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**JENNY OXBY – Clubhouse Manager**

**COLIN WALLER - Welfare Officer/Youth Team Co-ordinator**

**KEN BIRD – Website and Social Media Officer**

**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 position 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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## NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD



Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Kick-off – 3.00pm  
Stitch2Print Devon & Exeter League Div 1  
WELLINGTON RESERVES v HATHERLEIGH TOWN 1<sup>ST</sup>

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Kick-off - 2.00pm  
Somerset County Women's League Div 2 (South)  
WELLINGTON WILDCATS v WINCANTON

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Kick-off - 7.45pm  
Toolstation Western League Premier Division  
WELLINGTON v BARNSTAPLE



## FIRST TEAM SPONSOR

We are again indebted to AJ Shire Electrical & Solar Services for sponsoring our First Team this season and Adam Croft (partner) is pictured with captain Glen Wright along with joint managers Tim Legg and Alex Pope.



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## NEXT GAMES FOR THE FIRST TEAM



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Kick-off - 7.30pm  
ASHTON & BACKWELL UNITED v WELLINGTON**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Kick-off - 3.00pm  
SALTASH v WELLINGTON**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Kick-off - 7.45pm  
WELLINGTON v BARNSTAPLE**



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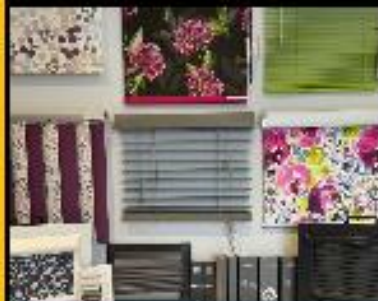
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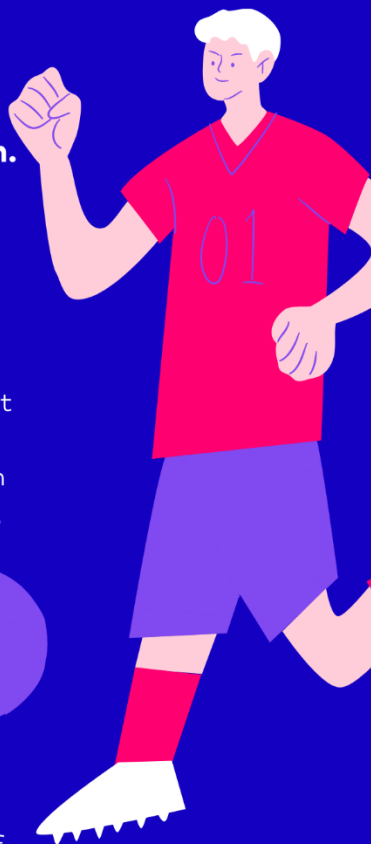
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## WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2022/2023



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.

## **MATCH REPORT – LES PHILLIPS CUP**

### **WELLINGTON      1      3      CLEVEDON TOWN**

Wellington failed in their bid to reach the Les Phillips Cup quarter-finals as two late goals condemned them to defeat by Clevedon Town at the Playing Field on Wednesday evening.

It was the third meeting between the sides this season and, after completing a league double, the Seasiders made it a hat-trick of victories.

The game was switched to Wellington after being frozen off twice at Clevedon and there was never much to choose between the sides in a goalless first half.

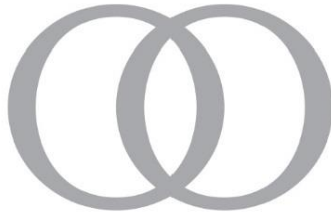
Both keepers – Wellington's Harley Wilkinson and Clevedon's Luca Smith – pulled off some sharp stops while Glen Wright thought he had shot the hosts ahead but his effort was ruled off because the ball had gone out of play beforehand.

Clevedon finally broke the deadlock after 57 minutes when a low drive by Ethan Feltham rebounded off the post and Alex Camm nodded home the rebound.

However, Wellington drew level six minutes later as a low cross by Nathan Byrne was sliced into his own net by defender Glen Hayer for the equaliser.

The hosts opted to go three at the back as they went in search of the winner but it was Clevedon who would go on to clinch tie. They were awarded a penalty with ten minutes to go when Nathaniel Groom went down in the area against his former club only for it to be overturned because the flag was up for offside.

But Groom was not to be denied and, when the ball broke to him in the box shortly afterwards, he made no mistake to put his side back in front. Clevedon then made their progression into the next round a certainty when Feltham scored with a low drive in the final minute.



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## TODAY'S VISITORS SHEPTON MALLET

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

Shepton Mallet Town FC originated from the amalgamation of three local teams in 1933, and then won the Somerset Senior League Premier Division Title in 1949, 1959, 1974 and 1975, as well as lifting the Somerset Senior Cup in 1950 and 1965.

Under manager Richard Fox the club were elected to the Western League for the first time in 1976, and promoted to the Premier Division as runners up in their first season. After relegation two years later, they again reached the Premier Division this time under manager Brian Drysdale, after winning the first division title in season 1981-2, only for the original club to fold four years later and drop out of the Western League in 1986.

A new club named Shepton Mallet AFC was formed for season 1987-88 to compete in the Somerset County League, reaching the Premier Division in the early 1990s and winning the County Senior Cup in 1997-98 under manager Alan O'Leary. They finally won the league title in season 2000-2001 under manager Roger Smith to regain Western League status, and achieved a respectable 7th place finish the next season. Early in season 2002-2003 Smith resigned, and player Gary Banfield took the helm and helped the club finish 9th that season.

A dip in fortune then followed, the club invariably finishing in the lower reaches of the table and flirting with relegation more than once as managers Shane Smith, Malcolm Beck and Mark (Dusty) Ford came and went. Ex Castle Cary manager Kev Davis then gave the club some stability and higher place finishes with four seasons in charge up to 2009, before another spell of management changes followed as Keith Brown, Chris Mountford, Glynn Shaw and Benji Tricker all came and went.

The inspired appointment of ex Paulton Rovers manager Andy Jones and his assistant Ben Cleverly in 2012 saw the club's fortunes improve dramatically with four seasons of relative success. Second spot in 2013-14 season saw the club promoted back into the Premier Division where they have remained since. Rob Cousins took over very briefly in August 2016, but was soon replaced by Craig Loxton who remains in charge and is now the club's longest serving manager.

Along with joint manager Jon Burr, the club had a particularly successful campaign in season 2017-8, reaching a highest ever 6th place league finish and just missing out on the Les Phillips Cup trophy after losing the final on penalties to Buckland Athletic.

In 2019 Craig was joined as joint manager by former Hengrove Athletic manager John Durbin who remains in the dugout with Craig. After two disrupted seasons due to Covid 19, a semblance of normality was restored last season, when the club again achieved a now joint highest 6th place finish. They also registered their highest goals total at Premier League level, 77, and conceded their least, 36, as well as registering the most ever clean sheets in a season in all games (20), and also increased attendances to an all-time high in the modern era. With the vast majority of last season's playing staff staying with the club, they look forward to another exciting season.

Mid November the Club appointed a new management team of former Shepton players Aaron Seviour assisted by Andy Martin and Ricky Lebiecz as goalkeeper coach.

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**TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE – PREMIER DIVISION**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



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**Ryan Brereton**

**Nathan Byrne**

**Alex Cherry**

**Callum Chivers**

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**Mark Cornish**

**Sullivan McKenna**

**Jamie Nicholson**

**Stefan Phillips**

**Kelson Pollard**

**Jake Quick**

**Jason Quick**

**Miles Quick**

**Tom Stone**

**Harley Wilkinson**

**Henry Woodward**

**Glen Wright**

**Joint Managers – Tim Legg**

**& Alex Pope**

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**From:**

**Callum Ball**

**Tom Easterbrook**

**Lenny Gale**

**Callum Gould**

**Fin Haines**

**Jasper Jones**

**Andy Martin**

**Harry Ruddy**

**Aaron Seviour**

**Joel Sisson**

**Jacob Sloggett**

**Braeden Symes**

**Fin Wilkinson**

**Manager – Aaron Seviour**

**Asst Manager – Andy Martin**

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**TOOLSTATION LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION  
2022-2023 SEASON FIXTURES & RESULTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>H/A</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>OPPOSITION</b>	<b>RESULT</b>	
31/07/22	A	Prem	Falmouth Town	2	2
06/08/22	A	FA Cup	Willand Rovers	2	1
09/08/22	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	1	4
13/08/22	A	Prem	Helston Athletic	3	2
16/08/22	A	Prem	Barnstaple	3	1
20/08/22	A	Prem	Sherborne Town	3	0
27/08/22	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	4	3
29/08/22	A	Prem	Keynsham	4	0
03/09/22	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	0	0
17/09/22	H	Prem	Welton Rovers	4	2
01/10/22	H	Prem	Clevedon Town	1	2
04/10/22	A	SPC	Frome Town	3	2
15/10/22	H	Prem	Sherborne Town	0	2
19/10/22	H	LPC	Bishops Lydeard	3	2
22/10/22	H	FAV	Barnstaple Town	2	0
29/10/22	H	Prem	Bridgwater United	1	1
01/11/22	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	4	3
05/11/22	H	Prem	Keynsham	5	0
12/11/22	H	FAV	Royal Wootton Bassett	2	2
				(4-5 pens)	
15/11/22	A	LPC	Bridgwater United	2	4
19/11/22	H	Prem	Saltash	1	1
26/12/22	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	3	2
02/01/23	H	Prem	Millbrook	0	0
28/01/23	A	Prem	Millbrook	1	0
01/02/23	H	LPC	Clevedon Town	1	3
04/02/23	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet		
07/02/23	A	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd	7.30pm	
11/02/23	A	Prem	Saltash		
15/02/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple	7.45pm	

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	F	A
18/02/23	H	Prem	Cadbury Heath		
25/02/23	H	Prem	Street		
28/02/23	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	
04/03/23	H	Prem	Ashton & Backwell Utd		
08/03/23	H	Prem	Falmouth Town	7.45pm	
11/03/23	A	Prem	Torpoint Athletic		
15/03/23	A	Prem	Street	7.30pm	
22/03/23	A	Prem	Cadbury Heath	7.30pm	
25/03/23	H	Prem	Mousehole		
29/03/23	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	7.45pm	
01/04/23	H	Prem	Helston Athletic		
07/04/23	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1.00pm	
15/04/23	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2.00pm	
22/04/23	A	Prem	Mousehole		

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

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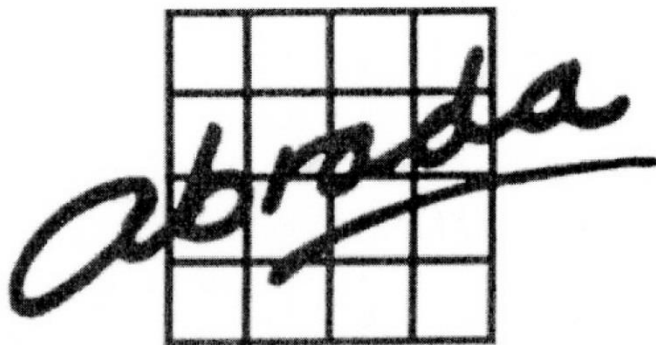
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## TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

### RESULTS

#### SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

##### Premier Division

Cadbury Heath	1	3	Saltash United
Falmouth Town	1	0	Ilfracombe Town
Helston Athletic	0	2	Ashton & Backwell Utd
Millbrook	0	1	Wellington
Sherborne Town	0	1	Barnstaple Town
Street	1	3	Mousehole
Welton Rovers	2	0	Keynsham Town

##### FA Vase – Fourth Round

Bridgwater United	0	0	Erith Town
	(pens 4-1)		
Buckland Athletic	1	3	Ascot Utd
Clevedon Town	2	2	Harefield Utd
	(pens 1-3)		

#### TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY

##### Les Phillips Cup

Buckland Athletic	2 - 0	Mousehole
Saltash Utd	5 - 2	Torpoint Athletic
Shepton Mallet	1 - 0	Wells City

##### Premier Division

Ashton & Backwell Utd	4 - 2	Bridgwater Utd
Welton Rovers	2 - 0	Street

#### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY

##### Les Phillips Cup

Cadbury Heath	0 - 6	Brislington
FC Bristol	2 - 0	Sherborne Town
Falmouth Town	3 - 1	Barnstaple Town
Wellington	1 - 3	Clevedon Town

## SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

### Premier Division

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



### TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION AS AT 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Saltash United	24	16	5	3	31	53
2	Bridgwater United	21	15	4	2	40	49
3	Mousehole	21	14	6	1	32	48
4	Shepton Mallet	20	13	3	4	24	42
5	Barnstaple Town	20	12	2	6	11	38
6	Buckland Athletic	22	12	2	8	9	38
7	Helston Athletic	21	9	6	6	2	33
8	Falmouth Town	20	8	6	6	7	30
9	Ashton & Backwell United	20	9	3	8	6	30
10	Clevedon Town	19	7	4	8	-4	25
11	Street	19	7	2	10	-15	23
12	Millbrook	22	6	5	11	-15	23
13	Welton Rovers	24	6	4	14	-31	22
14	Ilfracombe Town	19	4	8	7	0	20
15	Torpoint Athletic	21	5	5	11	-13	20
16	Sherborne Town	22	5	4	13	-10	19
<b>17</b>	<b>Wellington</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>17</b>
18	Cadbury Heath	21	3	5	13	-21	14
19	Keynsham Town	24	3	3	18	-48	12

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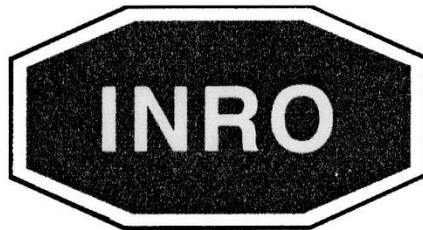
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## WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD – 2022/2023



Rear, from left, Charlie Hawkings, Lloyd Manning, Jordan Sellick, Jamie Fleet, Rohan Poulosom, Logan Sellick, Connor Noble, Jake Nichol, Adrian Ridgeway (Kit Man).

Front, Dylan Groves, Clay Westcott, Oli Nott, Adam Watson (Coach), Mark Owen (Capt) Nick Buttle (Manager) Wesley Poulosom, Tom Davies, Luke Perry

Thanks to **County Roofing** for sponsoring the kit and **KW Fancy** the training tops.

## AROUND THE CLUB

All of the Club's senior teams were in action last weekend.

On Saturday the **Reserves** stretched their unbeaten run to six games and moved up to fourth place in Division 1 of the Devon & Exeter League. They beat Newtown 2nds 1-0 at the Playing Field with their goal coming from Luke Perry. Man of the Match was Dominic Healey who received his award from team mate Tom Davies on behalf of match sponsors Hi-spec Fencing and Landscapes Ltd.

Today the Reserves are away to Hatherleigh Town 1<sup>st</sup>.

The **A Team** entertained Wyvern United at the Recreation Ground and drew 3-3 with goals from Tom Scarlett, Nathan Roberts and Reegan Scotcher.

Yesterday evening they played North Petherton 1<sup>st</sup> in the Second Round of the Rowbarton Charity Cup at Castle Sports Centre.

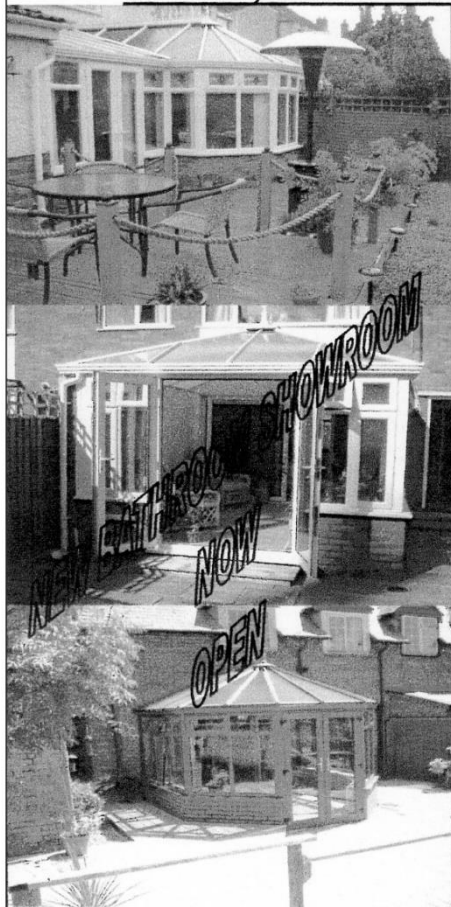
It was a heart-breaking afternoon for the **Ladies** in Division One of the Somerset County Women's League on Sunday when they visited Ilminster. After dominating the game and having plenty of chances, it was Ilminster who took the 3 points with a late goal. Tomorrow they travel to Banwell Ladies.

In Division Two (South) the **Wildcats** travelled to Bridport Youth Ladies and came away 2-0 winners. Their goals came from Ebony Sellick and Robyn Stockman and this leaves them 6 points clear at the top of the table. Tomorrow they travel to Pen Mill Ladies Reserves.

The **Under 18s** were without a game this week. On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, they visit Chard Town Under 18s in the Western Counties Floodlight Youth League South Division

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## WELLINGTON A SQUAD – 2022/2023



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Front, Myles Evett, Ben Fowler, Warren Toth (manager), Matt Turner, Will Powell, Dominic Healey, Reegan Scotcher.

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Front, Chan Bowle, Maddie Davey, Imogen Cashmore, Hannah Worth, Zoe Armitage, Jess Regan, Maddie Booker.

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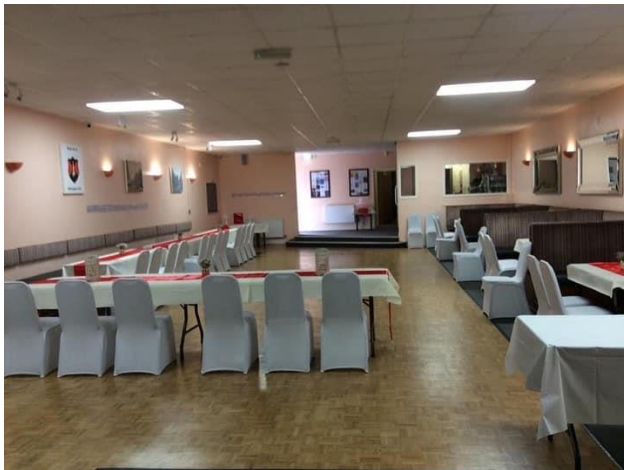
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