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ON TODAY'S COVER
To coincide with Childhood Cancer Awareness
Month this September, we remember Hamlet
'SuperFan' Helena McLean. (See Pages 14-15)

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PHIL PASSEY FROM THE EDITOR

Good afternoon everyone, and a warm
Champion Hill welcome to you and to the
players, staff and supporters of today's
Isthmian League visitors Welling United...

Not sure where to begin looking back at last
Saturday. After taking five or ten minutes to
settle down, the game was won as half-time
loomed. 2-0 up, at home, against a side two
steps below. But sometimes, football isn't
won and lost through sheer athleticism and
technical ability. Sometimes, temperament,
emotional maturity and psychology play a big
part too. Often, in fact. Yes, the ref may have
erred in brandishing a second yellow after his
playing of advantage preceded the equalising
goal. Maybe he was a bit early to reach for
his cards so quickly. But he was gifted the
opportunities to do so and ultimately, ill
discipline and immaturity gifted Whitstable
a place in the next round. Let's hope some
lessons have been learnt.

Another action-packed 44-pages today,
brimming with all the good stuff that you're
hopefully coming to expect. Not bad for £3.

Enjoy the read.
And of course, enjoy the game...

Phil

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BEN CLASPER CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Today, we welcome Welling United back to Champion Hill for the first time since we were both competing in the National League South. Like many clubs they have, so far, found life back at Step 3 challenging. It's been a slow start for a lot of the pre-season promotion favourites, but you expect their form will pick up soon – especially a club like Welling with their recent history.

For us, this afternoon is about **getting back on track** after two disappointing matches. It is clear from the nature of both of those defeats that we have to find a way of prevailing when, to put it politely, teams employ less 'football-friendly tactics' and officials are unable to cope. We can feel aggrieved by the events at **Whitehawk** and at home to **Whitstable** but that doesn't change the result and it won't stop it happening again. Only we can do that and we are fortunate to have, in Mark, a manager who doesn't believe in excuses. The focus will be on what the team could have done better.

The **FA Cup exit** is painful, not just because it's a tournament that we were keen to do well in, but because it has a **big impact financially**. Because our scheduled opponents **Brentwood Town** progressed,



IMAGE: ACA STUDIOS/SOUTHWARK COUNCIL

we now no longer have a home league fixture next Saturday (13th Sept) and if **Aveley** get through on that day, it will similarly impact our scheduled home match with them two weeks later (27th Sept). The authorities pay little heed to the fairness of fixture distribution. But we will do what we always do, work hard to deal with it and focus on the future rather than moan about the past.

We have a critical couple of months ahead with the **new stadium**. We must start work in the new year at the latest and so we are pushing everyone towards that deadline, the stadium owners, the developers, our contractors and the council.

With a development of this complexity, there are a lot of tasks to complete. While they are all in progress, not all are

moving as fast as we need. There isn't enough space here to outline everything that needs to happen and, when the time is right, we will put together a guide for fans in another format and then use future columns to provide stadium updates.

My last word goes to our fundraising campaign today as we mark the start of **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** by remembering our own **Helena McLean**. I hope you will find the time to read about the charity, so we can help spread that awareness and if a donation is within your means, thank you for your support.

Ben

MARK DACEY

VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT



Another warm welcome to you all as we kick-off **September** with a third home game in quick succession. A wonderful honeymoon period to start the 2025/26 season was abruptly ended by what can only be described as a sour six days for us.

A below par performance against Whitehawk down in east Brighton, was followed by arguably the most bizarre football game I've ever been involved in last Saturday here in the FA Cup.

I'd like to congratulate both our Women's and our U18s Youth sides on picking up big wins over the last few weeks.



■ Hamlet fans travelled in good numbers to Brighton 12 days ago

The culture of the club is really starting to fall into place.

Today we face a tough test against Welling United who are another club very

similar to us in that they're creating a new side under a young manager. We welcome new Wings boss Lee Martin, his staff, players and all associated with the club.

The game gives us a chance to both shake off last weeks woes, and provides another chance to entertain our supporters here in SE22.

As always, the boys will give everything and hopefully that leads to the three points that will see us back at the top of the table come 5pm.

As always, I hope everyone has an enjoyable day...

Mark

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Sat 30th Aug. 3.00pm vs Whitstable Town



MEN'S FA CUP Q1

Mon 1st Sept. 7.45pm vs Rusthall F.C.



FA YOUTH CUP

Sat 6th Sept. 3.00pm vs Welling United



MEN'S LEAGUE

Sun 7th Sept. 2.00pm vs Crystal Palace FC



WOMEN'S LEAGUE CUP

Sat 13th Sept. 3.00pm **CANCELLED** vs Brentwood Town



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Sun 14th Sept. 2.00pm vs Fulham



WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Sat 27th Sept. 3.00pm vs Aveley

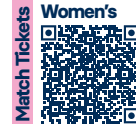


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Sun 28th Sept. 2.00pm vs Hashtag Utd.



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SIDELINES

THE LATEST NEWS FROM INSIDE CHAMPION HILL

YOUTH TEAM LATEST... PROGRESS IN FA YOUTH CUP

■ Last Monday the **FA Youth Cup** returned to Champion Hill when our **new U18 side won 6-1** against visiting **Rusthall** thanks to a brace from Wells and further goals from Williams, Davison, Xhika and Tedros. It was their first game of the season. The team are next at home against **Bromley (Kent Youth League Cup, Sun 14th)**. An away trip to **Danson Sports (Sun 21st KO 10.30am)** follows before home games against **Erith Town (Sun 28th)** and **Cray Wanderers (Sun 5th Oct)**. All of the home matches will **KO at 10am** and be at **Hamlet's Training Ground** on **Green Dale** also known as **Saint Olave's, St. Saviour's Grammar School Clubhouse**.



The scheduled match against **Dulwich Village tomorrow** has been **postponed** due to the opposition being unable to raise a team. Thursday night's **FA Youth Cup draw**, saw the team paired away to **Erith and Belvedere** Date TBC.



TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST... LINCOLN WILLIAMS

■ Pictured above as an 18-year old winger playing at Champion Hill against Clapton, is **Lincoln Williams** who visits us today with son **Robert** as our special guests. Lincoln has recently moved back to the area having played for Dulwich Hamlet **between 1969 and 1971**, initially for the reserves, before making **six appearances and scoring one goal for the First Team** during the **1970/71 season**. We believe he is the **first Black British player** to have represented the club and hope to bring you more of his story in a future programme...

HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY... JAMIE WEATHERALD

■ A Hamlet fan since the **2017/18 season**, **Jamie Weatherald** turns **21-years old** tomorrow. He is hoping to start celebrating this milestone with family and friends this evening after a win over our visitors **Welling United**. A keen football and cricket fan, Jamie is currently studying Maths at University of Leicester and is hoping for a Hamlet season reflecting the team's early season form. On visits home to London, you will see him behind the goal deferring to those in *The Rabble* with far greater writing skills than a mere mathematician can muster...



LATEST FIXTURE NEWS... BRENTWOOD TOWN NEW DATE

■ We may have crashed out of this season's FA Cup following an afternoon of oysters and red mist here against **Whitstable Town**, but we weren't the only Isthmian Premier side to immediately exit the competition – **Cheshunt, Lewes, Canvey Island and Ramsgate** all got knocked out seven days ago. One team that did make it through were our scheduled home league opponents next Saturday, **Brentwood Town**, and consequently that fixture has now been **re-arranged for Tuesday 7th October 2025**. ■ In Tuesday night's replays, **Dartford, Potters Bar Town, Carshalton Athletic and Cray Wanderers** also departed. Our away league fixture against 'Wands' at **Flamingo Park** has been switched to **Tuesday September 30th**. ■ Finally, this season's **London Senior Cup** campaign will commence **at home against** the 2024/25 finalists **Brentford B**. Date TBC.



JAMES McLEAN

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What first drew you to Champion Hill?

I've been attending regularly since 2016 after encouragement from a couple of friends, Howard and Nick, to get along and start watching the team...

What was your first Hamlet match?

It was November 17th 2012. A 2-1 home win against Herne Bay – Ellis Green scored.

What keeps you coming back?

The wonderful people and, as far as this season goes, the performances on the pitch!

Your favourite ever Dulwich player?

Luke Wanadio for his terrific skills and for sticking with the club despite the offers

Your favourite season watching Hamlet?

2017/18 is up there for the playoff promotion success under difficult circumstances. But if this season continues as it has started, 2025/26 may prove hard to beat!

Most memorable Dulwich match?

There are many, but a 27 degree day in sunny Tooting with Helena for the Hendon Playoff Final win in 2018 probably edges it

Best DHFC away trip?

Altona on my birthday last July. It was fantastic to see the team bonding and enjoying themselves on and off the pitch. On a personal level, I got to play on the same supporters team as my son, and also scored!

Thoughts on this season?

Excellent start. Was impressed with how we dealt with bus-parking Canvey and excited about seeing AJ back on the pitch ASAP...

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to its local community here in East Dulwich. Volunteering at DHFC is a perfect way to combine your favourite sport with community work. It is also a great chance to be part of a fun, open-minded, caring community of people who love football and supporting their local club. Currently

we have opportunities available to get involved on **Match Days**, with our **Community Team**, with **Ground Maintenance** and in our ever-growing **Media** unit. For more information on volunteering with us, please contact either '**community**', '**operations**' or '**media**' @dulwichhamletfc.co.uk

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Today's game marks the third consecutive season in which ASLEF's Waterloo Nine Elms Branch comes to Champion Hill as match sponsor. Our association with the club is becoming something of a tradition, one based on a **shared ethos** of equality, diversity, and community. For as long as we have existed **ASLEF**, and the **trade union movement** in general, has been committed to fostering that ethos within society. While there has always been opposition to those working to deliver progressive change, it is clear that the opposition has hardened in recent times.

Regardless of whether you keep up to date with news and current affairs from television, radio, social media, or some drunken idiot in your local, you will not have failed to notice, and hopefully be distressed, disturbed, and disgusted by the levels of racism being displayed and the number of hate crimes being reported.

What is particularly alarming is the normalisation of such views and behaviours. Once seen as the preserve of a handful of neo-Nazi thugs, racism and bigotry is becoming casual and commonplace throughout society, with age or social class demographics being no barrier to it spreading.



Be it the likes of Stephen Yaxley-Lennon posing as credible journalists, or *Britain First* and *Reform* masquerading as legitimate political parties, it is this peddling of a perversely twisted brand of blame focused nationalism disguised as patriotism that has legitimised and promoted racism. These are charlatans sowing hatred in order too foster the division from which their support base grows.

It's a tried and tested blueprint that can work all to effectively. Its genius is in its simplicity. Pick your target race or general ethnic grouping who you then repeatedly and relentlessly brand as responsible for pretty much everything. Then equally relentlessly mock, demonise, and persecute them to the point of creating a perceived subclass. The subclass soon becomes

regarded as subhuman, and at that point you really can do anything you want. Maybe even get away with murder.

No, of course we're not there yet, not in this country, but we've bought the ticket, we've boarded, and the doors are closing. Is this all just alarmist exaggeration? In truth, we can't be sure, but as the old adage goes '*Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it*' and as things stand there are plenty around still with a lot of learning to do. **ASLEF** and **Dulwich Hamlet**, and others like us, are natural partners in promoting some positivity. But we all have a part to play. If you hear a mate banging on about stopping boats, protecting our girls, or painting roundabouts, please do have a quiet word. It might help.

And finally, a reminder of the two golden rules: **Follow The Hamlet and Join a Union!**

TEAM TALK

WE SIT DOWN WITH PENALTY BOX CONDOR, DANNY MILLS...

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Team you support and your childhood footballing hero?

Liverpool. As a kid my favourite was Thierry Henry

When did you first come to Champion Hill? Back in 2019

How did you come to join Dulwich Hamlet?

Being a south London boy, I'd always known about the club. Over the years I'd had various conversations with Gavin Rose and Junior Kadi about one day moving here. When the club got promoted to the National League South, I sat down with them about potentially coming on loan, but the timing wasn't quite right. Then at the end of that season they told me the plans to go full time and everything just fell into place

Where do you play and can you play anywhere else?

I'm a centre forward by trade but in my younger days – when I could run (*smiles*) – I played a lot on the wing in the National League in particular. I reckon I could do a pretty decent job in goal now!

What other clubs have you played for previously?

Whitehawk, Ebbsfleet United, today's visitors Welling United, Dartford and Carshalton Athletic. I started at Croydon and moved from there to Crawley Town. When I was a pro at Peterborough for three years, I definitely went out on a few loans

Any trophies in the cabinet?

One Isthmian Premier League title, one Sussex Senior Cup and one London Senior Cup

Who would you consider the best player you've ever played alongside and why?

I've been lucky enough to play with some unbelievable players in my career. But my strike partner at Whitehawk, Jake Robinson, was great to play alongside. We scored over 100 goals between us in just over two years together

Best moment in football?

Again, I've be fortunate to have many special moments in my career from scoring in both the First and Second

Round's of the FA Cup to scoring five goals against Dorchester in a single National League South game. But to be able to walk out with my daughter at Dulwich for the first time was a moment that will stay with me forever

Tell us about the best goal you've ever scored?

Probably not the best goal, but certainly one of the most important was scoring Whitehawk's first against Dagenham & Redbridge in the FA Cup Second Round. It was televised live on BT Sport on a cold Wednesday night!

Best moment at Dulwich?

Captaining the side live on BBC TV in the First Round of the FA Cup against Carlisle

Hopes and ambitions for the new season ahead?

In all honesty it's been a very challenging few years at the club. So for me personally, I just want us to have a season everyone can be proud of and for us to finish as high up in the league as we can

Other sports? I enjoy my

Boxing, Tennis and Athletics

If you could change one rule in football, what would it be?

The offside rule – I might score a few more goals and can do less running (*laughs*)

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REMEMBERING HELENA...

WITH SEPTEMBER BEING CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, WE SHARE THE STORY OF A HAMLET SUPERFAN...

No one ever thinks their child will get cancer, but every year in the UK around 1,900 children under the age of 15 will be diagnosed. That's about one in every 450 children. The five year survival rate for these children is around 80%. September is **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month (CCAM)** which aims to generate awareness and support for children suffering from cancer. Getting a childhood cancer diagnosis affects everyone in a family. One day things are fine, the next life forever changes. A family's new normal is full of unknowns and uncertainties.

This month Dulwich Hamlet Football Club is proud to once again be partnering with **The Children & Young People's Cancer's Association (CCLG)** to help raise awareness of childhood cancer. The impact childhood cancer can have on a family is something we are all too aware of at our club. In December

2024 Hamlet sadly lost one of its most passionate and committed young supporters...

HELENA'S STORY...

Helena McLean regularly attended football both here at Champion Hill and travelling to away matches alongside dad Jimmy, brother Alex and Merlin - the family dog. However, Helena was diagnosed with a rare solid tumour in January 2021 when she was just 10-years old. She had been a normal happy and healthy child who enjoyed playing netball, football and tennis, as well as swimming, skateboarding and being with her friends.

During her hospital stays, Helena stayed active. She played pool and hula hooped while hooked up to the chemo pump, attended school lessons online, played her guitar and – despite losing her hair three times – stayed positive throughout. Being in hospital so

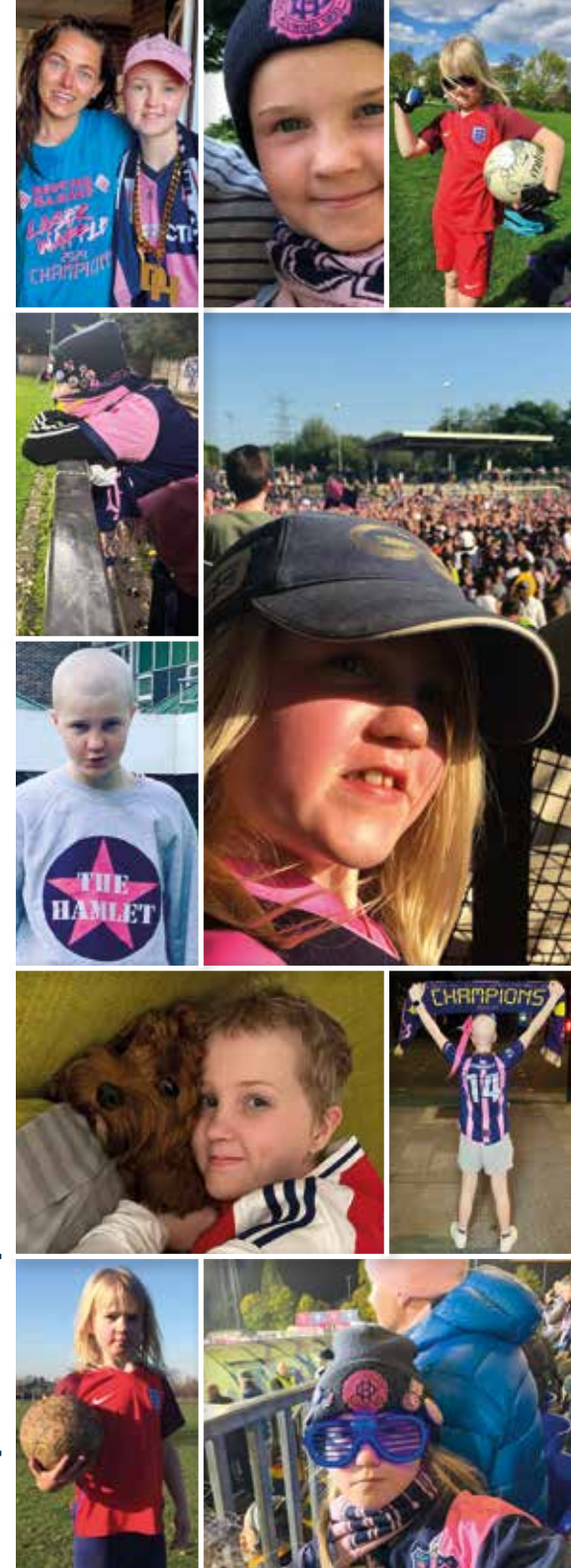
much, missing school and friends and facing harsh treatments designed for adults was not easy. Yet Helena's willingness to prove people wrong and live as 'normal' a life as possible was inspirational. She made sure that education was a priority with getting back to school top of her list. She also continued to support the teams with passion and pride and had a particular soft spot for Hamlet's Women's team. Many will remember her dancing during the promotion celebrations in May 2024. Sadly, Helena was one of the unlucky ones. At the age of 14, she died in December 2024. The signs and symptoms of childhood cancer can be difficult to spot. Please visit the **CCLG** website and look at their **Child Cancer Smart** information (cclg.org.uk/childcancersmart) to understand what the red flags are. The most well-known type is leukaemia, but there are many other types that affect children.

CCLG, alongside other organisations, supported Helena and her family throughout her treatment and in the months that followed her passing. Since then, Helena's family have continued to follow Hamlet's sides home and away, whilst Jimmy recently became a member of the Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust Board. The family have also set up the **Team McLean** fundraising page to raise funds for **CCLG**. Even if you haven't been directly affected by childhood cancer, please help them to raise awareness. Our children need more funding, kinder treatments and more awareness for childhood cancer. That can only be done with your help. So please use the QR Codes below to learn more about the valuable work that **CCLG** do, read more about **Helena's Story** and to donate to the **Team McLean** fund. 100% of funds raised will go into research for relapsed and refractory childhood cancer, with a focus on solid tumours.

TEAM McLEAN



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HAMLET & THE WORLD CUP WINNERS

ONCE IN THE 1920S AND AGAIN IN THE 1980S, HAMLET SIDES HAVE ENCOUNTERED FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS...

Have you heard the one about the 'World Cup winner' who played against Dulwich Hamlet? Well, sort of. County Durham amateurs West Auckland FC famously won the Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy in 1909 and then again in 1911. The competition, an invitational tournament held twice in Turin, featured elite club sides from Italy, Germany and Switzerland. With the development of football elsewhere not considered to be as advanced as the game being played in Europe at the time, these tournaments are considered by some to be the original World Cup's – which is perhaps pushing it a little, but still.

In 1909, with the English FA declining an invitation to send a side, one of the tournament's patrons, the British entrepreneur, tea magnate and sport enthusiast Sir Thomas Lipton, sent for the coal miners of West Auckland FC. Their team duly went on to lift the trophy after two triumphs in two days - both by a 2-0 scoreline. First they beat German side Stuttgarter Sportfreunde in the semi-final, before winning against Zurich based Swiss outfit FC Winterthur in the final on Saturday April 12th 1909. West Auckland then returned to Italy two years later to successfully defend their title. This time they beat a then amateur Juventus FC side 6-1 in the final on April 17th 1911 – and were awarded the trophy outright.



■ The statue in West Auckland that celebrates the famous 'First World Cup Winners' of 1909 and 1911

One player who featured in both victories was **Tom Tucker Wilson** – although you often won't find that name in any of the records. The reason being that his father, William Gill Wilson, was known to all as 'Billy Gill' and it was widely assumed that his son Tom was also a Gill. So Tom usually answered to the name '**Tucker Gill**'.

He went on to play until he was 40, picking up FA Amateur Cup winners medals with Bishop Auckland in both 1921 and 1922. The first of those years also saw him crowned as a handball champion – sources differ as to whether this title was for becoming British champion or World champion. Handball a version of fives, that's now largely confined to high end schools, was once very popular in the North East of England. Large crowds watched and large amounts of money was gambled. Handball has also been described as the Welsh national sport prior to the arrival of Methodism.

Hamlet met 'The Two Blues' of Auckland in the Amateur Cup in both 1920 and 1922. In 1920 Bishop Auckland returned north after being thrashed 5-1 by a Hamlet side that then went on to win the trophy. However, no team line-up has thus far been discovered to confirm the Bishop Auckland side that day.

Dulwich and The Bishops then met again in a 1922 semi-final. Before a 0-0 draw at Craven Cottage, the band had played 'The Teddy Bears Picnic', but in the replay at Darlington, it was the North East side who triumphed 3-0. In a hard fought contest, Bishop Auckland finished the match with just nine players having lost Stephen Freak to an injury just before half-time and then having Tommy Maddison sent off with fifteen minutes to go. Whilst no team line-ups have been found, reports state that Bishop Auckland were 'full strength', aside from one named change, making it highly likely that 'Tucker Gill' appeared against Hamlet in that match.

Whilst Tucker didn't win a FIFA World Cup winners medal, it is quite possible that



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one man who does possess such a treasure played against Dulwich Hamlet on October 27th 1984. Without a fixture that day, Hamlet hastily arranged a friendly against a Spurs XI at the north London club's Cheshunt training ground. Whilst Tottenham's First XI – including goalkeeper Ray Clemence – were busy winning 4-1 against Stoke City, a second string Spurs lineup got a run out against Hamlet.

Whilst the game was announced in the north London press, Dulwich considered it a 'behind closed doors' friendly and thus only certain people were alerted to its existence. But amongst those who did watch that day, are some who will state categorically that Argentina's 1978 World Cup winner **Oswaldo Ardiles** came on for the Tottenham side. Hamlet won 4-1 and Ardiles never appeared in the Spurs team subsequently listed in North London media reports. However, Ossie was coming back from a long-term injury at the time, so it's quite possible that Tottenham boss Peter Shreeves quietly sanctioned his inclusion as an agreed extra substitute, far away from the media gaze and the eyeballs of the general

public as well as potentially adoring Spurs fans unable to make it to White Hart Lane.

The Tottenham team that was listed for the friendly was: Parkes; Danny Thomas, Toms, D. Martin, Ian Culverhouse, Ian Crook, Richard Cooke, Allan Cockram, David Leworthy, Danny Maddix and substitute M. Ryan. Four of the Spurs XI were just 16 years of age and whilst some went on to have good professional careers, others, such as Allan Cockram and David Leworthy, would instead become big names in non-league football.

What no-one could have anticipated, was that the most successful subsequent career trajectory of anyone there that day arguably belongs to a Hamlet supporting child. After signing for Dulwich Reserves from the DHFC Supporters Team, **Stephen Child** (pictured above) then ceased playing altogether in order to pursue officiating. Rising through the ranks, he gained recognition as one of the world's leading Assistant Referees, ultimately making the FIFA list before hanging up his flag in 2019. **With thanks to Roger Deason and the Dulwich Hamlet FC History Group**

GOALKEEPER

Toby BULL

Brighton & Hove Albion academy player until age of 20. Had brief spells with Carshalton Ath, Aveley and Worthing in 2023/24 before spending last season at Lewes. Ability to receive and play the ball to feet was a particular factor in his joining Hamlet in summer 2025.

DEFENDERS

Anthony COOK

Vastly experienced player. Began as a Cardiff City youth before spells with Dagenham, Braintree Town, Ebbsfleet Utd (twice) and Bromley. Joined Hamlet in summer 2018 but

spells at Harrow Borough and Welling Utd whilst at Selhurst Park, then a full season with the Wings after Palace release. Rejoined Hamlet in 2016 and played a key role in promotion to National South two years later. Left for Wrexham in summer 2019. Brief spell at Bromley followed by three seasons at Billericay Town. Hamlet return in summer 2023. He made his 200th appearance in 2024/25.

Geoffrey OKONKWO

Physically imposing CB. Began at VCD Athletic and Grays Athletic before winning promotion from Isthmian North with Bowers

with Redbridge, Hendon, Hanwell Town and Southall.

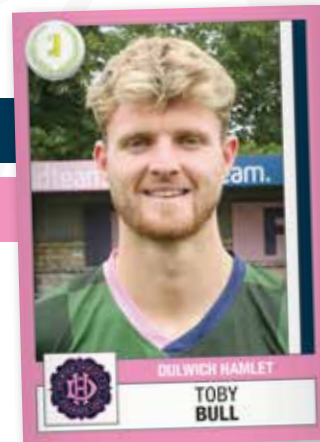
MIDFIELDERS

Lonit TALLA

Former QPR academy player. Won U21 caps for Kosovo before spells at Egham Town, Uxbridge, Harrow Borough, Wingate & Finchley and Hendon. A trialist who signed for Hamlet in summer 2025.

Alfie PAYNE

Left-footed playmaker who progressed through Norwich City's academy and earned a pro contract. Final season



with Canaries spent on loan at King's Lynn. Joined Braintree Town in Oct 2020. Made 150+ appearances and helped them win Essex Senior Cup and promotion from National South in 2023/24. Work commitments prompted 2024/25 move to St Albans City. Joined Hamlet during the summer of 2025.

Amadou KASSARATE

A South Londoner capped by Senegal at U20 level.

Former Tottenham Hotspur youth, who spent three years at Cheshunt during their rise from Step 4 to Step 2. A season each with Welling Utd, Bishop's Stortford and Folkestone Invicta followed.

Sean BONNETT-JOHNSON

Originally from Hackney. An experienced player whose previous clubs include Billericay Town, Merstham, Kingstonian, Potters Bar Town, Hendon, Braintree Town, East Thurrock Utd, Romford and FC Romania. Can play at RB or in MF. Joined Hamlet from Concord Rangers back in September 2023.



Mannie MENSAN

Dynamic ball winner. At Sevenoaks Town before step up to the Isthmian Premier Whitehawk in 2024/25 - scoring against Dulwich in 3-3 Champion Hill draw. Joined Hamlet last summer.

Jordan WYNTER

Seven appearances for Arsenal U21s in 2012/13. Bristol City and Cheltenham Town

followed, with loan spells at Farnborough and Telford Utd. Stints at Bromley, Woking and Maidstone Utd. Five seasons at Dartford preceded summer 2024 move to Hamlet. A versatile DM who can also operate as a RB or as a CB.

FORWARDS

Nyren CLUNIS

Hamlet legend who scored 117 goals in 486 games after emerging from youth team in 2009/10. Leading scorer in the 2017/18 promotion winning side. Won multiple Player of the Year awards in 11 seasons at The Hill before departing for Carshalton Ath in summer 2020, moving on

to Kingstonian a year later. Spent the last three seasons with Cray Wanderers before returning to Dulwich last summer. Primarily a right winger, he can also play as a striker or at RB. Club captain.

Danny MILLS

Talismanic 6'4" centre-forward now in his 7th season at the Hill. An accomplished youth basketball player who retains an ability to 'hang' in the air - many of his Dulwich goals come via his head. Croydon FC youth, before Crawley Town then three years at Peterboro Utd preceded 2012 move to Carshalton Ath. Over 100 goals in five seasons at Whitehawk, then two seasons at Ebbsfleet.

Luke WANADIO

Dynamic attacker originally signed from Redhill in 2014. Helping Dulwich preserve their Step 2 status on loan in 2018/19. Previous clubs include Staines Town, Welling Utd, Dartford, Bromley, Aldershot, Billericay, Folkestone Invicta and Dover Ath. Returned to SE22 in summer 2023. Top scorer in the last two seasons.

Gaspar MICO

Spanish winger. A graduate of Real Madrid's La Fabrica Academy. Spent 2024/25 with AFC Whyteleafe, winning Combined Counties Premier South title and reaching the FA Vase Final at Wembley.

Solomon BAUGH

Promising, pacy, young winger with fast feet. Originally at Charlton Athletic's Academy. Spells at Three Bridges, Sevenoaks Town and Cheshunt followed. Joined Hamlet in summer 2025.

Anthony JEFFREY

Fast and direct London-born winger with 4 full caps for Guyana. 'AJ' can cross or shoot with either foot. At Arsenal from 8 through to U21s. Gunners release led to Wycombe Wanderers then Boreham Wood, Forest Green Rovers, Sutton Utd, Dover Ath and Wrexham. Billericay Town in 2022/23. Arrived at Champion Hill summer 2023.

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left for Welling Utd a year later. At Cray Wanderers and Rayners Lane before Hamlet return last summer. A former winger who now plays at RB.

Tom CHAMBERS

Hamlet academy player who made a solitary first team cup appearance in October 2020. At Lewisham Borough before spending three seasons with Cray Valley PM. Rejoined Dulwich in summer 2025.

Michael CHAMBERS

In his third spell with Hamlet. Started with the youth team before signing for Crystal Palace in 2011/12. A tall CB who offers a commanding aerial presence. Had loan

& Pitsea in 2023/24. Moved to Chelmsford City, but returned briefly to Bowers & Pitsea before spending end of 2024/25 with Whitehawk. Joined Hamlet last summer.

Joseph ADEWUNMI

Promising young CB. Began with nearby Fisher. Made a big impression in the Isthmian North with Heybridge Swifts in 2024/25. Signed by Hamlet in the summer of 2025.

Giovanni PALMER

LB/LWB who joined from Farnham Town last summer, having featured in their 2024/25 Isthmian South Central championship winning run-in. Previously

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FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND

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Hamlet marked their 100th FA Cup campaign by falling at the first hurdle for a third straight season. The hosts appeared to have assumed complete control within the opening half hour, building a two-goal lead to leave Whitstable in damage limitation mode. But instead, Dulwich were drawn into a scrap that they lost after seeing red not just once, but twice.

It was the FA Vase holders Whitstable who forced the first clear chance, winning a corner that was only half cleared. The ball was returned into the goalmouth for captain **Jake McIntrye** to shoot on goal, but Dulwich keeper **Toby Bull** stood firm to make a vital block at close range. Hamlet's superior technical skills soon began to tell, with the visiting defence fully stretched to block shots from **Sol Baugh** and **Lonit Talla** in quick succession. With sixteen minutes gone, a quick passing move involving **Tom Chambers**, **Luke Wanadio** and **Gaspar Mico** opened up the right side of the Oysters defence. **Wanadio** was played in left of goal and fired a shot from a tight angle that **Jayden Boulton** rushing back to defend the goal line rather comically slammed into his own net from two yards. The goal was credited to Hamlet's leading scorer – his 50th for the club. He only had to wait another eleven minutes for the 51st. **Talla** bamboozled the Oysters with a tricky run on the left flank, beating one defender and drawing another before flicking a perfectly weighted pass inside for **Wanadio** who arrived unmarked to drill a shot into the far corner of the net.

However, that was as good as it would get for Dulwich. Captain **Nyren Clunis** got drawn into a running battle with **Jack Peters**, and youthful referee **Alfred Finch-Crichley** was soon calling the pair over for a verbal warning. Barely sixty seconds later **Clunis** felled **Peters** from behind near the halfway line and was predictably booked. This was the

first of a flurry of yellow cards for Hamlet as **Sean Bonnett-Johnson** and **Joseph Adewunmi** followed into the book – both times for fouls.

Disaster struck Hamlet in first half stoppage time, as **Wanadio** was shown a straight red card for a trip that appeared to happen off the ball. Hamlet initially made light of their numerical handicap, looking capable of adding another goal, while Whitstable were largely restricted to wayward shots from distance. Then from a Dulwich corner in the 65th minute, the Oysters broke and substitute **Callum Peck** muscled his way past **Amadou Kassarate**, drove forward on the left before stealing a yard on **Tom Chambers** and delivering a hard low cross that **Dean Grant** – leaving **Bonnett-Johnson** trailing in his wake – converted first time at the near post to reduce the arrears. Hamlet were hit with a double whammy just eight minutes later, as Whitstable equalised and **Clunis** was shown a second yellow card in controversial circumstances. The Hamlet skipper tripped **Will Thomas** on the halfway line, but the referee played the advantage as the ball ran free to allow an attack down the left. A deep cross was headed back from beyond the far post and one time Hamlet youth player **Javaun Splatt** leapt highest to beat

Bull with a downward header that levelled the scores. Rather than celebrating their goal, a majority of the visiting side raced to harangue the referee to show **Clunis** a second yellow card, and as Hamlet prepared to kick-off that's exactly what happened. However, Law 12 (Advantage) explicitly states that after an advantage has been played "if the offence is interfering with or stopping a promising attack, the player is not cautioned".

Incredibly the next main chances fell to Dulwich's nine men, with a **Talla** shot narrowly off target, before **Parkes** was poleaxed by a piledriver from **Kassarate** amid fruitless appeals that he'd blocked with his hand. A free-kick awarded close to the left edge of the penalty box followed and led to a miscued clearance and a scramble, with **Michael Chambers** going to ground after minimal contact. The referee awarded Hamlet a rather soft penalty. In the absence of regular taker **Wanadio**, it was substitute **Anthony Cook** who stepped up to the mark, only to be denied by the lanky frame of **Dan Colmer** who dived to his right to block. Hamlet continued to defend stoutly into an announced minimum of six additional minutes, but in the seventh minute a deflected cross looped into the box and **Splatt** climbed highest to again beat **Bull** with a header to win it and avoid any need for a replay on the North Kent coast just three days later.

■ Substitute **Amadou Kassarate** tussles for possession in the FA Cup clash with Whitstable Town. But it was the Oysters who progressed, departing with a come-from-behind 3-2 victory on an afternoon filled with drama at Champion Hill
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THE DACEY FILES POST-MATCH VERDICTS...

09/08 H vs DARTFORD, Won 4-0

■ "It's a statement against one of the title favourites. This is not the Dulwich of old. It's a new era. It won't always work, but we'll entertain. If the fans weren't encouraged yet – they should be now."

12/08 A vs WINGATE & FINCHLEY, Won 1-0

■ "If you want to get in the playoff spots you have to come to these places and win. We've rode our luck at times and had to be resilient defensively, but ultimately its another clean sheet and another three points..."

16/08 A vs RAMSGATE, Won 2-0

■ "We've had a great week. Three wins, seven goals, three clean sheets and, now that we can say it, all with just thirteen players..."

23/08 H vs CANVEY ISLAND, Won 2-0

■ "They set up to frustrate us. So it was about patience, it was about resilience, it was about us not getting bored of maintaining good habits and it was about ball speed..."

25/08 A vs WHITEHAWK, Lost 0-1

■ "This is on me. We came here to try and play and probably shouldn't have. We should have set them up better. But we were poor in terms of picking up second balls and we weren't brave enough in the final third..."

30/08 H vs WHITSTABLE TOWN, Lost 2-3

■ "We could have done better with all three of their goals. But ultimately, we've lost our discipline. At two-nil, we've chased three and four, when we simply didn't need to..."



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FINAL POSITION

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GOALS FOR

47

GOALS AGAINST

91

AVG GF PER GAME

1.02

AVG GA PER GAME

1.98

TOTAL POINTS
 38

2024/25 League Data - National League South

Welling United Football Club were founded in 1963. An incredible journey during those early years saw the club rise from an U15 Sunday youth side to the heights of the Football Conference. The Wings remained at that level for a remarkable 14 years - an astonishing ascent. That original 1963 youth side played local league football on a park pitch. But the club expanded its youth system, before embarking on a period of Saturday football in the London Spartan League. Membership of the Athenian League and Southern League (South) followed. For the first 15 years, Welling played on a sports ground at Butterfly Lane, Eltham, before moving to their present ground at Park View Road - they took over that venue following the demise of Bexley United who had been members of the Southern League.

Rise to the Conference...

After rapid progression from park to senior football, a marvellous period of success began when they won the Spartan League. Three more seasons in the Athenian League preceded election to the Southern League and then promotion to its Premier Division was secured after league re-organisation. In their fifth season at that level, the Wings romped to the title by a record 23 points to earn promotion to the Conference. Welling found life in the Conference a challenge. Although they were one of the most consistent sides during their 14-year spell, success was limited to four Kent County Cup wins. Cup football produced many of highlights during the late 80s and early 90s There were six successive FA Cup First Round appearances and even a Third Round match at Park View Road, when Welling only exited after losing 1-0 to visiting Blackburn Rovers. But the Wings were relegated on the last day of the 1999/00 season.

The new millennium...

After four years back back in the Southern League Premier Division, Welling finished just high enough to qualify for the inaugural season of the newly formed Conference South. The FA's restructure saw two divisions formed to

feed into the Conference which was renamed the Conference National. In 2004/05, under the guidance of former England defender Paul Parker, Welling's first foray in Conference South was a struggle. They languished near the bottom during the first three months and Parker departed by mutual consent.

Current Darford manager Adrian Pennock took charge and guided the Wings to safety. An exciting 2005/06 season saw a run to the First Round of the FA Cup before defeat away at Huddersfield Town. The FA Trophy also proved rewarding with a run to the Third Round before letting a two-goal lead slip in a 3-2 defeat away at Woking. Having spent most of the season in a playoff spot, they ultimately finished ninth. 2006/07 continued their improvement with an 8th-place finish, missing out on the playoffs by just four points. They also reached an FA Trophy Quarter Final - something that had only been managed once before in their history - before losing at home to Grays Athletic. Pennock departed at the end of the campaign.

Neil Smith took over as manager but struggled and Welling were at the wrong end of the table when Smith departed. He was replaced by Andy Ford who managed to keep the Wings in the division. 2008/09 then saw Welling become a real force in the Isthmian South and triumph in the Kent Senior Cup after a 6-1 final defeat of Whitstable Town - it was the Wings' first trophy for ten years. Ford's side finished 7th, the highest ever for the Kent club in that division. But after a disappointing start to the 2009/10 campaign Ford resigned, with Welling in 18th after 12 games. Former player Jamie Day was appointed player boss in November 2009, with another former player Barry Ashby as his Assistant and Dean Frost as First Team Coach. They guided the Wings away from relegation trouble, finishing in 9th.

On August 12th 2010, Welling United were rocked by the news of a winding up order by HMRC. Given 14 weeks to pay the outstanding debt, supporters showed their devotion by raising almost all of the £60,000 that was needed to avoid the Club going bust. Despite this, they were still deducted five league points and handed a transfer embargo until

March 2011. Against all odds, Day's side played wonderful attacking football and held a place in the playoff positions for the majority of the season. A fantastic run of results against the Wings' main rivals looked to have secured a place in the top five. However, fatigue eventually caught up with a small squad and dropped points towards the end of the season proved costly - the Wings missed out on the playoffs by a single point after finishing sixth.

2011/12 saw the Wings climb to their highest league position for 26 years finishing third in the table. After reaching the playoff final with a 2-1 aggregate win over Sutton United, the Wings were then defeated by arch rivals Dartford losing 1-0 at Princes Park.

Conference South Champions...

2012/13 saw Welling finally regain their place in the Conference Premier. Day's team set a new Conference South league record of 12 consecutive wins and clawed back a ten point gap on early pacesetters Salisbury City and won the league by four points. In their first season back United enjoyed a comfortable campaign. However, that proved to be the pinnacle. Day, along with his management team found the lure of opportunity too great and departed for Ebbsfleet United. Jody Brown came and went, then Loui Fazakerley took over the reins. Although Welling narrowly survived, there was no escape the following season and they finished rock bottom. Towards the end of that season Mark Goldberg bought the majority share holding of the club and also appointed himself to the role of team manager.

Back in the sixth tier...

Back in what was now known as the National League South, Welling again struggled and Goldberg stood down as manager to concentrate on off field affairs as he looked to re-build the whole structure of the club. Having finished a disappointing season safe from relegation, former Welling and Dulwich player Jamie Coyle was appointed manager. 2017/18 was an improvement but Welling missed out on a play-off position and Coyle departed. Steve King led Welling to a third placed finish



JACK PAXMAN

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RECENT LEAGUE MEETINGS

14/01/23	A	Park View Road (NLS)	W	4-2
29/08/22	H	Champion Hill (NLS)	L	1-2
15/02/22	A	Park View Road (NLS)	W	3-1
02/01/22	H	Champion Hill (NLS)	L	0-1
15/02/20	H	Champion Hill (NLS)	L	0-1
12/11/19	A	Park View Road (NLS)	D	0-0
09/02/19	H	Champion Hill (NLS)	W	2-1
04/08/18	A	Park View Road (NLS)	L	0-2



FREDDIE NORMAN



LOGAN DOBBS



RUBEN SHAKPOKE

WINGS 2025/26 SEASON FORM



Note: A club's most recent result is listed far right

2025/26 SEASON RESULTS

09/08/25	A	Cheshunt (ILP)	L	2-4
12/08/25	H	Aveley (ILP)	L	0-1
16/08/25	H	Lewes (ILP)	L	0-1
23/08/25	A	Chichester City (ILP)	W	2-1
25/08/25	H	Cray Valley PM (ILP)	L	0-3
30/08/25	A	Uxbridge (FAC)	W	2-1

the following season before a play-off final defeat after a tight game at Woking. Over the summer King departed and Goldberg restored himself as manager for 2019/20. But disappointing results saw him stand down and Bradley Quinton (*yes, that Bradley Quinton*) was appointed boss in January 2020. There was an immediate improvement before the season was curtailed, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Uncertainty before 2020/21 resulted in another squad overhaul and sadly the team failed to gel. One year and two days after joining, Quinton left the club. His replacement was experienced manager Steve Lovell, but Covid-19 once again intervened. With a reduced budget Welling struggled and Lovell left after a poor start. Peter Taylor came and went before Warren Feeney guided the Wings to safety. Goldberg's ownership finished at the end of that season. Feeney was tasked by the new board to build a more competitive squad for 2022/23 and his side secured a mid-table finish. Following Feeney's departure, the summer of 2023 brought more change. Former Eastbourne Borough boss Danny Bloor stepped into the dugout, but despite promising performances, the Wings soon found themselves in relegation trouble again and Bloor left in January 2024. New manager Rod Stringer, assisted by Kevin Watson, then masterminded a remarkable turnaround which saw Welling pull themselves out of trouble and secure survival with relative comfort.

Back amongst the Isthmians...

But after playing at Step 2 or higher for over 40 years, 2024/25 saw the Wings relegated to the Isthmian League Premier Division. Stringer departed in March 2025 and relegation was confirmed with a Good Friday defeat at the hands of Maidstone United. Despite relegation, Welling still tasted success when caretaker boss Brian Statham led them to a 1-0 victory over Ebbsfleet United at Priestfield Stadium, for a fourth Kent Senior Cup triumph. In the summer of 2025, Lee Martin was appointed manager and signed his former Fleet teammate Greg Cundle, alongside fellow Ebbsfleet alumni Luke O'Neill and Jack Paxman.

THE AWAY END...

Freddie NORMAN (GK)

Spent seven years at Leyton Orient after signing at the age of 11. 18-year old shotstopper joined after summer trial.

Slavomir HUK (GK)

July 2025 arrival. Slovakian who made his name at Dorking Wanderers playing a key part in their remarkable rise up the non-League pyramid during a nine year stay. Joined Dorking from VSS Kosice in 2015. Spent 2024/25 at Burgess Hill, making a crucial penalty save in their play-off final triumph against Sittingbourne.

Aaron WILLIAMS-BUSHELL

25-year old who was at Champion Hill last season after a successful two-season spell with Oxford City between 2022-24 – 76 Apps, 3 Goals.

Logan DOBBS (DF)

18-year-old Gillingham loanee. Spent time with Burgess Hill Town last season playing a key part in their promotion to the Isthmian Premier Division.

Lekan MAJOYEGBE (DF)

Second signing last summer. Athletic, ball-playing CB who arrived from Sheppey Utd after 144 Apps in three seasons. Key member of the Ites' impressive 2023 FA Cup run. 23-year-old previously at Corinthian and Margate.

Scott SIMMONS (DF)

South-London born 19-year old. Joined Exeter City's academy as a youngster. Signed a two-year scholarship

with the Grecians in 2022. Following summer 2024 Exeter release, he spent time at Whitehawk last season.

Eric WILHELM (DF)

21-year old German-born left-sided CB. Came through third tier German club TSV Havelse's youth system. Move to England prompted a brief spell at Broadbridge Heath at the back end of last season.

Luke O'NEILL (DF)

33-year old RB who began his career at Leicester City. Loaned to at Tranmere and Kettering, a permanent move to Mansfield Town followed in 2011 – an eye-catching



campaign prompting a switch to Burnley in the summer of 2012. A permanent 2015 move to Southend Utd followed before he joined Gillingham in 2017 where he became a teammate of Lee Martin. 90 League One Apps in over two seasons for the Gills preceded a 2019 move to AFC Wimbledon where he made 64 Apps over two seasons. Rejoined Kettering in 2021 and

then Stevenage prior to 2022 switch to Ebbsfleet Utd.

Jack PAXMAN (MF)

31-year-old captain was new boss Lee Martin's first signing last summer. Emerged through Southend Utd's academy before Chelmsford City and Witham Town. 2015 move to Maidstone Utd, earning back-to-back promotions to the National League in his first two seasons. After four years, had a season with Billericay Town, before 2020 switch to Ebbsfleet Utd. A three-year stay included loan spells with Braintree Town, Dover Ath and Worthing. Made a permanent switch to Eastbourne Borough in 2023. Ramsgate followed in January 2024. Last season he was back at Billericay Town.

Hamilton ANTONIO (MF)

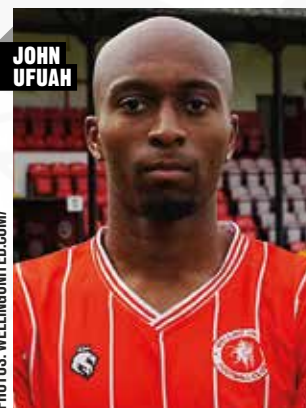
24 Apps for Lewes in 2024/25 after being a big part in Herne Bay's promotion in 2021/22. Other clubs include Watals Casuals, Corinthian-Casuals, Sutton Common Rovers Enfield Town, Hendon and Uxbridge.

Eze EBUZOEME (MF)

Baltimore-born 26-year old who arrived in August. Came through the youth ranks at Millwall before Hastings Utd, Getafe B in Spain, Hayes & Yeading, Whitehawk, Carshalton Ath, Eastbourne Borough, Ramsgate, Kingstonian, Billericay Town, Chelmsford City, Slough Town, Cray Wanderers, Chatham Town and Folkestone Invicta.

George HOLLEY (MF)

18-year-old CM from Chelsea's academy. Moved to Peterborough Utd as a scholar in 2023. Holley impressed as a trialist in the Wings' final pre-season game of the summer against Erith & Belvedere.



Bright SIAW (MF)

Highly-rated 18-year old wide man. On loan from Barnet having impressed for the Bees U19s side. Penned his first professional deal in March after spending time with Step 5 side Burnham last season.

Cameron ANDREWS (MF)

20-year-old MF came through Wing's scholarship programme. Made his league debut off the bench last October and full Step 2 league debut a month later - 8 NL South Apps in 2024/25.

Jack LEAHY (MF)

22-year-old Brighton & Hove Albion academy product. On loan at Merstham before 2021 move to Cardiff City including loan at Haverfordwest County. After two years in Wales, made a permanent

switch to Hornchurch in 2023. Chipstead and Lewes followed 2024/25 with Cray Wanderers,

Lee LEWIS (MF)

Energetic 22-year old known for spectacular strikes from distance. Emerged as a youth at Cray Wanderers. Since with Chertsey, Kingstonian, Erith & Belvedere and Merstham.

John UFUAH (MF/FW)

26-year old summer arrival from Chatham Town. Began with Dartford then played for Leatherhead, Three Bridges, Whitstable Town, Margate, Carshalton Ath and Merstham before 2022 move to the Welsh Premier Division with Connah's Quay Nomads. Returned to England with Billericay Town, before a hugely-impressive 2023/24 with Hastings Utd led to a summer 2024 move to Slough Town. In October 2024, he switched to Chatham.

Henry SINAI (MF/FW)

Eye-catching wide man with plenty of pace. 29-year old joins after being a key player with Sittingbourne in 2024/25. Prior to the Brickies, he represented Bowers & Pitsea and Sheppey Utd.

Greg CUNDLE (FW)

28-year old emerged from Gillingham's academy. Senior debut in March 2017 with numerous loans. Joined Kingstonian permanently in 2018. Spent 2018/19 with East Grinstead Town before stints with Concord Rangers and Horsham led to 2020 move to Ebbsfleet Utd.

Five-year stay saw him play a key role in 2022/23 National League South title-winning campaign. Two seasons in the NL preceded loan spell at Maidstone Utd last November.

Ruben SHAKPOKE (FW)

21-year old began in Norwich City's academy, before signing as a scholar with Aston Villa at 16. Move to WBA followed in 2023. A season with the Baggies' U21s preceded summer 2024 departure. With Step 2 Enfield Town and then Maidstone Utd in 2024/25.



James DYER (FW)

21-year-old scored 47 goals in 97 Apps in two seasons with Erith Town, helping them gain promotion to Step 4 in 2024. Previously at Phoenix Sports and Erith & Belvedere. Grew up close to Park View Road, played for Welling's Academy and watched as a supporter.

Tom LEAHY (FW)

21-year-old Millwall academy product. Championship debut in 2024. Brother of MF Jack, 2024/25 saw him on loan at Woking and Maidstone Utd.

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Good afternoon! Great to see you all again. Now that we have got all that cup nonsense out of the way (who's even heard of an 'FA Cup' anyway...), it is back to league action as we welcome **Welling United** to Champion Hill. The weather has been a bit more up and down recently, so if it is nice and sunny, come buy a cap to keep the sun out of your eyes. On the flipside, if it's cold or wet, a cap will also keep the rain off your head whilst an extra t-shirt or hoodie will help keep you nice and warm. Either way, head to the **Mega Container** and have a look at the new stock we have on sale for the 2025/26 season. **Enjoy the game today...**

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TODAY'S TRIVIA TEASER...

Legendary singer Kate Bush grew up not far from Welling United's home ground. She has only had two UK No.1 singles. Which of the below failed to reach the summit?

(A) Running Up That Hill (B) Wuthering Heights (C) Babooshka

Last Programme Answer – (A) Oysters



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Winners (4)

1919/20, 1931/32, 1933/34, 1936/37

Semi-finalists (4)

1908/09, 1921/22, 1928/29, 1934/35, 1955/56

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Quarter-finalists (2)

1979/80, 2016/17

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Champions (4)

1919/20, 1925/26, 1932/33, 1948/49

Runners-up (8)

1921/22, 1923/24, 1929/30, 1930/31, 1933/34, 1946/47, 1958/59, 2017/18

Division One champions 1977/78

Division One South champions 2012/13

Premier Division play-off winners 2017/18

Premier Division play-off finalists

2010/11, 2012/13

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP

Finalists (2) 2010/11, 2012/13

ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD

Winners 2013/14

LONDON SENIOR CUP

Winners (5)

1924/25, 1938/39, 1949/40, 1983/84, 2003/04

Finalists (5)

1905/06, 1907/08, 1920/21, 1927/28, 2001/02

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP

Winners 1998/99

Finalists (2) 1991/92, 1999/2000

OTHER HONOURS

Norwood Charity Cup 1889/1900; Surrey Charity Shield 1902/03, 1905/06; South London Charity Cup 1918/19; Kings College Hospital Cup 1924/25 (also joint winners 1921/22, 1923/24, 1926/27); Bromley Hospital Cup 1921/22, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1948/49); Liege Tournament Cup 1928/29; Guernsey Victory Cup 1932/33, 1948/49; Connaught Hospital Cup 1932/33 (joint winners); Oxford Hospital Cup 1935/36; Wycombe Hospital Cup 1953/43; Harris Cup 1954/55, 1955/56; Mayes Memorial Cup 1959/60, 1960/61, 1964/65; Kennedy Cup 1996/97, 1998/99, 2003/04, 2007/08; Muir Memorial Cup (joint winners 2000/01)

SURREY SENIOR CUP

Winners (16 times - record)

1904/05, 1905/06, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1919/20, 1922/23, 1924/35, 1927/28, 1933/34, 1936/37, 1946/47, 1949/50, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1973/73, 1974/75

Finalists 1911/12, 1931/32, 1932/33, 1937/38, 1950/51, 1967/68

LONDON CHARITY CUP

Winners (9) 1919/20, 1920/21, 1922/23,

1925/26, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1947/48, 1956/57, 1957/58

Joint Winners (3) 1910/11, 1923/24, 1930/31

SURREY SENIOR SHIELD

Winners 1972/73

SURREY CENTENARY SHIELD

Winners 1977/78

SOUTH OF THAMES CUP

Winners (4)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1959/60

SOUTHERN COMBINATION CUP

Winners 1973/74

SOUTHERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Champions (2) 1901/02, 1903/04

WOMEN'S SENIOR CUP

Finalists 2021/22

LONDON AND SE WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Champions 2023/24

WOMEN'S CAPITAL CUP

Runners-up 2024/25

2025/26 RESULTS & STANDINGS

#	ISTHMIAN PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	BRENTWOOD TOWN	5	4	1	0	15	8	+7	13
2	DULWICH HAMLET	5	4	0	1	9	1	+8	12
3	CHESHUNT	5	4	0	1	13	6	+7	12
4	LEWES	5	4	0	1	8	4	+4	12
5	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	5	3	2	0	8	4	+4	11
6	CHATHAM TOWN	5	3	1	1	8	4	+4	10
7	WHITEHAWK	5	3	1	1	7	5	+2	10
8	CRAY WANDERERS	5	3	1	1	8	8	0	10
9	CHICHESTER CITY	5	2	2	1	7	4	+3	8
10	AVELEY	5	2	2	1	7	4	+3	8
11	BILLERICAY TOWN	5	2	1	2	6	6	0	7
12	BURGESS HILL TOWN	5	2	1	2	7	9	-2	7
13	CRAY VALLEY PM	5	2	0	3	10	8	+2	6
14	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	5	2	0	3	5	9	-4	6
15	DARTFORD	5	1	2	2	9	12	-3	5
16	ST ALBANS CITY	5	1	1	3	6	7	-1	4
17	HASHTAG UNITED	5	1	1	3	6	8	-2	4
18	RAMSGATE	5	1	1	3	10	16	-6	4
19	WELLING UNITED	5	1	0	4	4	10	-6	3
20	POTTERS BAR TOWN	5	0	2	3	7	10	-3	2
21	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	5	0	1	4	6	10	-4	1
22	CANVEY ISLAND	5	0	0	5	2	12	-10	0

Information correct up to and including Thursday 04/09/2025

MONDAY 25th AUGUST

Canvey Island v Aveley.....1-2
 Carshalton Ath v Chichester City.....0-3
 Chatham Town v Folkestone Invicta.....1-2
 Cray Wanderers v Brentwood Town.....1-5
 Hashtag Utd v Billericay Town.....2-3
 Lewes v Burgess Hill Town.....3-0
 Potters Bar Town v Wingate & Finchley...3-3
 Ramsgate v Dartford.....4-4
 St Albans City v Cheshunt.....1-2
 Welling Utd v Cray Valley (PM).....0-3
 Whitehawk v Dulwich Hamlet.....1-0

EMIRATES FA CUP

FRIDAY 29th AUGUST

Aveley v Hashtag Utd.....3-0

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST

Aylesbury VD v St Albans City.....1-3
 Billericay Town v Barton.....4-1
 Bracknell Town v Dartford.....2-2
 Brentwood Town v Leighton.....2-1
 Carshalton Ath v Wingate & Finchley.....0-0
 Chatham Town v Marlow.....4-0
 Cheshunt v Leiston.....1-2
 Cray Wanderers v Hanwell Town.....2-2
 Dulwich Hamlet v Whitstable Town.....2-3
 Flackwell v Lewes.....2-1
 Folkestone Invicta v Sevenoaks Town.....3-0
 Havant & W'ville v Chichester City.....0-1
 Hayes & Yeading Utd v Whitehawk.....1-1
 Maldon & Tiptree v Canvey Island.....2-0
 Potters Bar Town v Hitchin Town.....2-2
 Ramsgate v Cray Valley (PM).....1-2
 Uxbridge v Welling Utd.....1-2

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST

Wokingham Town v Burgess Hill Town.....1-5

EMIRATES FA CUP REPLAYS

TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Dartford v Bracknell Town.....0-2
 Hanwell Town v Cray Wanderers.....1-0
 Hitchin Town v Potters Bar Town.....2-0
 Wingate & Finchley v Carshalton Ath.....3-2

WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Whitehawk v Hayes & Yeading Utd.....3-2

NEXT UP AWAY CHESHUNT

Saturday 20th September 2025
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AUGUST						
Sat 09	H	DARTFORD	ILP	4-0	2,067	Bull ● Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo Payne ●
Tues 12	A	Wingate & Finchley	ILP	1-0	379	Bull Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo ● Payne ●
Sat 16	A	Ramsgate	ILP	2-0	1,215	Bull Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo ● Payne
Sat 23	H	CANVEY ISLAND	ILP	2-0	2,013	Bull Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers ¹ Okonkwo Payne
Mon 25	A	Whitehawk	ILP	0-1	580	Bull ● Bonnett-Johnson T Chambers M Chambers Okonkwo Payne
Sat 30	H	WHITSTABLE TOWN	FAC	2-3	1,681	Bull Bonnett-Johnson ● T Chambers M Chambers Adenwunmi ● Payne
SEPTEMBER						
Sat 06	H	WELLING UTD	ILP			
Sat 20	A	Cheshunt	ILP			
Sat 27	H	AVELEY	ILP			
Tues 30	A	Cray Wanderers	ILP			
OCTOBER						
Sat 04	-	(FAT 3QR)	ILP			
Tues 07	H	BRENTWOOD TOWN	ILP			
Sat 11	A	Chatham Town	ILP			
Tues 14	H	CRAY WANDERERS	ILP			
Sat 18	A	Folkestone Invicta	ILP			
Sat 25	H	CRAY VALLEY PM	ILP			
NOVEMBER						
Sat 01	A	Chichester City	ILP			
Sat 08	H	ST ALBANS CITY	ILP			
Tues 11	H	WINGATE & FINCHLEY	ILP			
Sat 15	A	Burgess Hill Town	ILP			
Sat 22	H	HASHTAG UNITED	ILP			
Sat 29	A	Dartford	ILP			
DECEMBER						
Sat 06	A	Billericay Town	ILP			
Sat 13	H	LEWES	ILP			
Sat 20	H	RAMSGATE	ILP			
Sat 27	A	Carshalton Athletic	ILP			
JANUARY						
Sat 03	H	WHITEHAWK	ILP			
Sat 10	A	Potters Bar Town	ILP			
Sat 17	H	CHESHUNT	ILP			
Sat 24	A	Brentwood Town	ILP			
Sat 31	H	CHATHAM TOWN	ILP			
FEBRUARY						
Sat 07	A	Aveley	ILP			
Sat 14	H	FOLKESTONE INVICTA	ILP			
Sat 21	A	Cray Valley PM	ILP			
Sat 28	H	CHICHESTER CITY	ILP			
MARCH						
Sat 07	A	St Albans City	ILP			
Sat 14	A	Lewes	ILP			
Sat 21	H	BILLERICAY TOWN	ILP			
Sat 28	H	POTTERS BAR TOWN	ILP			
APRIL						
Sat 04	A	Canvey Island	ILP			
Sat 06	H	CARSHALTON ATHLETIC	ILP			
Sat 11	A	Welling United	ILP			
Sat 18	H	BURGESS HILL TOWN	ILP			
Sat 25	A	Hashtag United	ILP			
TO BE RE-ARRANGED						
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SUBSTITUTES					
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Kassarate ●	Clunis (c)	Mills	Wanadio	Mico	Cook / Baugh / Talla / Adewunmi ● / Palmer
Talla ●	Clunis (c) ●	Mico	Wanadio ² ●	Baugh	Kassarate / Cook / Mills / Palmer / Wynter / Okonkwo / Jeffrey



📷 SNAPSHOT

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST 2025
H vs WHITSTABLE TOWN L 2-3



PHOTOS: ROB ANIS

¹Hamlet score is first in results column; ILP = Isthmian League Premier Division; FAC = FA Cup; FAT = FA Trophy; LC = Velocity Cup; LSC = London Senior Cup; Results & Fixtures correct up to and including Thursday September 4th 2025

* = Penalty Shoot-Out Decided Winner

NOTES DISCIPLINE ● GOALS¹ 1ST SUB ● 2ND SUB ● 3RD SUB ● 4TH SUB ● 5TH SUB ●

DHFC 2025/26 PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER NAME	LEAGUE			CUP			2025/26 TOTAL		CAREER TOTAL	
	STARTS	SUB	GOALS	STARTS	SUB	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
Joseph ADEWUNMI	0	5	0	1	0	0	6	0	6	0
Solomon BAUGH	2	3	0	1	0	0	6	0	6	0
Sean BONNETT-JOHNSON	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	62	1
Toby BULL	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	6	0
Michael CHAMBERS	5	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	238	17
Tom CHAMBERS	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	7	0
Nyren CLUNIS	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	492	117
Anthony COOK	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	1	46	4
Anthony JEFFREY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	5
Amadou KASSARATE	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Emmanuel MENSAH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gaspar MICO	5	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	6	1
Danny MILLS	5	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	238	75
Geoffrey OKONKWO	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0
Giovanni PALMER	0	4	0	0	1	0	5	0	5	0
Alfie PAYNE	5	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	6	0
Lonit TALLA	2	2	1	1	0	0	5	1	5	1
Luke WANADIO	5	0	5	1	0	2	6	7	129	51
Jordan WYNTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0

Information correct up to and including Thursday 4th September 2025

SNAPSHOT

MONDAY 25th AUGUST 2025
A vs WHITEHAWK L 0-1



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One day, a year after the end of the Great War, Pa Wilson was swaggering down Champion Hill, looking rather pleased with himself.

Things were going well with the club he'd founded twenty-six years earlier, with crowds burgeoning and The Hamlet flying high in the league. And Pa, with a spring in his step, was off to check out a potential site for a brand-new spanker of a stadium.

But then, all of a sudden, the air became frigid and an old woman dressed in rags tottered up to him. She pulled her moth-eaten shawl back from her head, revealing an ancient, striated and somewhat fearful visage, and asked whether he might spare a penny for a sprig of lucky heather. Pa, taken aback, but doffing his hat like a gent, explained he was Brassic and must regretfully decline her kind offer. The Beldam's disposition darkened as she pointed a crooked finger at our founder and croaked "Then I curse The Hamlet to be utter pants in the next hundred campaigns of the FA Cup." Pa felt brushed by the wings of something dark, but, moving on swiftly, consoled himself with the thought that at least we could now focus on the League for the next century or so.

Let us hope our capitulation against Whitstable represents the very last of the Hamlet Hex. I don't think we can leave this to chance, however. Barry Fry, when Birmingham City's manager, purportedly sought to mitigate the jinx that had long bedevilled St Andrews by taking a leak at all four corners of the pitch prior to each home fixture. Let us hope Clasper had the foresight to put something in Dacey's contract to similar effect.

Despite the result, I enjoyed catching-up with old terrace friends I hadn't seen for a while. I bumped into an old mucker of mine just prior to the game. I'd heard he'd been suffering



from memory loss and enquired of his health. "Really well" he said, to my surprise and delight. "I'm on this new medication which is working an absolute treat." Intrigued, I asked what the wonder-drug was called. He thought for a moment and said "Ooh, erm, let me think... what are those nice flowers called?" I took a guess on tulip. "No not tulip. You stick them in your lapel at weddings." "Chrysanthemum", I propounded. "No, no, erm; they have thorns on their stalks "Oh, rose!" I exclaimed. "Yes that's right!" he shouted triumphantly and, turning to his wife, said "Rose, what are those drugs I'm on called?" Pleased to see him doing so well.

I was surprised to see today's visitors were founded as recently as 1963 – the year The Beatles released their first album. Twenty five years later, however, Lennon would be dead and McCartney would have released The Frog Song. Welling meanwhile had won the Southern League and the Kent Senior Cup. So welcome to The Wings. I hope you're having fun. Up the Hamlet.

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