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Welcome to Fairfax Park

KEYNSHAM TOWN



Season 2019/2020



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From the Dugout!

Good evening everyone. . .

November has been a very strange month with so many away games, postponements and very inconsistent performances and results.

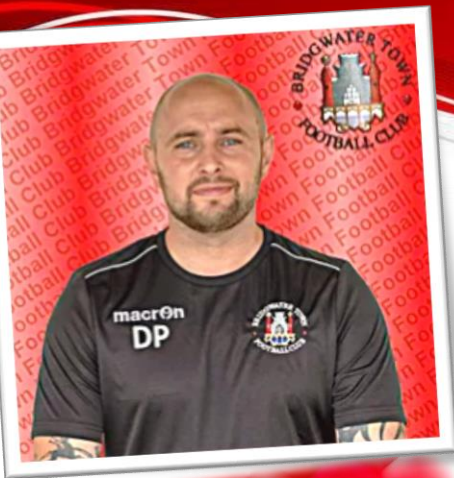
Losing in the Vase on Saturday was really hard to take after one of our best performances of the season and more than matching our high flying opponents, apart from the final goal count.

We will be looking to bounce back really strongly in December, starting tonight! It's a massive month with 21 points at stake - we will be hoping to grab plenty of those to stay right up in the mix.

As always, your great support tonight and at the two home games later in the month will make all the difference.

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Chairman's Welcome...

On behalf of Bridgwater Town FC, let me extend a warm welcome to our visitors this evening, Keynsham Town FC. I trust all their supporters, players and officials enjoyed a comfortable journey getting down here and of course wish them a safe journey home after the game too. We also extend our welcome to the match officials tonight.

In a weird twist in the fixtures schedule it has been ordained that we have to play Keynsham three times in just 19 days. On the 19th Nov. we ran out 1-0 winners at their patch in the Somerset Premier Cup, so Keynsham will be looking for revenge this evening.

Tonight is the second of those meetings, a Western League home match followed immediately by corresponding away league fixture on Saturday.

Our results have been pretty decent of late; sitting third in the Western League and still in three cups at time of writing – hopefully we managed to advance to the next round in the FA Vase last Saturday versus Bradford!

A slightly different story for Keynsham as they currently sit 17th in the league. However, a couple of wins would see them comfortable move into mid-table; so, with both teams keen to get more points on the board, no doubt it will be another hard game for us.

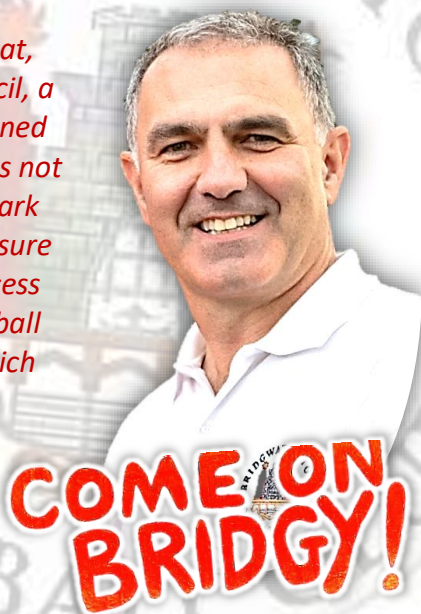
Some good news now. I am pleased to confirm that, with the cooperation of Sedgemoor District Council, a new 30-year lease on the football ground was signed on 1st November 2019 by the club committee. This not only secures our football club's home at Fairfax Park until late 2049, important given the building pressure on the land around us, but it also allows us to access some capital funding so we can improve the football club's ground and facilities going forward, for which a long enough lease was needed.

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Enjoy the game today!

Adrian Byrne

Club Chairman





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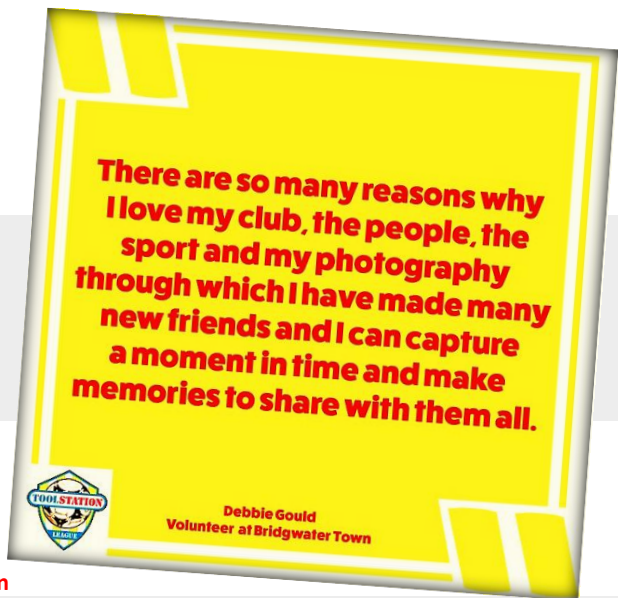
AS AT 30/11/2019

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Bradford Town	14	12	1	1	46	14	32	37
2	Plymouth Parkway	13	11	1	1	54	13	41	34
3	Hallen	15	9	2	4	32	27	5	29
4	Clevedon Town	16	9	2	5	36	33	3	29
5	Exmouth Town	11	9	0	2	29	7	22	27
6	Bridgwater Town	14	8	3	3	42	21	21	27
7	Brislington	19	8	3	8	30	43	-13	27
8	Bitton	13	8	0	5	38	22	16	24
9	Westbury United	16	7	3	6	33	25	8	24
10	Buckland Athletic	13	7	1	5	23	22	1	22
11	Tavistock	11	6	2	3	28	16	12	20
12	Shepton Mallet	13	6	2	5	23	22	1	20
13	Street	16	6	2	8	34	38	-4	20
14	Cribbs	16	6	2	8	26	35	-9	20
15	Keynsham Town	15	5	2	8	29	38	-9	17
16	Cadbury Heath	17	3	6	8	22	37	-15	15
17	Roman Glass St George	12	4	2	6	29	17	12	14
18	Bridport	18	4	1	13	23	61	-38	13
19	Odd Down	15	3	1	11	14	36	-22	10
20	Wellington	17	3	1	13	17	43	-26	10
21	Chipping Sodbury Town	16	2	1	13	17	55	-38	7

BTFC FIRST TEAM

SEASON 2019/20

Aug	Sat 03	LGE	A	Brislington	L	1-2	Laird	122
	Tue06	LGE	H	Cribbs	D	1-1	O/G	237
	Sat 10	FAC	H	Hallen	W	1-0	Thorne	129
	Sat 17	LGE	A	Chipping Sodbury Town	W	8-1	Laird, Llewellyn, Murray 2, O'Hare 2, Taylor, Towler	85
	Sat 24	FAC	H	Brislington	W	7-0	Murray 3, O'Hare, Taylor 3	181
	Sat 31	LGE	H	Plymouth Parkway	W	2-0	Llewellyn, Taylor	232
Sept	Sat 07	FAC	H	Bristol Manor Farm	L	1-3	Horton	291
	Sat 14	LGE	A	Hallen	W	6-4	Horsey, Llewellyn, Murray, O'Hare, Taylor, Towler	65
	Sat 21	LGE	A	Wellington	W	3-0	Llewellyn, Taylor 2	152
	We 25	LGE	A	Cadbury Heath	D	3-3	O'Hare, Taylor 2	60
	Sat 28	LGE	H	Roman Glass St George	W	2-0	Taylor 2	215
Oct	Tue01	SPC	A	Frome Town	W	2-0	Murray 2	103
	Sun06	LGE	A	Bridport	W	6-0	Duffy, O'Hare 3, Towler 2	347
	Sat 12	FAV	A	Newport IoW	W	2-0	Brown, Llewellyn	144
	Sat 19	LGE	H	Bitton	L	2-3	Horton, Murray	256
	We 23	LGE	A	Westbury United	W	2-1	Brown, Ellis	55
	Sat 26	LGE	H	Buckland Athletic	D	3-3	Brown, Horton 2	189
	We 30	LPC	H	Odd Down	W	5-2	Ellis 2, Taylor 3	72
Nov	We 13	FAV	A	Saltash United (@BW)	W	2-0	Murray 2	103
	Sat 16	LGE	A	Shepton Mallet	L	0-1	-----	178
	Tue19	SPC	A	Keynsham Town	W	1-0	Ellis	87
	Sat 23	LGE	A	Cribbs	W	3-2	Ellis, O'Hare, Taylor	74
	Sat 30	FAV	A	Bradford Town	L	3-4	Ellis, Horton, Llewellyn	148
Dec	Tue03	LGE	H	Keynsham Town				
	Sat 07	LGE	A	Keynsham Town				
	Tue10	LPC	A	Wells City				
	Sat 14	LGE	A	Odd Down				
	We 18	LGE	A	Tavistock				
	Sat 21	LGE	H	Brislington				
	Thu26	LGE	H	Street				
	Sat 28	LGE	A	Clevedon Town				
Jan	Sat 04	LGE	H	Bridport				
	Tue07	LGE	H	Cadbury Heath				
	Sat 11	LGE	H	Shepton Mallet				
	Tue14	LGE	H	Exmouth Town				
	Sat 18	LGE	A	Buckland Athletic				
	Tue21	LGE	H	Wellington				
	Sat 25	LGE	A	Exmouth Town				
Feb	Sat 01	LGE	H	Clevedon Town				
	Sat 08	LGE	H	Bradford Town				
	Sat 15	LGE	A	Plymouth Parkway				
	Tue18	SPC	A	Wells City				
	Sat 22	LGE	H	Hallen				
	Sat 29	LGE	H	Chipping Sodbury Town				
Mar	Sat 14	LGE	A	Bitton				
	Sat 21	LGE	H	Westbury United				
	Sat 28	LGE	A	Roman Glass St George				
Apr	Sat 04	LGE	H	Odd Down				
	Fri 10	LGE	A	Street				
	Sat 18	LGE	H	Tavistock				
	Sat 25	LGE	A	Bradford Town				



Fixtures subject to change

LGE=League | LPC=Les Phillips Cup | FAC=FA Cup |
FAT=FA Trophy | SPC=Somerset Premier Cup

ACTION REPLAY

Buildbase FA Vase 3rd Round

30th November 2019

Bradford Town 4

(Higdon 63, Keet 94, Pollard 98 pen, 107)

Bridgwater Town 3

(Llewellyn 71 pen, Horton 95, Ellis 119)



Bradgwater

Jake Viney

Dave Thorne

(Dave Pearse 109)

Mark Armstrong (Capt)

Tom Ellis

Ross McErlain

Jake Llewellyn

Ollie Morris

(Sam Towler 98)

Dave O'Hare

Steve Murray

(Sean Thomson 113)

Jack Taylor

Jake Brown

(Harry Horton 80)

Five goals, a penalty and a sending off in extra-time sealed the fate of what was a pulsating FA Vase tie at a bitterly cold Trowbridge Road and saw Bradford Town into the fourth round draw once again at the expense of fellow Toolstation League Premier Division Bridgwater Town *writes Kerry Miller.*

Bridgy came from behind twice and briefly looked likely to go on and take the win but the Bobcats dug in, and despite losing Jack Witcombe to a straight red for comments to an official, netted three times in extra-time to claim the victory.

Seven goals seemed unlikely midway through the second half as neither side had troubled the keepers until Matt Morris's long cross was nodded home by top scorer Gary Higdon on 65 minutes.

Steve Murray volleyed over for Bridgwater and defender Tom Ellis went close on the hour but they were not to be denied as Jack Taylor went down in the penalty area and Jake Llewellyn tucked away the spot kick.

Robins' keeper Jake Viney then somehow kept out a Tyson Pollard effort from close range to take the game into extra time on what was a strength sapping pitch which held up well after the rain of recent days.

Within minutes a Pollard corner was flicked on by Higdon and went in off Sean Keet who was on the line to make it 2-1 but moments later it was 2-2 as substitute Harry Horton volleyed home from 15 yards.

With both sides going for it Bradford went ahead when Dave Thorne was adjudged to have fouled Morris in the area and Pollard made it 3-2 but the drama was not over as Witcombe was sent off with 20 minutes left.

Substitute Dean Griffiths then went on a solo run and set up Pollard for what seemed to be the clinching goal but with Bradford defending around their own penalty area Horton's cross was nodded in by Ellis to make it 4-3 but it was too little too late as Bradford deservedly held on and await tomorrow's draw.

Bradford boss Wayne Thorne praised Bridgwater's fighting spirit saying: "They were the better side in the first half but we changed things around and the substitutes made a difference in the end. Our fitness and strength showed through."

Robins' Man of the Match:

OLLIE MORRIS

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TEAM OF THE DECADE

As we near the end of the decade here is your chance to decide upon and vote for the **BEST ELEVEN BRIDGWATER TOWN FC PLAYERS OVER THAT ERA.**

So far you have been able to select one goalkeeper and the back four - and your selections are indicated in the team below. **TODAY IT'S THE TURN OF THE**

MIDFIELDERS - **SELECT 4**

The list of eligible players you can choose from... (minimum 20 appearances)

JAMIE ADAMS
MARK ARMSTRONG
GERAINT BATER
MATT BEADLE
OLLIE CHAMBERLAIN
SHAUN COPP
IBRAHIMA DIALLO
NABY DIALLO
MIKE DUFFY
JACK DURRANT

CALLUM HAM
STEVE HOLLAND
HARRY HORTON
JACK JENKINS
BEN KIRK
CRAIG LOXTON
JAKE MAWFORD
JOE McCLENNAN
KYE MOUNTFORD
DAVID O'HARE

STEVE ORCHARD
JUSTIN PORTER
ANDY ROBERTSON
SAM TOWLER
BRETT TROWBRIDGE
JON VANCE
JOSH WADHAM
AARON WILSON
DANNY WRING



BRIDGWATER TOWN

GK:
**JAKE
VINEY**

2:
**JAMIE
PRICE**

4:
**ROSS
McERLAIN**

5:
**JOSH
WHITE**

3:
**KURT
ROBINSON**

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Club History



The first football club to bear the town's name was formed on 28th January 1898 at a meeting held at the Cross Rifles public house on Bath Road. **Bridgwater AFC** entered the Somerset Senior League, playing at Sydenham House on Bath Road, and lifted the Somerset Senior Cup in their first full season, beating Yeovil Casuals 1-0 in the Final played at Wells. Unfortunately, the Club was forced to disband in 1901 due to lack of support and financial difficulties.

Two years later, another **Bridgwater AFC** was formed and played for ten years in local leagues from their base in the Westonzoyland Road area of the town. 1914 saw this club fold due to the outbreak of World War One.



Unsure which of the two Bridgwater AFC's this is?

1919 saw the birth of local works side **Wills Athletic** who played in local leagues from their Victoria Park home. In 1921 they changed their name to **Bridgwater Town FC** and moved to Chilton Park from where they played for ten further years, winning a few minor honors, until football came to an end in the town until after World War Two.

Crown Dynamos, based at the Crown Inn, St John Street, were formed in 1946 playing at Eastover Park. They played in the Bridgwater & District League for a year before progressing into the Somerset Senior League - finishing a creditable 3rd in 1948. That year also saw the Club move to a new venue, Castlefield and change its name to **Bridgwater Town AFC**.

In season 1949/50 the Club were accepted into the Western League Division Two and two fifth place finishes were achieved in their first two seasons. This was followed up by claiming runners-up position in season 1951/52, thus gaining promotion to Division One. The Club were to remain in the top division of the Western League for the next 30 years, winning the Western League title twice, in seasons 1967/68 and 1980/81.

Season 1982-83 saw the club make the bold move up to the Southern League Midland Division, but after only two seasons at the higher level, and with mounting debts, the club went into voluntary liquidation....

THE END OF AN ERA!

But like a phoenix from the ashes, **Bridgwater Town (1984) FC** was formed by a loyal band of club stalwarts and started life at a new home, Fairfax Park, in Division Two of the Somerset County League. Unfortunately, with a young and inexperienced side relegation followed at the end of their first season, but steady progression including a hat-trick of Somerset County League titles, the Western League Division One title and runners-up spot in the Western League Premier Division in season 2006/07 - behind Corsham Town, who couldn't

be promoted due to issues with their facilities - earned the club a place back in the Southern Football League, 23 years after the heartbreak caused by the demise of the old club.

The first three seasons back at the higher level were fairly successful for 'The Robins' with the team just missing out on the end of season play-offs in 2007/08 (6th) and 2008/09 (7th) and missing out on promotion after being beaten at home by Cirencester Town after extra time in the Play-Off final in 2009/10 after finishing the regular season in 3rd place. Season 2008/09 also saw the team reach the Final of the Southern League Cup losing on aggregate to Atherstone Town.

However, the Club was left reeling with the departure of joint managers Craig Laird & Leigh Robinson and a mass exodus of players during the summer of 2010.

Seasons 2010/11 and 2011/12 saw the club battling at the wrong end of the table under the leadership of former reserve team manager Rob Dray.

Another club stalwart Kevin Milsom took charge for season 2012/13 and after an indifferent start, things looked to be coming together by Christmas. Then the wet weather caused all sorts of problems for the team who eventually had to play 21 league fixtures in just 57 days! They finished a disappointing 19th.

In 2014/15 Bridgwater Town FC 1984 finished 12th in the Evo-Stik South & West League and were semi-finalists in the Somerset Premier Cup under the management of Richard Fey who moved on to Paulton Rovers at the start of the 2015/16 season.

2015/16 saw a new look team under the stewardship of former Taunton Town player and manager Paul West. Whilst the club languished nearer the foot of the table, relegation was never a real threat and Paul bought and brought through a fantastic crop of younger players in a bid to help shape the future and ethos of the club.

Paul's resignation at the end of season 2015/16 paved the way for the return of former manager Craig Laird. At the start of 2017, after early exits in the FA Cup (Plymouth Parkway), FA Trophy (North Leigh) and with just two league victories, Craig chose to further his career in the Southern Premier League with Dorchester Town and was replaced in the role by Phil Hucker. With 6 games of the season remaining, Dave Pearse took charge but by then, relegation was a certainty, so Bridgwater Town began 2017/18 in the Toolstation Western League with Dave still in the role alongside former Barnstaple joint manager Karl Baggaley.

A solid eighth place in the league along with good runs in the FA Cup and FA Vase and a narrow Les Phillips Cup semi-final defeat to Shepton Mallet was a strong return to Step 5 and a great platform for the club to kick on.

Season 2018/19 saw the club remain under the stewardship of Dave and Karl. Fourth place in the league was achieved with the club only losing 5 league games (compared to 16 the season before). Unfortunately, the cup competitions didn't bring much success and the team were beaten by Cheddar in their first FA Cup game and by Exmouth Town at the first hurdle in the FA Vase. There was more semi-final heartbreak in the Les Phillips Cup, Willand this time winning a penalty shootout. Jack Taylor secured a share of the Toolstation League's Golden Boot by netting 33 goals for the club.

There is much optimism that season 2019/20 will see the team challenging on all fronts. Much of the squad has been retained and with some shrewd signings, it looks set to be an exciting season.

The Club also run a reserve side who compete in the First Division of the Somerset County League. They were Premier League champions in seasons 2008/09 and 2009/10. The Under 18s squad play in the South West Counties Youth League.

MEET THE BRIDGWATER TOWN SQUAD

JAKE VINEY (GOALKEEPER) Fantastic shot stopper and sweeper keeper. Jake was the Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Season in 2015/16 but, following a serious injury that kept him out for the following season, he has come back stronger than ever with some outstanding performances.

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MARK ARMSTRONG (DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER) Captain of the club; an experienced, hardworking, tough tackling midfielder who joined us from Cheddar. Mark has had spells at Barnstaple Town, Chard, Clevedon Town and Shepton Mallet.

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TOM ELLIS (DEFENDER) A 'no nonsense' defender, Tom was captain of the Wellington side that won the Toolstation Western League Division One title in 2016/17. His height makes him a real threat from set pieces.

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JAMIE LAIRD (DEFENDER) On returning to the club, Jamie brings with him bags of experience having played for Weston super Mare, Dorchester, Weymouth and Hereford.

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JAKE LLEWELLYN (LEFT BACK) Top quality defender who has played at National League South Level for Weston Super Mare; great going forward with a wand of a left foot. Great performances last season earned him Players' Player of the Season.

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ROSS McERLAIN (DEFENDER) 'Marquee' signing from Street, Ross was a major part of that club's title winning team which took them up to the Southern League. He has a wonderful left foot and is a big presence in both boxes. Ross can fill various roles and will be an extremely valuable member of the squad.

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DAVE THORNE (RIGHT BACK) Now in his third season at the club 'Mr consistent' always is an 8/10 week in week out. Dave is a committed tough tackling defender who always gives everything. His performances earned him Managers' Player of the Season for 2017/18.

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JAKE BROWN (MIDFIELDER) Goal scoring midfielder signed from Melksham after a spell as captain with Wells City where he won the Toolstation Division One title and the Somerset Premier Cup. Jake brings plenty of experience and real attacking threat.

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NATHAN BYRNE (MIDFIELDER) Another product of the successful Partnership with BTC. Nathan is exciting young talent with a big future. He has great technical ability, is fantastic with the ball and has a great left foot.

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MIKE DUFFY (MIDFIELDER) Mike is a popular, committed and tough tackling midfielder who made the step up from our Reserve side and has held down a regular start ever since. He was a member of the triumphant County Cup Reserve team of 2014/15. In season 2017/18 Mike was the winner of the coveted Luke Buckingham Award for his achievements both on and off the field.

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HARRY HORTON (MIDFIELDER) An all-round midfielder player with an eye for a pass; an excellent season in 2018-19 earned him Managers' Player of the Year and the Luke Buckingham Award and is looking to have another strong season.

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DAVE O'HARE (MIDFIELDER) Dave is an attacking midfielder with plenty of goals to his name in recent seasons. "Chin" re-joins from Street's title winning team where he scored 25 goals from midfield during the 2017/18 season. A class act; the fans will be glad he is back.

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SEAN THOMSON (MIDFIELDER) Sean is a strong tackling, attacking midfielder with excellent touch and a keen eye for goal. He joined us from Plymouth Parkway in November and is also a regular member of the Army FA squad.

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SAM TOWLER (MIDFIELDER) Sam returned to Bridgwater after a successful spell with Wellington where he was part of the Division One winning squad. A technically fantastic box to box midfielder who has an eye for goal.

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FINLEY WILKINSON (MIDFIELDER) Another young talent coming through and with a big future. Has great ability with set piece deliveries and can get up and down the pitch to join in with attacking play.

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STEVE MURRAY (STRIKER) Another 'Marquee' signing from Street. The only way to categorise 'Scouse' is as a 'Goal Machine' who is a threat to any defence due to his lightning pace, superb control and slick finishing. He bagged 41 goals during the 2015/16 campaign - including finding the net in 15 consecutive games, and 66 during the following two season. He will be looking to add to his fantastic record in a Bridgwater shirt and is sure to be a fan's favourite.

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JACK TAYLOR (STRIKER) 'Mr Bridgwater', Jack signed from Wellington two seasons ago and won Supporters' Player of the Season and Players' Player of the Season. He has now hit 57 goals in 67 games for Bridgwater! Last season, he again won Supporters Player of the Season alongside being the joint Toolstation League 'Golden Boot'.

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IN THE BTFC DUGOUT

DAVE PEARSE - Manager: Hugely experienced, Dave returned to Bridgwater Town as joint player/manger with Karl Baggaley in season 2017/18 and will be looking to build on a fourth-place finish and league cup semi-final last time out, along with extending his playing career.

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KARL BAGGALEY - Manager:

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KEYNSHAM TOWN FC

27	Mar	1995	A	0	1		GML
29	Apr	1995	H	3	2	Aherne (B), Laird (C), Nicholls	GML
11	Mar	1996	A	1	2	Hawkins	GML
25	Apr	1996	H	2	0	Rich, Seymour	451 GML
20	Dec	1997	H	2	1	Hill, Rich	176 SDL
04	Apr	1998	A	3	2	Bowering, Hurford (L), Seymour	SDL
14	Nov	1998	A	4	1	Francis 4	95 SDL
06	Mar	1999	H	1	0	Bowering	186 SDL
16	Oct	2002	A	1	1	Kenny	50 SDL
18	Jan	2003	H	4	0	Cheeseman, Kirk (B), Vaughan, Young	262 SDL
16	Aug	2003	H	1	2	Milford	183 SDL
20	Dec	2003	A	1	0	Diaz (J)	42 SDL
03	Nov	2004	A	1	1	Kingston	64 SDL
08	Jan	2005	H	3	0	Crowford, Porter (J), Young	201 SDL
01	Oct	2005	A	2	1	King, Thomas	48 WLP
25	Feb	2006	H	2	1	Govier (P), Rice (G)	172 WLP
14	Oct	2006	A	2	1	Chorley, Nunn	39 WLP
17	Mar	2007	H	3	0	King 2, Trowbridge	243 WLP
05	Aug	2017	H	5	2	Camper, Connick, Duffy, Llewellyn, Pearse	211 FAC
19	Nov	2019	A	1	0	Ellis	87 SPC

The previous incarnation of Bridgwater Town first met the K's back in September 1973 and in 14 encounters lost only on 2 occasions. Our current Club's record is shown above and also makes for pretty good reading with **15 wins in 20** fixtures.

Keynsham Town were promoted to the Premier Division in 2019 as Toolstation Western League First Division champions. In claiming the mantle they managed to win thirty of the thirty-eight league matches played and finish nine points clear of their nearest challenger Cheddar FC. Unsurprisingly most of last season's squad has been retained with Ben Dowdell (from Cribbs FC) and Sam Downes (from Bishops Sutton) being the only additions.

Keynsham have pretty much held their own since promotion with a 1-0 victory over Exmouth Town and a 3-3 draw with Plymouth Parkway being the standout results. A key player for the visitors, who will be no stranger to 'Town' supporters, is Tom Knighton. Tom was Bridgwater Town's leading goalscorer back in the 2014-15 with 20 goals (he scored 10 in the previous season as well). He leads a settled forward line where he has shared the goals with Matt Brown and Ben Harris.

Their AJN stadium base boasts a 3G all-weather surface and has undergone a revamp and some renovation during the summer and is a very attractive venue.

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Keynsham Town Football Club

...is over 120 years old, having been formed in 1896. In the early days it played at the "Hams" and then moved to "Gaston" in 1910. In 1925 the club played in Park Road and then moved again in 1930 to a pitch on Charlton Road. All these grounds have now been built on and there is no evidence of them.

In 1939 the club was disbanded for the duration of the Second World War and was reformed in 1945 when the club found its new home at Crown Fields, where it has played ever since. It was due to the foresight of Roy Neal and Ken Dowling and the Committee that the ground is left in trust to ensure that football can be played for the generations to come. The main clubhouse was built in the 1970's with new dressing rooms added in 1984 and flood lights in 1989. In recent years the clubhouse has been upgraded and most recently the seats have been replaced, incidentally from the old Williams Stand at Ashton Gate, home of Bristol City FC.

The club first played in the Bristol & District League and progressed to the Bristol Premier Combination. The club then moved into the Somerset County League and into the Western League in 1974. The club then found themselves in the first division of the Western League when that league was formed in season 1975/6 but returned to the Premiership in 1978/9 when Town finished as champions and then spent 5 years at the higher level only to find themselves in Division 1 for the start of season 1983/4. The Town then had a barren spell and it did not return to the top flight until 1997, finishing runners up to Melksham Town but the yoyo affect kicked in again two seasons later when the Town again returned to Division 1 only to return again in 2000 finishing runners up to Team Bath. After brief flirtations with the Premier Division in the mid-2000s, the Ks have been in Division 1 for several seasons now.

Fortunes took a turn for the better when Chris King and Sean Day took over management duties in September 2014. Their first full season in charge, assisted by coach Russell Holt, saw the club finish within 10 points of the Division 1 winners. Then 2016-17 saw Keynsham's best season for 15 years as we narrowly missed out on promotion, despite amassing 81 points. Chris and Sean both decided to step down from their roles in May 2017, but the

club were fortunate enough to procure the services of John Allen from Wells City. John was a key figure in Wells' promotion and Somerset Premier Cup double in 2015-16. Russ Holt stayed on and became John's Assistant Manager.

After agonisingly amassing an excellent 89 points but only finishing third in 2017-18, the club cemented all the hard work both on and off the pitch by storming to the Division One championship in 2018-19. A run of 24 wins from the last 26 games saw the Ks accrue 93 points and comfortably win the title by 9 points. This season sees the Ks back in the Premier Division for the first time since the 2006-07 season. Away from the first team the Town were developing their football club with the introduction of a reserve side in 1987, who also won promotion to the Premier Division of the Somerset County League last season. The most noticeable achievement was the winning of the Somerset Senior Cup in 2003, the first time in 45 years, beating Westlands at Clevedon's Hand Stadium.

In 1988 an Under 18 Youth team was formed, competing in the Somerset Floodlight Youth League. In 2006/7 they were promoted to the First Division of this league and to complete the circle an "A" team was formed in 1993 to compete in the Bath & District League; they are now in the Bristol & Suburban League. Both these sides were formed to support the growing number of players from within the Club's successful youth section and to provide that important step between junior and adult football.

The junior section has several sides playing competitive football on a regular basis. The club sees the progress of its junior club as the keystone to the club's future development and playing success of the senior club with the sights set firmly on the local community for its inspiration and future success. With all the teams within the Town family, including the Ladies' teams covered later in the programme, we have over 25 teams playing regularly. With a club of such size and diversity, it is an honour to be designated as a Community Development Club, the highest level of the FA's Charter Standard initiative, something the club treasures and has set its stall out to operate under the ethos of the Charter.

Meet the K's squad

Manager

John Allen - Joined 2 years ago from Toolstation Premier side Wells City, where he was part of a successful management team alongside Mark Read. In their first season they guided Wells to promotion in 2015-16, only missing out on the title on goal difference on the last day of the season, and in an amazing season winning the Somerset Premier Cup against all the odds beating the likes of Taunton, Frome, Weston super Mare and Larkhall. Prior to Wells, he managed Cutters Friday 1st team in the Somerset Premier and prior to that the Reserves in a spell which spanned 8 seasons, getting to both the Somerset Junior and Senior Cup Finals respectfully and gaining promotion with the Reserves.

Assistant Manager

Russell Holt – 2015/16 was Russ's first season directly involved with the club as both First Team Coach and joint Under 18s Manager. Russ has now stepped up to become John's assistant and has loads of experience in both adult & youth football in the Bristol area – the beard to be feared!

Coaches

Jamie Price – a tough-tackling player who joined the Ks in November 2016 from Wells City. Jamie has now decided to concentrate on his coaching and provided excellent support to John & Russ last season.

Andy Clark – "GARS" is Ash Clark's father-in-law, so he joined the coaching staff in September 2018 when Ash joined the club. Loads of experience and a vital cog in our management team.

Physio

Rich Williams – Rich is a Keynsham Town legend who's been at the club for donkey's years! He acts as physio to our U-18s as well as the 1st Team. Club Man par excellence!

Goalkeeper

Ashley Clark – Ash joined the Ks at the beginning of September and brings a wealth of experience between the sticks. He has been a member of Western League Premier Division winning sides at both Bishop Sutton and Bristol Manor Farm and securing his signature was a real coup for the club.

Defenders

Tauren Williams – Tauren signed for the 2016/17 season, joining us after 3 years at Almondsbury UWE.

He began his youth career with Bristol Academy FC whilst at college, playing in central midfield and at right back. Tauren has become a vital member of the First Team squad.

Nathan Curnock – joined the Ks for the 2015/16 season and made the left-back slot his own after previously playing as a left winger. Pacey and adds useful height to our defence at set pieces, although doesn't usually net until Christmas has been and gone. Blew that stat out of the water last season though, with a wonderful solo goal in our first game of the season!

Scott Saunders – A centre half or central midfielder who signed from Toolstation Premier side Wells City 2 years ago, Sauce possesses a range of passing and is excellent in the air. He can also play at full back, and his experience of gaining promotion from Division 1 four seasons ago with Wells City was invaluable for the Ks last season. Previous clubs include Brislington, Backwell and Cutters Friday.

Rhymel Henderson – joined us last season and added some steel to the Ks defensive line. Rhymel quickly made himself first choice centre-half and also adds an aerial threat from set pieces. Has had plenty of Western League experience prior to joining the Ks.

Mike Grist – Gristy is another ex-Wells city player who has played under John for many years; a no-nonsense centre half, he joined the Ks last September from Bristol Telephones, making his debut at Radstock Town. Also chips in with some vital goals.

Jordan Anstey – has been at the club since his junior days, and has matured into a confident centre half, Can also cover at left back or midfield – his versatility will be vital over the coming months.

Midfielders

Matt Curnock – an energetic player who came up through the Keynsham Town junior ranks and made his First Team debut as a teenager. Moved to Oldland Abbotonians in the summer of 2015, but returned to the Ks in November 2016, and is a key member of the squad.

Adey Harvey – joined the Ks from Ashton & Backwell United in February 2017. Good on the ball and tough in the tackle, Adey is also a threat from set pieces. He has added some extra steel to our midfield and has a great attitude.

Danny Spill – An attacking centre midfielder player who signed from Wells City in 2017/18, Dan has a wealth of experience at this level gaining promotion from Division 1 along with Sauce with Wells and also playing in the Southern League with Mangotsfield United. Previous clubs include Bitton, Oldland and Longwell Green, starting his career at Cutters Friday. Again his experience was key in the Ks promotion charge last season.

Matt Long – An attacking midfielder with an eye for goal, who also can play as a forward. “Marty” joined us from Somerset Premier League side Nailsea Utd where he played a key role as part of their successful title and cup winning team, which dominated the County League for many seasons. No other previous clubs, just a Nailsea United legend!

Harley Purnell – it was a major coup when Harley decided to join the Ks back in January 2018 after 4 very successful years with Bristol Manor Farm with whom he gained promotion to the Southern League. He has an excellent football brain and is a born leader, taking the captain’s armband last and this season.

Forwards

Matt Brown – Matt was a player we sought for several years before he joined us 2 years ago, after 3 superb years at Fry Club yielded around 100 Somerset County League goals. Before Frys he had spells at Mangotsfield, Bitton and Oldland. Browner notched 29 times in his first season with the Ks, and bettered that last season with an impressive tally of 31 goals.

Craig Wilson – A centre forward signed from Radstock Town who has lots of experience playing at this level and higher. When in full flow, Craig is hard to stop being a powerful runner, strong in possession with a powerful shot. Previous clubs include Mangotsfield, Bitton, Odd Down, Oldland and Longwell Green.

Mitch Purnell – Harley’s younger brother, Mitch joined us from Hengrove last season; a versatile player with an eye for goal and an important member of the squad.

Tom Knighton – has just joined the Ks after playing for Bitton in the Western Prem last season. Tom has plenty of experience at Southern League level and is another great signing for us.

Stefan Lee – Big Stef rejoined the Ks last season, but a knee injury limited his opportunities to break into the First Team. However Stef forced his way into the squad a couple of months ago with goals for the Reserves and has added an extra option to our versatile front line.

Ben Harris – Ben left the Ks 2 years ago to play in the Premier Division with Brislington and Bitton; however he has returned this season. A firm fans’ favourite at Crown Fields and an exciting player.

No programme info received from Keynsham – the history and profiles produced are taken from another club’s programme from earlier in the season so apologies if they are not accurate.

The last 10 seasons

Season	League-Div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos
2009/10	Western-1	38	22	5	11	68	45	68 ³	8/20
2010/11	Western-1	36	9	8	19	45	61	35	16/19
2011/12	Western-1	36	11	13	12	52	59	43 ³	13/19
2012/13	Western-1	40	15	6	19	59	73	48 ³	13/21
2013-14	Western-1	42	12	6	24	56	94	42	19/22
2014/15	Western-1	42	11	9	22	62	109	42	17/22
2015/16	Western-1	40	20	6	14	84	65	66	9/21
2016/17	Western-1	42	26	3	13	82	50	81	4/22
2017/18	Western-1	42	27	8	7	120	62	89	3/22
2018/19	Western-1	38	30	3	5	94	28	93	1/20

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THE SQUADS

Please note the players are listed alphabetically and the actual team line-ups will be announced and made available before the game



Bridgwater Town	V E&OE	Keynsham Town
© Mark Armstrong		Jordan Anstey
Jake Brown		Matt Brown
Nathan Byrne		Aaron Childs
Tom Ellis	GK	Ashley Clark
Harry Horton		Matt Curnock
Jamie Laird		Sam Downes
Jake Llewellyn		Mike Grist
Fraser McDiarmid	GK	Ben Harris
Ross McErlain		Adey Harvey
Ollie Morris		Rhymel Henderson
Steve Murray		Sam Kipling
Dave O'Hare		Tom Knighton
Dave Pearse		Stef Lee
Jack Taylor		Matt Long
Sean Thomson		Theo Mackenzie
Dave Thorne		Jamie Noble
Sam Towler		Harley Purnell ©
Jake Viney	GK	Cam Ricketts
Finley Wilkinson		George Rooke
		Scott Saunders
		Tauren Williams
		Craig Wilson



Dave Pearse
Karl Baggailey

Steve Laker
Taylor Cornish

Managers

Coach
GK Coach
Therapist

John Allen
Russell Holt
Jamie Price
Andy Clark
Rich Williams



Our Match Officials

Referee
Ryan Saward
(Bristol BS15)

Assistants
Ollie Taylor
(Bristol BS31)

Mark Loughlin
(Bristol BS37)

(Subject to late changes)



-----NEXT FIRST TEAM HOME GAME-----

Saturday 21 December v Brislington