the (club) Chairman who asks for a payment to be made on behalf of the Club to a Sports Company and supply them with the Bank Details. *Stay vigilant.*

KAPPA RESPECT AWARDS

At the recent Chair and Secretaries Meeting, the League Chairman advised that our current stock of footballs is getting low. In future, Clubs must purchase their approved footballs from MJM Sports in batches of six at a time- and the prices will be the same as previously. The MJM Sports Representative then gave an update on the Kappa Respect awards which will continue for next season. Any orders from their website will have a 15% discount applied. If a Club spends over £2000 they will be given £200. We thank them for their continued support. Find them at mjm-sports.co.uk



SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWS

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The local FA recently presented Long Service Merit Awards to our current league Champions Blackfield & Langley Secretary Doug Sangster, along with Hans McDonald, Glyn Price and Rob Bevis. In addition, our Chairman, Ian Hoare also collected a similar award. Congratulations to all concerned.

NEXT STEP DOWN

The Sydenhams Football League (Wessex) fared better than most as regards the much vaunted FA re-organisation of the Leagues at Steps four, five and six, but one disappointment was that there were not any Clubs from the Leagues below and around us that were promoted to our Division One. There were five Clubs that put their names forward but more of that anon. The three Leagues, which in old FA terminology, feed into the Wessex League are the Hampshire Premier, the Dorset Premier and the Wiltshire Senior so a look at all three in more detail.

The Hampshire Premier League, which is undoubtedly growing in strength, will have two Divisions as per last season with one or two amendments. Last season the two Divisions boasted sixteen and eight Clubs respectively while this time round it will be sixteen and nine. The Premier Division, in which Paulsgrove finished thirteen points clear at the top, has just one change with Athletico Romsey coming in from the Southampton Senior League and Hedge End Rangers who finished bottom with just six points. dropping in to Division One. The “new boys” seemingly play at Wellow on a ground which has staged Hampshire League football on the past if not Wessex League.

Three of the Premier Division sides applied for promotion but in the cases of Stockbridge and Sway they did not finish high enough in the League – the latter had a disastrous finish to the season but won the League Cup – whilst Infinity, who did finish third, could not meet the required Ground Grading criteria. The relegation of Hedge End Rangers explains the increase in numbers in Division One, and the League did hope for one further addition. Gosport Borough pressed both the Wessex and HPFL for their reserve side to be included, seemingly feeling they could ignore FA procedures, eventually settled for the Hampshire Premier and then withdrew at the last minute. Big Clubs and Little Clubs?

The Dorset Premier League started last season with 18 Clubs including Milborne Port playing at Step 7 for the first time but they, for reasons perhaps of finance, travel, players, standard etc. played only a handful of matches before withdrawing. Hamworthy Recreation finished top of the table with Swanage Town & Herston



in sixth place. Mention is made of the Days Park Club because, not for the first time, they applied for promotion without success so to speak. The previous season they failed to carry out necessary minor ground improvements and this time they failed to finish high enough in the table. Their cause was not helped by the deduction of six points for falling foul of the International Clearance Rules – the deduction was originally twelve points but reduced on appeal – but even without that deduction they would have only finished fourth.

The League will therefore have 17 for the coming season but with two changes from 2017/18. Hamworthy United Reserves and Mere Town have withdrawn and been replaced by Corfe Castle and Portland United Reserves. It is understood that Hamworthy are switching their reserves to the Wyvern League whilst Mere are dropping in to Dorset League football. The two “new” Clubs finished first and third in the Dorset Senior League and our worthy Newsletter Editor describes Corfe Castle’s ground as “basic but with a stunning backdrop” (*Indeed, see picture, Ed*).

The Wiltshire Senior League is probably the lesser of the three and operated with 17 sides last season including 7 reserve sides, mainly of Western League Clubs- that play under slightly different names. Ironically the League was won, at the first time of asking, by Kintbury Rangers, the only side in the League which is not in Wiltshire being a few miles across the border in Berkshire. Shrewton United finished fourth and were the fifth of the Clubs mentioned at the start of this piece to apply for promotion to Step Six. The Club have been perennial applicants over past seasons but always withdraw the application at the last possible moment.

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The League will only have 16 sides this season as the wonderfully named Bassett Bulldogs have withdrawn after just one season. They finished bottom with just six points, twelve behind Bremhill FC who also do not feature in the Constitution for the coming season. However, they have been “replaced” by Football ID who, like Bremhill, will play on Calne Town’s ground so it could just be a change of name.

The ever-changing face of Leagues at our level and good luck to all three Leagues and their clubs for the coming campaign.

The League are still looking for someone to look after the day to day running of the league’s website.

The role will entail posting stories provided from within the league and from external sources, such as clubs advertising vacancies for example- and adding pictures that will be submitted from time to time. Experience with “Word Press” would be an advantage.

If you feel you would like to be considered for this position, please contact the League Secretary at leaguesecretary.wessexleague@gmail.com for more details.

INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE

May we please remind Clubs to be VERY CAREFUL if there is any likelihood of a player being registered whose last Club was outside **England** (so this **does** mean Wales or Scotland)- whether they played or not. Should that be the case they need International Clearance and failure to obtain same can prove very costly in terms of both money and points.

CLUB REMINDER

Clubs are reminded of the need to inform the League Admin Officer of their two mobile phone numbers for recording SMS results immediately after their games as some numbers may have changed from last season. Would Clubs please inform him of their numbers before 21 July. Thanks.

Additionally, each Club must have at least eleven players registered **fourteen** days before the start of each Playing Season, and the season kicks off on 4 August.

BOURNEMOUTH SENIOR CUP 2018/19



Holders **Bashley** begin their defence of the cup with a home tie against New Milton Town. The competition has expanded with Bournemouth, Christchurch and Hythe & Dibden entering, although Downton have not entered this season. Full draw together with dates shown below.

1st Round - Brockenhurst v Hythe & Dibden- 11th September

2nd Round - Bashley v New Milton Town- 11th September

Bournemouth v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves- 11th September

Brockenhurst or Hythe & Dibden v Poole Town Reserves- 18th September

Christchurch v Westover Bournemouth- 18th September

Hamworthy United v Bournemouth Sports- 18th September

Lymington Town v Parley Sports- 11th September

Ringwood Town v AFC Burton- 18th September

Verwood Town v Sway- 11th September

Dates subject to alteration

CLUB NEWS

As from 1 July 2018 the County Ground home of Hamworthy United will be called the Specsavers County Ground, and games there should make mention of this.

A new ground sponsorship deal is also in place at AFC Portchester. Crest Finance are the new stadium and kit sponsors this season.

Jack Slade has been appointed as Assistant Manager at Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

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PRE-SEASON FIXTURES



Clubs are requested to please do get in touch with the Newsletter Editor to promote and advertise their arrangements for next season, thanks in advance- the contact address can be found in the panel on page 1.

Clubs are reminded that the home club needs to obtain sanction from their County FA.

There games listed here are all liable to change and or cancellation at little notice. Please also remember that these games are listed in good faith,

outside the control of the League- games, venues and kick off times may be subject to change at little or no notice. The season has got under way for several teams, the picture comes courtesy of Nat Holland- with Bush Hill taking on Downton on a very warm evening in Millbrook.

Two other Saturday games- Hayling United versus Alresford Town and Romsey Town versus Bishops Waltham Dynamo were both called off, seemingly at short notice?

Saturday	30-Jun	Bournemouth Elliot Bevis [3] Aziz Aldhayan Ron Frost Nasim Meddah Chris Speers Pepechino Smith George Hatch Stephen Lummis [2]	11-0	Niupi AC
Wednesday	04-Jul	Bush Hill James Davis Lewis Kelly Martyn Randall Sean Haines	4-1	Downton Harry Crisp
Wednesday	04-Jul	Fawley Ben Murphy Peter Southwick	2-1	Sholing Lee Wort
Wednesday	04-Jul	Overton United Tom Pemberton	1-8	Amesbury Town Tyler Brockway Charlie Jackson Connor Millar Luke Greenway Jordan Matthews [2] Danny Finnigan [2]
Thursday	05-Jul	Alresford Town Sam Burt	1-2	Moneyfields Sam Pearce [2]
Thursday	05-Jul	Bishops Waltham Dynamo Nick Barton Joe Dudley	2-3	Downton Lascelles Richardson Lyndon Taylor Mitch Coleman
Thursday	05-Jul	Hythe & Dibden Cain Prentice	1-2	Colden Common OG Dan Strange
Friday	06-Jul	Andover New Street Keiron Le Brun Callum Sweeney	2-4	Devizes Town Jay Wallen Doug Dickson Jack Hopper [2]
Saturday	07-Jul	Alton Scott Sanderson Matt Bunyan	2-1	Fleet Spurs Jamil Olweny

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Saturday	07-Jul	Calne Town Matt Bearne Aaron Wittchell	2-1	Amesbury Town Jordan Matthews
Saturday	07-Jul	Colden Common ??	3-4	Totton & Eling Ash Shergold Adam Kan-Aha Mitch Wood Owen Plunkett
Saturday	07-Jul	Midhurst & Easebourne	0-6	AFC Portchester Dale Mason [2] Simon Woods Mike Turvey Andy Todd A Triallist
Saturday	07-Jul	United Services Portsmouth ??	1-4	Infinity Jamie White [3] Stefan Williams

FIXTURES

Sunday	08-Jul	15:00	Stockbridge	v	Fareham Town
Monday	09-Jul	19:00	Bush Hill	v	Whitchurch United
Monday	09-Jul	19:45	Verwood Town [Steve Moore Memorial Trophy]	v	Wimborne Town
Monday	09-Jul	??:??	Blackfield & Langley	v	Alresford Town
Tuesday	10-Jul	19:00	Romsey Town	v	Hamble Club
Tuesday	10-Jul	19:45	AFC Stoneham	v	Hedge End Rangers
Tuesday	10-Jul	19:45	Alton	v	Basingstoke Town
Tuesday	10-Jul	19:45	Brockenhurst	v	AFC Totton
Tuesday	10-Jul	19:45	Selsey	v	Horndean
Tuesday	10-Jul	??:??	Hamworthy United	v	New Milton Town
Wednesday	11-Jul	19:00	Hythe & Dibden	v	Lymington Town
Wednesday	11-Jul	19:00	Sway	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Wednesday	11-Jul	??:??	Folland Sports	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Thursday	12-Jul	19:00	Gillingham Town	v	Laverstock & Ford
Thursday	12-Jul	19:00	Midhurst & Easebourne [at Warblington 4G]	v	Hamble Club
Thursday	12-Jul	19:45	Fawley	v	Blackfield & Langley
Thursday	12-Jul	??:??	Downton	v	Weymouth
Thursday	12-Jul	??:??	Merley Cobham Sports	v	Christchurch
Friday	13-Jul	19:00	Hythe & Dibden	v	Southampton Under-23s
Friday	13-Jul	19:45	Farnham Town	v	Alton
Friday	13-Jul	19:45	Salisbury	v	Lymington Town
Saturday	14-Jul	11:00	Ringwood Town	v	Colden Common
Saturday	14-Jul	12:00	Paulsgrove	v	Whitchurch United
Saturday	14-Jul	13:00	United Services Portsmouth	v	AFC Portchester
Saturday	14-Jul	13:30	Woodstock Town	v	Downton
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Abingdon United	v	Hamble Club
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Amesbury Town	v	Oldland Abbotonians
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Brockenhurst	v	Hayes & Yeading United
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Chipping Sodbury Town	v	Fareham Town
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Corfe Castle	v	Bournemouth
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	East Cowes Victoria	v	Stockbridge
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Gillingham Town	v	Bashley
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Horndean	v	Havant & Waterlooville
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Sway	v	Hythe & Dibden
Saturday	14-Jul	15:00	Verwood Town	v	Portland United
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Blackfield & Langley	v	Sholing
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Blandford United	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Dorchester Sports	v	Christchurch
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Merley Cobham Sports	v	Hamworthy United

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Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Moneyfields	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Parley Sports [at Chapel Gate]	v	New Milton Town
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Shrewton United [at Bulford]	v	Andover New Street
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Tadley Calleva [at Everest College]	v	Folland Sports
Saturday	14-Jul	??:??	Wareham Rangers	v	Christchurch
Monday	16-Jul	19:00	Merley Cobham Sports	v	Bashley
Monday	16-Jul	19:45	Fawley	v	Colden Common
Monday	16-Jul	19:45	Sholing	v	Thattham Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	18:45	Bush Hill	v	Lymington Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	18:45	QK Southampton	v	Alresford Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	19:45	Alton	v	Camberley Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	19:45	Pagham	v	Fareham Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	19:45	Portland United	v	Dorchester Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	19:45	Selsey	v	AFC Portchester
Tuesday	17-Jul	19:45	Wick	v	Horndean
Tuesday	17-Jul	??:??	Fleetlands	v	Petersfield Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	??:??	Ringwood Town	v	Winchester City XI
Tuesday	17-Jul	??:??	Romsey Town	v	Cove
Tuesday	17-Jul	??:??	Tadley Calleva [at Everest College]	v	Godalming Town
Wednesday	18-Jul	19:45	Brockenhurst	v	Winchester City
Wednesday	18-Jul	19:45	Oldland Abbotonians	v	Shaftesbury
Wednesday	18-Jul	??:??	Kintbury Rangers	v	Andover New Street
Thursday	19-Jul	19:00	SC Inzell	v	Hythe & Dibden
Thursday	19-Jul	??:??	AFC Stoneham	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Thursday	19-Jul	??:??	Sidlesham	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Friday	20-Jul	19:30	Folland Sports	v	Hamble Club
Friday	20-Jul	19:45	Fawley	v	QK Southampton
Friday	20-Jul	19:45	Horndean	v	Bognor Regis Town
Friday	20-Jul	19:45	Sholing	v	Winchester City
Friday	20-Jul	19:45	Wimborne Town [Gerry Page Trophy]	v	Christchurch
Friday	20-Jul	??:??	Hamworthy Recreation	v	New Milton Town
Saturday	21-Jul	11:00	Bashley [at Brockenhurst College]	v	Holt United
Saturday	21-Jul	12:30	Alton	v	Abingdon United
Saturday	21-Jul	13:00	Alresford Town	v	Sutton United Under-21
Saturday	21-Jul	13:30	Clanfield [at Havant Academy]	v	Downton
Saturday	21-Jul	14:00	St Clement	v	Brockenhurst
Saturday	21-Jul	15:00	Alresford Town	v	Cadbury Heath
Saturday	21-Jul	15:00	Andover Town	v	Fareham Town
Saturday	21-Jul	15:00	Bournemouth	v	Hashtag United
Saturday	21-Jul	15:00	Hamworthy United	v	Weymouth
Saturday	21-Jul	15:00	Newport IOW	v	Lancing
Saturday	21-Jul	15:00	Romsey Town	v	Colden Common
Saturday	21-Jul	15:00	SV Ruppolding	v	Hythe & Dibden
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	AFC Portchester	v	Portsmouth Under-18s
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Amesbury Town	v	Devizes Town
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Cove	v	Whitchurch United
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Cowes Sports	v	Gillingham Town
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Dorchester Sports	v	Laverstock & Ford
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Fleet Town	v	Tadley Calleva
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Parley Sports [at Chapel Gate]	v	Shaftesbury
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Portland United	v	Yate Town
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Ringwood Town	v	AFC Totton XI
Saturday	21-Jul	??:??	Worcester Park	v	Andover New Street
Sunday	22-Jul	12:00	Jersey Wanderers	v	Brockenhurst
Monday	23-Jul	??:??	Fawley	v	Sholing Development
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:15	Folland Sports	v	Winchester Castle

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Tuesday	24-Jul	19:30	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Westbury United
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:30	Hamble Club	v	AFC Totton
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:45	Bashley [<i>David Jose Trophy</i>]	v	Winchester City
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:45	Bournemouth	v	Bournemouth Electric
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:45	Brockenhurst [<i>New Forest Cup</i>]	v	New Milton Town
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:45	Calne Town	v	Shaftesbury
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:45	Horndean	v	Gosport Borough
Tuesday	24-Jul	19:45	Ringwood Town [<i>New Forest Cup</i>]	v	Lymington Town
Tuesday	24-Jul	??:??	AFC Stoneham	v	Colden Common
Tuesday	24-Jul	??:??	Amesbury Town	v	Tadley Calleva
Tuesday	24-Jul	??:??	Horsham	v	AFC Portchester
Tuesday	24-Jul	??:??	Portland United	v	Bridport
Tuesday	24-Jul	??:??	Team Solent	v	Moneyfields
Tuesday	24-Jul	??:??	United Services Portsmouth	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Wednesday	25-Jul	19:30	Hythe & Dibden	v	Blackfield & Langley
Wednesday	25-Jul	??:??	AFC Stoneham	v	Cowes Sports
Thursday	26-Jul	19:00	Gillingham Town	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Thursday	26-Jul	19:30	Swanage Town & Herston	v	Downton
Thursday	26-Jul	19:45	AFC Portchester	v	Paulsgrove
Thursday	26-Jul	19:45	Alton	v	Portsmouth Academy
Thursday	26-Jul	19:45	Laverstock & Ford	v	Bush Hill
Friday	27-Jul	19:30	Hythe & Dibden	v	Team Solent
Friday	27-Jul	19:45	Dorchester Sports	v	Brockenhurst
Friday	27-Jul	19:45	Folland Sports	v	Athletico Romsey
Saturday	28-Jul	13:00	NEW FOREST CUP Final		
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Andover Town	v	Andover New Street
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Bashley	v	Poole Town
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Bournemouth	v	Fawley
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Chichester City [<i>Steve Bernard Memorial Trophy</i>]	v	Christchurch
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Cowes Sports	v	QK Southampton
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Eversley & California	v	Alton
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Horndean	v	Swindon Town
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Laverstock & Ford	v	AFC Portchester
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Newport IOW	v	Fleetlands
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Pagham	v	Hamble Club
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Petersfield Town	v	Liss Athletic
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Shaftesbury	v	Gillingham Town
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Stockbridge	v	Tadley Calleva
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Sway	v	Romsey Town
Saturday	28-Jul	15:00	Whitchurch United	v	Abingdon United
Saturday	28-Jul	15:30	NEW FOREST CUP 3rd/4th Place Playoff		
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	AFC Portchester	v	Gosport Borough
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	AFC Stoneham	v	Thatcham Town
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	Baffins Milton Rovers	v	Wareham Rangers
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	Balti Sports	v	Portland United
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	Fareham Town	v	Moneyfields
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	Ringwood Town	v	Hamworthy United
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	Sherborne Town	v	Amesbury Town
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	Storrington	v	Downton
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	Tadley Calleva [<i>at Everest College</i>]	v	Abingdon Town
Saturday	28-Jul	??:??	United Services Portsmouth	v	Alresford Town
Monday	30-Jul	19:45	Christchurch	v	Salisbury
Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Alresford Town	v	Basingstoke Town
Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Andover New Street	v	Andover New Street Swifts
Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Bashley	v	New Milton Town
Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Fawley

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Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Bournemouth	v	Verwood Town
Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Laverstock & Ford	v	Shaftesbury
Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Pewsey Vale	v	Amesbury Town
Tuesday	31-Jul	19:45	Ringwood Town	v	Holt United

FA COMPETITION DRAWS

EMIRATES FA CUP EXTRA PRELIMINARY ROUND

Hamworthy United	v	Team Solent
AFC Stoneham	v	AFC Portchester
Newport IOW	v	Amesbury Town
<i>Knaphill</i>	v	Sholing
<i>Guildford City</i>	v	Petersfield Town
Tadley Calleva	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Cowes Sports
Andover New Street	v	Romsey Town
United Services Portsmouth	v	Andover Town
Horndean	v	<i>Godalming Town</i>
Hamble Club	v	Alresford Town
Brockenhurst	v	Christchurch
Bashley	v	Bournemouth
Fareham Town	v	<i>Frimley Green</i>
<i>Sandhurst Town</i>	v	Lymington Town
<i>Clevedon Town</i>	v	Portland United
<i>Wells City</i>	v	Shaftesbury



EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

<i>Thatcham Town</i>	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins or Cowes Sports
<i>Salisbury</i>	v	Hamble Club or Alresford Town
<i>Farnham Town or Binfield</i>	v	Brockenhurst or Christchurch
<i>Moneyfields</i>	v	Andover New Street or Romsey Town
Hamworthy United or Team Solent	v	<i>AFC Totton</i>
<i>Sandhurst Town</i> or Lymington Town	v	Fareham Town or <i>Frimley Green</i>
<i>Fleet Town</i>	v	<i>Guildford City</i> or Petersfield Town
United Services Portsmouth or Andover Town	v	<i>Knaphill</i> or Sholing
AFC Stoneham or AFC Portchester	v	<i>Westfield</i>
Tadley Calleva or Baffins Milton Rovers	v	<i>Hartley Wintney</i>
<i>Wimborne Town</i>	v	Newport IOW or Amesbury Town
<i>Ascot United or Camberley Town</i>	v	Horndean or <i>Godalming Town</i>
<i>Winchester City</i>	v	Bashley or Bournemouth
<i>Barnstaple Town</i>	v	<i>Wells City</i> or Shaftesbury
<i>Clevedon Town</i> or Portland United	v	<i>Bitton</i> or <i>Tavistock</i>

ROUND	WINNERS PRIZE PAYMENT	DATE
Extra Preliminary Round [184]	£2,250.00 [losers pick up £750.00]	11 August
Preliminary Round [160]	£2,890.00 [losers pick up £960.00]	25 August
1 st Qualifying Round [116]	£6,000.00	8 September
2 nd Qualifying Round [80]	£9,000.00	22 September
3 rd Qualifying Round [40]	£15,000.00	6 October
4 th Qualifying Round [32]	£25,000.00	20 October
1 st Round Proper [40]	£36,000.00	10 November

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THE FA CUP – EARLY THOUGHTS

The First Preliminary Round of the FA Cup is scheduled for the second Saturday of the coming season – something like a month away – so some early thoughts on the draw for same that was published late this week. We start regrettably with the usual moan. The FA Cup is probably the best-known Club Competition in the World and Clubs delight in competing in same. At these early stages in the Competition the FA hold sway (in the later Rounds Television takes over) – and it is a pity that they, the FA repeatedly fail to recognise that the joy of Cup Competitions is playing against and travelling to opposition that you would otherwise not meet. As is the case every year the Sydenhams League participation will be decimated at the first hurdle with no fewer than ten ties involving Clubs from the League being drawn against each other. Those that do face “foreign” opposition will be meeting Western League and Combined Counties Clubs and it is interesting that in the two rounds of both the FA Cup and FA Vase published yesterday Sydenhams League Clubs do not face opposition from Sussex in any shape or form – and Sussex is, in part, on the doorstep!

The all Wessex ties can be broken down in to three groups - all Premier Division ties, all Division One ties and ties between Clubs from both Divisions. In the first of these there are no fewer than six and taking them in draw order the first one up so to speak is HAMWORTHY UNITED against TEAM SOLENT. The Dorset Club have home advantage and more “knowledge” of their pitch but Team Solent have a good Cup pedigree and the League match between the two at the County Ground last season produced nine goals. A further incentive for both is a home tie with AFC Totton for the winners in the next round.

TADLEY CALLEVA and BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS is a meeting between two Clubs on the up. The home side have finally gained promotion to the Premier Division whilst BAFFINS have adapted very easily and quickly following their promotion from the HPFL. Not an easy one to call and again great incentive for the winners with a home tie against the upwardly mobile Hartley Wintney to follow.

COWES SPORTS make the long journey to BEMERTON HEATH and will be looking to improve on their away form of last season and the winners of this tie could face a difficult tie at Thatcham in the next round. If Tadley and Baffins is a hard game to call, then the visit of ALRESFORD TOWN to HAMBLE CLUB is doubly so. Alresford have made some shrewd signings and Hamble Club proved their Cup prowess by their Vase exploits last season and yet again there is a plum tie – a visit to Salisbury – for the winners in the next round. All to play for!

CHRISTCHURCH, newly promoted, travel to Brockenhurst no doubt keen to show their credentials though in one of the all too often quirks of the fixture list the two Clubs are scheduled to meet in the League at Hurn Bridge four days prior to the Cup tie.

The last of the all Premier ties will see BASHLEY entertain BOURNEMOUTH – not quite a local derby but bordering on same – and the “Bash” will be hoping that home advantage proves crucial as the winners travel to Winchester a fortnight later.

Two all-Division One ties with the first featuring two Clubs who suffered relegation to that level at the end of last season with AMESBURY TOWN crossing the Solent to meet NEWPORT. The Island side are still beset by off-field problems and their opponents will no doubt be remembering that they came out on top in both League meetings last time round.

The second of the two games in this category sees ANDOVER TOWN travel to US PORTSMOUTH. The visitors are in a sense starting again after relegation rather than promotion in the close season and will have a difficult afternoon at Burnaby Road where the home record is impressive. The all Wessex ties are completed by Premier v Division One at Charlton and Stoneham. At the first newly promoted ANDOVER NEW STREET host ROMSEY from some ten miles down the road and in the battle of the “AFC’s” PORTCHESTER travel to Stoneham. Premier Division to come out on top?

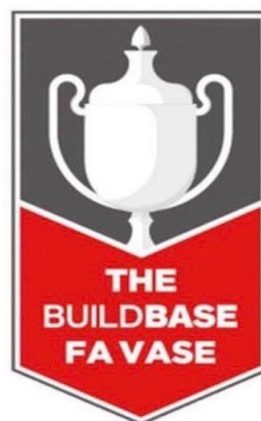
On to the ties involving Clubs from other Leagues and there are five ties where Sydenhams League meet Combined Counties League. SHOLING travel to Knaphill, near Woking and should be too strong for their hosts who are in Division One while HORNDEAN face opposition from the same level when Godalming Town travel down the A3 to Five Heads Park. Godalming have slipped very quickly from the Southern League to the Combined Counties Division One and will do well to get anything from their visit.

PETERSFIELD head up the A3 in the other direction to meet Guildford City at the rather soulless Spectrum Sports Centre desperately hoping for an improvement on last season and a win at Premier League opposition would be a good start. FAREHAM TOWN welcome Frimley Green to Cams Alders and should be too good for their Division One visitors while LYMINGTON TOWN travel to Sandhurst. The home side have returned to the Combined Counties League this season after two years in the Hellenic ranks but will perhaps find the Wessex League side too strong. To finish there are two games where the Western League provide the opposition and in each case their Clubs will be at home.

PORTLAND make one of the longest journeys as they travel to Clevedon on the edge of the Bristol Channel – their hosts finished mid table in the Western Premier – while SHAFTESBURY visit the Cathedral City of Wells to face the local side who suffered relegation from the Western Premier at the end of April. *Good luck to all.*

SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWS

Bashley	v	AFC Portchester
Tadley Calleva	v	Ascot United
Penn & Tylers Green	v	AFC Stoneham
Fairford Town	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Whitchurch United	v	Almondsbury
Calne Town	v	Fawley
Christchurch	v	Folland Sports
Cowes Sports	v	Westbury United
Lymington Town	v	Portland United
Oldland Abbotonians	v	Totton & Eling
Hamworthy United	v	Amesbury Town
Romsey Town	v	Bridport
Ringwood Town	v	Alresford Town
Hallen	v	Fareham Town
East Cowes Victoria	v	Pewsey Vale
Team Solent	v	Longwell Green Sports
Eversley & California	v	Downton
Bournemouth	v	Bristol Telephones
Hythe & Dibden	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Corsham Town	v	Laverstock & Ford



BUILDBASE FA VASE 1ST QUALIFYING ROUND

Andover Town, Horndean and Sholing come in at the First Round as they were placed in the top four of the Premier Division last term but did not get promoted.

Hamble Club and Newport IOW wait until the 2nd Round due to their performances in reaching last season's 4th Round.

BUILDBASE FA VASE 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND

Royal Wootton Bassett Town	v	Bashley or AFC Portchester
Tadley Calleva or Ascot United	v	Chertsey Town or Woodley United
Wallingford Town or Abingdon United	v	Alton
Penn & Tylers Green or AFC Stoneham	v	Binfield or Frimley Green
Hamworthy United or Amesbury Town	v	Calne Town or Fawley
Stockbridge or Roman Glass St George	v	Hythe & Dibden or Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Bournemouth or Bristol Telephones	v	Christchurch or Folland Sports
Verwood Town	v	Ringwood Town or Alresford Town
Romsey Town or Bridport	v	Devizes Town or Warminster Town
Eversley & California or Downton	v	Lymington Town or Portland United
Swanage Town & Herston	v	Team Solent or Longwell Green Sports
Hallen or Fareham Town	v	Corsham Town or Laverstock & Ford
Petersfield Town	v	Cowes Sports or Westbury United
New Milton Town	v	Cadbury Heath
Oldland Abbotonians or Totton & Eling	v	East Cowes Victoria or Pewsey Vale
Sherborne Town	v	Whitchurch United or Almondsbury
Shaftesbury	v	Andover New Street
United Services Portsmouth	v	Brockenhurst

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DATE	ROUND	WINNING CLUB	LOSING CLUB
1 September	1 st Qualifying Round [218]	£550.00	£175.00
15 September	2 nd Qualifying Round [187]	£725.00	£250.00
13 October	1 st Round [105]	£825.00	£275.00
3 November	2 nd Round [64]	£900.00	£300.00
1 December	3 rd Round [32]	£1,125.00	£375.00
5 January	4 th Round [16]	£1,875.00	£625.00
2 February	5 th Round [8]	£2,250.00	£750.00
23 February	Quarter Final [4]	£4,125.00	£1,375.00
16 March	Semi Final 1 st Leg		
23 March	Semi Final 2 nd Leg [2]	£5,500.00	£1,750.00
19 May	Final	£30,00.00	£20,000.00