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Wormley Rovers



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## Welcome to the Recreation Ground

This afternoon we host our friends from down the A10, Wormley Rovers, in our first game of the season. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer so far, especially the feats of the England U20's, U21's and Lionesses in their tournaments, the World Athletics from London and the series winning cricketers against South Africa.

But now back to the serious business of the new football season. For our second season back in the Premier Division there have been several changes at the club with new management teams for both First and Reserves Teams. We wish them every success this season.

I'd like to welcome the players, staff, officials and supporters from our visitors along with today's referee; Alan Walker and his assistants; Callan Deadour and Shay Ralph. We hope you all have an enjoyable afternoon with us and a safe journey home.

***Enjoy the game!***

*John*

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## **Non-League Paper programme column by Simon Coney**

Barely a week into the new season with each cog of English football in full function and we already have plenty of clubs championing the Non-League cause.

Three cases in particular have caught my eye over recent weeks in striking up an affinity between club and community or club and fanbase.

Leyton Orient, Lewes and Lincoln United have all demonstrated the values that uphold tradition and a decency which allows their fans to think 'Yes, I am very proud to support this club'.

In Orient's case, it has very much been a matter of relying on past personnel to build for the future as the club transitions from an 'asset-stripping' chairman in Francesco Becchetti to the renewed hope forged by the club's Anglo-American co-owners.

Former manager Martin Ling was appointed director of football with a mere 10 players available for the first team - all under the age of 21 - while Matt Porter, the club's trusted CEO under Barry Hearn, returned to take a place on the board.

Yet where Porter was one of the first casualties under Becchetti, being asked to leave less than a month into the Italian's reign, some staff stayed and endured a torrid three years.

The new owners decided to recognise the virtues of their club staff last Saturday by having a number, which included the kitman, secretary and commercial manager, walk out onto the pitch before their match against Maidstone United to warm applause from the home faithful.

Echoing Orient's sentiments in ensuring everyone feels valued are Lincoln United who are undertaking renovation works to their Ashby Avenue home to improve the matchday experience of disabled supporters.

By no means a quick fix, the Whites plans will take a full 18 months to complete and the club's chairman hopes the initiative will kick-start a nationwide drive to address issues facing disabled supporters.

With the outdated trains in service across the country, the problems for many disabled fans can start well before they've reached any football stadium.

United's work will ensure supporters have quick and easy access to toilets and their view for the afternoon or evening, while keeping supporters a part of the atmosphere.

Bostik League South Lewes showed no split parity when announcing their newly-adopted policy of paying their men's and women's team equally back in July.

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## Non-League Paper Column Cont'd

This is an instance of Non-League taking the lead when others are willing to drag their heels.

I do not class myself as a feminist, but you do not have to be to appreciate what is simple decency. Nor do I class myself as a humanitarian but I still donate money to charities and NGOs who do great work and work hard.

All in all, the matters mentioned in this column are instances of staff and supporters not being overlooked by the people who normally have the best seat in the house on a Saturday afternoon.

People in key roles within clubs who appreciate decency in football and have the humility to recognise this and act in a show of gratitude.

The fact The Non-League Football Paper has been published for well over a decade now is down to people being proud of their clubs and buying the paper because they have something to be proud about, regardless of successes or failures on the pitch



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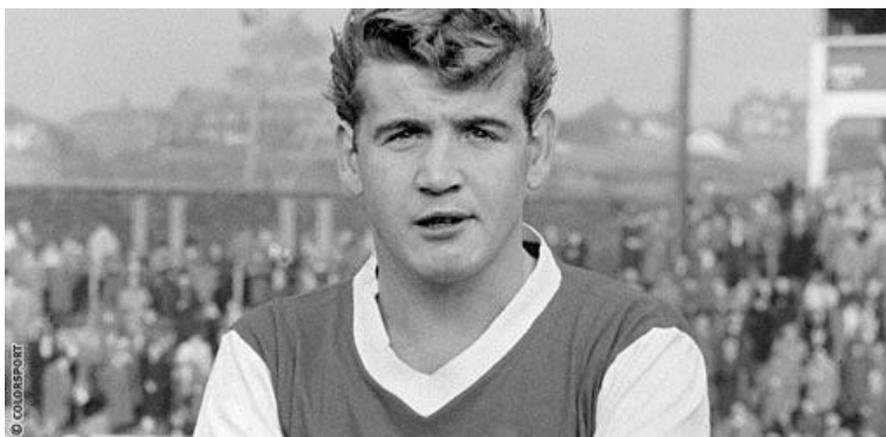
## It's Quiz Time

Test yourself and your friends / fellow spectators with the following testing teasers. Answers can be found on page 9

- 1) Who are "The Shakers"?
- 2) Which teams played in the 1947 FA Cup Final?
- 3) Who was the first person to win the League Cup as a player and a manager?
- 4) Who was Burnley Manager when they won the League Championship in 1960?



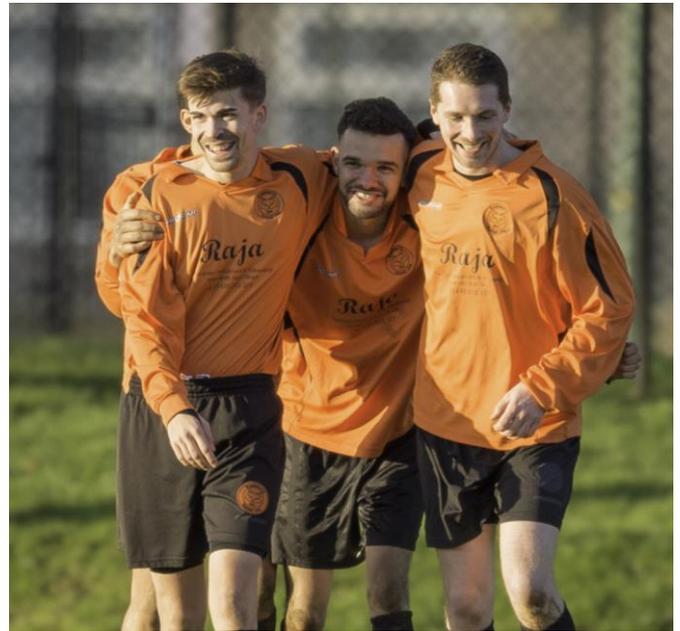
- 5) How many caps did Bobby Moore (pictured above) win?
- 6) Who plays at Crown Meadow?
- 7) Who did Arsenal sign Joe Baker (pictured below) from?



- 8) Who are "The Stags"?
- 9) Who was nicknamed "The Eire Express"?
- 10) Who won the last cup final to be played at the Old Wembley?

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## Pre-season match reports

Saturday 29 July

Sarratt 0, Knebworth 7

The drab weather was matched by the football during the first half. With half time approaching the only glimpse of a goal had come in the 20th minute when Tom Oram bundled the ball across the line only for play to be brought back for an earlier offside. But Dale Chester's run in the box tempted a reckless tackle and a penalty was awarded, which he duly dispatched to give the visitors a half time lead.

For what the first half lacked, the second half delivered. Sarratt almost equalised five minutes in when a neat turn and strike called Adam Burnett into action, with the goalkeeper more than a match. Almost immediately, George Taylor's ball forward found the run of Billy Mulley who poked the ball past the onrushing goalkeeper before sending it into the unguarded net. Kieran Klimek made it 3-0 on the hour mark when he volleyed home Allan Tait's clipped pass. The onslaught continued as Taylor saw a header cleared off the line and Mulley chipped over the goalkeeper only to strike the crossbar. A second penalty came when Klimek was felled and big brother Ryan Ellis stroked the ball into the net for 4-0. The last five minutes saw a further three goals as Sarratt legs tired. Klimek broke down the left flank and sent a low cross into the six yard box which Mulley slammed in for his second of the game. Dale Chester then completed his brace by dancing past defenders on the edge of the box before coolly slotting the ball into the corner of the net. Mulley completed his hat trick two minutes from time with a delightful left-footed curling shot having cut in from the right.



Corehard man of the match: Billy Mulley (pictured with Jordan Folorunso)

Saturday 5 August

Knebworth 1, Flitwick Town 0

Knebworth welcomed Bedfordshire County League premier division champions Flitwick Town and faced their sternest test yet of pre-season, despite the visitors missing some players. The Ks dominated the opening ten minutes with Billy Mulley flashing the ball across goal just out of Kieran Klimek's reach in the opening 60 seconds. Klimek saw a shot from the edge of the box held and shortly afterwards Ryan Ellis was unable to guide his header on target from Ross Barker's cross. Flitwick got into their own rhythm and threatened with a shot flying over before Alfie Pettitt showed an outstanding reactions to keep out a deflected shot.

Both sides continued to toil in the second half with Ellis seeing a low drive tipped around the post and Mulley having an effort blocked by the goalkeeper's legs late on. Jon Dunne broke the deadlock in the final moments of the game, receiving Dale Chester's square ball from the right he teed up a volley and sent the ball into the top corner of the net from the edge of the box.

Raja Tandoori man of the match: Dave Bass.

## Introducing Today's Visitors

### Wormley Rovers FC



Wormley Football Club was originally formed in 1921 playing its home matches on land donated by Joseph Rochford & Sons, at that time a big name in horticulture as well as being an employer of a large percentage of the local population.

The Club was reformed in 1947 after the 2nd World War, moving to its present ground at Wormley Playing Fields, in Church Lane in 1954.

During the late 1940's, 50's and early 60's the Club was a major force in Junior Football, frequently embarrassing more senior opposition during that period. The late 1960's, and early 70's saw a decline in fortune, however, this was redressed and by 1975 the Club had progressed to join the Hertfordshire Senior County League, where we currently have two teams, the first team in the Premier and the Reserves in the reserve and development division.

Despite a few near misses over the years the First team have never managed to lift the Premier Division title. The highlight for the Reserve team was winning the Division 1 Reserve title in 1998-99 dropping only four points in the process.

Since stepping up to the Herts Senior County League, the Club formed a successful Youth Section in 1975, with a number of players going on to play in professional ranks.



David Bentley, Arsenal, Blackburn and Spurs, began his football career with Wormley Youth, as did Charlie Lee, who has played at Peterborough, Gillingham and currently Stevenage.

The next step was the addition of a flourishing and successful Vets section in 1984. In line with League requirements, a fixed post and rail was installed in 1990, floodlights were added in 1994, and the brick built dugouts in 1996 to help further develop the ground.

#### Quiz Answers:

1 Bury / 2 Charlton & Burnley / 3 Tony Book / 4 Harry Potts / 5 108 / 6 Lowestoft Town / 7 Torino / 8 Mansfield Town / 9 Tony Eglington / 10 Chelsea

## Today's teams

Thank you to our match sponsors Angie and Paul Mulley for covering the referees' fees for today's game. We really appreciate your support.

### Knebworth Reserves

*Orange and black*

Adam Burnett	1	J Crowe
Sam Harte	2	J Finch
Michael Ettienne	3	S Grovewhite
Dave Bass	4	G Elder
Ryan Ellis (c)	5	A Arnold
George Taylor	6	C Bush
Jon Dunne	7	L King
Dale Chester	8	T Welch
Kieran Klimek	9	J Welch
Jordan Folorunso	10	D Thomas
Billy Mulley	11	K Head

### Wormley Rovers

*White and red*

Allan Tait	12	J Elderton
Charlie Pratt	14	T Neill
Liam Errington	15	M Linger
Tom Oram	16	G Bellini
Jack Evans	17 / GK	

Joint Manager – Christian Lett	Manager – Geoff O’Vell
Joint Manager – Leon Gutzmore	Assistant – Paul Surridge

Referee                      Alan Walker  
Assistants                  Callan Deadour & Shay Ralph

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## 2016/17 Final Tables

### Senior Premier Division

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	London Lions	30	26	2	2	81	80
2	Bovingdon	30	18	3	9	28	57
3	Letchworth Garden City Eagles	30	16	6	8	40	54
4	Ware Sports	30	17	3	10	20	54
5	Bushey Sports Club	30	15	7	8	18	52
6	Belstone	30	13	8	9	9	47
7	Sandridge Rovers	30	13	6	11	6	45
8	Wormley Rovers	30	13	5	12	-10	44
9	Knebworth	30	11	4	15	-14	37
10	Standon and Puckeridge	30	11	3	16	-5	36
11	Cuffley	30	10	6	14	-6	36
12	Buntingford Town	30	11	3	16	-23	36
13	Chipperfield Corinthians	30	10	4	16	-14	34
14	Evergreen	30	8	4	18	-32	28
15	Hatfield Social	30	7	5	18	-59	26
16	Sarratt	30	3	7	20	-39	16

### Reserve & Development Division

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Bovingdon Reserves	24	18	3	3	48	57
2	Hadley A	24	17	4	3	44	55
3	Lings Elite U21s	24	15	3	6	15	48
4	Old Parmiterians	24	13	3	8	10	42
5	Sarratt Reserves	24	11	5	8	19	38
6	Buntingford Town Reserves	24	10	4	10	1	34
7	Letchworth Garden City Eagles Reserves	24	10	4	10	0	34
8	Knebworth Reserves	24	9	3	12	-11	30
9	Sandridge Rovers Reserves	24	8	2	14	-6	26
10	Wormley Rovers Reserves	24	7	4	13	-17	25
11	Lemsford Reserves	24	7	2	15	-13	23
12	Evergreen Reserves	24	5	4	15	-46	19
13	Chipperfield Corinthians Reserves	24	5	1	18	-44	16

## Forthcoming fixtures and today's other fixtures

Day	Date & Kick Off		Team	Opposition (H/A)	Competition
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	7.45pm	Firsts	FC Lemsford (A)	HSCL Prem Div
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	3.00pm	Firsts	AFC Oaklands (A)	HSCL Prem Div
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	TBC	Res	Cuffley Res (H)	Friendly
Tue	29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6.30pm	Firsts	Sandridge Rovers (A)	HSCL Prem Div
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	3.00pm	Firsts	Buntingford Town (A)	HSCL Prem Div
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	3.00pm	Res	LGC Eagles Res (H)	HSCL Res/Dev
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3.00pm	Firsts	Broadfields (H)	HSCL Prem Div
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3.00pm	Res	Lemsford Res (A)	HSCL Res/Dev

### Senior Premier Division (all 3.00pm kick offs)

Bovingdon	AFC Oaklands
Broadfields	FC Lemsford
Buntingford Town	Sandridge Rovers
Chipperfield Corinthians	Ware Sports
LGC Eagles	Evergreen
Standon & Puckeridge	Cuffley

### Senior Division One (all 3.00pm kick offs)

Cheshunt 'A'	Bovingdon Res
Hadley Res	Weston
Hampstead Heath Lions	Bengeo Trinity
Hatfield Social	Hinton Main
Lemsford	Kinja Youth
Sarratt	Rayners Lane Res
Stevenage Boro Community	Oxhey Jets Res
Wodson Park Res	Sun Sports Res

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## Firsts On The Road...

On Tuesday night we make one of our shorter journeys, travelling into deepest Welwyn Garden City to the Gosling Stadium, home ground of FC Lemsford for a HSCL Premier Division fixture

The kick off for those travelling will be 7.45pm. They play their games at Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL8 6XE and, for anyone wishing to travel and support the lads, the directions are as follows:

Exit A1(M) at Junction 4, take Welwyn Garden City exit, turn left towards Stanborough Lakes. On reaching Stanborough Road roundabout (A6129), turn right, passing Hertfordshire Police Headquarters on your right and then right again at the next roundabout into Gosling Sports Park

## Club history

Knebworth Football Club was formed in 1901 as founder members of the North Herts League and were crowned champions on five occasions and won the county Junior Cup in 1912/13, before moving to the Herts County League in 1948.

A period of success came in the 1970s with a host of championships and cup wins, often under the influence of ex-Tottenham Hotspur player Johnny Brooks. Knebworth Football Club moved up the football ladder in 1983 to the South Midlands League, as well as to a new ground at Old Knebworth Lane. After five years the club returned to the North Herts League due to financial difficulties, winning three cups and a league title in two seasons, before going back to the Herts County League.

There is no evidence to suggest that the club ever had a youth section, and in 1977 Doug Dilley set up Knebworth Youth Football Club initially with just an U12 boys team. The club began to grow and quickly had teams at U9 and U10 for the following season. The club continued to grow and within 25 years there were boys and girls teams representing the club from Under 6 through to Under 17 and over 200 registered players.

Knebworth Football Club folded in 1995 when their ground at Old Knebworth Lane was sold as a health club. Four years later, Martyn Bond took his Knebworth Youth Football Club U18 side into senior football and re-formed Knebworth Football Club. After four successful years in the Hertford & District League the club were elected to the Herts Senior County League, achieving the FA's 'Charter Standard' award that same year and being crowned Herts FA 'Adult Club of the Year' in 2005.

Knebworth Youth Football Club first achieved the FA's 'Charter Standard' award in 2004 and went on to pick up the Herts FA 'Club of the Year' in this category in both 2006 and also 2008. Further hard work and continued development saw the club achieve the coveted FA 'Development Club' status.

In summer 2013, Knebworth Youth Football Club was incorporated into Knebworth Football Club.

Knebworth Old Boys Football Club formed in the late 1980s as a veterans team playing on Sunday mornings, and in May 2014 agreed to join the club to bring all Knebworth football under one banner.

## League directory 2016/17

### SENIOR PREMIER DIVISION

AFC Oaklands	Oaklands College, Smallford Campus, St Albans, AL4 0JA
Belstone	The Medburn Ground, Watling Street, Radlett, WD6 3AB
Bovingdon	Green Lane, Bovingdon, HP3 0LA
Broadfields	King George V Field, Shepherd Lane, Rickmansworth, WD3 8QX
Buntingford Town	The Bury, London Road, Buntingford, SG9 9HZ
Bushey Sports Club	Aldenham Road, Bushey, WD23 2TR
Chipperfield Corinthians	Queen Street, Chipperfield, WD4 9BT
Cuffley	King Georges Playing Fields, Northaw Road East, Cuffley, EN6 4LU
Evergreen	Southway, Abbots Langley, WD4 8PN
FC Lemsford	TBC
Knebworth	Watton Road, Knebworth, SG3 6AH
LGC Eagles	Pixmore Playing Fields, Ledgers Lane, Baldock Road, Letchworth, SG6 2EN
Sandridge Rovers	Spencer Recreation Ground, High Street, Sandridge, AL4 9DD
Standon & Puckeridge	Station Road, Standon, SG11 1QT
Ware Sports	Wodson Park, Wadesmill Road, Ware, SG12 0UQ
Wormley Rovers	Wormley Playing Fields, Church Lane, Wormley, Herts, EN10 7QF

### RESERVE & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ONE

Buntingford Town Res	The Bury, London Road, Buntingford, Herts, SG9 9HZ
Hatfield Town Res	TBC
Knebworth Res	Watton Road, Knebworth, SG3 6AH
Lemsford Res	Lemsford Village Hall, Brocket Road, Lemsford, AL8 7TT
LGC Eagles Res	Pixmore Playing Fields, Ledgers Lane, Baldock Road, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 2EN
Lings Elite	Paringdon Sports Club, Harlow, Essex, CM19 4QT
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