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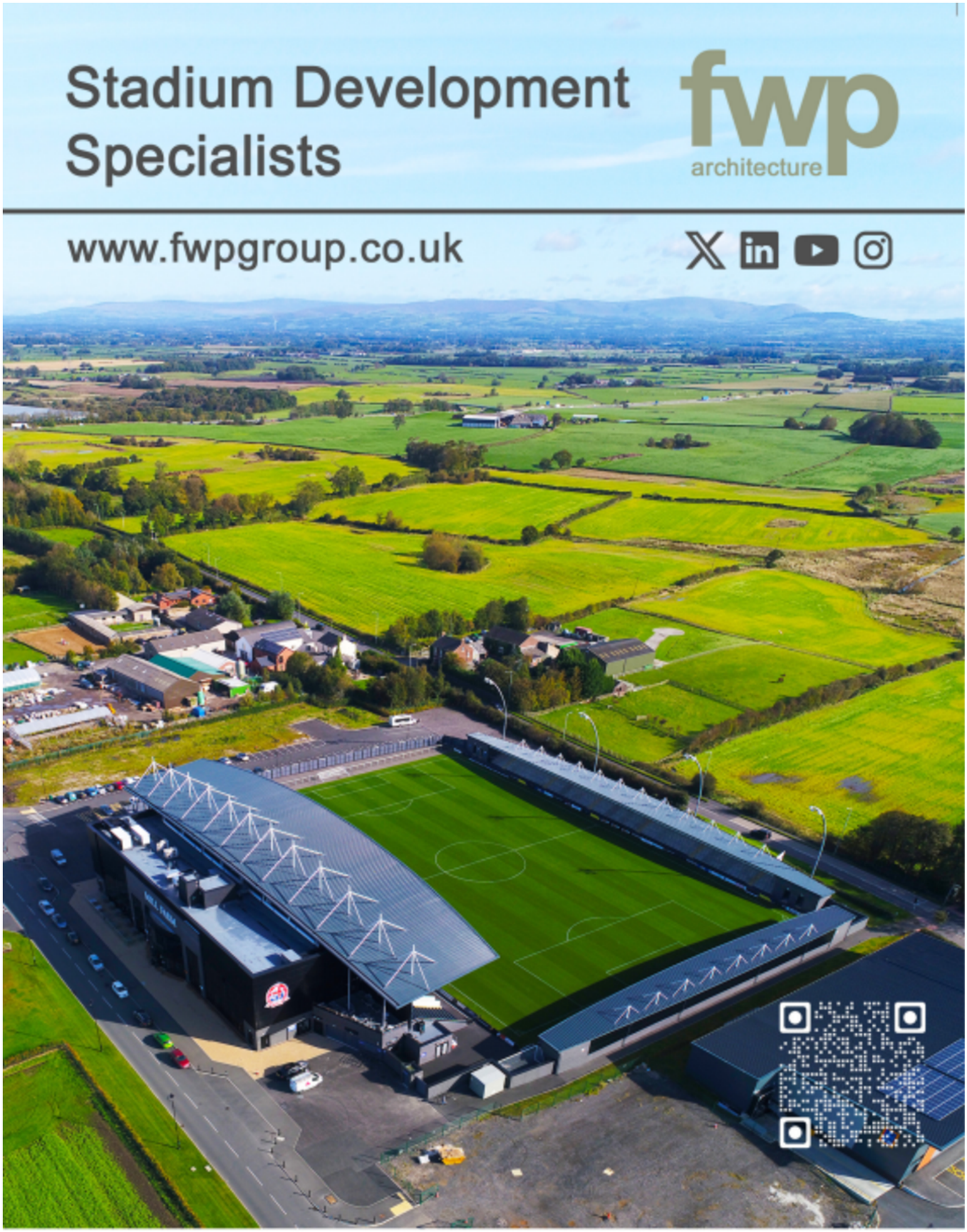
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A VIEW FROM THE BOARD



Dear fellow Greenbacks,
Today's preseason friendly match against Nuneaton Town to open the new season is the inaugural game on our new replacement 3 G pitch. We wish Nuneaton success for next season albeit not today of course.

This coming year Nuneaton will again play their Home matches at the Oval on opposite weeks to the greenbacks. Last season worked out very well for the benefit of both clubs. I'm sure with effort this year will be beneficial to both clubs also.

The Greenbacks squad has changed appreciably with some players moving on. We wish them well with their new clubs. Several new players have signed for the club who I'm sure will enhance the team for the coming season. The new management team of Jamie Lenton, Andy Penny and Ashley Sammons will operate a philosophy towards younger players with good potential being given the chance when ready.

The new replacement 3G carpet which is slightly shorter at 50mm is the latest approved design by FIFA. At a cost of £250,000 we would hope to get at least another 10 years use from it. To achieve this It's imperative however that we all look after it and conform to the rules laid out.

No one will be allowed inside the perimeter fence, including the dugouts and the technical areas without the correct footwear. A zero tolerance will operate.

Our social media team is doing a sterling job promoting the club and keeping everyone informed on daily events. We welcome several new volunteers to the ranks. Photographer Chris and graphic designer Simon. Their skill sets can only enhance the hard work being done by Lucy, Craig, David, Kev and Sarah.

It is unfortunate that some people see the need to use outside social media platforms to express opinions about Bedworth United without being aware of the facts. Sometimes ill-informed innuendos, sometimes downright malicious lie's . Please don't be taken in by it. If any clarification is needed about anything please talk to me.

Enjoy the game today and the coming season.

Green army!

Neill Rayson-Randle
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WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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THE HISTORY OF BEDWORTH

Our Name:
There have been a number of Clubs within the prefix 'Bedworth' but all regarded as one hence the Club formation date of 1895.

Bedworth Town was formed in June 1896 playing on a ground at the rear of the Conservative Club with dressing room facilities at Mr Shortridge's Tramway Refreshment Rooms. They folded around the turn of the Century. In 1905 Bedworth ECS changed their name to Town and played at the Welfare Ground until they folded in 1923.

The third Town Club was formed in 1925 when Collycroft United adopted the old name whilst playing at The British Queen ground in King Street. They changed their name to Bedworth Central in 1938 and back to Town the following year. In 1940 they also folded.

The fourth Town Club were created after the War playing at The Oval being wound up in 1968 where upon Bedworth United were formed.

Grounds:

The British Queen saw not only Football but also cricket, boxing, fetes, fairs and concerts. It was the work of one man Billy Goodyear the publican of the adjoining British Queen who transformed the once tip into a Sports Ground. For a while Birmingham City A hired the Ground which had been opened in the early 1920's and was owned by Brewers Lucas's of Leamington.

After the War the Miners Welfare Ground was used more and more with the British Queen Ground falling into disrepair eventually being sold to the owner of the Fair, who in turn sold it for development. Kings Garden Housing Estate now occupies the site.

The Welfare Ground (The Oval) had a cinder running track around the side of the pitch meaning crowds were many yards away from the playing area. This led to its removal with pitch side fencing erected squaring off the playing area. At one stage the Cricket Ground was used as Dressing Rooms before a new facility was built at the side of the Social Club. The main stand and dressing rooms were erected in 1993 replacing the old Cow Shed.

The huge Banking leading down from the park allowed the huge attendance on 23rd February 1982 when 5,127 watched a crucial local derby v Nuneaton Borough with the current capacity of 3,000

Seasons:

In 1972 Bedworth moved up to Division One North of the Southern League, where they remained until league restructuring in 1979 saw them placed in the Midland Division. A sixth-place finish in 1981–82 was enough to earn a place in the new Premier Division in 1982. In 1988–89 they finished bottom of the division and were relegated to Division One Midlands, which became the Western Division in 1999. In 2006 they were transferred to Division One Midlands, which became Division One Central in 2010.
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THE HISTORY OF BEDWORTH

A third-place finish in 2011–12 saw Bedworth qualify for the promotion play-offs. After beating Uxbridge 2–1 in the semi-final, they defeated Beaconsfield SYCOB 3–1 in the final to earn promotion to the Premier Division. However, the following season saw them finish second-bottom of the table, resulting in relegation, this time to Division One South of the Northern Premier League. They were transferred back to Division One Central of the Southern League in 2014, and qualified for the play-offs again in 2014–15 after finishing fourth. A 2–1 win over Aylesbury in the semi-finals and then a 2–0 victory against Barton Rovers in the final saw them promoted back to the Southern League's Premier Division. However, the following season saw them relegated again, again to Division One South of the Northern Premier League.

Bedworth finished fourth in Division One South in 2017–18, qualifying for the play-offs. After beating Chasetown 2–1 in the semi-finals, they defeated Stamford 2–1 after extra time in the final to earn promotion to the Southern League Premier South Division. However, the club finished bottom of the Premier South Division the following season and were relegated to Division One Central. At the end of the 2020–21 season they were transferred to Division One Midlands of the Northern Premier League.

Honours:

- **Birmingham Combination**
  - Champions 1948–49, 1949–50
- **Birmingham Senior Cup**
  - Winners 1978–79, 1980–81, 1981–82
- **Midland Floodlit Cup**
  - Winners 1981–82, 1992–93

Records

- **Best FA Cup performance:** Fourth qualifying round, 1951–52, 1952–53, 1989–90, 1996–97, 2009–10
- **Best FA Trophy performance:** Second round, 1980–81, 1998–99, 1999–2000, 2001–02, 2004–05
- **Record attendance:** 5,147 vs Nuneaton Borough, Southern League Midland Division, 23 February 1982
- **Most appearances:** Peter Spacey (1949–1969)
- **Most goals:** Peter Spacey
- **Record transfer fee received:** £30,000 from Plymouth Argyle for Richard Landon, 1994
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Harvey Westwood

Harvey came through our Academy and youth set up, as well as featuring in our double winning u21s team 2 seasons ago. Harvey can play in a number of positions across the front line, as well as in midfield, and he will give us several options in attack. Harvey is a very intelligent footballer, with the ability to provide goals and assists, and considering he's still only 19, he's got so much potential.



Charlie Gordon

Charlie has developed through the junior section at Copsewood and has spent the last 3 seasons in the 1st team playing at Step 6. Having captained the team last season, he scored an impressive 15 goals and won the Coventry Evening Telegraph Challenge Cup. He's 21 years old, fit, strong and competitive, and possesses a great left foot. He can play anywhere across the midfield and as he proved last season, he's got a real eye for goal, scoring a very impressive 15 goals.



Joe Anthony

Joe played in Coventry City's Academy set-up before spending two years at Kidderminster Harriers. Manager Jamie Lenton is delighted to have secured the services of the tough tackling defender and is expecting his transition into Step 4 football to be a smooth one. Joe can play anywhere across the back 4, he's a strong defender and very good technically. Joe is 22, and another local lad we've recruited.



Ben Richards

Ben is a defender with huge physical presence, he is a dominating, left-footed centre back who likes the physical side of the game but can play with the ball and is technically very capable for a big man. His physical frame makes him impactful at both ends of the pitch and he is a leader, who takes responsibility and demands high standards. Having several years experience at this level, Ben was recently with Kidlington FC for 18 months. It was here that he ended the 23/24 season as the clubs top goalscorer, 'supporters player of the season' and was nominated for the leagues team of the season, he left the club midway through 24/25 as captain to end the season at Grantham Town.

MEET THE NEW SIGNINGS!



Will Highland

Having made over 380 appearances for Hinckley LRFC, keeping an impressive 132 clean sheets over a 10 year period, the 28 year old goalkeeper achieved 3 promotions, a league cup win and a play off final in the 23/24 season. Highland went on to play for Step 3 outfit Barwell in the 24/25 season, as well as Aylestone Park FC. His handling and distribution are excellent. We're really pleased to have secured Will going into the new season.



Jamie Ashmore

Ashmore brings a wealth of experience to the greenbacks having previously played for the club, when we won the play offs back in 2015-16. Ashmore is pleased to be back playing at the club where he won the play offs as a teenager. 'I have come back to the club to win, and try my best to push for promotion. Knowing Lents and Penny, their ambitious and they want to win. I have been promoted with the club once before, and I'd love to be able to do it again!'



Callum Martin

Cal spent two years as a scholar at Coventry City before spells at Hinckley AFC, Davnetry Town, and then Coventry Sphinx, where he was a key player in winning Step 5. 'My expectations for this season is to be establish myself as a first team player, and get back to playing regularly after a tough time last season with injuries. The set up at Bedworth is great and I'm looking forward to getting going'.



Mackenzie Lamb

Spent youth ages 8-16 at West Bromwich Albion, before signing a 2 year scholarship. After this Mackenzie signed a 2 year professional contract at Peterborough United. Mackenzie has had Loan spells at Alverchurch, Stratford Town and Evesham United followed with Mackenzie being part of the Evesham United play off winning team last season.



Connor Mooney

Left footed midfielder/forward who come through the academy system at Aston Villa before progressing to have spells at Stratford Town, Worcester City and Highgate Utd where he made over 200 appearances. Last season Mooney played forRacing Club Warwick and has now made the switch to the Oval

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The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

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OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

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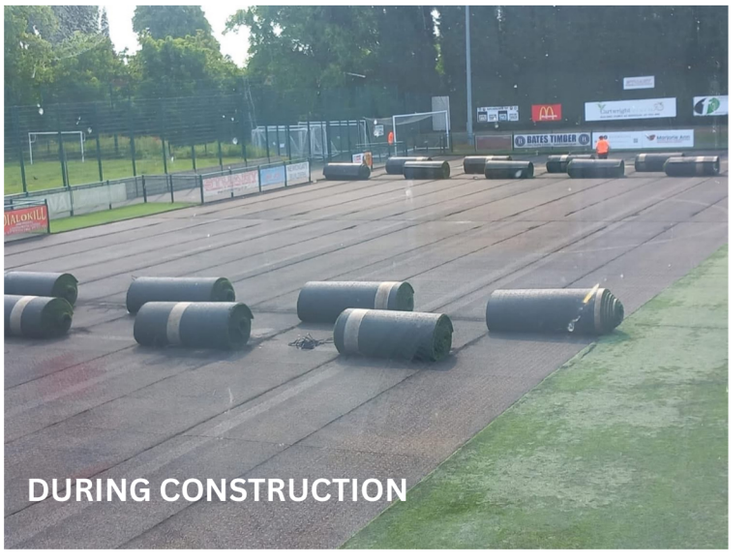
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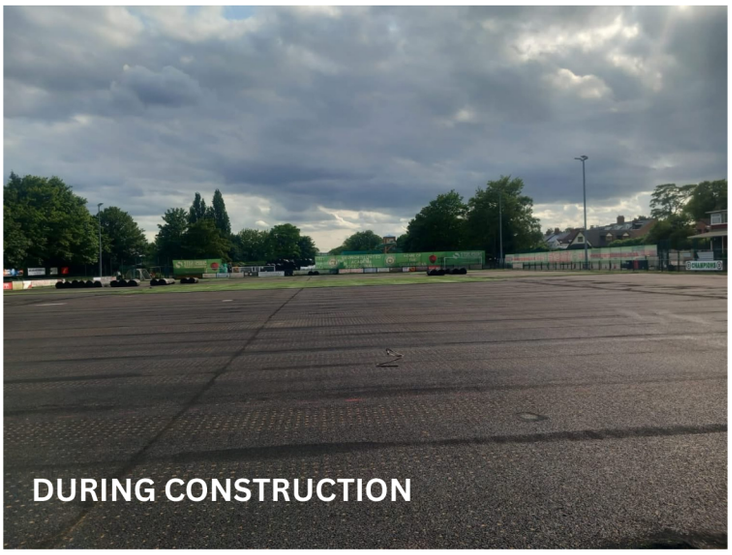
THE NEW PITCH!

The new pitch is now complete and today's match against Nuneaton Town is the offical opening of the newly laid 3G surface at The Oval.
The previous pitch was 11 years old and needed replacing to continue to meet the strict FA requirements it has to be replaced at the end of this season.

The cost to replace the carpet is in excess of £250.000. The total cost has to be met by the club as no grants will be available for this project. The club has accumulated the finance required by way of a retention fund saved annually each year.
The benefits of an artificial pitch are well documented. The all-weather surface has allowed the whole community to participate in football 7 days a week for 11 years. There are over 30 BUFC teams and many other local organisations using the facility 7 days a week, with Nuneaton Town also playing their home games at The Oval too.
There are examples of other 3G pitches not lasting as long as ours here at the Oval. The key to this is good maintenance and by abiding to the few simple rule's. To ensure that the new surface will also give long life, it is imperative that we all take personal responsibility to look after it.



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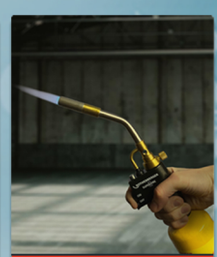

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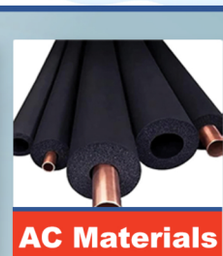


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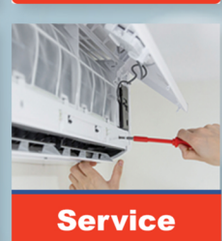
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NUNEATON TOWN FC

In 1889, Nuneaton St. Nicholas FC was the first team in Nuneaton to play senior football. In 1894, the 'Nicks' changed their name to Nuneaton Town Association Football Club, which they played under until 1937 when the club was disbanded. Two days later, the club was reformed as Nuneaton Borough F.C. and played under this name until 1991 when the club liquidated for the first time. After the club reformed they changed their name to Nuneaton Borough 1991 F.C. During this time the club had some historic cup victories including a 1–0 win over Division 2 side Stoke City in 2000 and in 2006 they scored a late equaliser at home to Premier league and UEFA Cup side Middlesbrough. Then in 2008 the club was liquidated due to poor financial performance. It was renamed Nuneaton Town and suffered a two-division demotion. During the 2018–19 season the club reverted to its former name Nuneaton Borough F.C. after overwhelming support for the change from supporters.

In 1936 the club sold its Manor Park ground to Nuneaton Corporation. On 13 May 1937, at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, it was decided to shut down the football club despite it being financially sound.

Following the disbanding of the club a new group of young Gentlemen decided to reform it two days later. The club played at a new ground, Manor Park (1937–2007).

In March 1983, George Best played for Nuneaton Borough in a friendly match against Coventry City and scored from a penalty.

In May 2007, the club left its Manor Park ground after drawing its last game 1–1 against Vauxhall Motors. In the 2007–08 season, ill-health meant the club's owner Ted Stocker decided to sell his shares. In March 2008, local businessman Ian Neale took ownership of the club for a trial period. He eventually took 100% ownership of the club in April of that year, but in May Neale found irregularities in the club finances, raising fears that the club would be forced into administration. On 2 June 2008, Nuneaton Borough went into liquidation.

The club was once again reformed, but the FA insisted that it revert to its former name of Nuneaton Town. Falling foul of financial regulations the club was demoted two divisions, from Conference North to Southern League Division One, although the club was promoted back to its former division over the following two seasons. The club continued to be known by its former nickname, "The Boro".

The club was relegated to the Southern League Midlands Division in the 2008–09 season but made an immediate return to the Southern League Premier Division the following season with a 1–0 play-off final victory over Chasetown at Liberty Way.

In the Southern League Premier Division, Nuneaton found themselves facing several teams that were chasing promotion. After a slow start, the team went on a run that saw them beaten once at home and included a run of 14 straight victories. A 24-point gap between the leaders Farnborough was narrowed to two points at the end of the season. Nuneaton had some success in the FA Cup and FA Trophy but ended the second week in March with a backlog of eight games in hand over their top-six rivals. Nuneaton pursued Farnborough and had a schedule of ten games in twenty-four days, including two games in twenty-four hours.

NUNEATON TOWN FC

IA 6–0 defeat of Brackley Town in the semi-final saw home advantage given to Nuneaton who faced Chippenham. The final went into extra time and local player Eddie Nisevic scored the winning goal, returning Nuneaton to the Conference North. Three days after the play-off final, Nuneaton beat Alvechurch to win the Birmingham Senior Cup. Only Premier League club Aston Villa has won the cup more times than Nuneaton, which has won the trophy in every decade since the Second World War.

Nuneaton returned to the Conference North and the opening game and crowd average was around 1,000. Nuneaton started well and remained in the top six up until Christmas, where they gained top spot until the last week in March. After other clubs played their games in hand, Nuneaton finished just outside the play-offs but the club above them, Eastwood Town, were prevented from taking part in the playoffs due to a technical problem. Nuneaton faced A.F.C. Telford United in the first leg and led until the 93rd minute when the away side drew level. In the second tie, Telford took the lead but defended for the second half. Nuneaton lost to Telford, which was eventually promoted into the Conference Premier.

The 2011–12 season saw Nuneaton gain promotion back to the Conference Premier for the first time in 10 years. After maintaining a high league position throughout the season, in its last few weeks an administrative error led to a six-point deduction but a final day 3–2 victory at Blyth Spartans ensured their play-off place. A semi-final 2nd-leg victory over Guiseley with a goal from Andy Brown in the last minute of extra time meant that Boro had to travel to Gainsborough Trinity for the Play-Off Final. Again Brown scored the goal that saw Boro claim a 1–0 victory. The club's promotion was its third in four seasons since the reformation.

The 2012–13 season saw Nuneaton play against the country's non-league elite. Despite spending much of the season in and around the relegation zone a run towards the end of the season saw the club finish in 15th place.
The 2013–14 season, Nuneaton led the table early on and in and around the play-offs for most of the season. Following manager Kevin Wilkin's departure for Wrexham, results tailed off in the last month but they finished in 13th position. A new manager, Brian Reid, was appointed and oversaw the last three games of the season.

The 2014–15 season saw Lee Thorn invest in the club, becoming chairman. His investment allowed the club to regain ownership of the stadium. On 8 September, following a poor start to the 2014–15 season, Reid was let go following a number of poor results and performances. Liam Daish was appointed manager but the club was relegated to the newly renamed National League North.

In October 2023, the club were issued with an eviction notice with debts of around £650,000 and bosses claiming that the club had been behind in rent payments since 2019. This eviction notice led the club to having to play what they feared to be their last ever match at the home of Stratford Town, however the club could afford to play a further two away matches thanks to the efforts of supporters. On 23 November 2023, the club confirmed that they had been taken over by DA Capital. On 18 January 2024, the club confirmed their withdrawal from the Southern Football League Premier Division Central for the remainder of the season. Following advice from their legal advisors that their offer to purchase the stadium would not be considered and that a lease agreement could not be reached, investors had pulled out any financial support, meaning the club would be unable to continue trading.

Ahead of the 2024–25 season, the club joined Division One of the Midland Football League as Nuneaton Town. During their first season, the club were promoted to the Premier Division as champions

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