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THE EDITOR



IMAGE: BILL BADGER

Good afternoon everyone, welcome to Wadham Lodge for this Essex Senior League game against Stansted.

On Saturday we put five past Sporting Bengal to get to the Preliminary Round of the FA Cup, where we'll host Great Waking Rovers.

I wasn't at the game, but it sounded like a very straightforward victory over a side that troubled us last season. Bengal took four points off us, and effectively ended our title challenge, so it was good to get some kind of revenge. It wasn't without its costs though, as Billy Jones will be suspended for three games, and Jack Grosvenor picked up a knee injury which will keep him out for a number of weeks.

We've got quite accustomed to playing Stansted over the last few months. Twice in the League last season,

and then in the latter stages of both league cups too. Stansted ran out winners in three of the four games, but with both sides seeing some change in playing personnel over the summer, it will no doubt be a totally different affair today.

At this point last season we played Takeley - one of the favourites for the league title - and so today do we square off against one of the favourites for the league title only three games in.

The game against Takeley ended in 4-1 defeat, and brought us down to earth somewhat. I hope we've learnt from the mistakes of last season and will put in a far better performance this afternoon.

Enjoy the game,

Andrzej

THE TREE SURGEON



IMAGE: BILL BADGER

We welcome today the ESL runners up from last season Stansted FC, who have had a mixed bag of results so far one win against Ilford and a surprising defeat in their second game against Enfield.

On Sunday they came unexpectedly unstuck in the FA Cup, throwing away a 1-0 halftime lead to exit the competition 4-1, against former ESL side, Barkingside.

No sign of former Walthamstow striker James Peagram in their ranks - he usually changes clubs every closed season but, cannot see his name registered at any Essex Senior League this season.

However, they do still have Callum Ibe, another prolific striker, so it will test our, so far invincible defence

Expecting a close game today, as was the case in our four meetings last season

The game at their place was lost 2-1, after we led 1-0 and then had keeper Clark sent off and also at our ground when Leon McKenzie saw red early on and we managed to sneak a 1-0 win thanks to Marcus Bowers flick in the last five minutes of the game.

They paid us back inside the next few weeks as they knocked us out of the Gordon Brasted Trophy and the Essex Senior League Cup, when, in truth, we were resting a few players in an attempt to try to catch up with today's visitors and Hullbridge Sports at the top of the table.

Our own progress in the FA Cup was relatively smooth and the only disappointment was the dismissal of Billy Jones, along with a second Begnal player (they had already been reduced to ten men in the first half)

What is so frustrating is that the game was won, three

up and they were a man down and we showed our superiority with two late goals, one from second half Daniel McCulloch, formerly of Redbridge, with fine low strike from the edge of their box.

I hope this red card was just a blip, as Ryan Maxwell has gone on record as saying he wants us to cut out the ill discipline that derailed our push for promotion last season.

I said this last season and it is even more relevant this term, as I believe we have a better squad - the only team that can beat us is ourselves.

The other bit of disappointing news at the week end is that we have lost Samrai Gebrai to Canvey Island.

It was perhaps fitting that, in his final performance for us, he scored, arguably, his best goal - a wonderful run and dribble, topped off with a superb strike.

I think I speak for all supporters when I say we will miss his exciting wing play but, wish him every success for the future.

He has made such progress in little over a season in the ESL, that he is considered good enough to go to a club in the Isthmian North.

It was a brave decision by manager Ryan Maxwell to let him go but, realised that the lad had to develop his career.

It was also a brave decision by the player to take a gamble after less than a year as a regular first team player at our club.

This brings me on to another point regarding our manager and his interaction with his players.

Anyone who has watched him on the touch line for more than ten minutes, would recognise he is kicking and heading every ball and is up and down the touch line trying to get messages out to his players.

When things do not go right he lets them know it but, I also realise he cares about them and if they give everything he will generally support them, as with

young "Sammi"

He has also been very encouraging to new players such as Jamie Bennett, who scored his first goal for the club on Saturday and at various times last season.

But, he is extremely professional as demonstrated when he turned down the chance to sign the ESL second leading goal scorer, after our very own DJ, because he was unable to guarantee he could regularly get to mid-week games or training.

The players I am sure, see this and think "this is a club I want to play for", as many like DJ have demonstrated by staying with us when there were quite a few other offers to go elsewhere and the fact he managed to get highly rated players like Jack Grosvenor/Billy Jones and Ryan Reed.

Players from other clubs have been contacting Ryan to come to our club because they can see that players at our club are improving under him and if an opportunity to step up, like Samrai, he will let them go

One little thing that struck me was the pre-season team photo before the opening game.

Not only did we have the usual team in their kit photo done but, also a very nice one of him and his players in their "civvies" and the things that struck me were, firstly I have never seen that done at any club before and they were all very smart casually dressed (so no slob, even in the outside clothes, the manager obviously set high standards) and finally, how relaxed they all looked!

I think it is significant that all the players seem at ease with other and there is a real "bond"

With Stansted keen to get back to winning ways today we will need all that "team spirit" today to keep our unbeaten record going and also preserve our clean sheet record as well

THE BIG PICTURE





The Stow players celebrate Jamie Bennett's goal on Saturday. Image: Bill Badger



TODAY'S VISTORS

STANSTED



Stansted finished fourth bottom in 2017-18. Enough, so they thought, to save them from relegation. At one point in the summer they were told they'd been relegated, though in the end, common sense prevailed and they kept their Essex Senior League place.

And The Airportmen really made the most of it. An overhaul in the playing team saw them fight out for a league title until the final day of the season. A late defeat to 10-man Walthamstow, coupled with Hullbridge Sports' win over the Stow a few days later was probably what put a realistic end to the title challenge, as Hullbridge just kept winning.

Despite this, Stansted reached two League cup finals (defeating Stow on the way to both)

and beat St Margaretsbury and West Essex 1-0 in each. Their second-place league finish was their highest since they were runners-up in 2011, having won the title the season before.

James Peagram made the switch from Stow to Stansted just after the new year and scored 13 in 17 games, but it was Callum Ibe who really shone. The direct winger failed to really impose himself at any of his previous clubs, but he was one of the league's standout players last term, scoring 27 goals in 44 games. He will want to forget the trip to Cricklefields though, when he was sent off for kicking a corner flag after a fluffed cross.

WE'VE MET BEFORE

Meetings between these two sides have not gone well for our club in recent years. After winning the first four encounters, we lost seven on the bounce - all Essex Senior League games.

The first meeting between the clubs came in the winter of 1985 in the semi-finals of the Essex Senior Trophy. We won that game 2-1, but would go on to lose 1-0 to Saffron Walden in the final.

Our two victories in 1999 came in the Eastern Floodlit Cup, at a time when games were played over two legs. In other years, the first round even included a group stage. Still, we mustn't grumble, we won that competition twice around the turn of the millennium.

The game at the start of the 2015-16 season

was a bit of a farce, with Stansted turning up in a silver kit to play against us, in white. So Stansted pulled on their blue training tops and beat us 2-1.

Home and away, we've struggled against Stansted, but we did manage to record an all-important 2-1 victory at the end of last season, despite Ryan Ramsay giving Stansted hope with a goal from the penalty spot. Ramsay would of course jump ship and join us over the summer. Who would have thought that ten months later, both teams would be fighting for a league title? Eventually, both fell short as Hullbridge Sports picked up the silverware.

Our 1-0 victory probably put an end to Stansted's title tilt, but they had the last laugh, beating us in the semi finals of both league cup competitions.

RECORD V STANSTED

Date	Competition	Venue	Score	Result
23/02/1985	Essex Senior Trophy	Home	2-1	Won
05/10/1999	Eastern Floodlit Cup	Away	3-0	Won
23/11/1999	Eastern Floodlit Cup	Home	1-0	Won
02/11/2004	Essex Senior Cup	Home	2-0	Won
06/01/2015	Essex Senior League	Away	2-5	Lost
21/02/2015	Essex Senior League	Home	1-3	Lost
26/09/2015	Essex Senior League	Home	1-2	Lost
06/02/2016	Essex Senior League	Away	2-4	Lost
07/09/2016	Essex Senior League	Home	1-3	Lost
17/12/2016	Essex Senior League	Away	0-2	Lost
14/10/2017	Essex Senior League	Away	1-3	Lost
21/04/2018	Essex Senior League	Home	2-1	Won
30/10/2018	Essex Senior League	Away	1-2	Lost
09/02/2019	Essex Senior League	Home	1-0	Won
16/02/2019	Gordon Brasted Trophy	Away	0-1	Lost
27/02/2019	Errington Cup	Home	0-2	Lost

WON: 6 **DREW: 0** **LOST: 11** **FOR: 20** **AGAINST: 29**

CLUB HISTORY



Although the club's history is mainly captured by the milestone when 34 years ago, Stansted embarked on a FA Amateur Cup campaign which saw the club reach a Wembley final against Stamford Town. When captain Barry Simpson lifted the trophy, he placed the whole team into the history books of Stansted FC.

Though Stansted's history is not only about the Wembley day in May 1984. There are references to the club being formed as far back as 1892 with success coming in the years of 1914 and 1922. It wasn't until Stansted FC moved to its current home at Hargrave Park when the club enjoyed regular success, with cups won each season before the onset of war.

Post-war, continuing on for the next thirty years, Stansted FC played in various leagues: Spartan, London and Herts County Leagues. In 1971, the Essex Senior League was formed, with Stansted becoming a founder member.

During the 1980s, alongside the Wembley victory in 1984, the club had cup success in The East Anglian Cup, The Essex League Challenge Cup and The Eastern Floodlight Competition. For good measure, Stansted achieved The Essex Senior League record score by defeating Coggeshall Town 15-1 - a record which still stands today. As well as these accomplishments, the club was developing its ground, with a new committee room and floodlights.

After the achievements of winning these competitions, sustaining this level of success was difficult to achieve and with seasons that followed, finishing in mid-table was the best the club could do.

As seasons passed as well as different managers and squads, the challenge for the title became a bridge too far. However, in March 2007, Stansted appointed Terry Spillane and with his team of young, talented players coming together over two years, the club were regarded as strong challengers.

After years of waiting, the time finally came in the season of 2009-10. After a tentative start to the season, a strong run of form over the winter months saw the team reach top spot in March. The final thirteen games of the season saw the team win 11 games, draw 1 and lose 1 and on 24th April, after beating Bowers and Pitsea at Hargrave Park, Stansted were crowned Champions of the Essex Senior League.

After Terry Spillane chose to leave for a higher club, unfortunately, the club entered a period of instability.

This instability led to a new management committee being formed in the summer of 2013. Under the chairmanship of Glyn Warwick, the club has slowly got back up on its feet both on and off the field although the best they have achieved has been moderate positions in the League.

In 2015, the club appointed Mark Ashford as manager, who freshened the team with young players. This saw the club achieve its highest league position since winning the division and also reaching a cup final, which was improved upon the following season.

Close season 2017 Mark and a number of players left to pursue their development at higher level clubs and Stansted moved quickly to appoint Paul Pittuck and Mark Healy as their new management team, the duo having previously enjoyed numerous successful seasons with Hannikins Farm in the Essex Olympian League. Despite an initial confidence that Pittuck and Healy would do well in the league, Stansted eventually finished a disappointing 18th, narrowly avoiding relegation following an appeal to The FA.

2018-19 was far better though, with Stansted finishing second in the Essex Senior League, and winning both the Gordon Brasted Trophy and the Errington Challenge Cup.

STATS

STOW

TOTAL MEETINGS | 17

W 6

L 11

STAT ATTACK

TOP SCORER

Dwade James (4)

MOST APPS

11 players (2)

CLEAN
SHEETS

2

YELLOW
CARDS

2

RED
CARDS

1

SOCIAL MEDIA



5,148



621

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ON THE RECORD

LAST 5 GAMES | 12 PTS

Sporting Bengal U (A) 0-2 L

St Margaretsbury (H) 4-0 W

Southend Manor (A) 5-2 W

Tower Hamlets (H) 7-0 W

Sporting bengal U (H) 5-0 W

(Includes 3 games at end of 2018-19 season)

LIFE

STANSTED

BIGGEST STOW WIN

v Stansted

3-0 (1999)

BIGGEST STANSTED WIN

v Stow

5-2 (2015)

STAT ATTACK

TOP SCORER

2 players (1)

MOST APPS

9 PLAYERS (3)

**CLEAN
SHEETS**

1

**YELLOW
CARDS**

1

**RED
CARDS**

0

SOCIAL MEDIA



3,039

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ON THE RECORD

LAST 5 GAMES | 6 PTS

Leyton Athletic	0-1	L
West Essex (N)	1-0	W
Ilford (A)	1-0	W
Enfield (A)	0-1	L
Barkingside	1-4	L

(Includes 2 games at end of 2018-19 season)

THE MYTH OF THE CURSE OF THE MANAGER OF THE MONTH



Kem Kemal picked up the Manager of the Month award during his time at Stow, then lost the next game.

WORDS: STUART FULLER

PHOTO: WALTHAMSTOW FC

Ask any manager at any club around the world and they will tell you they don't care for plaudits of being the manager of the month until the season has ended. Despite being top of the Bostik League South Division for two-thirds of last season, our very own Darren Freeman didn't win a single monthly award, something that also happened when he was in charge of the very successful Whitehawk side that gained three promotions in just a few years.

But against his wishes the gaffer won the award for September in the Bostik League Premier Division, which is a fantastic achievement for him, Ross and Codge, after just a few games back at this level. In September we took seven points from a possible nine, the best record in the division. It wasn't just the results though, it was who they were against. Wins at Margate and Wingate & Finchley plus a draw against second

place Enfield Town. Whilst they didn't count towards the award, we could also add in five unbeaten FA Cup ties, including the 8-1 thrashing of Molesey. Few could argue it wasn't a deserved reward for a fantastic month.

Yet ringing Darren and telling him the news was a job that Barry and I had to flip a coin for. His immediate reaction was to say he'd refuse to accept it and wouldn't attend the presentation ceremony. When I told him that as a representative of the Isthmian League board I would fine him he grudgingly accepted but, wary of the superstition of the "Curse of the Manager of the Month", he immediately banned any further talk of the award.

Results in the first half of October seemed to bear out his suspicions. Consecutive defeats to Worthing,

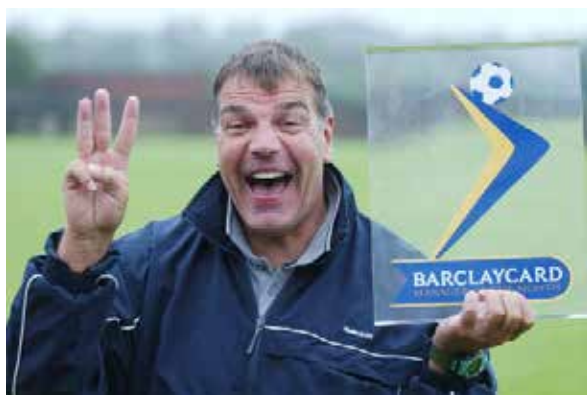
Bath City and Potters Bar Town represented the worse run of form The Rooks had had for over eighteen months. But is there really a curse? Statistics suggest that it is all in the manager's mind.

Last season the Manager of the Month in the Bostik League Premier Division won an average of 1.8 points per game in the month after they won the award. Whilst this was a slight drop from just over 2 points per game for the month in which they won it, it is still a very impressive return, almost Play-off form. The situation in the Bostik League North and South Divisions wasn't too different, with a return of 1.6 and 1.5 points respectively. But certainly not the level of poor form that most managers think.

The numbers don't tell the whole story. For all the money and hype around Billericay Town, their joint managers, Glenn Tamplin and Harry Wheeler, won the Manager of the Month award five times thanks to some excellent performances. Excluding April's award, their subsequent month performance ranged from 3 points per game in September to just 1 point per game in January. Likewise, Dulwich Hamlet's Gavin Rose only gained an average of 1 point per game in November after winning October's award, whilst Greenwich Borough's Paul Barnes could only gain 0.8 points per game in April after scooping March's award.

So next time you hear a manager talk about the curse of the award, take a careful look at their next set of results. No manager, well apart from a certain Portuguese one in North-

West England, wants to really big up their abilities, and that's why they created the curse. If you don't believe me, then you can ring Darren and give him the good news next time!



Gebrai steps up



Stow's wonderkid winger Samrai Gebrai has made the switch to Isthmian North side Canvey Island, continuing his football development.

In just over a season at Wadham Lodge, Samrai has excited home fans, and treated away fans to a spectacle of wing-play.

But for a player with such potential, it would be greedy of us to keep him playing in the Essex Senior League. So, (with our blessing!), Samrai has made the jump to Canvey Island.

He's grown as a player and as a man over the last 12 months, and as his goal against Sporting Bengal on

Saturday showed; some Essex Senior League defences are no longer giving him the competition he needs to continue his development.

Sammi played 38 times in total for Stow, scoring seven times - no mean feat for someone who has only just turned 18.

Perhaps the biggest indication of where he came in pre-season, when he gave Heybridge Swifts a torrid time, and in the end they resorted to trying to kick him off the park.

All the best Sammi, you're always welcome on the terraces at the Lodge!

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				F-A	Cmp	1	2	3	4	5	6
Aug	Sat	3	H Tower Hamlets	7-0	ESL	Bransgrove	Bennett	Gulliver	Folan	Murphy	Grosvenor 1
	Sat	10	H Sporting Bengal United	5-0	FAC	Bransgrove	Bennett 1	Gulliver *	Folan *	Murphy	Grosvenor
	Sat	17	H Stansted		ESL						
	Sat	24	H Great Wakering Rovers		FAC						
	Tue	27	H Hadely		ESL						
Sep	Tue	3	H West Essex		ESC						
	Sat	7	H Hoddesdon Town		ESC						
	Sat	14	A Enfield		ESL						
	Wed	18	H Ilford		ESL						
	Sat	21	H Takeley		ESL						
	Tue	24	H Hashtag United		GBT						
	Sat	28	H Cockfosters		ESL						
Oct	Tue	8	A St Margaretsbury		ESL						
	Tue	15	A Clapton		ESL						
	Sat	19	A Redbridge		ESL						
	Tue	22	H Tower Hamlets		ECC						
	Sat	26	A Southend Manor		ESL						
Nov	Sat	2	A Ilford		ESL						
	Sat	9	H Saffron Walden Town		ESL						
	Tue	12	H Woodford Town		ESL						
	Sat	16	A Tower Hamlets		ESL						
	Sat	23	H Southend Manor		ESL						
	Sat	30	H Hashtag United		ESL						
Dec	Sat	7	A West Essex		ESL						
	Sat	14	A Sporting Bengal United		ESL						
	Sat	21	A Hashtag United		ESL						
Jan	Sat	4	H Clapton		ESL						
	Sat	11	A Hoddesdon Town		ESL						
	Sat	18	A Stansted		ESL						
Feb	Sat	8	H Sawbridgeworth Town		ESL						
	Sat	15	A Hadley		ESL						
	Sat	22	A Takeley		ESL						
	Sat	29	H Enfield		ESL						
Mar	Sat	7	A Saffron Walden Town		ESL						
	Sat	14	A Sawbridgeworth Town		ESL						
	Wed	18	H West Essex		ESL						
	Sat	28	H St Margaretsbury		ESL						
Apr	Fri	3	A Woodford Town		ESL						
	Sat	11	H Redbridge		ESL						
	Sat	18	A Cockfosters		ESL						
	Sat	25	H Sporting Bengal United		ESL						
TBC			Buckhurst Hill		ETT						
			2nd Round		FAV						

ESL = Essex Senior League | ESC = Essex Senior Cup | FAC = FA Cup | FAV = FA Vase | ETT = Essex Thameside Trophy | GBT = Gordon Brasted Trophy | ERC = Errington Cup

7	8	9	10	11	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Unused
Jones 2	Crilley 1*	James 2	Aiken *	Gebrai *	Fortune (10)	Douglas (8)	Reed (11) 1	Yexley / McCulloch
Jones	Crilley	James 2	Aiken *	Gebrai	Fortune (10)	McCulloch (4)	Yexley (3)	Reed / Douglas / Madu / Symons

CLASSIC PROGRAMME

DAVID CHAPMAN



ood afternoon and w warm welcome to Stansted FC, known as the 'Airportmen'! Does anyone shout out 'come on you, Airportmen'?

Airportmen'?

Anyway, they have had a mixed start to the new season with one win and one loss in the league and an early exit from the FA Cup, last week. Back in the eighties Stansted did achieve something we have not done and that was to win the FA Vase at Wembley.

Last season saw some fierce rivalry with both them and us finishing just out of the promotion spot. Stansted did knock us out of the two league cups, which is unforgivable.

I thought we would get away from rivalries and go for a programme I have some sentimental attachment for.

Today's programme is for 1955/6 end-of-the-season charity match between Leyton and Lowestoft Town FC in aid of the Lowestoft Fishermen's Widows and Orphans. A worthy charity and something we probably do not think off when ordering large cod and chips from the local chippy.

This regular fixture had originated back in 1928/9 when as Leyton had just relinquished our hold on the FA Amateurs Cup by losing to Ilford three weeks earlier. Our visits to the east coast continued through the thirties until the outbreak of war.

Recommencing in the late forties until 1958 when Leyton were no longer the 'big draw'. I believe Norwich City then were the guests.

For a lot of people between the wars a day trip to the coast was still a novelty. I can remember catching the coach from outside the Hare &

Hounds early in the morning with mum and dad.

I was once given a penny-whistle by Bert Worsley. It was promptly removed as I don't think the other travellers would have enjoyed several shrill whistles for the next few hours.

All the programmes from this match that I have are exactly the same design – back in those days programmes did not change from week to week or even each season.

The results don't really matter it was the taking part that counted.

Looking through that seasons line-up we had Charlie Fitch at right back, Ron Hill and Ken Holmes as wing-halves and Gordon Wilkinson at centre-half. Up front were Ray Gramlick and Ron Nugent with one of the Clayden brothers on the wing.

Our paths have crossed since those days. We met and beat Lowestoft Town in the FA Cup in 1992/3. We had already beaten Felixstowe in the previous round and went onto to beat Gorleston in the next round.

In those days the FA thought we must have come from East Anglia. We last met when Lowestoft were passing through the leagues en-route to the Conference.

By the way Lowestoft Town are known as 'The Trawler Boys', oh for heaven's sake. Why not something original like 'the blues'.

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GETTING TO KNOW OLLY FORTUNE

Probably the best first touch in the Essex Senior League, Olly's been a key figure in our good early season form. He joined at the tail end of last season, but we get to know him better here.

WHAT YOUTH CLUB(S) DID YOU PLAY FOR?

I used to play for Colchester and Ipswich

WHO WAS YOUR FOOTBALLING IDOL GROWING UP?

I idolised Thierry Henry because I liked the way he played and he always scored goals

WHAT DID/DO YOU SUPPORT AND WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THAT TEAM?

I supported Arsenal because of Thierry Henry

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN FOOTBALL?

It has to be scoring for Stansted in last season's FA Cup vs Takeley

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS?

I want to try and get as high as possible in football

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT PLAYING FOR WALTHAMSTOW?

The winning, dressing room and the gaffer. He keeps me on the straight and narrow and keeps me very fit.

WHAT IS THE BEST GAME YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN?

It has to be the FA Cup game for Stansted against Takeley

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM CLUB TO PLAY FOR?

Real Madrid. Purley because they are one of the biggest club in the world

WHO IS THE WORST DRESSED?

It had to be Vinny [Murphy]. He looks like he's just come out of a rap video.



WHO HAS THE WORST TASTE IN MUSIC?

It has to be Billy [Jones]. He gets a playlist off apple music and tried to hide it but it's someone else's changing room playlist.

WHO HAS THE WORST BANTER?

Jack Folan and Jamie Bennett have some bad banter but I'd have to go with Benji Crilley

WHO THINKS THEY ARE THE CLUB'S HARD MAN?

Again Billy [Jones]. but he knows I can beat him up.

Singing for the Stow



Can you imagine football without music? Without songs? Everywhere and at every level, whether it be the DJ in the dressing room through to the chanters on the terraces, football goes hand-in-hand with music and at Walthamstow it's great to see we are no exception to the rule.

I was first inspired to write a song specifically about the good times at Wadham Lodge after hearing local legend and brilliant songwriter Graham Larkbey's anthem 'Walthamstow FC'. If you haven't heard this tune already, you should definitely check it out on YouTube. Whilst you're at it, take a listen to another banger on Soundcloud, 'The Day We Kicked the Fascists Out of Walthamstow', another local classic.

Sometimes plucking up the courage to sing out a song on the terraces is just what a game needs to add that extra element of atmosphere, and I remember feeling that thrill the first few times we raised our


voices in the Rabble back as Waltham Forest. Since then the Stow song set to Spandeu Ballet's Gold has become somewhat of a classic, and I'm sure the new season will give rise to more chants to enhance the highs and soothe the lows.

On that note, here are the lyrics to a new tune I wrote which basically describes my personal journey of being brought up a Hammers fan to discovering the soulful and liberating spirit of Walthamstow FC. Here's to more songs and good times for all down at the Lodge this season.

Up the Stow!!!

Renny Jackson will be performing at El Garito cocktail bar at Hackney Down Studios (E8 2BT) on Thurs 22nd August at 6:30pm. Free entry, all welcome. More info visit www.rennjackson.com

Kitchener Road



On a London breeze of half-burnt onion
I first heard the call of belonging.
All along Green Street, claret and blue stalls creaked,
Beneath the sky a virgin shawl.

I recall the hours spent in your presence,
Walking from the Ford to the Boleyn's entrance.
Feet tired and sore from queuing at Nathan's,
Learning 'Bubbles' at your old desk,
All that love and tenderness.

Now my lessons finish fast, got lunch done in a dash;
Salmon, potatoe, broccoli.
The jests run down my spine as the clock is close to time,
Head across Lloyd Park north east.

Turning into Kitchener Road, the veil of voices breaking,
Turnstile creaks, Graham's rattle shaking.
Our brollies keep the sky from taking
Anything from us as we got trolled.
Singing to Ilford 'Where's Wally?'

So gather your friends and pen your songs for the next game;
The more things change they stay the same.
We're moving slow, singing for the Stow,
When I'm by your side I feel no pain.

Now when I'm alone I heed my demons,
Take the time to heal these feelings.
In my eyes are all the reasons
Why I'm by your side
Why I've nothing to hide down Kitchener Road.



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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Takeley	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9
2 Woodford Town	2	2	0	0	10	1	9	6
3 Redbridge	3	2	0	1	7	4	3	6
4 Saffron Walden Town	2	1	1	0	6	3	3	4
5 Cockfosters	3	1	1	1	5	7	-2	4
6 Walthamstow	1	1	0	0	7	0	7	3
7 Hadley	2	1	0	1	6	2	4	3
8 Clapton	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
9 Southend Manor	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3
10 Stansted	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
11 Sporting Bengal United	2	1	0	1	2	3	-1	3
12 Enfield	2	1	0	1	1	5	-4	3
13 West Essex	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
14 Ilford	3	0	1	2	4	6	-2	1
15 Hoddesdon Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
16 Hashtag United	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
17 St Margaretsbury	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
18 Tower Hamlets	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8	0
19 Sawbridgeworth Town	2	0	0	2	0	11	-11	0

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Woodford Town	Fri	West Essex
Clapton	v	St Margaretsbury
Enfield	v	Cockfosters
Hadley	v	Sporting Bengal United
Ilford	v	Hoddesdon Town
Redbridge	v	Hashtag United
Sawbridgeworth Town	v	Tower Hamlets
Takeley	v	Saffron Walden Town
Walthamstow	v	Stansted

MATCH REPORT



Walthamstow brushed aside fellow Essex Senior side Sporting Bengal in the opening round of this season's FA Cup.

Both sides tried to start quickly and it was the away side who had the ball in the back of the net first but it was ruled out for offside. Despite the scare, Walthamstow began to dominate the play. Samrai Gebrai curled the ball towards the far post but failed to find Billy Jones' head before Dwade James scored the first of the goals. After looking like he had been fouled, he managed to take the ball around the keeper and tap it in.

The lead soon increased with a fine individual effort from Samrai Gebrai which saw him weave between two defenders before finding the back of the net. Not long after the goal, Sporting Bengal were reduced to 10-men when Charles Gregory had Benji Crilley in a headlock off the ball.

With the extra man, Walthamstow's Jamie Bennett scored his first and Stow's third when he got his head to a corner ball and sent it into the goal.

It was a quick start by the home side at the start of the second half when Ollie Fortune had his first opportunity of the game. He turned and got a shot off but dragged his it just wide before a cross by Vinny Murphy was carried by the wind and nearly found the back of the net.

Some handbags saw a red card for both sides, before Stow rounded off the win in the dying minutes with a first goal for Danny McCulloch, and a second of the game for James.

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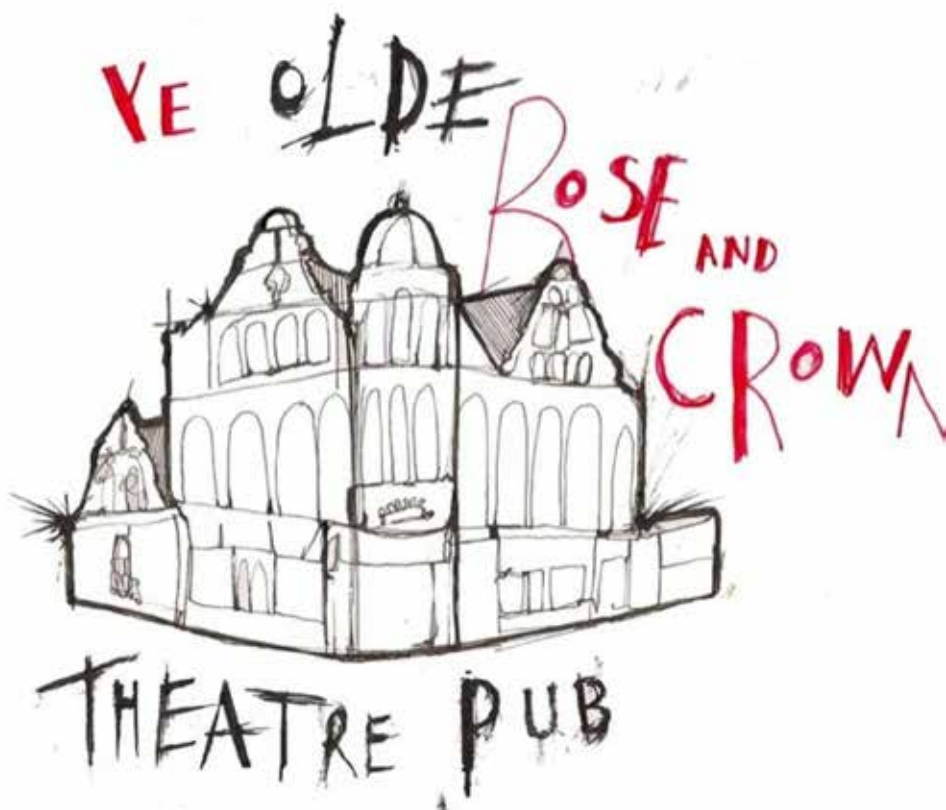
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Wish Walthamstow FC all the best for the new season!

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MATCH ACTION



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OUR HISTORY

The history of our great club is not what you'd call straightforward. Having reformed on at least three occasions, we've played under seven different names, but can lay claim to being the second-oldest club in London, and one of the oldest in the country.

The initial Leyton FC was formed in 1868 when The Reverent Morgan Lloyd obtained a pitch behind The Lion & Key public house. The first Leyton played mainly friendlies, but did take part in the FA Cup, before folding in 1880 when they lost their ground.

Seven years later, the members of Matlock Cricket Club, based on Hoe Street established a football club named after the Matlock Villas, which overlooked the club's pitch. In 1894, Swifts moved out of Leyton, to a new ground in Blackhorse Road, Walthamstow. This lasted just a season though, as the club moved back to Leyton and changed their name to Leyton FC in the process.

The club won the Essex Senior Cup on no fewer than five occasions, and the London Senior Cup, as well as the South Essex League four times.

Leyton turned professional in 1904, joining the London League. The following year, Leyton moved to Osborne Road, which would later become Leyton Orient's Brisbane Road.

In April 1912 a loan by a donor was called-in, and without any hope of paying it, the club disbanded for a second time.

Only a year later a third Leyton was formed, but this incarnation was extremely short-lived. The outbreak of war meant there was essentially no one to watch or play for the club, and it was suspended.

The fourth Leyton was established in 1919, and it would be arguably the most successful period for the club, now back at the Hare and Hounds. Leyton won the FA Amateur Cup (now FA Trophy) twice, and were runners-up on four more occasions. They also reached the first round of the FA Cup four times and

the second round three times.

After a successful 1950s and 60s, things dried up for Leyton, and by the 1970s they could not carry on, so a merger was completed with Wingate from north London.

The pinnacle of this club was winning the Athenian League in 1982, but by the early 90s with most of the former 'Wingate' committee now either deceased or having had left, the newly-merged Wingate & Finchley requested Leyton drop the 'Wingate' title from their name.

By 1995, the Hare & Hounds was really beginning to show its age, and with Leyton not having the funds to bring it up to standard, a merger was completed with Walthamstow Pennant, with the new club being Leyton Pennant and playing at Wadham Lodge.

This club spent most of its life in Divisions One and Two of the Isthmian League, with no notable success, save for two London Challenge Cup final appearances. Its first season in 1995 saw the club finish 4th in Division One, but it was mostly mid-table obscurity after that.

In 2003 the club changed names to Waltham Forest, and were bankrolled heavily with aspirations of playing in the Football League. Sadly, these never came to fruition and an Essex Senior Cup was the only silverware to show for it.

Disputes with the then-management at Wadham Lodge in 2008 saw the club exiled for five seasons, playing in Ilford. The first season back at Wadham Lodge, in 2013 ended in relegation to the Essex Senior League for the first time in the club's history.

In 2018, the club changed names once more to Walthamstow FC. We hope this new change kick-starts success both on and off the field, and enables the club to form part of the local community which deserves a thriving non-league club.

HONOURS

As Leyton FC (1868-1894)

FA Cup Second Round: 1875/6

FA Cup First Round: 1874/5, 1876/7, 1878/9

As Matlock Swifts (1887-1895)

Essex Junior Cup Winners: 1893/4

London Junior Cup Winners: 1894/5

Leyton & District Alliance Champions: 1892/3, 1893/4

Herald Cup Winners: 1891/2

As Leyton FC (1876-1904)

Essex Senior Cup: 1896/7, 1897/8, 1899/0, 1900/1, 1901/2, 1902/3

London Senior Cup Winners: 1903/4

South Essex League Champions: 1895/6, 1876/7, 1899/0, 1899/0

Walthamstow Charity Cup Winners: 1896/7

Walthamstow Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1897/8, 1901/2

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1900/1

As Leyton FC (Professional) (1904-1912)

FA Cup Third Round: 1909/10

FA Cup First Round: 1910/1, 1911/2

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1908/9

Southern League Division 2 Runners-Up: 1905/6

As Leyton FC (1919-1976)

FA Amateur Cup Winners: 1926/7, 1927/8

FA Amateur Cup Runners-Up: 1928/9, 1933/4, 1936/7, 1951/2

FA Cup Second Round: 1925/6, 1929/30, 1951/2

FA Cup First Round: 1927/8, 1928/9, 1952/3, 1955/6

Athenian League Champions: 1928/9, 1965/6, 1966/7

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1929/30, 1930/1, 1934/5

Essex Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1949/50

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1933/4, 1937/8, 1945/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1927/8

London League Champions: 1923/4, 1925/5, 1925/6

Essex Thameside Trophy Winners: 1951/2, 1963/4, 1966/7, 1992/3

Essex Thameside Trophy Runners-Up: 1964/5, 1972/3

East Anglian Cup Winners: 1972/3

Grays & Tilbury Cup Winners: 1939/40, 1941/2 (shared)

Grays & Tilbury Cup Runners-Up: 1942/3

London Charity Winners: 1934/5, 1936/7

London Charity Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1946/7, 1966/7, 1970/1

West Ham Charity Cup Winners: 1929/30

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1924/5, 1925/6

Leyton & Walthamstow Hospital Cup Winners: 1925/6

As Leyton-Wingate FC

(1976-1992)

FA Cup First Round: 1985/6

Athenian League Champions: 1981/2

Athenian League Division One Champions: 1976/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1984/5

Isthmian League Division Two (N) Champions: 1984/5

As Pennant FC and Walthamstow Pennant FC

(1965 – 1995)

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1990/1

London Junior Cup Winners: 1974/5

SW League Junior Cup Winners: 1968/9

SW League Intermediate Cup Winners: 1969/70

SW League Senior Cup Winners: 1970/71

SW League Premier League Winners: 1972/3

London Metropolitan League Winners: 1974/5

London Metropolitan League Runners-Up: 1978/9, 1979/80, 1981/2

London Metropolitan League Intermediate Cup Runners-Up:

1977/8, 1978/9

Spartan Reserve League Winners: 1980/1, 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Runners-Up: 1987/8

Spartan Reserve League Cup Winners: 1980/1, 1988/9, 1990/1

As Waltham Forest FC and Leyton Pennant FC

(1995-2018)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 2005/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1995/6, 1996/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1995/6

Eastern Floodlit Cup Winners: 1997/8, 1998/9

Essex & Herts Champion's Cup Winners: 1996/7

Essex & Herts Border Comb Cup Winners: 1996/7

London Intermediate Cup Runners-Up: 1996/7

Suburban League Division Winners: 2005/6

Essex Veterans Cup Winners: 2017/8, 2018/9

Youth Teams

EJA Under 18s Trophy Winners: 2003/4

EJA Under 15s Trophy Runners-Up: 2014/5

Conference Youth League: Winners: 2005/6

Pelly Cup Runners-Up: 2005/6

Awards

Essex County FA Website of the Year: 2012

Essex Senior League Programme of the Year: 2017/8



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NEXT MATCHES

Great Waking R. (H)
24.8.19 // 3PM

Hadley (H)
27.8.19 // 7.45PM

West Essex
3.9.19 // 3PM