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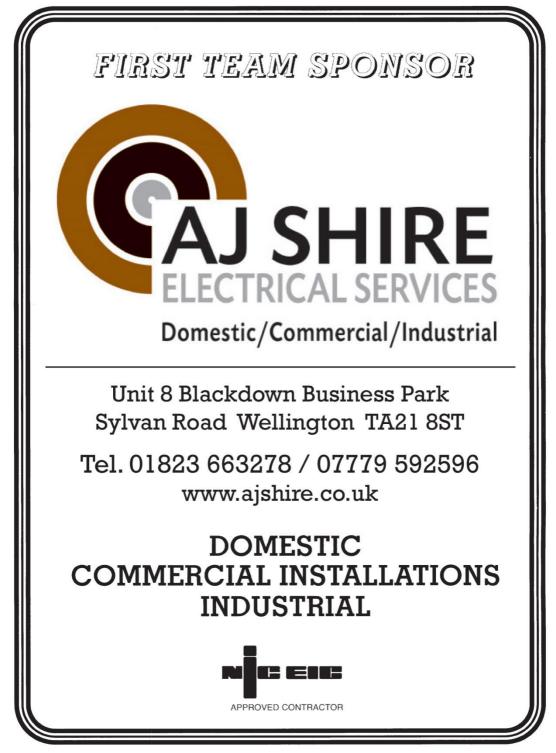


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TIM LEGG - First Team Manager

NICK BUTTLE - Reserve Team Manager

WARREN TOTH – A Team Manager

NYIMA TOURAY – Ladies Team Manager



WELLINGTON AFC Club History

Formed in 1892, we are proud to be an FA Accredited Club. Initially, the club played in leagues based around Taunton and Tiverton. In the early 1960s, we gained promotion to the Somerset Senior League and succeeded in achieving Western League status in 1978 which has been retained ever since, making us one of the league's longest continuously-serving members.

The First Team entered the Western League in the First Division in the 1978-79 season and played at Premier Division level from 1981-82 to 1984-85 and 2008-09 to 2010-11. The team were then promoted as First Division Champions at the end of the 2016-17 season. In their first season back in the Premier Division, the team finished a creditable 15th and also reached the semi-final of the Somerset Premier Cup losing 4-1 away to Southern League club Paulton Rovers. The following season, the team finished in 16th place but unfortunately, the next two campaigns were brought to an early conclusion by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Last season provided new challenges for the team, including starting the season with a trip to Mousehole and a final match at Helston on Easter Monday. The side achieved their highest positon in the Toolstation Premier League since the 2009-10 season (14th) and equaled the club's longest run in the FA Vase (third round). The 2022-23 season again presents new challenges and new grounds to visit with teams being promoted to and relegated into the Premier Division. Joint managers Tim Legg and Alex Pope are again in charge of the side.

The Reserves were top of Division One West in the Devon and Exeter League when the 2020-21 season was terminated due to the Covid pandemic. The league took the opportunity to restructure for the start of the 2021-22 season and move away from the East and West Divisions and, as a result, the Reserves were placed in Division One where they finished in fifth place. Although there has been some movement of teams within the league the Reserves, under new manager, Nick Buttle, have remained in Division One for this season.

Having played in the Devon and Exeter League for a number of seasons, the A team transferred to Division Three of the Taunton Saturday League for the 2018-19 season when they finished a creditable third, gaining promotion to

Division Two for the 2019-20 season. They gained further promotion to Division One for the 2020-21 season and were topping the table when the season was forced to end due to the Covid pandemic. They won their group in the league's Covid Cup and also won the Seward Cup held over from 2019-20. Last season they finished in fifth place and, under manager Warren Toth, are in Division One again this for this campaign.

The club's Ladies played in the Somerset County Women's League Division Two (Flexi) in the 2020-21 season, finishing a creditable third when the season resumed. Last season they again played in Division Two where they finished in second place and reached the quarter-finals of the League Knock-Out Cup. Under manager Nyima Touray, they have been promoted to Division One for the 2022-23 campaign. This season there is also an additional Ladies Development Team, giving the opportunity for players to progress from the Wildcats Under 16s to senior football.

Last season, our youth teams once again performed well in their respective league and cup competitions, notably the Under 14s Town won their division and were runners-up in the league cup while the Under 12s United and Under 15s Town teams both finished runners-up in their division. All the other youth teams, boys and an increasing number of girls, acquitted themselves well and continue to be run by a small army of enthusiastic volunteers.

Our three Disability teams also performed well in their league and, this season, instead of three adult teams, we have two adult teams and a youth team.

In total this season, the club are running no fewer than 33 teams.

We continue to work with the town and district councils to pursue the club's attempts to establish a new First Team facility on land on the new Longforth Farm Estate on the edge of the town. This would then free-up the Playing Field for other teams to use. We are also working with the Wellington Sports Federation on the Somerset West and Taunton Playing Pitch Strategy regarding other land in the town where it is proposed a number of youth sports pitches would be provided.

Outside our core footballing activities, Wellington AFC is home to several darts and skittles teams and we run a full programme of social events for members and non-members alike with the impressive Function Room and Lounge available for hire.



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Wednesday 2nd November – Kick-off – 7.30pm Western Counties Floodlight Youth League WELLINGTON UNDER 18s v CHARD TOWN UNDER 18s

Saturday 5th November – Kick-off 2.00pm Toolstation Western League Premier Division WELLINGTON v KEYNSHAM TOWN



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Our next Past Players' Reunion will take place at the first-team's home game against Saltash United on Saturday, November 19th.

Tickets cost £10 which includes a fish and chips lunch with a drink and match entry – the get-together starts at noon with the game kicking off at 2pm.

To register your attendance, please call Jason Hawkings on 07747 868154.

WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD - 2022/2023



Rear, from left, Graham Aspin (vice-chairman), Lauren Watts (sports therapist), Sam Towler, Mark Cornish, Miles Quick, Tom Stone, Rob Hall, Charlie Hawkings, Stefan Phillips, Hasham Ashraf, Alex Cherry, Jake Quick, Mike Hall (chairman), Adam Croft (team sponsor), Chris Ormerod.

Front, Nathaniel Groom, Jason Quick, Sully McKenna, Glen Wright, Tim Legg (joint manager), Alex Pope (joint manager), Jack Bown-Porter, Eli Collins, Joe Wragg, Kelson Pollard.





WELLINGTON 2 - 0 BARNSTAPLE TOWN

Wellington produced one of their best displays of the season to progress in the Vase with victory over Barnstaple Town at the Playing Field last Saturday.

The North Devon club - currently sixth in the Toolstation premier table – had already beaten the Tangerines 3-1 in the league. But they came off second best in a pulsating contest which resulted in Wellington earning £825 in prizemoney and a second-round tie at home to Royal Wootton Bassett Town of the Hellenic League premier division on Saturday, November 12th.

There was never much to choose between the sides in a high tempo first half which ended goalless. Home defender Jason Quick headed off the line after ten minutes and keeper Harley Wilkinson did well to push over a powerful free kick from Stuart Bowker after 34 while, at the other end, Wellington had appeals for a penalty rejected after Mark Cornish went down in the box.

The Tangerines stepped up a gear after the break only to be denied by the woodwork twice with headers from Cornish hitting the post and then the bar. In between, Jake Quick got the ball in the net but the assistant's flag was raised for offside.

But they were not to be denied and broke the deadlock with 12 minutes remaining. Man-of-the-match Miles Quick was brought down as he rounded keeper Liam Kingston and skipper Sam Towler coolly dispatched the resulting penalty.

Wellington doubled their advantage with four minutes remaining as a pullback from Eli Collins was sliced into his own net by Barnstaple's Brodie Montague. That was game over as an outstanding performance by the home defence of Stefan Phillips, Tom Stone, Jason Quick and Alex Cherry meant Wilkinson was not called into serious action in the second half.

Team: Harley Wilkinson, Stefan Phillips, Tom Stone, Jason Quick Alex Cherry, Jamie Nicholson, Sam Towler, Eli Collins, Mark Cornish, Jake Quick, Miles Quick. Subs: Jordan Casey, Glen Wright and Michael Murphy (all used).

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Miles Quick was our man of the match against Barnstaple and received the award from club secretary Jeff Brown on behalf of match sponsors AJ Shire Electrical Services.

Action Shots from FA Vase match v Barnstaple (Courtesy of Around Wellington)











NEXT GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM

Toolstation Western League Premier Division Tuesday 1st November – Kick-off 7.30pm SHEPTON MALLET v WELLINGTON

Saturday 5th November – Kick-off 2.00pm WELLINGTON v KEYNSHAM TOWN

Tuesday 8th November – Kick-off 7.45pm ILFRACOMBE TOWN v WELLINGTON

FA VASE – Second Round Proper Saturday 12th November – Kick-off 3.00pm WELLINGTON v ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT



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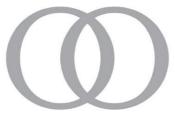
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TODAY'S VISITORS BRIDGWATER UNITED

We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Bridgwater United for today's Toolstation League Premier Division game.

Early attempts to establish a senior association football club in the rugby stronghold of Bridgwater failed to attract supporters, were beset with financial woes and were thus short-lived.

It was not until after the Second World War that solid foundations for a club were finally laid. A group of enthusiasts formed **CROWN DYNAMO FC** in 1946 based at a public house in St John Street. The team quickly gained a substantial following and became the forerunner of **BRIDGWATER TOWN AFC**.

The purchase of land off Bristol Road for a home ground [Castlefield], the backing of a large supporters' organisation and the support of prominent local businessmen, who became directors enabled the club to flourish.

Soon the club owned a portfolio of residential property and was able to offer a house, a job and a good part-time wage to prospective footballers. This enabled the club to attract many ex-Football League professionals and field strong, competitive teams, which enjoyed great success as one of the Western League's leading sides.

Two Western League championship mantles, cup final wins and thrilling runs in the FA Cup and FA Trophy were experienced throughout the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

In 1982 Bridgwater Town AFC became members of the Southern League. However, it all came to an abrupt end in June 1984 when substantial debts forced the club into voluntary liquidation.

A NEW BEGINNING

A new club, **BRIDGWATER TOWN 1984 FC** was quickly established by a band of loyal supporters: and from humble beginnings worked all the way back up

from Somerset County League origins to attaining Southern League membership inside a twenty-three year timespan.

On the way the club enjoyed a hat-trick of Somerset County League titles, a Screwfix Western League Division 1 championship and two Les Philips Cup Final wins. As members of the Southern League they reached the Final of the League Cup (2009) and were beaten finalists in the promotion play-offs (2010).

However after 2010 leaner times returned, eventually leading to relegation in 2017. Returning to Step 5 level once more, the club remains ambitious, with the aim of competing strongly for the title and regaining its previous status.

The club's ambitions received a massive boost during the early part of 2021 as it merged with Yeovil United FC to become **BRIDGWATER UNITED FC**. Now, with a new club status, ownership and business model, plans are at an advanced stage to make the club a real community asset - not just for the town of Bridgwater but for the whole of Somerset.

Last season was a success clinching the Les Phillips Cup with a 1-0 victory over Cadbury Heath at Wells City FC along with a number of other cup wins for the Women's squad and youth teams and the club is gearing up for the new season with the merger of the Western and SW Peninsula Leagues going ahead next year



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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE – PREMIER DIVISION Saturday 29th October 2022



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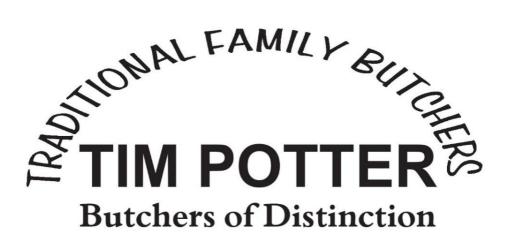
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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS Saturday 22nd October

Cadbury Heath1 - 2Buckland AthleticClevedon Town6 - 0MillbrookShepton Mallet0 - 2Bridgwater UnitedWelton Rovers1 - 3Saltash United

LES PHILLIPS CUP Tuesday 25^{th} October 1-4

Shepton Mallet



Welton Rovers

FA VASE FIRST ROUND PROPER - RESULTS Saturday 22nd October 2022

Bishops Lydeard	1 - 2	Roman Glass St George
Brimscombe & Thrupp	1 - 1	Torpoint Athletic
	(pens 5 – 4)	
Brixham	4 - 0	Odd Down
Elburton Villa	1 - 0	Ashton & Backwell Utd
Falmouth Town	2 - 1	Helston Athletic
Keynsham Town	0 - 4	Corsham Town
Lydney Town	1 - 3	Mousehole
Oldland Abbotonians	0 - 0	Shaftsbury Town
	(3 – 4 pens)	
Street	1 - 5	Andover New Street
Wellington	2 - 0	Barnstaple Town



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 22ND OCTOBER 2022

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Bridgwater United	16	13	2	1	38	41
2	Saltash United	16	12	3	1	21	39
3	Shepton Mallet	12	8	1	З	12	25
4	Buckland Athletic	14	8	0	6	6	24
5	Mousehole	12	6	5	1	13	23
6	Barnstaple Town	10	6	2	2	10	20
7	Clevedon Town	12	5	2	5	0	17
8	Helston Athletic	11	4	4	3	-3	16
9	Millbrook	13	5	1	7	-10	16
10	Street	12	5	1	6	-10	16
11	Ilfracombe Town	11	3	5	3	5	14
12	Sherborne Town	13	4	2	7	1	14
13	Ashton & Backwell United	11	4	2	5	-1	14
14	Falmouth Town	12	3	4	5	0	13
15	Welton Rovers	15	3	3	9	-20	12
16	Cadbury Heath	14	2	4	8	-12	10
17	Torpoint Athletic	12	2	3	7	-13	9
18	Wellington	11	2	2	7	-9	8
19	Keynsham Town	15	2	2	11	-28	8



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES – 29TH OCTOBER

Barnstaple Town	VS	Mousehole
Cadbury Heath	VS	Clevedon Town
Falmouth Town	VS	Keynsham Town
Millbrook	VS	Buckland Athletic
Saltash United	VS	Street
Shepton Mallet	VS	Ilfracombe Town
Sherborne Town	VS	Ashton & Backwell Utd
Wellington	VS	Bridgwater United
Welton Rovers	VS	Torpoint Athletic



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TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	H/A	СОМР	OPPOSITION	F	Α
31/07/22	А	Prem	Falmouth Town	2	2
06/08/22	А	FA Cup	Willand Rovers	1	2
09/08/22	А	Prem	Welton Rovers	4	1
13/08/22	А	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	3
16/08/22	А	Prem	Barnstaple	1	3
20/08/22	А	Prem	Sherborne Town	0	3
27/08/22	А	Prem	Clevedon Town	3	4
29/08/22	А	Prem	Keynsham	0	4
03/09/22	А	Prem	Bridgwater United	0	0
17/09/22	Н	Prem	Welton Rovers	4	2
01/10/22	Н	Prem	Clevedon Town	1	2
04/10/22	А	SPC	Frome Town	3	2
15/10/22	Н	Prem	Sherborne Town	0	2
19/10/22	Н	LPC	Bishops Lydeard	3	2
22/10/22	Н	FAV	Barnstaple Town	2	0
29/10/22	Н	Prem	Bridgwater United		
01/11/22	А	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
05/11/22	Н	Prem	Keynsham	2.00pr	n
08/11/22	А	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pr	n
12/11/22	Н	FAV	Royal Wootton Bassett		
15/11/22	А	LPC	Bridgwater United	7.45pr	n
19/11/22	Н	Prem	Saltash	2.00pr	n
26/11/22	А	Prem	Torpoint		
03/12/22	Н	Prem	Street		
10/12/22	Н	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	2.00pr	n
17/12/22	Н	Prem	Mousehole		
26/12/22	А	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1.00pr	n
02/01/23	Н	Prem	Millbrook		
07/01/23	А	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd		
14/01/23	Н	Prem	Falmouth Town		

DATE	H/A	СОМР	OPPOSITION	F	Α
21/01/23	А	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
04/02/23	Н	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
11/02/23	А	Prem	Street	2.00)pm
25/02/23	Н	Prem	Barnstaple	2.00)pm
04/03/23	Н	Prem	Torpoint		
18/03/23	А	Prem	Saltash		
25/03/23	А	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
01/04/23	Н	Prem	Helston Athletic		
07/04/23	Н	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1.00)pm
10/04/23	А	Prem	Millbrook		
15/04/23	Н	Prem	Ashton & Backwell		
22/04/23	А	Prem	Mousehole		

(Note - kick-off time 3.00pm unless shown)





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Premier Division: In a battle between the two longest undefeated streaks this season, it was **Bridgwater** who came out on top in a tight contest away at **Shepton Mallet**. The game involved the two best defences in the league, so goals were always likely to be at a premium, with the deadlock broken in fortunate circumstances 20 minutes from time when Jake Brown's cross deflected into the back of the Shepton net. Then, with Shepton doing everything within their power to equalise, Bridgwater broke down the other end, and wrapped things up in stoppage time, with George King firing home from the edge of the box to make it 2-0.

Clevedon Town dominated mid-table rival **Millbrook**, scoring five times after the break to complete a 6-0 triumph at the Hand Stadium. Only Ethan Feltham's 33rd minute effort split the sides at the interval, but the second period belonged exclusively to the hosts from the moment Freddie King doubled their advantage. Archie Ferris then made it 3-0 with their next attack, before Callum Eastwood curled home a beauty to put the result beyond doubt. Feltham and Ferris added further to their tallies in the closing stages to give the Seasiders their biggest win of the campaign by some margin.

Second-placed **Saltash** kept up the pressure on Bridgwater thanks to a 3-1 win away at **Welton**. Callum Merrin got the ball rolling, continuing his fine run of form in front of goal, with Harrison Davis then scoring a quickfire double to help the Ashes build a comfortable three-goal lead at the interval. Jake Bird managed to pull a goal back in second half stoppage time for Rovers, but they didn't come close to stopping Saltash's charge towards a 12th league victory of the campaign.

In the most dramatic finish of the day, **Buckland** grabbed victory from the claws of defeat, with Josh Webber striking twice in injury time to give them a 2-1 win away at **Cadbury Heath**. The Devonians had been unable to break their hosts for much of the afternoon, and looked certain to face defeat due to Matt Huxley's excellent 17th minute header. Buckland never stopped

pushing however, and after Webber finally managed to beat the home side's backline to level the scores, he then got on the end of another attack less than two minutes later to deny the heartbroken Heath any points whatsoever

FA Vase: Only three Western League sides are still alive in the FA Vase following a relatively disappointing afternoon of knockout action, with **Mousehole**'s 3-1 win at **Lydney Town** the pick of the results. After Mark Goldsworthy had fired the Cornish side ahead inside the opening few minutes, a second-half double from Hayden Turner helped complete victory for the visitors.

The other two victories both came in all-Toolstation ties, with **Falmouth** holding on to knock out cup specialists **Helston** by two goals to one .An early penalty converted by Jack Bray-Evans set the hosts on their way, before Luke Brabyn volleyed home a second just after the half-hour mark. Tom Payne managed to cut the deficit three minutes before the break, but a goalless second period meant that it was Falmouth who progressed to the next round.

Two late goals were the difference in Somerset, where **Wellington** belied their lowly league position to knock out **Barnstaple Town**. When Jake Quick had an effort ruled out for offside, Wellington must have fancied it wasn't going to be their afternoon, however they showed great perseverance to keep attacking, and were rewarded 12 minutes from time, when Sam Towler fired home from the penalty spot. Brodie Montague's late own-goal confirmed the destination of the victory, with Wellington securing just their second clean sheet of the campaign.

It was a tough afternoon for **Odd Down**, who were handed a 4-0 defeat at **Brixham**, with **Keynsham** beaten by the same scoreline at home against a strong **Corsham** outfit. **Street** were beaten 5-1 by **Andover New Street**, despite taking an eighth minute lead through Jake Horsey, while **Bishops Lydeard**'s Adam Willis' late effort wasn't quite enough for Bishops Lydeard in their 2-1 loss at home to **Roman Glass St George**. There were unfortunate penalty defeats for both **Torpoint** and **Oldland Abbotonians**, with **Ashton & Backwell United** undone by a fifth minute strike in their 1-0 loss at **Elburton Villa**.

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AROUND THE CLUB

As well as the First Team both the Reserves and the A Team were in action last weekend.

The **Reserves** were away to Bow Amateur Athletic and in what was a frustrating afternoon unfortunately lost 4-2 with Rohan Poulsom scoring both goals including a penalty. This afternoon they visit Winkleigh and next Saturday travel to East Budleigh 1st.

Tom Scarlett hit a hat-trick for the **A Team** as they went down 5-4 at home to Stogursey 1^{st} . The other scorer was Reegan Scotcher. This afternoon they entertain Galmington 1^{st} and on Friday (4^{th} November) have a cup match against North Curry 1^{st} at Castle Sports Centre with an 8.00pm kick-off.

There were no fixtures in the Somerset County Women's League last weekend. Tomorrow the **Ladies** entertain Pen Mill Ladies 1^{st} at the Playing Field with a 2.00pm kick-off. Whilst the **Wildcats** travel to Wincanton Town Ladies 1^{st} .

In the Western Counties Floodlight Youth League South Division the **Under 18s** are at home to Chard Town Under 18s on Wednesday evening (2nd November) with a 7.30pm kick-off.

TEAM PICTURES

Following are recent pictures of the Reserves, A Team and Ladies. Grateful thanks are due to sponsors:

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WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD – 2022/2023



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