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WELLINGTON AFC Club History

Formed in 1892, we are proud to be a three-star FA Accredited Club and run more than 30 teams, providing football for hundreds and men, women, boys and girls throughout the season.

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.

Since entering entered the Western League in the First Division, we have 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 and have since remained in the Premier Division.

In their first season back in the Premier Division, the team finished a creditable 15th and also reached the semi-finals of the Somerset Premier Cup. The side, who ended up 15th in 2022-23, are now managed by Richard Cherry, assisted by long-serving defender Jack Bown-Porter.

We have four other senior sides - the Reserves in the Devon and Exeter League's Division One, the A team in the Taunton Saturday League's Division One and the Ladies, who have two teams in the Somerset County Women's League.

We run 23 teams in our youth and minis with both boys and girls playing from the age of eight right through to 18 - along with coaching for even younger children.

We also have a thriving Disability section with two adult sides and a youth team.

Off the pitch, Wellington AFC play a major role in the local community – we are home to a large number of skittles and darts teams and our social facilities are in use throughout the year for a wide range of events staged by local organisations, registered charities and individuals.

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NEXT GAMES AT THE PLAYING FIELD

Sunday 10th December – kick-off – 2.00pm
WELLINGTON LADIES v WINCANTON TOWN LADIES

Tuesday 12th December – kick-off – 7.30pm
WELLINGTON UNDER 18s v CHARD TOWN UNDER 18s

Saturday 16th December– kick-off – 2.15pm
WELLINGTON RESERVES v HATHERLEIGH TOWN 1st

Tuesday 19th December – kick-off – 7.30pm
WELLINGTON UNDER 18s v BISHOPS LYDEARD UNDER 18s

Tuesday 26th December – kick-off – 1.00pm
WELLINGTON v BRIDGWATER UNITED



The Committee, Players and everybody connected with Wellington AFC would like to wish our supporters and their families a very Merry Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Playing Field on Boxing Day to support the First Team in their game against Bridgwater United (kick-off 1.00pm)



Colin receives special award from the FA

We are delighted that our Youth Secretary, Colin Waller, has been recognised for his services to football.



Colin, who has been involved with the club since his teens, received a special award from Somerset FA at their annual presentation evening, held at Yeovil Town's Huish Park ground.

It was in the early 1960s that Colin and some friends attended a meeting of the local youth league and were accepted to form a team which then became part of Wellington AFC. Colin was joined in that youth side by the likes of Andy Buttle, Barry Knott and John Mullen, before moving into senior football and making his first team debut, under the then manager Jeff Brown, in the mid-60s.

He played regularly until he was about 45 and joined the club's management committee, taking on various roles before the position of Youth Secretary was created. "It's all snowballed from there," said Colin. "We now have nearly 30 sides and could have even more if we had enough pitches. More and more players are wanting to join the club."

Chairman Mike Hall paid tribute to Colin, who is also the club's Welfare Officer, saying: "He epitomises everything that's good about Wellington AFC."

Our youth set-up is the envy of clubs across Somerset and beyond, and that is due in no small way to the hard work and dedication of Colin Waller. Everyone is thrilled that he has been formally recognised for his efforts, both on behalf of the club and youth football in general.”

Colin – who received the award from Josh Staunton, Yeovil Town’s first team captain, and Martin Hellier, Yeovil Town’s owner – said afterwards: “It’s nice to be recognised.”

Somerset FA said that the nine ‘Services to Football’ awards presented on the night recognised long-standing contribution to the game and were given to volunteers who have made an exceptional difference through their roles. Chief Executive Jon Pike added: “I would like to congratulate all the winners on their thoroughly deserved awards. One of the most pleasurable parts of working for Somerset FA is being able to recognise and reward volunteers in the grassroots game in the county. I am delighted that we have acknowledged their amazing efforts for football and congratulate them on their achievement. Every year the standard of our winners seems to get higher, which is a great testament to our grassroots volunteer workforce. Those volunteers, who give of their time and effort freely, are the greatest strength of the game in Somerset. We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group, and that doesn’t just include those we have recognised, but ALL our volunteers across the county. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of them for all they do.”



Colin receives his award from Josh Staunton, Yeovil Town’s first team captain, and Martin Hellier, Yeovil Town’s owner.



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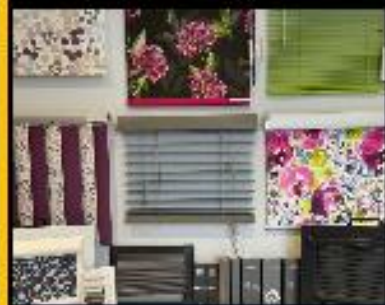
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WELLINGTON FIRST TEAM SQUAD – 2023-2024 SEASON



Rear, from left, Rob Hall, Mike Hall (chairman), Glen Wright, Nathan Byrne, Rhys Williams, Jordan Hayman, Shay Allen, Mark Cornish, Ryan Hibbert, Ryan Brereton, Graham Aspin (vice-chairman), Alan Shire (president and sponsor).

Front, Beckham Pyatt, Lewis Jennings, Josh Lukins, Tom Burt, Zack Bevan (strength and conditioning coach), Tom Stone (captain), Richard Cherry (manager), Jack Bown-Porter (assistant player-coach), James Cottrill, Nico Cottle, Lauren Watts (sports therapist).

MATCH REPORT
BUCKLAND ATHLETIC 1 1 WELLINGTON

Wellington gave one of their best displays of the season so far as they extended their unbeaten run with a richly deserved point away to fifth-placed Buckland Athletic last Saturday (December 3rd).

Richard Cherry's side could even have come away with all three points as they hit the woodwork twice against their highly rated opponents.

The game only went ahead after a huge morning effort by Buckland volunteers who cleared ice off the pitch covering before spiking the surface.

The Tangerines got off to a lively start and should have gone ahead just before the half-hour mark when striker Josh Baker sent Lewis Jennings clear, with only keeper Tyler Coombes to beat, but he missed the target.

Instead of taking the lead, three minute later they were a goal behind as a cross from the right was knocked back for Cieran Bridger to shoot first time past keeper Shay Allen. Buckland nearly doubled their advantage when former Taunton Town striker Jaren Lewington pounced on a bad back pass but Allen did well to force him wide.

As an entertaining first half approached its conclusion, Wellington nearly equalised shortly afterwards. A header from defender Mark Cornish hit the bar with the visitors claiming in vain that Coombes had touched the ball on to the woodwork.

However, they were not to be denied and drew level nine minutes into the second half. The lively Baker headed the ball on to Jennings, who made amends for his earlier miss by taking a touch before shooting home for a clinical finish.

The visitors were then denied by the woodwork again after 67 minutes – this time Ryan Brereton's well struck free kick from 35 yards smacked against the inside of the post and came back into play.

Buckland went in search of the winner in the closing stages but were thwarted by a well organised defence, and it was Wellington sub Tom Burt who nearly snatched victory as he forced a smart save out of Coombes in stoppage time.



Our man-of-the-match was skipper Tom Stone who is pictured with manager Richard Cherry.

ACTION SHOTS FROM BUCKLAND ATHLETIC GAME

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TODAY'S VISITORS BARNSTAPLE TOWN

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

Founded in 1904 as Pilton Yeo Vale, the club entered the North Devon league. They were founder members along with Ilfracombe, South Molton, Pilton Social Barnstaple Y.M.C.A, Braunton and Bideford. Their first ever league match was on 1st October 1904 when they played Ilfracombe at Pilton Park and were defeated 4-2.

The club changed its name to Barnstaple Town at the end of the season and continued in the North Devon League, Devon & Exeter League and then the South Western League.

When the Western League was reformed after the Second World War, Barnstaple Town entered two teams, one in division 2 and a reserve side in division 3.

The early 1950's were one of the club's most successful times under the management of Arthur Coles. In 1953, Barnstaple won the Western league First Division Championship but only after a nail biting climax to the season with everything depending on the results of matches being played on the final day of the League Season. On that day, Barnstaple Town beat Dorchester Town 6-1 and their challengers for the title, Street won 2-1 at Wells City. That left the side's level on points and when the goal average was calculated Street had 2.07 and incredibly Barnstaple had 2.08. The club also beat Plymouth Argyle in the final of the Devon Pro' Cup at Home Park that season, but sadly Coles moved on to Weymouth and the club never had quite the same success again.

Cameron Buchanan, the former Wolves and Bournemouth player, local lads Fred Smale and Ray Smith, Bill Johnson formerly of Grimsby Town, Noel Peyton, the ex Leeds United and Eire International, John Hancock formerly with Exeter City and ex Barnsley and Doncaster Rovers player Lol Chappell all tried to revive Barnstaple's fortunes from the manager's seat but with no great success.

Player Manager Charlie Sells, who had been with Exeter City, built up the club in the 1970's followed by the former Andover keeper Trevor Morris and then Brian Perks. Perks left Mill Road for Bideford during the season of 1979/80 and under

the guidance of joint managers Brian Hill and Dave Baglow, Barum went on to win the Western League Championship for the second time, winning by one point from AFC Bournemouth Reserves. That title went virtually unnoticed as there was a printer's strike at the time and no newspapers were printed.

Richard Gray took over the following season and brought some success to the club although they never won the title. A couple of seasons later he left after a disagreement with the club, and after a succession of managers Town lost their Premier status in 1989/90. Brian Hill was again appointed manager to put Town back in the Premier Division and after 3 seasons in the wilderness won the First Division Championship in 1993/94 in fine style scoring more goals and recording more points than ever before.

Jeff Evans was appointed manager in 2002 and along with his assistant Peter Buckingham guided the club to the final of The Devon Bowl where they were narrowly beaten by Tiverton Town. The following season Peter Buckingham took over as sole manager and Barum finished in seventh place in the league, their highest finish for many a season. During the 2008/09 season Owen Pickard took over the manager's seat for his first taste of management and was able to save the club from what looked like certain relegation at the Christmas period of the season. Barnstaple remained in the Premier League until the end of the 2012/13 season when they were relegated to Western League Division One – the first time in their history that they had finished at the bottom of their division.

The gloom surrounding Mill Road was to be short lived as in the December of 2013 the club appointed the joint management team of Barry Yeo and Karl Baggaley. Building a squad where, on occasions, all eleven players on the field were born in Barnstaple – surely a record that not many teams at any level of football would be able to equal - the managers turned the 2013/14 season around and finished a creditable 3rd. In their first full season in charge, 2014/15, the club returned to the Western League Premier Division by winning the First Division title for the 3rd time in its history. Their total of 100 points, 128 goals scored and a goal difference of 101 were among 15 club records set during the year, in addition to reaching the final of the Les Phillips Cup for the second time

2015/16 was to be equally successful. After an average start the team went on two long unbeaten runs which saw them finish as runners up in the Premier Division, missing out on back to back titles by just 3 points, but securing the coveted prize of promotion to the Southern League Division One South & West. This would see them playing at the highest level in the club's history – the biggest

step the club had taken since joining the Western League in 1948. At the end of 2016/17, having secured Southern League football for a second season with a 17th place finish, the management duo stood down and as is often the case in these situations, most of the players also left for challenges elsewhere.

In more recent times the club found life in the Southern League challenging, a combination of other club's misfortunes and a global pandemic saved the club from relegation on three occasions. Bill Wilson was appointed as new Chairman of the club in November 2021 with Mick Wadsworth as director of football and the appointment of Craig Laird as first team manager. Despite a gallant attempt relegation from the Southern League could not be avoided in the 2021/22 season. We now embrace a new challenge in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division.



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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

Saturday 9th December 2023



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Tangerine

From:

**Shay Allen
Jack Bown-Porter
Ryan Brereton
Tom Burt
Alex Cherry
Mark Cornish
Ryan Hibbert
Kieran Ireland
Lewis Jennings
Josh Lukins
Sully McKenna
Gabriel Plant
Miles Quick
Tom Stone
Rhys Williams
Glen Wright
Josh Young**

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TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 2nd December

Premier Division

Buckland Athletic	1-1	Wellington
Ilfracombe Town	P-P	Millbrook
St Blazey	3-2	Nailsea & Tickenham
Street	P-P	Welton Rovers
Torpoint Athletic	P-P	Shepton Mallet

FA Vase Third Round

Barnstaple Town	1-2	Falmouth Town
Brixham	3-2	Downton
Hamworthy Recreation	A-A	Wells City
Hartpury College	2-1	Clevedon Town
Royal Wootton Bassett	2-2 (6-7 pens)	Bridgwater United

Wednesday 6th December

Premier Division

Clevedon Town	vs	Shepton Mallet
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FIXTURES
Saturday 9th December
Premier Division

Brixham AFC	vs	Clevedon Town
Ilfracombe Town	vs	Helston Athletic
Nailsea & Tickenham	vs	Shepton Mallet
Oldland Abbotonians	vs	Bridgwater United
Saltash United	vs	Millbrook
St Blazey	vs	Falmouth Town
Street	vs	Torpoint Athletic
Wellington	vs	Barnstaple Town
Welton Rovers	vs	Buckland Athletic



TOOLSTATION WESTERN LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
AS AT 2ND DECEMBER 2023

		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
1	Helston Athletic	15	11	2	2	43	35
2	Bridgwater United	15	11	1	3	28	34
3	Clevedon Town	13	10	3	0	23	33
4	Buckland Athletic	16	8	4	4	23	28
5	Brixham AFC	16	8	4	4	23	28
6	Falmouth Town	13	8	3	2	18	27
7	Torpoint Athletic	16	7	4	5	1	25
8	Street	15	6	5	4	3	23
9	Shepton Mallet	14	6	4	4	4	22
10	Barnstaple Town	11	5	5	1	14	20
11	St Blazey	17	5	5	7	-5	20
12	Ilfracombe Town	14	5	3	6	-1	18
13	Nailsea & Tickenham	16	6	0	10	-9	18
14	Welton Rovers	14	3	4	7	-5	13
15	Oldland Abbotonians	15	3	0	12	-27	9
16	Saltash United	15	2	2	11	-18	8
17	Wellington	16	1	5	10	-36	8
18	Millbrook	13	0	0	13	-82	0

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

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	
29/07/23	A	Prem	Helston Athletic	2	2
01/08/23	A	Prem	Shepton Mallet	2	0
05/08/23	H	FAC	Bideford	0	2
12/08/23	A	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	1
15/03/23	A	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham	4	0
26/08/23	H	FAV	Okehampton Argyle	0	3
29/08/23	A	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	1
02/09/23	A	Prem	Saltash United	4	1
09/09/23	A	Prem	Falmouth Town	8	0
16/09/23	H	Prem	St Blazey	1	1
30/09/23	H	Prem	Welton Rovers	1	1
04/10/23	H	SPC	Odd Down (Bath)	5	3
07/10/23	A	Prem	Barnstaple Town	6	0
14/10/23	H	Prem	Ilfracombe Town	1	3
21/10/23	A	Prem	Clevedon Town	5	0
25/10/23	H	LPC	Ilfracombe Town	2	3
28/10/23	H	Prem	Brixham	1	5
11/11/23	A	Prem	St Blazey	5	3
21/11/23	A	SPC	Cheddar	2	4
25/11/23	H	Prem	Torpoint Athletic	2	2
02/12/23	A	Prem	Buckland Athletic	1	1
09/12/23	H	Prem	Barnstaple Town		
16/12/23	A	Prem	Millbrook		
26/12/23	H	Prem	Bridgwater United	1.00pm	
30/12/23	A	Prem	Street		
06/01/24	H	Prem	Nailsea & Tickenham		
13/01/24	No game at present				
20/01/24	H	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians		
27/01/24	H	Prem	Clevedon Town		

DATE	H/A	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
03/02/24	A	Prem	Welton Rovers	
10/02/24	H	Prem	Shepton Mallet	
17/02/24	H	Prem	Buckland Athletic	
24/02/24	H	Prem	Falmouth Town	
02/03/24	No game at present			
09/03/24	A	Prem	Brixham	
16/03/24	H	Prem	Millbrook	
23/03/24	H	Prem	Saltash United	
29/03/24	A	Prem	Bridgwater United	Good Friday
01/04/24	H	Prem	Street	Easter Monday
06/04/24	H	Prem	Helston Athletic	
13/04/24	No game at present			
20/04/24	A	Prem	Oldland Abbotonians	



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WELLINGTON RESERVES SQUAD – 2023/2024



Rear from left, Adrian Ridgeway (kit man), Aaron Hawkings, Connor Noble, Jordan Sellick, Ned Ogilvie, Steve Butler (goalkeeping coach), Luke Perry, Alfie Barratt, Jake Nichol, Sam Poole, Adrian Rowland (sponsor).

Front, Ollie Nott, Dylan Groves, Tom Hawkings (coach), Mark Owen (player-manager), Tom Davies (captain), Mike Owen (joint manager), Ken Pearson (physio), Aaron Merry, Wes Poulson.

AROUND THE CLUB

The freezing weather last Saturday, December 2nd meant that the scheduled home games for the Reserves and A Team against Teignmouth 2nd and Norton Fitzwarren were both postponed. Following pitch inspections at the Playing Field and the Recreation Ground both were considered too dangerous for play to take place. Conditions at the Playing Field had not improved on Sunday and as a result the Ladies Wildcats game against Yeovil Town Ladies was also postponed.

Stitch2Print Deven & Exeter League Div One

The **Reserves** are without a game today as Lymington, their scheduled opponents, are in Devon County Cup action. They are at home to Hatherleigh Town 1st next Saturday, December 16th with a 2.15pm kick-off.

West Country Drainage Services Taunton Saturday League Div One

The **A Team** are at home to Wembdon Reserves this afternoon and are away to Bridgwater Sports next Saturday.

Western Counties Floodlight Youth League – South Div

The **Under 18s** game away to Cheddar on Thursday, December 7th December was another game to be cancelled because of the pitch conditions. They are scheduled to be at home on Tuesday, December 12th when Chard Town are the visitors. Their final game before Christmas is on Tuesday 19th December when Bishops Lydeard are the visitors for a league cup game. Both games kick-off at 7.30pm.

Somerset County Women's League Div One

The last game of the season before Christmas for the **Wildcats** is away to Wells City Ladies 1st tomorrow afternoon.

Div Two South

In their last game of the season before Christmas, the **Ladies** are home tomorrow against Wincanton Ladies with a 2.00pm kick-off.

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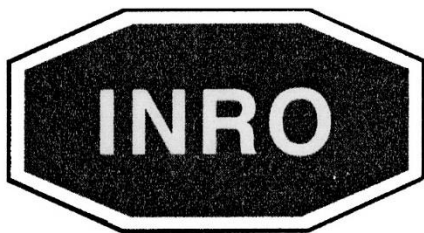
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FA Vase: Three Western League sides have prolonged their stay in the national competition after completing excellent third round victories on Saturday afternoon. One of those was a given considering it was a battle between Premier Division duo **Barnstaple** and **Falmouth**, with the tie going the way of the visitors from Cornwall. Having faced one another in a pair of league fixtures over the past 35 days, the sides know each other well, and it was Falmouth who made the stronger start, with the away side going ahead in the tenth minute courtesy of James Ward. A second goal midway through the second half from Ollie Walker extended Falmouth's advantage, and despite losing their clean sheet in stoppage time, it was Andrew Westgarth's outfit who booked their spot in the next round.

Joining them in the upcoming draw will be **Brixham** who held off a late flurry from **Downton** to win by three goals to two at Wall Park. Following a quiet 40 minutes to open the game, Brixham came to life at the end of the first period, with Danny Gaze and Jake Chisholm scoring twice in quick succession to put them two goals to the good. A third goal from Cole Harford midway through the second half made it 3-0, and in the end that proved to be a crucial strike, after Downton scored twice in the final 20 minutes to give the Devonians a late scare.

Bridgwater were the third Toolstation side to make it through to the fourth round after they rebounded from late heartbreak to bear **Royal Wootton Bassett** on penalties. Having made an awful start which saw them fall behind in the tenth minute, Bridgy gained parity in the closing stages of the opening half thanks to a long range screamer from Harry Horton. Another belting finish soon after the break from George King turned the game in United's favour, and it looked like they had done enough to squeak home, only for the hosts to level affairs with a goalline

scramble during second half stoppage time. That goal could have derailed Bridgwater, but they dusted themselves down to topple their hosts at the end of a sudden death penalty shootout, with Jason Quick scoring the winner following a pair of saves from keeper Isaac Finch.

Clevedon came unstuck away at **Hartpury College**, with home forward Ben Baxter scoring twice during the second half to overturn Sam Beresford's early opener.

Meanwhile, **Wells City** will head back to **Hamworthy Recreation** at a later date after their tie was abandoned at the hour mark due to fog.

League Action: Due to postponements and cup ties, only two **Premier Division** contests took place on Saturday, with **St Blazey**'s recent topsy-turvy form continuing after they beat **Nailsea & Tickenham** by three goals to two. Having suffered a heavy defeat at table-topping Helston last weekend, the Blaze roared ahead thanks to an excellent solo effort from Ryan Downing. That opening goal seemed to kick the visitors into gear, and after levelling through Luke Osgood, they soon found themselves 2-1 up following a close range finish from Fabien Mokhtari. Nailsea themselves have struggled to secure points over recent weeks, and those struggles showed up once again at Blaise Park, with Luke Cloke drawing the home side level ten minutes from time after rounding the keeper and slotting home. St Blazey sensed an opportunity to keep their foot on the pedal, and due to a mistake by the Swags defence, George Newton was able to capitalise, prodding home in the 87th minute to lead the hosts to a dramatic last gasp victory.

In the other game, **Wellington** extended their unbeaten run to three matches after gaining a battling point away at **Buckland**. With 12 places separating the sides at kick-off, it was no surprise to see Buckland go ahead after half an hour when Cieran Bridger drilled the ball low and hard into the bottom corner of the Wellington net. The Somerset side battled hard throughout the contest, and secured the point their performance deserved when Lewis Jennings slotted the ball home ten minutes after the interval.

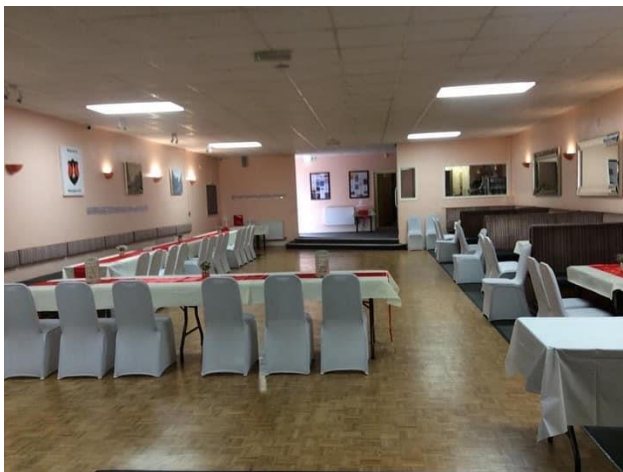
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