

Stow



STOW V HADLEIGH UNITED
FA VASE PRELIMINARY ROUND
SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2021

STOW V WEST ESSEX
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE
TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021



WALTHAMSTOW FOOTBALL CLUB

Match Day Centres, Wadham Lodge, Kitchener Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4JP

CLUB MANAGEMENT

President: June Brazier

Chairman & Secretary: Andy Perkins

Vice Chairman: Steve Howe

Company Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Vacant

Communications Manager & Assistant Secretary: Andrzej Perkins

Club Historian: David Chapman

Charter Standard & Veterans Secretary: Tony Brazier

Director of Football: Max Mitchell

Life Members: A. Brazier M.B.E., J. Brazier, D. Chapman, D. Crabb, C.E. Gross, K.J. Harris, S. Howe, G. Larkbey, A. D. Perkins, A. P. Perkins, D. Salmon, K. Thomas, C. Ward, D.E. Ward

FIRST TEAM MANAGEMENT

Managers: John Mackie and Terry Spillane

Coaches: Gazmend Dauti and Anthony Ioannou

Physiotherapists: Saarah Akhlaq, Lucelta Eugene

MEDIA

Programme editor: Andrzej Perkins

Regular programme contributors: Bill Badger, Tony Brazier, David Chapman, Graham Larkbey, Steve Howe, Aaron Moore, Charlie Ward

Photographers: Bill Badger, Shahbaz Hussain and Andrzej Perkins

Videographer: Amina Ougad

Socials: @walthamstowfc

Website: walthamstowfc.com

ON THE COVER

Today's cover art is by local artist Jimmy Rumble. Jimmy is a part-time illustrator and storyboard artist. You can follow him and all his incredible artwork at [instagram.com/jimmyrumble](https://www.instagram.com/jimmyrumble).



Andrzej Perkins
The Editor

A double programme for two big games

Good afternoon everyone, welcome back to Wadham Lodge for *another* home game, this time in the FA Vase against Hadleigh United. This will be the second time we've met in the Vase, having previously played in the 2nd qualifying round in 2016. We hope they enjoy their stay with us.

I must begin by apologising that I have put together a double-programme for the Hadleigh United and West Essex games. Some things in life are unavoidable - taxes, death, and being given a run of eight home games in a row just after I book a holiday.

As you read these notes, I'm sat by a swimming pool in Italy (Covid tests permitting). I don't think getting out a laptop would have gone down too well... There's all the usual features in this programme, but some of it may be a bit out of date by the time of the West Essex game. Full service should be resumed very shortly!

Tuesday evening was perhaps a case of "after the Lord Mayor's show". We were punished by Saffron Walden for a sluggish start, and found ourselves 2-0 down after just 20 minutes.

We gave it all we had in the second half, but Walden were extremely professional in their approach, and managed the game very well to ensure their victory.

It was clearly a big blow, but we're still only four points behind Walden with two games in hand, and there's a very long way to go in the season yet.

We'd like to thank all those who helped when a Saffron Walden supporter took a fall on Tuesday, particularly our physio Becky Dibble and her mother who made sure he was OK.

On Tuesday we found out our FA Cup opponents too. It'll be a repeat of last year's 2nd qualifying round, though this time we'll make the trip to Hornchurch. It took them a replay to get past Barton Rovers in the last round, but as last season's FA Trophy winners, it's probably one of the most difficult draws we could have got at this stage.

Enjoy the game

Andrzej



Charlie Ward
The Supporter

Facing an unknown in the FA Vase

Today, we entertain Hadleigh United, who ply their trade in the Thurlow Nunn Eastern Counties League; at the same step of the pyramid as us.

At the moment they are just outside the top three with three wins and a draw from their opening seven games.

The FA vase is not a competition we have had much success in, save a season in the 1980s when we reached the last sixteen, so I am sure we will be looking to do well in this competition, this season.

Whilst on paper, we are favourites to win, given our god start to the season, it has to be noted that Berkhamsted were favourites when they came to play us in the FA Cup a week ago and we all know what happened then.

So we must not get complacent today and I am sure that the management team will make sure that will not happen.

It's rare that we play Thurlow Nunn teams, and only seem to meet in the FA's cup competitions. We do not seem to play any of these sides pre-

season, simply because of the distance needed to travel by ourselves or our opponents.

I really hope we can get the job done today, as we would definitely not like to have a mid-week trip down to the Ipswich area for a replay.

Our reward for our excellent win over Berkhamsted Town, is an away match at, Isthmian Premier side Hornchurch who won the FA Trophy last season and of course, knocked us out of the FA Cup at the same stage of the season by two goals to nil.

That game was virtually over in the first twenty minutes when Hornchurch scored two goals and we had Vinny Murphy sent off.

I feel we have a strong team this season and will put up a better fight to get through into the next round.

Last Tuesday, we had a top of the table clash with old foes, Saffron Walden and it brought our first defeat of the season

After an end to end opening period, we let in



two quick goals, one from former Stow player, Michael Toner.

Despite getting a goal back from the penalty spot and having an Adelani effort chalked out for offside, we could not salvage a point.

The only consolation is that it was against a decent side and we played well in patches.

What we have to do now, is make sure it does not happen again and get our minds squarely on the matches ahead.

We take on West Essex, in a League game on Tuesday (unless we draw today) and they make the very short journey across the corridor to occupy the away dressing room, as they do, of course, share the facilities of Wadham Lodge with us (as well as, I believe the same nickname of "The Stags").

After a slightly slow start, they have steadied the ship and are in middle table with four wins from six and looking to build on that.

They are always stiff opposition and a never an easy game for us, remember last season, when we were two goals down after about five minutes but, thankfully, came back to win the game 3-2, so we know what to expect, plenty of hard

running and determination, laced with some good football.

I class this match in the same category as our two most recent away games at St Margaretsbury and Cockfosters, when we knew we were in for a very hard contest and had to show some resilience to win the matches.

Given our setback last Tuesday, it is a game we really need to win to keep us well in contention at the top of the table and I believe we have the quality to do it.

After our exceptional start to the season, most teams will be out to claim our scalp, which is what happens when you are playing well, you are there to be shot at.

After all the hype about the FA Cup and FA Vase, we still need to take care of the bread and butter games like this because when all the cup fever has died down and the FA money safely pocketed, we will be left to concentrate on our main objective, promotion back into the Isthmian League.

I doubt that we will have as many fans at the game on Tuesday as the FA Vase game, three days earlier but, given the volume that The Rabble make, I still think we can make enough of a noise to see us home.



1



2

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE

7.45PM • TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER • WADHAM LODGE

Walthamstow's winning start to the season came to an end at home to Saffron Walden Town in a feisty encounter at Wadham Lodge.

It was a fast-paced and even opening, but it was the visitors who broke the deadlock. Scott Piggott was allowed to turn on the ball just outside the Stow penalty area, and he fired in an unstoppable curling effort off the far post and in.

Stow countered, and almost hit back straight away when Adalberto Pinto headed at the back post, but his effort was just wide. And just a minute later, Walden were two-up; former Stow midfielder Michael Toner heading in from just by the penalty spot.

With seemingly every decision going against them, Stow were becoming increasingly frustrated, and it showed as they struggled to create any meaningful chances in the first half - Harrison Carnegie going closest with a solid effort after cutting inside.

Stow came out with far more impetus in the second half, but still struggled to up the tempo against a Walden side who were professional at every opportunity.

Huge calls for a handball were turned away in the Walden penalty area and then Walden had a massive chance to make it 3-0, but Piggott took too long on the ball and he was blocked out. Stow were incensed at their view that there was at least three fouls to Stow players in the run-up to the effort.

But Stow did eventually have a decision go in their favour - the referee had no choice but to point to the spot when Carnegie was bundled over in the penalty area. Ollie Sotoyinbo made no mistake from the spot to give Stow hope.

Walden had another great chance to seal the win, but Piggott again mis-cued when through on goal, and Stow then had their own moment of despair, as Yemi Adelan's finish was ruled out for offside.

Stow had the last chance of the game when Carnegie fired just wide, but they will have to regroup after tasting defeat for the first time this season.

STOW

- 1 Cekrezi
- 2 Homans
- 3 Spillane
- 4 Okunja
- 5 Flectcher
- 6 Carvalho
- 7 Carnegie
- 8 Pinto
- 9 Odukoya
- 10 Scully
- 11 Osei

SUBSTITUTES

Sotoyinbo, Adelani, Wright, Williams, Hallett

SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN

- 1 Young
- 2 Crane
- 3 Solkhon
- 4 Pullen
- 5 McLelland
- 6 Hurley
- 7 Calver
- 8 Toner
- 9 Piggott
- 10 Smith
- 11 Cockman

SUBSTITUTES

Piorkowski, Hiskin, Baxter, Emsden, Noble





HADLEIGH UNITED

The club was founded in 1892 and joined Division Three, Section A of the Ipswich & District League in 1929. For the 1930–31 season the club was moved to Division Two A. They avoided relegation despite finishing of the division in 1931–32 and went on to win the division in 1933–34, winning 24 of their 26 matches. They were Division Two A runners-up for the next two seasons, and were promoted to Division One in 1936. However, after finishing bottom of Division One in 1937–38, the club were relegated back to Division Two, Section A.

After World War II Hadleigh won Division Two in 1948–49 and after being promoted, were Premier Division champions in 1953–54 and 1956–57.

The club dropped out of the SIL during the 1964–65 season, but re-joined for the 1965–66

campaign. In 1968–69 the club won the Suffolk Senior Cup, beating Westerfield 3–2 in the final. They won the cup again in 1971–72 with a 1–0 victory over ICI Paints. They won a third Ipswich & District League title in 1972–73 and the 1976–77 season saw the club win the double, winning both the league title and the League Cup.

They won the (now renamed) Suffolk & Ipswich League title again in 1978–79 and went on to win the League Cup in 1980–81, 1981–82 and 1986–87. The club also won the Suffolk Senior Cup in 1982–83 with a 4–1 win over Crane Sports.

In 1991 Hadleigh moved up to Division One of the Eastern Counties League. They won the division in 1993–94, earning promotion to the Premier Division.

However, after finishing





second-from-bottom of the Premier Division in 1996–97, the club returned to Division One. The club won the Suffolk Senior Cup for a fourth time in 2003–04. In 2008–09 they finished as runners-up in Division One and were promoted back to the Premier Division.

In 2013–14 the club won the Eastern Counties League title for the first time, where they have played ever since.



PAST MEETINGS

2011

Waltham Forest made the trip to Hadleigh for a friendly on the eve of the 2011–12 season (pictured above and left).

Forest led three times in a match which felt more like a cup tie than a friendly, Antone Douglas, Richard Shittu and Josh Bonnett scored Forest's goals, with Shittu and Bonnett's particularly pleasing on the eye.

But Hadleigh's second was probably the pick of the bunch, with their forward turning three defenders in one move and slotting home coolly one-on one.

In the last play of the match, Hadleigh secured the win. The ball was once again given away in midfield by Forest, and the home side were able to break and score, much to the delight of the decent home crowd.

2016

Forest secured their first FA Vase victory in 14 years, beating a defiant Hadleigh United 2-1 at the Lodge.

After an even start, it was the visitors who took the lead through Kyle Cassell, whose long-range effort took a deflection off Jack Fowler and looped over a stranded Rhys Madden. Despite a period of dominance, Hadleigh failed to really test Madden again, and it would be a case of when, not if for Forest.

Correy Davison levelled from the penalty spot for Forest, when Stephen O'Hara was kicked in the box. And that same man Davison scored from the spot again in the last few minutes of the game when Prince Madu was brought down after a mazy run which saw him beat three players before eventually being stopped by the fourth.



WEST ESSEX

The brainchild of former West Essex Cricket Club stalwart John Spinks, West Essex FC was formed in 1989. Initially the objective was to keep some of the cricket club members in touch throughout the winter and generate income through the club bar on a Saturday afternoon.

After four seasons in the Ilford & District League, an 'A' team was added for the 1993-94 season and the 1st & reserve teams moved to the Essex Business Houses League.

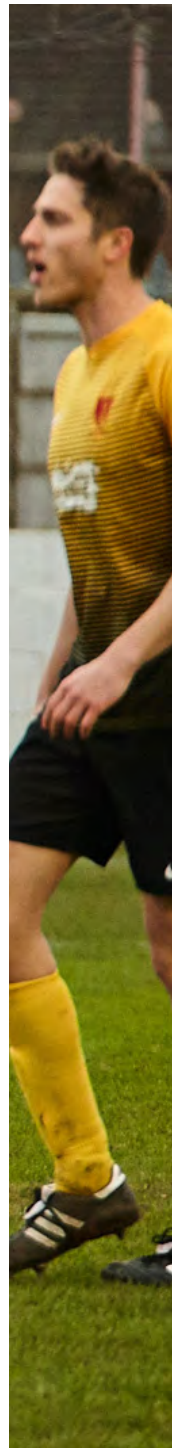
In 2007-08, the 1st XI effectively folded and the club ran one senior side which finished bottom of the EBHFL Division 1. Towards the end of that season, Gary Lefley became involved with the side. Gary forged a strong partnership with existing player/manager Dan Reading and their first full season together proved to be a very successful one as West Essex

lifted the EBHFL Division 1 title in 2008-09.

At the end of the 2009-10 season, the management took the decision to withdraw the 1st XI from the Essex Business Houses League and move them to the Middlesex County Football League, where West Essex were crowned champions of the MCFL Division 1 Central & East, gaining promotion to the Premier Division.

In the 2013-14 season the club won the Alec Smith Premier Division Cup. The following season the club achieved its highest ever MCFL Premier Division finish of 6th and, with a ground-share agreement in place, West Essex took the decision to apply for promotion from the MCFL the following season.

In 2015-16 West Essex were crowned champions of the MCFL Premier Division and





thus gained promotion to the Essex Senior League.

West Essex's five seasons in the Essex Senior League have seen them be one of the most consistent performers, turning in some impressive results along the way. They have never finished lower than 13th, and were eighth when last season ended prematurely.

After a long period playing at Barking's Mayesbrook Park, they made a return to their spiritual homeland at the start of this season, and are now also tenants at Wadham Lodge.



PAST MEETINGS

- 2016** Current Cockfosters Ryan Wade scored a beauty of a free-kick in his only appearance for the club, we won 4-1 in the Essex Senior Cup.
- 2016** A month later, a single goal from Volkan Calcalioglu in the 17th minute was enough for a 1-0 victory in a case of 'winning ugly'
- 2016** The third meeting in three months, this time at the Lodge when Lee Flynn, Brian Moses and Timur Koymen were all on the scoresheet in a 3-0 win.
- 2017** The run of good results against West Essex came to an end, with two 2-0 reverses in a season; the latter almost derailing the great escape from relegation.
- 2018** Perhaps as revenge for last season, Stow put five past West Essex in the second game of the season. Christian Owusu hits a hatrick.
- 2019** A young Stow side was put to the sword in the Essex Senior Cup. With the winners facing a midweek trip to Clacton, Stow didn't look too disapointed about losing
- 2019** A double floodlight failure couldn't stop Stow win 4-2; Lewis Francis easing the tension after West Essex battled back to 3-2.
- 2020** A barnstormer of a game on a Friday night with four goals in the first 16 minutes. Stow came from 2-0 down to win 3-2 with Jon Clements getting the winner



Exale Brewery and Taproom, proud to sponsor Walthamstow FC

THURS & FRI (4pm – 12am) | SAT (12pm – 12am) | SUN (12pm – 9pm)

Unit 2C, Uplands Business Park, London, E17 5QJ
info@exalebrewing.com | [instagram.com/exalebrewing](https://www.instagram.com/exalebrewing)



PLAYER SPONSORSHIP



Sponsoring a player's clobber is a great way to support the club and show your support to your favourite Stow player. Prices start at just £5 for the season, and every sponsorship makes a difference.

To commit to your player, speak to a committee member today, or visit walthamstowfc.com/sponsor.

	TRACKSUIT £30	SHIRT £20	SHORTS £10	SOCKS £5
John Mackie	- - - - -	Muswell Hill Stow	- - - - -	- - - - -
Terry Spillane		Alan Eady		
Gaz Dauti				
Anthony Ioannou				
Sarah Akhlaq	Matt Churchill	Ben Cross		
Lucelta Eugene				Muswell Hill Stow
Yemi Adelani		Stuart Fitzsimon	View from the Lodge	
Jason Beck		Ben James	Jerry Porritt	Muswell Hill Stow
Harrison Carnegie		Dave Nicholls & Sarah Butcher		Meg & Matt Cheetham
Moses Carvalho			Muswell Hill Stow	Keith Bailey
Amarildo Cekrezi	- - - - -	Kevin Thomas	- - - - -	- - - - -
Jason Hallett	- - - - -	David Ward	- - - - -	- - - - -
Courtney Homans	- - - - -	David Ward	- - - - -	- - - - -
Casey Nolan-Samuels				
Ayo Odukoya				
Eman Okunja		21 Seconds to Stow		
Michael Osei				Alfie Dee
Adalberto Pinto		Kepler Engineering		Alfie Dee
Connor Scully	David Butten	JJ	Chris 'Raul' Knight	Forest Gump
Ollie Sotoyinbo	- - - - -	Celestine	- - - - -	- - - - -
Tommy Spillane				
Joe Wright				



A very warm welcome to one and all! Still no forthcoming Away trips to preview; pity there are no replays in the Vase this year as Hadleigh looks like a nice place to visit if it had come to that. Looking at CAMRA's indispensable online guide, whatpub.com, Battlebury's at the King's Head, the Eight Bells, the George and the Cock all sound like inviting stop-offs if you should find yourself in the area.

Meanwhile, we'll continue our look at the local scene here with a further exploration of the Walthamstow (or Blackhorse) Beer Mile, home of several of our newer small breweries and which we mentioned in the Saffron Walden programme. Starting at Blackhorse Road station and heading north up Blackhorse Lane, the first one you come to is Signature Brew at Unit 15, Uplands Business Park. Here within the brewery you'll find their Brewer's

Bar with 12 lines serving their freshest brews, indoor and outdoor seating, regular street food and live music. Nearby is the brewery and taproom of our sponsors, Exale Brewery, which we featured in the Saffron Walden programme.

Moving on a short distance, the Truman's (pictured above) Social Club in Priestley Way isn't yet the site of their new brewery, but it will be before too long. Meanwhile, they have their beer on sale here plus street food. Truman's is one of the great London brewing names from the past (notwithstanding its descent into keg mediocrity in the 70s with the gassy likes of Ben Truman) so it's great to see it revived again. The craft keg beers being brewed these days are a far cry from their predecessors, thank goodness.

Further on up the road we come to Wild Card Brewery & Taproom in Lockwood Way. Wild Card were one of the first of Walthamstow's New Wave of innovative small brewers, starting up in 2012 headed by brewster Jaega Wise, her partner and a friend. Since then they have gone from strength to strength picking up awards and plaudits on the way, and moved to bigger premises here a couple of years ago.

All of the above are generally open Thursday to Sunday afternoons and evenings - google Blackhorse Beer Mile for full details of opening times, links to all the breweries' websites - and a map should you need one. Lastly, down by St James Street station Pillars Brewery's Untraditional Pub is based in a shipping container (Unit 27, Crate Building, 35 St James St) where you can sample London's first craft lager, brewed across town near Shernhall Street. (It's also on tap at the Rose & Crown in Hoe Street).



Gerry White, rest in peace. A message from Chairman Andy Perkins

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of one of our long-time supporters, Gerry White. I knew Gerry and his father who was also a supporter for many years. Gerry was a great supporter and a gentle man. Like many of us, he made the journey from “The Hare” to Wadham Lodge, and sometimes Ilford, and kept the faith for many years.

When not able to come and watch, he always emailed me to find out what was going on or to compliment the club on a good signing or the appointment of a good manager. He was really glad when Lee came to the club and I’m happy that he was able to see the improvements we have been able to make both on and off the field. It’s a pity we were denied promotion on PPG last season because it would have made him really happy.

I send my condolences from both myself and all those at Walthamstow FC to his family and friends. I hope he rests in peace and meets his dad and my dad in football heaven from where they can watch and enjoy Walthamstow FC

Gerry White
12/12/1950 - 20/08/2021

*Rather than flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Gerry’s/their chosen charities:
RSPCA, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home,
Saint Francis Hospice, London Ambulance Service*

You can contribute online by visiting: paypal.me/pools/c/8CjgOD21Og

On this day

11 September

The club's earliest game on this day was in 1897, when Deptford were defeated 4-0. However, the South London Press were of the opinion that two Leyton goals were offside, and 2-1 would have been a far fairer score. To make matters worse for Deptford, McIntosh failed to turn up, "Taylor was useless from start to finish, being ill, whilst Humphries had bad eyes." A couple of years later, Leyton enjoyed another 4-0 victory, this time away to Yarmouth Town, as part of a tour to Norfolk.

Perhaps the pick of the results on this day, was in 1926, when Walthamstow Borough were beaten 8-0. It hadn't been a good week for Borough, who had lost 7-0 to Mitcham Wanderers a few days before. They would finish bottom of the London League, having won just three games all season, only scoring 18, and conceding 125 goals in 26 matches. Leyton meanwhile, would finish second, having lost just once all season. It was Leyton's final season in the London League, having won it three out of the last four seasons, before moving to the Athenian League. Hall and Atkins were the pick of the Leyton players, contributing to five of the eight goals.

The 6-1 victory over Hemel Hempstead Town in 2001 was the last in a seven game unbeaten run for Colin Richards' young team. Pennant were well on top in the early stages and went ahead when Carlton Campbell scored after Jamie Richards' shot had been saved.

Billy Cove made it 2-0 before half-time then Hemel pulled one back, the first goal Pennant have conceded in five games. Campbell made it 3-1 and Cove scored again from the penalty spot, then a Pennant substitute Paul Hammick wrapped it up with the fifth goal.

A 3-1 victory over Fisher Athletic was played out on this day in 2004. Fisher would go on to win the division by nine points, but the win at Wadham Lodge, was probably one of the best performances in Hakan Hayrettin's three and a half year stint as manager. The unbeaten run came to an end at Clacton in the FA Cup, four days later.

Forest were spurred on by Ken Charlery, who had just joined the club having made almost 600 appearances in the Football League and Conference, and went 1-0 up after 18 minutes when Simon Tickner came into the penalty area with a trademark late run to score with a blinding shot after the Fisher defence, once again, failed to clear effectively.

With names like Steve Watts, Lenny Piper and Leon Braithwaite in the Fisher team, they were strong favourites for the three points, but after some brilliant goalkeeping from Forest keeper Gavin



King, Charlery made it 2-0, pouncing on a loose ball in the Fisher box.

And midway through the second half, it was 3-0, when Solomon Henry and Dewayne Clarke combined for the latter to score. Braithwaite pulled a goal back, but it was never going to be enough for the visitors.

Fisher bankrolled their way to the promotion from the Isthmian Premier the following season, and finished as high as 4th in the Conference South in 2008. However, they folded the following season, and reformed as a supporter-run club in the Kent League. Fisher's goalkeeper on that day, Jerome John, was recently sacked from West Ham's academy after an internal investigation claimed he bought gloves using the club's money and intended to sell them privately.

In 2007, Waltham Forest went out of the Isthmian League Cup at the first hurdle, losing by the odd goal in five to Arlesey Town (pictured, left). Obi Nene and Danny Kenny got Forest's goals that evening in what was a relatively close game. Arlesey would visit Wadham Lodge again a month later, but this time it was a far more straightforward affair, with the Bedfordshire side scoring seven without reply.

Our last game on this day was in 2013, when Cheshunt player/manager Omer Rizza scored all four in a 4-0 win, despite the scores being level at half time.

Season	Opposition	Competition		
1897-98	Deptford Town	Friendly	H	4-0
1899-00	Yarmouth Town	Friendly	A	4-0
1908-09	Reading	Western League	H	0-2
1909-10	Queens Park Rangers	Southern League Division 1	A	1-2
1920-21	RAF Uxbridge	Middlesex Senior League Premier	A	2-3
1920-21	Colchester Town	South Essex League Division 1	A	1-2
1926-27	Walthamstow Borough	London League Premier Division	A	8-0
1937-38	Bromley	Athenian League	A	2-1
1943-44	St Albans City	Herts & Middlesex Combination	A	2-1
1946-47	Leytonstone	Essex Thameside Trophy	H	1-2
1948-49	Hendon	Athenian League	A	1-1
1954-55	Grays Athletic	FA Cup	H	2-0
1957-58	Wealdstone	Athenian League	A	1-6
1958-59	Barking	Essex Thameside Trophy	A	0-3
1965-66	Hemel Hempstead T	Athenian League	A	3-1
1967-68	Rest of the League	Challenge Match	A	3-1
1971-72	Hampton	Athenian League	H	1-2
1976-77	Hounslow	Athenian League	A	0-1
1979-80	Haringey Borough	Athenian League	H	5-2
1982-83	Dorking	Isthmian League Division Two	H	4-0
1990-91	Bromley	AC Delco Cup	A	0-2
1993-94	Ruislip Manor	FA Cup	A	1-3
1999-00	Whyteleafe	Isthmian League Division One	A	0-4
2001-02	Hemel Hempstead T	Isthmian League Division Two	A	5-1
2004-05	Fisher Athletic	Southern League Eastern Division	H	3-1
2007-08	Arlesey Town	Isthmian League Cup	H	2-3
2013-14	Cheshunt	Isthmian League Division One North	H	0-4

Crib sheet: The original Leyton FC were formed in 1868, playing until 1880. In 1890, a new club named Matlock Swifts was formed, changing their name to Leyton in 1895 - this club disbanded in 1912, and a new Leyton FC was formed in 1913. This club merged with Wingate to become Leyton Wingate from 1975-1992. 'Wingate' joined with Finchley to become Wingate & Finchley in 1992, and the club reverted to Leyton, until 1995 when a merger with Walthamstow Pennant gave birth to Leyton Pennant FC. In 2003, Leyton Pennant changed names to Waltham Forest, and changed names again in 2018 to Walthamstow.

On this day

14 September

Our first recorded game on this day was in 1895, when we lost 1-0 away to South West Ham. Unfortunately, little information has been found in relation to this game.

Six years later, we visited the Old Spotted Dog (was it perhaps just the Spotted Dog then?) to play Clapton in a friendly. Leyton started well, and went 1-0 up thanks to an Arthur Russell goal, but the Tons equalised before half time, and scored two more to win 3-1. Leyton wouldn't be defeated again for over a month, eventually losing 2-1 to Leytonstone at the tail-end of October.

By 1907, Leyton were playing as professionals in the Southern League, and went up against Brentford on the 14th of September. It was just 11 days after the home fixture, which Leyton won 2-0, but in front of 7,000 people at Griffin park, the Bees got their revenge. Leyton were without Smith, so elected to play Rose "a slim, long-legged youth from Hammersmith." He was "rather unformed, did not get many chances and showed a lack of experience". A pity for Rose, as he would never play again. Brentford hadn't scored in the league that season, but did so twice against Leyton, winning a match which by all accounts, was pretty poor.

Forward 22 years to a home tie against Barnet, where Keeble, a recent signing from Chelmsford City, impressed as Leyton beat Barnet 4-0. It was a patchy start to the season for Leyton, whose late-season form couldn't help them in the league, missing out on the title by four points to Walthamstow Avenue. Barnet finished second, just above Leyton on goal difference.

There have been some pretty high-scoring games on this day, include a 6-0, two 5-0s and a 4-3. But the most came in 1957 when Leyton were on the wrong end of a 5-4 defeat against Hayes. Jimmy Watts was Leyton's chief tormenter, scoring four of Hayes' five. Leyton played well going forward, and goals from Brogan (2), Fitch and Targett were testament to their attacking ability, but the defence were no match for Watts who even played the second half with a suspected concussion.

In 2002, Danny Honeyball's young side came back from three goals down at the break to salvage and FA Cup replay against Great Yarmouth. The appearance of substitute Neil Tilley sparked Honeyball's men back into life, and efforts from Ian Barnes and Tony Jones sparked a real grandstand finish and with just seconds to go Craig Johnston capped a great comeback. But any plans Leyton Pennant had of progressing in the Cup came to an abrupt end down on the coast, as the Londoners found themselves all at sea. A lone Chris Stevens strike on 57 minutes was to prove little consolation as they were already trailing four-nil by then and Pennant were to have their misery compounded when they conceded a fifth just a minute from time

Just two years later and it was defeat again, this time at the hands of Wingate & Finchley. Hakan Hayrettin's Waltham Forest side secured a superb victory three days before, beating eventual champions Fisher Athletic at Wadham Lodge. But this was a case of "after the Lord Mayor's Show" as despite creating plenty of chances, Forest couldn't find a way through a stubborn Wingate defence.

That was, until the 85th minute when Liam Baptiste scored, but by then, Forest were already 2-0 down.



Our last game on this day came two years ago, when we played Buckhurst Hill in the Essex Thameside Trophy (pictured left). Olly Fortune scored a last minute equaliser to take the game to penalties, and Walthamstow won 3-1 thanks to some pretty awful efforts from the home side. The attempts to revive the Essex Thameside Trophy for the first time since the mid 2000s ultimately failed, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with Stow having reached the semi-finals.

Crib sheet: The original Leyton FC were formed in 1868, playing until 1880. In 1890, a new club named Matlock Swifts was formed, changing their name to Leyton in 1895 - this club disbanded in 1912, and a new Leyton FC was formed in 1913. This club merged with Wingate to become Leyton Wingate from 1975-1992. 'Wingate' joined with Finchley to become Wingate & Finchley in 1992, and the club reverted to Leyton, until 1995 when a merger with Walthamstow Pennant gave birth to Leyton Pennant FC. In 2003, Leyton Pennant changed names to Waltham Forest, and changed names again in 2018 to Walthamstow.

Season	Opposition	Competition		
1895-96	South West Ham	South Essex League	A	0-1
1901-02	Clapton	Friendly	A	1-3
1907-08	Brentford	Southern League Division 1	A	0-2
1929-30	Barnet	Athenian League	H	4-0
1935-36	Romford	Athenian League	A	4-2
1940-41	Romford	Friendly	A	?-?
1946-47	Barnet	Athenian League	H	2-3
1957-58	Hayes	Athenian League	A	4-5
1963-64	Wingate	London Senior Cup	H	?-?
1968-69	Lewes	Athenian League	H	0-3
1971-72	Aveley	Essex Thameside Trophy	A	0-6
1974-75	Erith & Belvedere	FA Cup	A	0-5
1976-77	Epping Town	Athenian League	H	3-4
1982-83	Ware	Isthmian League Division Two	A	5-0
1985-86	Wembley	Isthmian League Division One	H	1-4
1987-88	Stevenage Borough	FA Cup	A	3-2
1991-92	Harlow Town	FA Cup	A	1-4
1999-00	Thame United	Isthmian League Cup	H	2-0
2002-03	Great Yarmouth Town	FA Cup	H	3-3
2004-05	Wingate & Finchley	Southern League Eastern Division	A	1-2
2019-20	Buckhurst Hill	Essex Thameside Trophy	A	1-1

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

					Cmp	F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6
AUG	Wed	4	A	White Ensign	ESL	5-2	102	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Osei *	Fletcher	Beck
	Tue	10	H	Crawley Green	FAC	4-1	263	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Osei *	Fletcher	Beck
	Sat	14	A	Redbridge	ESL	2-0	68	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane *	Osei	Fletcher	Beck
	Tue	17	H	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL	5-0	204	Cekrezi	Homans	Wright 1	Osei	Fletcher	Beck *
	Sat	21	H	Hullbridge Sports	FAC	2-0	248	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Osei	Fletcher	Beck
	Tue	24	A	St Margaretsbury	ESL	2-0	108	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Osei *	Fletcher 1	Beck
	Sat	28	H	Sporting Bengal Utd	ESL	5-1	119	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Carvalho	Fletcher *	Beck 1
	Tue	31	A	Cockfosters	ESL	2-0	215	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Osei	Carvalho	Beck
SEP	Sat	4	H	Berkhamsted	FAC	1-0	317	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Osei	Fletcher	Carvalho
	Tue	7	H	Saffron Walden Town	ESL	1-2	TBC	Cekrezi	Homans	Spillane	Osei *	Fletcher	Carvalho
	Sat	11	H	Hadleigh United	FAV								
	Tue	14	H	West Essex	ESL								
	Sat	18	A	Hornchurch	FAC								
	Tue	21	H	White Ensign	ESL								
	Sat	25	A	Enfield	ESL								
	Tue	28	H	Takeley	ESL								
OCT	Sat	2	H	Little Oakley	ESL								
	Tue	5	H	St Margaretsbury	ESL								
	Sat	10	A	Stanway Rovers	ESL								
	Sat	16	A	Stansted	ESL								
	Sat	23	H	FC Clacton	ESL								
	Sat	30	H	Athletic Newham	ESL								
NOV	Sat	6	A	Clapton	ESL								
	Sat	13	A	Saffron Walden Town	ESL								
	Sat	27	H	Hoddesdon Town	ESL								
DEC	Sat	4	H	Woodford Town	ESL								
	Sat	11	A	Southend Manor	ESL								
	Sat	18	A	Ilford	ESL								
	Tue	28	A	West Essex	ESL								
JAN	Sat	8	H	Cockfosters	ESL								
	Sat	15	H	Redbridge	ESL								
	Sat	22	H	Enfield	ESL								
	Sat	29	A	Takeley	ESL								
FEB	Sat	5	A	Little Oakley	ESL								
	Sat	12	H	Ilford	ESL								
	Sat	19	A	Sporting Bengal Utd	ESL								
	Sat	26	H	Stansted	ESL								
MAR	Tue	1	A	Sawbridgeworth Town	ESL								
	Sat	5	A	FC Clacton	ESL								
	Sat	12	A	Athletic Newham	ESL								
	Sat	19	H	Clapton	ESL								
	Fri	25	A	Woodford Town	ESL								
APR	Sat	2	H	Southend Manor	ESL								
	Sat	23	A	Hoddesdon Town	ESL								
	Sat	30	H	Stanway Rovers	ESL								
TBC			A	Enfield	ESL								
			H	Takeley	ESL								

ESL = Essex Senior League | FAC = FA Cup | FAV = FA Vase

Please note, these fixtures are correct at the time of printing. Please check before travelling anywhere.

7	8	9	10	11	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Unused
Carnegie 1	Pinto	Hallett 2	Sotoyinbo 1 *	Scully 1 *	Adelani (10)	Wright (4)	Carvalho (11)	Okunja Nolan-Samuels
Carnegie	Pinto 1	Hallett 2	Sotoyinbo *	Scully *	Okunja (11)	Wright (4)	Nolan-S (10) 1	Carvalho Adelani
Carnegie	Pinto 1	Hallett 1	Adeyemi *	Scully *	Okunja (3)	Wright (10)	Carvalho (11)	Bartlett-Antwi Nolan-Samuels
Carnegie *	Pinto 1	Hallett 2 *	Okunja 1	Carvalho	Scully (6)	Adelani (9)	Nolan-S (7)	Sotoyinbo Spillane
Carnegie	Pinto	Hallett *	Sotoyinbo 1 *	Scully	Adelani (10) 1	Okunja (9)		Williams Byrne Cisse
Ojunka	Pinto	Hallett *	Sotoyinbo 1	Scully	Adelani (9)	Carvalho (4)		Carnegie Williams Nolan-Samuels
Carnegie 1 *	Pinto 1	Adelani	Sotoyinbo 1	Scully 1 *	Okunja (5)	Paul (7)	Wright (11)	Osei Rapai
Carnegie	Pinto 1	Scully 1	Sotoyinbo *	Okunja	Odukoya (9)	Paul (11)		Adelani Wright Fletcher
Carnegie	Pinto	Adelani 1 *	Scully *	Okunja	Sotoyinbo (10)	Wright (9)		Cisse Nolan-Samuels Williams Dauti
Carnegie	Pinto	Odukoya *	Scully *	Okunja	Sotoyinbo (4) 1	Adelani (10)	Hallett (9)	Wright Williams

Classic programme

With David Chapman

This afternoon we welcome Hadleigh United to Wadham Lodge for our first meeting as Walthamstow - though we did meet a few years back in the Vase when we were Waltham Forest. Hadleigh United have made a decent start to their season in the Eastern Counties League, although Wroxham will need some stopping, who like us have a one hundred percent record - these notes are being written in advance as the fixtures have thrown up a run of 8 home games.

Hadleigh United were founded in 1892 and for almost the first hundred years competed in a local league before joining the Eastern Counties League in 1991. Like us their best performance in the FA Vase was to reach the 6th Round.

As we have no previous matches to choose a programme from, I think one against one of their local rivals may be of interest. Over the years we have met Harwich & Parkeston many times, although not recently. Today's programme is for the replay of the final of the Essex Senior Cup held at Ilford's old ground and played on 11th May 1935.

On the way to the final Harwich had some impressive results beating the 3rd Medium Brigade 12-1, Crittall Athletic 6-1 and Walthamstow Avenue 4-1. Whereas Leyton had put paid to the 2nd Middlesex Regiment 7-1, Chelmsford 5-1 and Leytonstone one nil.

The initial game, played at Easter, a month earlier, ended in a score draw. Leyton scored with just the last quarter of an hour to go only to be pegged back five minutes later. With both sides living to fight another day it was all back to Ilford. In the past both clubs had won the Essex Senior Cup, Harwich once in 1899 (they had lost a further six finals) and Leyton on eight occasions. Harwich had had a very good season having scored over 200 goals.

But, they were now up against the recent winners of the London Senior Cup. Harwich were said to have had a strenuous season. Leyton on the other hand Leyton had experienced a quiet spell having just returned from a three-match tour of the Channel Island and then having to play six games in the last eleven days of the season. They would be without both Freddie Boatwright and captain, Viv Gibbins, who as an amateur had played for West Ham United and the National side at both full and amateur levels. [The Old Spotted Dog have a pair of gates in his memory]

The first final had been a rather dull affair and the replay spoilt by a lively ball as the grounds began to dry out. Despite being well below strength Leyton still had the likes of Pat Clark, a Scottish international and Arthur Loveday at full back and English amateur international Ted Collins. The only goal in the game came midway through the first half from a weak shot from Richardson.

If the newspaper reports can be believed it was Bill Self in the Harwich goal who prevented a rout and it was only in the last two minutes of the game that Harwich had their real first chance. It was all too little and too late.



SEASON	RECORD
<i>President :</i> REV. H. DUNNICO, J.P.	1887-8 Winners Essex Senior Cup
<i>Treasurer :</i> G. J. CLARKE, 15, Richmond Road, Ilford.	1888-9 " Essex Senior Cup
<i>Hon. Fin. Secretary :</i> G. W. DRANE, 36, Grosvenor Road, Ilford. <i>'Phone: Ilford 2572.</i>	1889-90 " Essex Senior Cup
<i>Hon. Sec. Reserve Team:</i> E. J. KIMMINS, 47, Cameron Rd., Seven Kings. <i>'Phone: Seven Kings 2823.</i>	1891-92 " Essex Senior Cup
<i>Hon. Secretary (pro tem.)</i> ALFRED BOTT, 291-3, High Road. <i>'Phone: Ilford 0604 and 0008.</i> <i>(Business) (Private)</i>	1900-1 " London Senior Cup
	1902-4 " Essex Senior Cup
	1904-5 " London Senior Cup
	1906-7 Champions Isthmian League
	1907-8 Winners Essex Senior Cup
	1912-13 " Essex Senior Cup
	1913-14 " London Senior Cup
	1920-21 Champions Isthmian League
	1921-22 " Isthmian League
	Winners London Senior Cup
	" London Charity Cup
	1923-24 " Essex Senior Cup
	1926-27 " Essex Senior Cup
	1927-28 " Essex Senior Cup
	1928-29 " F.A. Amateur Cup
	" London Senior Cup
	" Essex Senior Cup
	1929-30 " F.A. Amateur Cup
	" London Senior Cup
	" London Charity Cup
	1933-34 " Miller Memorial Shield

After the match visit

THE SAVOY

Eastern Avenue, Valentines Park

"The Peak of Entertainment"

Phone: Valentine 2500

Open Daily at 12 noon

Matinees to 3.30 — Monday to Friday } 6d., 1/- and 1/6.

" " 3.0 — Saturday

Evenings

9d. 1/3, 1/6, 2/- and 2/6.

Classic programme

With David Chapman

Last season we just missed out in welcoming West Essex to Wadham Lodge in a league game. It was just the same the previous season, so third time lucky. We did briefly meet in the cup. Now of course we cannot 'welcome' them as such as they should know their way around. Just hope they have not found where the goal is yet (save that for Enfield).

For any ground-hoppers West Essex were founded in 1989 as a distraction for the West Essex Cricket Club, and are based in Highams Park.

As we share a connection with Walthamstow I thought we should feature a game played between Leyton and Walthamstow Avenue in front of 98,000 spectators. The venue was of course the old Empire Stadium at Wembley in 1952. That attendance still remains the highest ever for a game between two amateur clubs. It has only been equalled by a handful of clubs such as Bishop Auckland, Pegasus, Crook Town and Harwich & Parkeston, who also reached the Amateur Cup Final.

For Leyton the 'road to Wembley' involved thirteen matches, the last being one too many as the Avenue won by two goals to one. The winning goal being scored by a late replacement, Dennis Hall, an Australian, in for Ron Horsley. Leyton began their epic journey just outside the stadium in the extra preliminary round against local boys, Wembley – that game going to a replay. Hardly encouraging signs for the supporters.



In the preliminary stages of the cup Leyton played both Eton (Manor) and Harrow (Town) and then in the rounds proper Cambridge and Oxford cities, we certainly taught them all a thing or two. The semi-final was held at White Hart Lane against Barnet, Leyton winning by two goals to one. Walthamstow Avenue certainly did not have it all their own way. It took two replays, one at Highbury, to overcome Wimbledon. Before defeating Walton & Hershham in the semis at Craven Cottage.

Walthamstow Market must have seemed like a ghost town that Saturday afternoon.

FINAL TIE



SATURDAY, APRIL 26th, 1952

KICK-OFF 3pm



LEYTON v WALTHAMSTOW AVENUE

The Empire Stadium

WEMBLEY

Chairman and Managing Director: SIR ARTHUR J. ELVIN, MBE

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME • ONE SHILLING

101 not out:

A century of sport at Wadham Lodge

This year marks the 101st anniversary of sport being played at Wadham Lodge, and as today's opponents are now also tenants at The Lodge, we take a brief look at the history of this ground which has provided a home for sport for generations.

The land had been used as farmland for many years - particularly dairy farming - without much commotion, except in August 1894 when two oat stacks valued at £175 (around £25,000 today) were set on fire. Sidney Poulter, a schoolboy who lived nearby and whose dad was a labourer on the farm was the prime suspect, but at Stratford Court, the case was dismissed due to a lack of evidence.

The Mallinsons lived in The White House in Woodford Green (now the Haven House Hospice) and owned large amounts of land in the surrounding area.

In 1921 the farm was bought from Wadham College (Oxford University) by the Mallinson family, one of a timber merchant who had served in the army during the first world war. The Mallinsons were keys figure in the local community, having founded the Shern Hall Methodist Church and being the Essex County President of the Red Cross. A new pavillion was built (pictured right) and the grounds worked so that they could host a variety of sports.

The current Wadham Lodge ground is far smaller than the original farm, which spread out over what is now the A406 to the current Arsenal Youth Academy and the Peter May Sports Centre on Wadham Road.

A whole host of sports were played at Wadham Lodge. In its early days, Cricket was probably the most played, and the ground was home to the London schools' team.

At one time or another, athletics, tennis, table tennis, lawn bowls and even line dancing were all practised at Wadham Lodge. It was only in 1989 that the site moved to hosting just football.

The majority of the work to the main football stadium was completed by our club in 1995, when Leyton merged with Walthamstow Pennant to become Leyton Pennant. The main stand was extended, and covering on the near-side goal as you enter the ground was added. This work enabled Pennant to achieve the necessary ground grading to remain in the Isthmian League.

Scaffolding was erected behind the far goal in around 2000, but it wasn't until 2003 when Harry Ramis took over as club chairman that it finally got a roof. Ramis invested a lot of money in securing the ground from vandals, with varying levels of success.

In 2008 a local businessman took over the main lease



Wadham Lodge pavillion grand opening; c1920



Wadham Lodge from above; 1953



Sometime in the early 1980s

for the ground and installed a new 3G full-size astroturf pitch and smaller 5-a-side 'cages'; most of which had to be rebuilt not long after. One of the businessman's lasting decisions was that not to renew Waltham Forest FC's lease, and the club spent five seasons playing at Ilford's Cricklefields Stadium

In 2010 Matchday Centres took over the lease and running of the ground, and promptly invested in the facilities. Waltham Forest returned as the premier stadium tenants in 2014, and have been building to become an integral part of the community ever since.

This summer will see the perimeter fencing replaced in the main stadium for the first time since 1995.

There has no doubt been some incredible sportsmen and women who have graced the fields in E17 over the years. Perhaps most famous is David Beckham, who spent his formative years training at Wadham Lodge. In 'My side', he wrote: "The pitch was orange-coloured gravel and cinder, with proper goalposts and nets, and there was a little bar, the social club, that overlooked it. Beyond that pitch, there were three or four others, including the best one which was reserved for cup games and special occasions. It had a little wall all around it and two dugouts. It seemed like a massive stadium to me at the time. I dreamt about playing on that pitch one day.

"I've had most of my professional career at clubs with the best facilities and where everything's taken care of, but I'm glad I had the experience of a place like Wadham Lodge when

I was a boy. I mean, if I'd not been there with my dad, I might have grown up never knowing about Soap on a Rope. More to the point, it was where I started taking free-kicks. After everybody else had finished and was in the social club, I'd stand on the edge of the penalty area and chip a dead ball towards goal. Every time I hit the bar was worth 50p extra pocket money from my dad that week. And, just as important, a pat on the back."

Beckham was known to return to Wadham Lodge on occasion, even during his time as a Manchester United superstar. Perhaps he felt it was somewhere he could go unnoticed *cough* Andy Perkins *cough*.

Here's to hoping for at least another 101 years of sport at Wadham Lodge.



The extended main stand, completed in 1995

TOOL HiRE



ONE STOP HIRE CENTRE
PLANT HIRE. SALES . REPAIRS. PAT TESTING.
SAFETY EQUIPMENT

**PRICES
MATCHED OR
BEATEN!!**



Wall, Floor & Ceiling Fixings
Tool & Access Equipment
Towers
Floor Sanders
Edgers
Kango's
Concrete Breakers
Cement Mixers
Ladders
Generators
Transformers
Wheel Barrows

291 CHINGFORD ROAD, WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON E17 5AB

T 020 8531 7200

E TWOWAYHIRELTD@XLN.CO.UK

stow build

REFURBISHMENTS,
GARDEN ROOMS
AND EXTENSIONS

Mobile: 07870 645 084

Email: info@stowbuild.co.uk



@StowBuild

Fighting for his life

Long before the
passing of the
Bosman ruling, one
Leyton footballer took
on the professional
footballing powers in
the courts, attempting
to gain his playing
freedom

Words: Andrzej Perkins

In the early 1890s, the Football League was becoming increasingly concerned about imbalances in its game. Clubs based in large cities, it was argued, would dominate competitions on account of their bigger crowds, and therefore, abilities to pay bigger salaries. The League, therefore, created the registration scheme, meaning that from the start of the 1893-94 season, a player had to be registered with the club he intended to play for, and could then play for no other club.

This was similar to the scheme already instigated by the FA, but with one crucial difference. If a player of a Football League club wanted to move clubs at the end of the season, he would need his old club's permission, before being able to take up an offer of new employment. This was even the case if the player refused to sign a new contract with his old club, or if his old club had no intention of playing him - or of paying him a salary - in the forthcoming season.

A player would be unable to play in the Football League, so would have to play in the (English) Southern League or (from 1890) the Scottish League, where the standard of play and the wages were lower but the clubs were not bound by the English league's punitive registration provisions, and were still professional on the whole.

For most players, the alternative option was to quit the game altogether and return from whence they came - to full time employment in the mines, the factories, or the cotton industry. The potential harshness of the player registration system was ameliorated by the fact that clubs, who were always seeking to raise money to supplement gate receipts, quickly realised that they could forfeit a player's registration in return for the payment of 'compensation' by the club who wanted to sign him.

It was argued that this 'transfer fee' provided further protection for the smaller clubs because they could keep their best players until financial constraints made it prudent to sell them to larger clubs. If a player's registration was transferred

and the selling club compensated, it would hope to receive enough money to replace the player and pay any outstanding debts.

The fact remained, though, that under the League's rules a vindictive club could bring a player's career to a premature end simply by adhering to the letter of the Registration Scheme. Not all clubs badly needed the cash that transferring the registration of an average player would bring, and certainly there were occasions when a club's refusal to release a player was motivated by nothing other than malice. Aston Villa's treatment of Herbert Kingaby was one such occasion.

This conflict culminated in *Kingaby v Aston Villa Football Club*.

In the early part of his playing career, Herbert Kingaby had been the archetypal journeyman professional footballer. He had played for a London side, Clapton Orient, in the Southern

League while holding down a full-time job which restricted his availability to matches played on Saturdays and on public holidays. In 1906, he was sold to Aston Villa for £300 and was paid the maximum wage of £4 a week.

But after just two months with the Villa, the Birmingham club began to have second-thoughts about his ability, and offered to sell him back to the Orient for a mere £150. There was a problem with that though; Orient were skint, and could not afford to him. No other club had the money or the interest in taking Kingaby on, so he remained a Villa player without playing and without hope of forcing a move. Villa were quite happy to sit and wait for something to come up, rather than lose £300's worth of player by cancelling his registration.

Kingaby's main obstacle to leaving Villa was that the vagaries of the retain-and-transfer system allowed Villa to keep his registration as a player,





even though they had no intention of giving him a new contract after his one-year deal had come to an end. Worse still for Kingaby, was that even though he was on Villa's 'retained' list, he was to receiving a salary.

Kingaby was now facing the end of his English Football League career, he joined Fulham, who were then in the Southern League and not bound by the Football League's retain-and-transfer regulations.

Until now, Kingaby's story had been the same as many other players who had fallen into this trap of contracts. But that all changed when he joined Leyton in the Southern League in 1910, and a few months later, the Southern and Football Leagues reached an agreement over player registration and transfer systems.

Kingaby played around 75 times for Leyton between 1907 and 1910, and was a popular goalscoring winger, until the changes to the league rules stopped him in his east London tracks.

The Leagues acted in the best interest of the player... wait, no, that doesn't sound right. The Leagues acted in the best interest of their clubs, and now prevented registered players from playing in different football leagues (professionally at least). Kingaby was now stuck again as an Aston Villa player, but couldn't play for Leyton until

Villa agreed to transfer him.

Villa still wanted £350 for the ageing Kingaby, so the footballer was back to square one.

Once again faced with an end to his professional career, Kingaby sought legal advice and took on Aston villa, arguing that the club's actions were an "unlawful restraint of trade". The legal bills began to pile up, but Kingaby had carried himself so well, that many of his former clubs chipped in to help with financial and moral support.

Kingaby's case was seen as a strong one, but at trial, his counsel failed to cite earlier cases on restrictive practices and instead focused on Villa's alleged misuse of the transfer system.

This approach proved disastrous, and because Kingaby's counsel had failed to challenge the fundamental legality of the transfer system, the trail proceeded under the assumption that everything Villa had done was perfectly legal.

Thus Villa's motives became irrelevant, and the judge ruled that the club had no case to answer, throwing out the case.

Costs were awarded against the Players' Union who were representing Kingaby, almost causing their bankruptcy. Perhaps more damaging though, was the harm done to the Union's perception, and

a sharp decrease in union members.

When he actually managed to play, Kingaby was a superb layer. He played in Clapton Orient's first ever Football League match, and scored their first goal (a 2-1 defeat to Leicester Fosse) Details on Kingaby's career after the trial are still unclear, but it appears he continued to play, having spells with Peterborough City and Croydon Common. It would be fair to assume he played for these as an amateur.

After playing, Kingaby settled in Leyton and became a director of a tile-making company. He was a prominent member of the Leyton Borough Council, on which he served for about 10 years.

Sadly, Kingaby took his own life in a river near Southampton after in May 1934 "a nervous breakdown caused by the strain of public work".

It would take until 1995 and the "Bosman ruling" until footballers' rights to transfer at the end of their contracts was finally achieved.

To add more intregue to this tale, Herbert Kingaby also went by the names of Lawrence J. Kingaby and George Kingaby. He was known as "Rabbit" by football crowds on account of his speed and precision.

Sources:

- League Football and the men who made it - Simon Inglis
- Football Society & The Law - David Mcardle
- Daily Mirror (May 1934)
- Dublin Daily Express (March 1912)
- Star Green 'un (March 1910)
- The Globe (May 1910)
- Westminster Gazette (March 1912)

COUNCILLOR DEAD IN RIVER

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHAMPTON, Thursday.

The mystery of a missing London councillor was solved this evening when the body of Herbert Charles Kingaby, fifty-four, of Leigh-road, Leyton, was recovered from the River Test at Redbridge, about three miles from Southampton.

The body, which had apparently been in the river for two or three days, was found in about 4ft. of water. Death was due to drowning.

Mr. Kingaby, who had been criticised in Leyton Council chamber last month, was reported missing to the Southampton police two days ago.

He came to Southampton on Friday to stay with his son, Mr. Sidney Herbert Kingaby, of Banister-road, because he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown. It was thought that a change of surroundings might be of benefit.

He spent Friday night at his son's house, and



Mr. H. Kingaby.

left there about 9.30 next morning, saying he was going to his son's business at Above Bar, Southampton. He was not seen again.

Before the war Mr. Kingaby played for Aston Villa F.C., and was one of the fastest forwards of his day.

He was not present when the attack was made on him last month. It was said that he had not attended a fair average of meetings of the Metropolitan Water Board, and that

another man should take his place as the Council's representative. The suggestion was turned down and his appointment upheld.

Mr. Kingaby was well known in Leyton. Apart from his public record he was a partner in a local tile-making concern.



ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE TABLE



ROLL CALL

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Redbridge	10	7	1	2	26	13	13	22
2 Saffron Walden Town	9	7	1	1	23	10	13	22
3 Stansted	8	6	1	1	17	8	9	19
4 Walthamstow	7	6	0	1	22	5	17	18
5 Athletic Newham	8	5	2	1	22	16	6	17
6 Cockfosters	9	5	2	2	18	12	6	17
7 Stanway Rovers	9	5	1	3	18	10	8	16
8 FC Clacton	8	4	1	3	13	14	-1	13
9 Enfield	6	4	0	2	13	6	7	12
10 West Essex	6	4	0	2	14	8	6	12
11 Takeley	9	4	0	5	17	19	-2	12
12 Woodford Town	8	3	1	4	18	21	-3	10
13 Southend Manor	9	2	2	5	13	21	-8	8
14 St Margaretsbury	9	2	2	5	7	16	-9	8
15 Little Oakley	6	2	1	3	11	13	-2	7
16 Ilford	6	2	0	4	10	13	-3	6
17 White Ensign	7	2	0	5	14	20	-6	6
18 Hoddesdon Town	6	1	1	4	4	8	-4	4
19 Clapton	9	1	1	7	11	20	-9	4
20 Sporting Bengal United	8	1	0	7	8	30	-22	3
21 Sawbridgeworth Town	7	0	1	6	4	20	-16	1

Last update 7/9/21 (Does not include Wednesday's games)

	Apps	Goals	Career Apps	Career Goals
Adelani, Yemi	3 (5)	2	3 (5)	2
Beck, Jason	8	1	27 (1)	3
Carnegie, Harrison	9	2	11	2
Carvalho, Moses	5 (3)	0	5 (3)	0
Cekrezi, Amarildo	10	0	10	0
Dauti, Gazmend	0	0	60 (1)	9
Fletcher, Tommy	9	1	22 (1)	3
Hallett, Jason	6 (1)	7	6 (1)	7
Homans, Courtney	10	0	10	0
Monsheju, Tim	0	0	7 (6)	2
Nolan-Samuels, Casey	0 (2)	1	0 (3)	1
Odukoya, Ayo	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
Okunja, Eman	5 (5)	1	5 (5)	1
Osei, Michael	9	0	25 (5)	1
Paul, Airon	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0
Pinto, Adalberto	10	5	13	5
Scully, Connor	9 (1)	3	32 (4)	8
Sotoyino, Ollie	6 (2)	5	6 (2)	5
Spillane, Tommy	9	0	14 (3)	0
Wright, Joe	1 (5)	1	1 (5)	1

Last update 7/9/21. Brackets indicate sub apps.



FIXTURES

FRIDAY (FA VASE)

St Margaretsbury v Benfleet

SATURDAY (FA VASE)

Biggleswade v Southend Manor
 Buckhurst Hill v Enfield
 Hoddesdon Town v Clacton
 Long Melford v Little Oakley
 Park View v Sawbridgeworth Town
 Staplehurst Monarchs v Sporting Bengal
 Stotfold v White Ensign
 Takeley v Frenford
 Walthamstow v Hadleigh United
 Woodbridge Town v Woodford Town

SATURDAY (ESL)

Stanway Rovers v Cockfosters

SATURDAY (LONDON SENIOR CUP)

Tooting & Mitcham v Redbridge

TUESDAY (ESL)

St Margaretsbury v Stanway Rovers
 Walthamstow v West Essex

WEDNESDAY (ESL)

Athletic Newham v Stansted
 Ilford v Hoddesdon Town
 White Ensign v Sporting Bengal United

CLUB HONOURS



As Leyton FC (1868-1880)

FA Cup Second Round: 1875/6

FA Cup First Round: 1874/5, 1876/7, 1878/9

As Matlock Swifts (1890-1895)

Essex Junior Cup Winners: 1893/4

London Junior Cup Winners: 1894/5

Leyton & District Alliance Champions: 1892/3, 1893/4

Herald Cup Winners: 1891/2

As Leyton FC (1895-1904)

Essex Senior Cup: 1896/7, 1897/8, 1899/0, 1900/1, 1901/2, 1902/3

London Senior Cup Winners: 1903/4

South Essex League Champions: 1895/6, 1876/7, 1899/0, 1899/0

Walthamstow Charity Cup Winners: 1896/7

Walthamstow Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1897/8, 1901/2

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1900/1

As Leyton FC (Professional) (1904-1912)

FA Cup Third Round: 1909/10

FA Cup First Round: 1910/1, 1911/2

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1908/9

Southern League Division 2 Runners-Up: 1905/6

As Leyton FC (1919-1976)

FA Amateur Cup Winners: 1926/7, 1927/8

FA Amateur Cup Runners-Up: 1928/9, 1933/4, 1936/7, 1951/2

FA Cup Second Round: 1925/6, 1929/30, 1951/2

FA Cup First Round: 1927/8, 1928/9, 1952/3, 1955/6

Athenian League Champions: 1928/9, 1965/6, 1966/7

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 1929/30, 1930/1, 1934/5

Essex Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1949/50

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1933/4, 1937/8, 1945/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1927/8

London League Champions: 1923/4, 1925/5, 1925/6

Essex Thameside Trophy Winners: 1951/2, 1963/4, 1966/7, 1992/3

Essex Thameside Trophy Runners-Up: 1964/5, 1972/3

East Anglian Cup Winners: 1972/3

Grays & Tilbury Cup Winners: 1939/40, 1941/2 (shared)

Grays & Tilbury Cup Runners-Up: 1942/3

London Charity Winners: 1934/5, 1936/7

London Charity Runners-Up: 1932/3, 1946/7, 1966/7, 1970/1

West Ham Charity Cup Winners: 1929/30

West Ham Charity Cup Runners-Up: 1924/5, 1925/6

Leyton & Walthamstow Hospital Cup Winners: 1925/6

As Leyton-Wingate FC (1976-1992)

FA Cup First Round: 1985/6

Athenian League Champions: 1981/2

Athenian League Division One Champions: 1976/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1984/5

Isthmian League Division Two (N) Champions: 1984/5

Waltham Forest Darts League Division Two Champions: 1992

As Pennant FC and Walthamstow Pennant FC (1965 - 1995)

London Senior Cup Runners-Up: 1990/1

London Junior Cup Winners: 1974/5

SW League Junior Cup Winners: 1968/9

SW League Intermediate Cup Winners: 1969/70

SW League Senior Cup Winners: 1970/71

SW League Premier League Winners: 1972/3

London Metropolitan League Winners: 1974/5

London Met League Runners-Up: 1978/9, 1979/80, 1981/2

London Met League Int. Cup Runners-Up: 1977/8, 1978/9

Spartan League Winners: 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Winners: 1980/1, 1990/1

Spartan Reserve League Runners-Up: 1987/8

Spartan Reserve League Cup Winners: 1980/1, 1988/9, 1990/1

As Waltham Forest FC and Leyton Pennant FC (1995-2018)

Essex Senior Cup Winners: 2005/6

London Challenge Cup Runners-Up: 1995/6, 1996/7

Essex Senior Trophy Winners: 1995/6

Eastern Floodlit Cup Winners: 1997/8, 1998/9

Essex & Herts Champion's Cup Winners: 1996/7

Essex & Herts Border Comb Cup Winners: 1996/7

London Intermediate Cup Runners-Up: 1996/7

All-England Veterans Cup Winners: 2001/2, 2003/4

Suburban League Division Winners: 2005/6

Essex Veterans Cup Winners: 2017/8, 2018/9

Youth Teams

EJA Under 18s Trophy Winners: 2003/4

EJA Under 15s Trophy Runners-Up: 2014/5

Conference Youth League: Winners: 2005/6

Pelly Cup Runners-Up: 2005/6

Awards

Essex County FA Website of the Year: 2012

Essex Senior League Programme of the Year: 2017/8

Soccer Swap Shop ESL Programme of the Year: 2018/9, 2020/1 (Runner-up 2019/20)



WALTHAMSTOW

MANAGERS:
JOHN MACKIE & TERRY SPILLANE

Amarildo Cekrezi **1**
Courtney Homans **2**
Tommy Spillane **3**
Michael Osei **4**
Tommy Fletcher **5**
Jason Beck **6**
Harrison Carnegie **7**
Adalberto Pinto (C) **8**
Jason Hallett **9**
Ollie Sotoyinbo **10**
Connor Scully **11**

Moses Carvalho **12**
Yemi Adelani **14**
Ayo Odukoya **15**
Eman Okunja **16**
Joe Wright **17**



HADLEIGH UNITED

MANAGER:
CHRISTIAN APPLEFORD

Nicholas Punter **1**
James Ross **2**
Jamel Fox **3**
Joshua Cheetham **4**
Ryan Taylor **5**
Matthew Paine **6**
Panashe Mundawarara **7**
Samuel Cheetham **8**
Sam Sharp **9**
Joseph Yaxley **10**
Daniel Hammett **11**

Harry Brown **12**
Andrew Lambert **14**
Shane Murphy **15**
Curtis Harvey **16**
Kade Ivatt **17**



WEST ESSEX

MANAGER:
KWAME KWATENG

Jack Coker **1**
Michael Morris **2**
Ben Leo **3**
Sam McNally **4**
Nick Walk **5**
Reece Clark **6**
Callum Bloss **7**
Symeon Taylor **8**
Cameron Gray **9**
Samraj Gill **10**
Moyo Ajirade **11**

Sanchez Hardy **12**
James Jewers **14**
Joel Lamb **15**
David Bell **16**
Kaudeer Mohamud **17**

NEXT MATCHES

White Ensign (H)
21.9.21 // 7.45PM

Enfield (A)
25.9.21 // 3PM

Takeley (H)
28.9.21 // 7.45PM