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FROM THE CHAIRMAN BILLY JACKA

HELLO ALL.

I would like to welcome and thank the players, club officials and supporters of Cribbs and Helston Athletic as this is a double-header programme because of the festive print deadlines.

A bit of a change this week as we are at the halfway point of the season, I think it's a good time to reflect on where we are thus far. After a very frustrating pre-season, there have been many changes at the club behind-the-scenes.

The new look committee, along with plenty of the stalwarts of the club, have combined to change the outlook of the club massively and re-establish our long-standing ethos.

The results off the field have shone through massively, in my humble opinion, the best matchday experience for our supporters we have ever had. So, I cannot thank every single one of them enough for all of the hard work that they have put in to make this club what it is today.

Jake has also completely revamped the team this season and we knew it

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would take some time to bed everyone in, along with the horrendous injury crisis we have suffered. The boys have done fantastically well to be in the position we find ourselves in, still fighting for the promotion places. It's been a pleasure to watch (most of the time) them all grow as players.

As I mentioned earlier we have seen some changes in our backroom staff this season and we are very proud to announce three appointments to club stalwarts for services rendered to the club.

Peter Robinson has become Club President, Mike Prisk and Brian Richardson have become Vice



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Presidents. I would like you all to join me in congratulating all three and thanking them for their years of loyal service to Mousehole AFC.

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Billy



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ASH TALK

THE THOUGHTS OF MANAGER, JAKE ASH

Firstly, I hope everyone has had a brilliant festive period. For me it's such a magical time of year, which football always contributes to.

I write these notes after our win against Willand Rovers on what was a thoroughly enjoyable day for the whole club, especially on such an important day of the Solomon Browne anniversary. It was made even more special by the return of the drummers!

The boys were fantastic and controlled the game throughout. I know we are capable of doing that and we've challenged the boys to being more consistent as to how and when they do that.

In Cribbs and Helston Athletic, we face two really tough game here at Trungle after our visit to Bickland Park on Boxing Day. Cribbs will be a much different and tougher outfit than the one we faced earlier in the season, while we always know how tough and well-organised Helston are. When we played them back in August it was at the peak of our injury problems, so I'm confident we will give them a much tougher test than we did that day.

Looking back across the past year, I think we can feel real pride in how we've competed and fared as a club given the challenges this league presents. On Boxing Day last year, we were seventh in the table - so depending on how the Bashley and Falmouth Town games have gone, I'd hope we'd have improved on the same stage last season.

I think as a club we've improved off the pitch too, with Darren coming on board and the ground again improved from where it was. My hope is that we continue to push on and grow the club - it's such a special place to be part of and I truly believe we can create more special days and moments for everyone involved.

All that leaves me to say is Merry Christmas and I hope the New Year is a good one for all of the Seagull family.

Enjoy the game...

Jake



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MILESTONE MOMENT

Defender Max Hill chalked up his 150th appearance for the club in our match against Willand Rovers on December 14th. Speaking to Way Out West before the game, Max – originally from Leeds – said: “Mousehole is my home from home. I never really dreamt of coming down here and it’s been a really good journey so far. Long may it continue.”

Jake Ash added: “We’re so lucky to have him. He’s grown so much as a player – he’s unrecognisable from the player I saw when he first came down here. Great player. Great guy. Legend.”

SUPPORTING THE RNLI

The Willand match also marked our closest game to the anniversary of the tragic loss of the Solomon Browne. Over the summer, campsite managers Nick, Laura, Paul and Sue have raised money on the campsite selling firewood and other items. We have a total of just over £350, which we donated to the Penlee branch of the RNLI. Mike Prisk presented Patch Harvey, our coxswain, with a cheque at the memorial plaque



in the Solomon Browne Stand with a few moments of reflection. We are very proud of our association with the RNLI.



FAMILIAR FACES

It was a treat at the Willand game to see some familiar footballing faces in the crowd. Kieran Toland was visiting from the USA where he now lives.

We also spotted Goldie, Josh Otto, Mark Richards and Steve Burt – possibly with a Christmas Guinness in hand. Goldie should be back from suspension in time for this week’s matches and Josh is making a good recovery from his broken leg.

CITY THANK YOU!

We received a lovely letter from the Manchester City fan who won the Kevin de Bruyne signed shirt in our recent raffle. Great to see the shirt go to a good home!

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To the Members of Mousehole Football Club.

I would like to thank you for the wonderful Manchester City Bundle, recently, the first prize in your fund raising Raffle. It has come to a good home. Four generations of City supporters at the last count!

I was fortunate to teach in the school opposite the Main Road Football Ground.

Then, Players like Francis Lee, Tony Book and other team members would sometimes come into the playground for a 'kick about' with children. The club donated signed footballs and other memorabilia to be raffled at the school fairs.

On one occasion, with my class, we were taken on a tour of the stadium, running out of the Players' Tunnel onto the pitch! That was a magic moment for all of us.

Today, City still give so much support to the community, schools and they even have a Dementia Café, the area around the Etihad is a sight to behold.

Once again, thank you especially to Steve who donated the prize. Kevin De Bruyne (who signed the shirt), is a wonderful player, now fit again and back to winning ways.

Gratefully Yours

Arlene Platt, City Fan.



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NEW YEAR – A CLEAN SHEET AND A TIME FOR HOPE

HAVING AN ALMOST TOTALLY WHITE KIT IS A BURDEN. IT'S ONLY A BURDEN TO ONE PERSON. ME! NO OTHER COLOUR IS HARDER TO KEEP CLEAN AND TO BE SEEN TO BE CLEAN. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SEASON THESE KITS ARE LIKE A SKI-SLOPE THE MORNING AFTER A HEAVY DOWNPOUR OF SNOW. PRISTINE WHITE AND DAZZLING TO LOOK AT.

BY DECEMBER THOUGH THEY ARE ALREADY STARTING TO LOOK AT LITTLE SHABBY. TO EXTEND THE SNOW ANALOGY, THEY LOOK LIKE THE SKI-SLOPE AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE COME DOWN THE RUNS AND THE SNOW HAS STARTED TO TURN TO SLUSH. THERE'S A GREYNESS TO EVERYTHING AND IT WEIGHS HEAVILY ON A KIT MAN'S HEART AS HE HANGS UP THE SHIRTS TO DRY. NO LONGER DOES HE HAVE TO SHIELD HIS EYES FROM THE BLAZING SHINE.

DOES IT AFFECT THE PLAYERS? WOULD RONALDO HAVE SCORED 311 GOALS IN JUST 292 MATCHES IF THE REAL MADRID KIT HAD CARRIED A GREY TINGE TO IT? THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT CAN AFFECT A PLAYER'S FORM BUT SHOULD WE ALSO CONSIDER THE KIT THEY WEAR? WE DRESS UP FOR A NIGHT OUT, PUT ON A SUIT FOR A JOB INTERVIEW. WE WANT TO LOOK OUR BEST TO HELP US PERFORM AT OUR BEST SO SURELY THE KIT MUST HAVE AN IMPACT NO MATTER HOW SMALL.

IT WAS DAVE BRAILSFORD WHO INTRODUCED BRITISH SPORT TO THE CONCEPT OF MARGINAL GAINS DURING HIS TIME WITH THE GREAT BRITISH CYCLING TEAM. HIS THINKING WAS SIMPLE: IF YOU BREAK DOWN EVERYTHING THAT GOES INTO A CYCLIST'S PERFORMANCE AND IMPROVE EACH ELEMENT BY JUST ONE PERCENT YOU CAN INCREASE THE OVERALL PERFORMANCE MASSIVELY. SO, REDUCE THE WIND RESISTANCE OF THE HELMET, IMPROVE THE GEARING, SHAVE YOUR EYEBROWS, MAKE THE CLOTHES FIT LIKE SKIN, INCREASE MUSCLE TO WEIGHT RATION ETC ETC. AND IT WORKED. IT WORKED SO WELL THAT THE BRITISH TEAM BECAME THE BENCH MARK FOR HOW ALL CYCLING TEAMS OPERATE AND NOW THAT HAS GONE IN TO OTHER SPORTS.

COMING BACK TO OUR WHITE KIT THEN, I AM QUITE EXCITED THAT WE ARE DUE TO TAKE DELIVERY OF A BRAND NEW ONE VERY SOON. MAYBE EVEN BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS. THE COLOURS REMAIN THE SAME BUT IT WILL ALL BE NEW KIT, STRAIGHT OUT THE BOX, SMELLING FACTORY FRESH AND LOOKING DAZZLINGLY WHITE AGAIN (WITH GREEN STRIPES!). IF YOU'RE READING THIS AT A MATCH WHERE WE'RE STILL WEARING THE OLD STOCK THEN NEXT TIME YOU COME PLEASE BRING SUNGLASSES!

DO I THINK BRAND NEW SHIRTS WILL GUARANTEE US PROMOTION THIS SEASON? NO. THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES IN SPORT. ALL YOU CAN DO IS REDUCE THE OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF SUCCESS, CLEAR THE PATH TO VICTORY AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY TO WALK THE WALK.

HERE'S TO SOME NON-MUDDY PITCHES IN 2025.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL.

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SEA AND JUST AN
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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN WE'RE ALL PARTIAL TO A BIT OF CELEBRATING, SO WE THOUGHT WE'D LOOK BACK OVER OUR FAVOURITE TEAM CELEBRATIONS FROM 2024.

FROM ALL THE MEDIA TEAM AT SEAGULLS AND WAY OUT WEST, COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON – HERE'S TO MANY MORE CELEBRATORY MOMENTS OVER THE 12 MONTHS AHEAD...







VISITING TRUNGLE PARC ON SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER...

CRIBBS

FOUNDED
1958

NICKNAME
CRIBBS

GROUND
THE LAWNS



The club was originally founded in London in 1958 as Sun Life Assurance. The Bristol team was established in 1976 when Sun Life first relocated to the area.

Initially, two teams were run, participating in the Bristol and Avon League, playing at Dundridge Farm. However, when the Cribbs Causeway ground was opened in 1978, the first team were promoted straight to the Avon Premier Combination League (later renamed the Bristol Premier Combination) where they stayed for 20 years until they eventually won promotion to the County League in 1999–2000.

In the summer of 2011, the club changed from AXA to its new name of Cribbs Friends Life FC ready for the 2011–12 season.

The 2011–12 season was Cribbs' most successful season to date as the club claimed its first Gloucestershire County League title on its way to an

unprecedented League and Cup double, with the team later adding the Les James League Cup to the League Championship, in the process becoming the first and only side to achieve this feat.

As well as winning the double, the club finally earned promotion to the Western League Division One for the 2012–13 season as a result of being crowned Champions.

In 2013, Cribbs Friends Life FC changed their name to Cribbs FC after losing the backing of their sponsors. They started life in the Western League well, finishing fifth and then third to earn promotion into the Premier Division for 2015–16.

Having finished 15th at the end of their first campaign at the higher level, they then proceeded to finish eighth on a couple of occasions before moving across into the Hellenic League Premier Division during the summer of 2021.

Being part of the leading pack throughout the course of 2021/22, they eventually slipped away to finish fourth but nevertheless it was still a campaign of great progress for the club, something that they were able to build upon in 2022/23 by taking the Hellenic League Premier Division title thanks to a solid defensive record, which yielded them 100 points.

They adapted to life at Step 4 extremely well last term and made the play-offs at the end of the season only to fall at the semi-final hurdle.

Going into this season, there have been many changes amongst the coaching and playing staff and they currently find themselves in the lower half of the table. Former player, Ryan Crouch has recently taken over at the helm.

We welcome everyone associated to Cribbs before wishing them a safe journey home afterwards.



VISITING TRUNGLE PARC ON WENESDAY 1ST JANUARY...

HELSTON ATHLETIC

FOUNDED
1896

NICKNAME
THE BLUES

GROUND
KELLAWAY PARK



The club was established in 1896. They joined the Cornwall Senior League after its formation in 1931 and won back-to-back league titles in 1936–37 and 1937–38.

After finishing as runners-up in 1938–39, they were champions for a third time in 1939–40. In 1953 we joined the South Western League, where they were to stay for almost 20 years.

There were a couple of seasons of note during this time; in 1964–65, they secured a third-place berth and followed it up with a fifth-place finish at the end of the next campaign, but largely their time was spent in and around the lower half of the table.

The club finished bottom of the South Western League in 1970–71, and after finishing second-from-bottom the following season, they left to join the Cornwall Combination.

They were Cornwall Combination champions in 1987–88 and again in

2000–01. After winning the League for a third time in 2010–11, the club were promoted to Division One West of the South West Peninsula League.

Finishing as runners-up in both of their first two seasons in the League, and after a third-place finish in 2013–14, they won the division in 2014–15, earning promotion to the Premier Division.

Following league reorganisation at the end of the 2018–19 season, the club were placed in the Premier Division West and were storming away at the top of the table with 25 wins from 26 League games, including 100 goals scored, when the pandemic saw the season end prematurely.

The 2020–21 campaign went the same way as they lost one of our ten League games that were able to be played. It was during this season that they entered the FA Cup for the first time but succumbed to Barnstaple Town in the Preliminary Round, having beaten

Odd Down 4–1 in the Extra Preliminary Round.

Based on our results during the two curtailed seasons, the club was promoted into the Premier Division of the Western League during the summer of 2021 and their first season at the higher level ended with them securing a place just inside the top ten.

The progress continued both on and off the field in 2022/23, which culminated in a sixth-place finish before they went on to claim the Western League Premier Division title at the end of 2023/24 to secure their place in Step 4 for the very first time.

It's a proud moment for the club and they have gone on to embrace their new status with a solid start on the pitch and ongoing progression off the field.

We welcome everyone associated to Helston Athletic before wishing them a safe journey home afterwards.

A HISTORY TO BE PROUD OF OUR STORY SO FAR...

IN 1948, FOLLOWING THE FIRST MOUSEHOLE CARNIVAL – AN IMPORTANT FUND-RAISER FOR MANY YEARS – THE CLUB JOINED THE SENIOR RANKS OF CORNISH FOOTBALL, ENTERING THE FA AMATEUR CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1949.

In 1950/51, despite trailing 5-1 on a Bodmin quagmire in a Cornwall Charity Cup First Round tie, Mousehole progressed to the Final, earning the support of the whole County, before losing as underdogs to Saltash United.

Mousehole's entry to the Cornwall Combination League for 1960/61 coincided with a move as leaseholders to Trungle Parc on recently reclaimed marshland on the rural outskirts of the village of Paul – the club's home ground to this day.

In 1976, Mousehole won both the League Cup and the Eveley Cup – the latter played against the East Cornwall League Cup winners (Foxhole) – this 'double' being The Seagulls' only competitive silverware in their 47-year continuous membership of the 'Combo'.

In 1987, the club purchased the freehold of the Trungle Parc site from the local Council and celebrated the occasion with a prestigious friendly match played against Manchester United.

In 2006/07, the side finished 'Combo' runners-up, and so qualified as founder members of South West Peninsula League Division One West, playing their first-ever League game outside Cornwall in 2008 (at Vospers Oak Villa).

In 2015/16, The Seagulls won the West Division (Step 7 of the National League System), losing only one League game all season, as well as winning the Cornwall Charity Cup Final (5-0 v St Dennis) – repeating that Cup win two seasons later (5-0 v Wadebridge Town).

Since 2019, there have been significant advances both on and off the field, thanks to the management and coaching group of Jake Ash, Adam Fletcher and Andy Graham, and a committee of 25 actively contributing

members led by Chairman Deryk Heywood, who announced his decision to step down in the summer of 2024.

In 2019, Mousehole were promoted to the SWPL Premier Division (Step 6), and in 2021 to the Western League Premier Division (Step 5). They finished third in their first-ever Western League season, missing promotion to the Southern League by just four points.

Promotion was secured at the end of the 2022-23 campaign, winning the title with just two defeats from 36 games, to secure Southern League status and in an historic first season at Step 4 level, the club made the end of season play-offs courtesy of a fantastic fifth-place finish.

Sadly, it was not to be in the play-offs, but it was a season full of achievements and 'firsts', including reaching the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy in our first-ever involvement in that particular competition.

The Trungle Parc stadium has seen significant work over recent years in order to meet the requirements of the higher Leagues, and the pitch is widely considered to be one of the best in Cornwall. These developments will continue as the club makes great strides both on and off the field.

It's an exciting journey and one that we are all extremely proud to be part of.





TURN LEFT AT THE GIANT MOUSE

CLUB HISTORIAN, SEAN PERROT, REMEMBERS DAYS GONE BY...



I bumped into a stray visitor on Raginnis Hill last week.

Stray visitor: "Hello. How do you get to Trungle?"

Me: "Hello. Carry on down to the bottom of the hill, passing Postman Pat and his Black & White Cat and then a Welsh Dragon on a Christmas Pudding, until you get to a Giant Mouse holding a Light Bulb, where you turn left. If you see a Pink Octopus, you've gone too far".

Stray visitor: "Cheers mate. Goodbye".

Me: "Goodbye".

Very soon such directions will be superfluous as the Mousehole Christmas Lights will be switched off for another year.

Given the number of seasonal events in the village – the Lights, 'The Mousehole Cat' at the Solomon Browne Hall, Tom Bawcock's Eve (and the preparation of Starry Gazey Pie) on 23rd December, the Mousehole School Procession – it's hardly surprising that the football club, its players and supporters, are closely linked to many of them.

Percy Harvey: "In 1948 the Supporters' Club was formed and a new enthusiasm caught the imagination of the whole village."

The Honorary Secretary at this time was none other than Mousehole's goalkeeper, Owen Ladner.

Ken Johns: "In the 1940s, for the first time, Mousehole Football Club boasted an Entertainments' Committee, and for the next few years it organised practically every facet of village entertainment ... Concerts, the revival of 'Tom Bowcock's Day', a Carnival, a Carnival Queen, a Carnival Dance, a Tiny Tots Parade (with its Hamlinesque flavour and Mr. Clarence Wallis acting as Pied Piper), Garden Fetes, Craft Exhibitions, a Firework Display..."

And all this activity off the pitch allowed the club to move from Junior to Senior status for the 1948–49 season.

The Christmas Lights first appeared (unofficially) in 1963, and pieces would often be assembled in the room of the football club, quite a feat in 1966 considering that the Clown was twelve feet high, and each of the Christmas Trees eighteen feet! In recent times, due to Covid and overcrowding, the switch-on has been trailed over a succession of days, but previously the honour of flicking the switch was bestowed on one of the great-and-good of the village. These individuals included Frank Richards, "Mr. Mousehole Football Club", who was thwarted in 1973 due to a National Power cut, but fulfilled the role in 1974. In 1975 – the Year the Council pulled the Crane down, you'll have to look that up! – Bob (Bobby) Swanson, Headmaster of Mousehole School, and a defender in the team of Ladner, Torrie, Waters et al did it... and other former players such as Roger Harding (1995), Raymond Pomeroy (2011), and numerous Brockmans over the years!

On the pitch, recent promotions have meant that the side's Boxing Day match of 2023 was the 'local' Derby at Exmouth Town, 125 miles away, a far cry from meetings with Botallack, Marazion Blues or Penzance. Thankfully, the arrival of Falmouth Town and Helston Athletic into the Southern League has given this year's Holiday fixture list a more traditional feel and, weather permitting, should see the biggest attendances of the season.

However, we mustn't forget Cribbs who have rather drawn the short straw in all of this. If our friends from up-country do venture into the village after the game... if you've just passed the Pink Octopus, you are now in the sea!

MATCH RECAP



Pitching In Southern League Division One South

Tuesday 10th December 2024
7.45pm kick-off

MOUSEHOLE 0

WESTBURY UNITED 2

Beardwell 36, Restorick 86

They say that a week is a long time in politics. It had been just over a week since Mousehole had walloped Didcot 5-0 but that seemed like a lifetime ago by the time this match with Westbury was over. Where we had been magnificent against Didcot we were poor against Westbury.

The match started as so many of our games have recently with neither side able to gain the upper hand and neither side particularly looking like they wanted too. There were two early chances for the Seagulls. The first saw Jordan Hackett cut in from the left and fire over the bar from a tight angle. The second saw the normally deadly hitman Hayden Turner spurn a good chance from ten yards out. Set free by Tim Nixon the crowd breathed in ready to exhale a cheer as the ball nestled in the onion bag. What came out instead was a rasp of frustration as our second chance ended up joining the first in the cricket field.

Having survived those early scares Westbury became more adventurous and started making in-roads into Mousehole's half as the home team shrank into their shells. The goal when it came was a bit of a shock as both teams had been shot-shy following the early exchanges.

After thirty-five minutes a midfield melee ended up with the ball at the Westbury right back's feet. He curled a hopeful ball down the line. Maybe it was the wind, maybe it was some unexpected spin on the pass but Konte misjudged the flight of the ball and it sailed over his head into the path of the onrushing Joe Beardwell. He took one touch and then scuffed his shot past Ollie Chenoweth. Maybe if he'd hit it cleanly Ollie would have



saved it but the finish summed up the move.

Mousehole needed to start the second half strongly but they never really got out the traps. Westbury having travelled up in a mini-bus rather than the usual coach had obviously become accustomed to keeping it tight and their back line was an airtight unit through which we could not find a passage.

Seventy minutes saw the introduction of debutant Oscar Massey. Having netted a-plenty for Falmouth before his move to Trungle there was optimism in the air as he jogged into position. Not long after he crossed the white-line he got his first chance. Coming in from the right of the box he sighted the goal and smashed his shot into the bar. Had that gone in we would probably have gone on to win but it wasn't to be. In spite of making further substitutions and shape changes the Mousehole coaching staff couldn't work out the conundrum set by the visitors.

With the clock ticking down and the cries from the sidelines getting more and more anxious Westbury dealt the fatal blow when the ball bounced in the box following a free kick. Daniel Restorick lashed it home and signalled to the bench to fire up the mini-bus ready to go home with the spoils.

A night which had begun with much hope ended in despair and a return to the drawing

board. A win would have taken Mousehole to third; defeat left us still only five points off second so whilst heads were down everyone knew the season was still there for the taking.

WORDS | Daniel Tatarsky



MATCH RECAP



Pitching In Southern League Division One South

Saturday 14th December 2024
3pm kick-off

MOUSEHOLE 4 WILLAND ROVERS 0

The day had started with a crisis at the merchandise hut when the door could not be opened. Luckily for all the Christmas shoppers that problem was overcome but it took much longer than Mousehole took to unlock the Willand defence. "We've scored too early" is not something anyone has ever said so when Ryan Barrett netted in the second minute there was general delight and joy all around Trungle Parc.

The goal came when Tallan Mitchell flicked a pass to Hayden Turner. He got to it just before it crossed the byline and pulled it back to the onrushing Barrett. The galloping Geordie took one touch and lashed it across the keeper into the far side netting just inside the post. Actually, some people suggested it was a cross that took a lucky deflection but it's Christmas so let's be generous. He's had a stop-go season with injuries so it was nice to see him in the scoresheet.

Six minutes later Barrett turned provider when he rolled a pass into the box for the waiting Mitchell. Tallan took a steadying touch then lashed it into the top corner. Actually, some people suggested that it took a deflection off a defender which took it over the keeper but it's Christmas etc etc. Regardless of how the ball went it, two nil up within ten minutes was exactly what the Seagulls needed after Tuesday defeat to Westbury.

Christmas truly did arrive early just after the quarter hour when Mitchell nicked the ball off the centre half about thirty yards out. He hurtled into the box just to the right of centre and whipped the ball in off the post to his left. Actually, some people suggested



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that he scuffed his shot and this sent the keeper the wrong way but it's Christmas etc., etc.

3-0 up with not twenty minutes gone and you could have been forgiven for thinking it was all over. The crowd sat back and waited for more goals to come but Willand made some slight tactical adjustments to close down the wide-open spaces into which Mousehole had been running. They did create some openings at the other end but their shooting boots had been left at home and Ollie Chenoweth's gloves were only needed to keep him warm.

The only thing missing from match was a first goal for Oscar Massey on his first start for the club. Fans waiting for that moment only had to wait ten minutes in to the second half. Paulo Sousa broke up a Willand attack and strode away from the Mousehole box with purpose. He passed to Massey who received the ball a good fifteen yards inside his own half but ahead of him was just one defender and a lot of grass. He sped off at pace and ran past the centre half as though he were stuck in cement. He sprinted towards the box as Turner's run distracted the other defenders. Arriving in the box towards the right he looked up and rocketed the ball into the roof of the net. Actually, some people suggested that he...no they didn't suggest anything else because that's exactly what happened. A fabulous finish, a great way to get his first goal for the club and a lovely way to

close the match down.

At 4-0 all that was left was to secure the clean sheet and a really solid backline did just that. Four goals, three points and a clean sheet. Happy Christmas indeed.

WORDS | Daniel Tatarsky





FIVE GREAT FOOTBALL... FILMS



AS CHOSEN BY DANIEL TATARSKY

Welcome back to my series of Five of the Best Football things. With Christmas upon us and all the family looking around for stuff to do when the turkey is finished and everyone is bored of Dad winning at Scrabble I thought I'd pick my five favourite football films. I'm sure you'll disagree with all of them so feel free to join the debate by scanning the QR code above

Kes – Directed by Ken Loach, Screenplay by Barry Hines, Ken Loach and Tony Garnett

Strictly speaking not a football film at all. This 1969 classic tells the tale of Billy Casper growing up in a Yorkshire mining community. He's a sensitive kid and the film charts his growing interest in falconry and his relationship with a kestrel. So why, Daniel, is it listed here? Well, it contains one of the best football sequences in filmic history.

Brian Glover, actor and wrestler, plays the PE teacher. The scene in question has him refereeing during a football lesson. He loves the game so much that he can't help getting involved and taking over. For those who haven't seen it I don't want to ruin it by saying what happens but look for it, enjoy it and thank me later.

Name Drop #1 – I had an audition for a Ken Loach film once. He didn't like me and I didn't like him. Let's leave it there.

Escape to Victory – Directed by John Huston, Screenplay by Evan Jones and Yabo Yablonsky

A film set during the Second World War with the central plot around a football match between POWs and a crack German team. It's already a winner but then add in that it features footballing greats such as Bobby Moore, Pele, Osvaldo Ardiles and er Kevin O'Callaghan and you have a fabulous evening on your hands.

The match is set up as a publicity stunt for the Germans. The POWs see it as a chance to escape because the match will be played outside the prisoner of war camp. The plan is to escape at half time but things don't always work out the way you want them to. Or do they? Special highlights are Sylvester Stallone playing in goal for the POW team and Michael Caine being a midfield maestro. Ipswich legend Kevin Beattie was Caine's body-double for the footballing action.

Zidane, A 21st Century Portrait – Directed by Douglas Gordon and Philippe Parreno

This might be one just for the football purists amongst you. It is a ninety-minute film with seventeen cameras focused entirely on the French genius for the entirety of a match between Real Madrid and Villareal played the 23rd April 2005.

Real won two one but that is totally irrelevant and is not a plot spoiler at all. Near the end Zidane is sent off after a brawl and again that is not a plot spoiler. During the match we see Zidane doing not very much for a lot of the time. Remember that on average a player will have the ball for about two minutes during a match. This is not a narrative film but it is totally mesmerising. It's über-player-cam and you can't take your eyes off the screen.



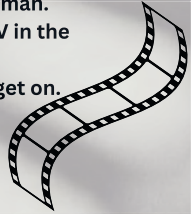
The Golden Vision – Directed by Ken Loach, Screenplay by Neville Smith and Gordon Honeycombe

Not a cinema film but a play made for television as part of the BBC's Wednesday Play series. This was broadcast in 1968 and mixes drama with documentary as it follows the Everton team and a group of their supporters travelling down to London for a match against Arsenal.

With great footage behind the scenes of Everton training, travelling on the train and preparing for the match this was a ground-breaking bit of television. The plot of the fans' trip has one of their number having to decide whether to return home for the birth of his child and another leaving a wedding early where he was best man.

Older readers may remember Gordon Honeycombe as a newsreader for ITV in the 1970s. The match was a two all draw but the film is a winner.

Did I mention that I had an audition for a Ken Loach film once? We didn't get on.



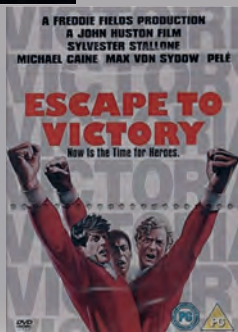
Gregory's Girl – Directed and Written by Bill Forsyth

This 1980 film is often cited by men of a certain age as their favourite football film. It's not my favourite but it is a corker.

John Gordon Sinclair plays Gregory who is in a pretty crap school football team. When they have trials for new players everyone is shocked that the best-looking player, in several ways, is a girl!

Dorothy, played by Dee Hepburn, has all the skills of Maradona with the looks of Madonna. What more could a football-loving film fan want? And it also stars Clare Grogan lead singer of Altered Images as Susan.

Who does Gregory end up with? You'll have to watch it to find out
Name Drop #2 – In later life Clare became a photographer and took actors' pictures including that of a rising star; Daniel Tatarsky.





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THE SEAGULLS FIXTURES & RESULTS 2024/25

| | | F-A | Att / KO | Starting XI |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|--|
| AUGUST | | | | |
| Sat 10 | Evesham United | H 1-0 | 216 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham Goldsworthy ☼ |
| Tue 13 | Cribbs | A 2-0 | 110 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham ☼ Turner ☼ |
| Sat 17 | Willand Rovers | PR H 2-2 | 190 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham Goldsworthy ☼ |
| Tue 20 | Willand Rovers | PRr A 0-1 | 177 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham Tresidder |
| Sat 24 | Malvern Town | H 2-1 | 167 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Turner ☼ Derham |
| Mon 26 | Helston Athletic | A 2-4 | 387 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hands Tressider Derham |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | |
| Sat 14 | Bashley | 1QR A 1-1 | 234 | Chenoweth Hackett Calver Konte Kevern Derham ☼ |
| Tue 17 | Bashley | 1QRr H 4-0 | 118 | Chenoweth Hackett Calver ☼ Konte Kevern Derham ☼ |
| Sat 21 | Falmouth Town | 2QR H 3-1 | 371 | Chenoweth Hackett ☼ Calver Konte Kevern Derham |
| Sat 28 | Thatcham Town | A 3-2 | 161 | Chenoweth Hackett Calver Konte Ward Derham |
| OCTOBER | | | | |
| Tue 1 | Bideford AFC | H 4-1 | 155 | Chenoweth Hill Calver ☼ Konte ☼ Ward Derham |
| Sat 5 | Bristol Manor Farm | 3QR H 0-2 | 205 | Chenoweth Ward Calver Konte Hill Symons |
| Sat 12 | Melksham Town | H 2-4 | 412 | Chenoweth Hackett Ward Hill Derham Konte ☼ |
| Sat 19 | Evesham United | A 0-1 | 303 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham Challinor |
| Wed 23 | Exmouth Town | A 1-1 | 200 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham Challinor |
| Sat 26 | Bemerton Heath Harlequins | H 3-2 | 203 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham ☼ Challinor ☼ |
| Tue 29 | Tavistock | H 1-2 | 208 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham Challinor |
| NOVEMBER | | | | |
| Sat 2 | Cinderford Town | A 2-2 | 95 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Derham Challinor ☼ |
| Sat 9 | Bristol Manor Farm | H 3-0 | 224 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill ☼ Turner Mitchell ☼ |
| Tue 12 | Yate Town | A 1-1 | 365 | Chenoweth Calver Barrett Hill Turner Mitchell |
| Sat 16 | Bishop's Cleeve | A 1-2 | 170 | Chenoweth Hackett Barrett Hill Turner Calver |
| Sat 23 | Larkhall Athletic | A 1-1 | 196 | Chenoweth Sousa Calver Hill Turner ☼ Mitchell |
| Sat 30 | Didcot Town | H 5-0 | 203 | Chenoweth Hackett ☼ Calver ☼ Hill Ward ☼ Mitchell ☼☼ |
| DECEMBER | | | | |
| Tue 10 | Westbury United | H 0-2 | 126 | Chenoweth Hackett Ward Hill Turner Calver |
| Sat 14 | Willand Rovers | H 4-0 | 191 | Chenoweth Barrett ☼ Ward Hill Turner Calver |
| Sat 21 | Bashley | A | 15:00 | |
| Thu 26 | Falmouth Town | A | 15:00 | |
| Sat 28 | Cribbs | H | 15:00 | |
| JANUARY | | | | |
| Wed 1 | Helston Athletic | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 4 | Malvern Town | A | 15:00 | |
| Sat 11 | Thatcham Town | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 18 | Westbury United | A | 15:00 | |
| Sat 25 | Exmouth Town | H | 15:00 | |
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| Sat 1 | Bemerton Heath Harlequins | A | 15:00 | |
| Sat 8 | Cinderford Town | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 15 | Tavistock | A | 15:00 | |
| Sat 22 | Bristol Manor Farm | A | 15:00 | |
| MARCH | | | | |
| Sat 1 | Bishop's Cleeve | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 8 | Larkhall Athletic | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 15 | Didcot Town | A | 15:00 | |
| Sat 22 | Shaftesbury | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 29 | Willand Rovers | A | 15:00 | |
| APRIL | | | | |
| Sat 5 | Bashley | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 12 | Yate Town | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 19 | Bideford AFC | A | 15:00 | |
| Mon 21 | Falmouth Town | H | 15:00 | |
| Sat 26 | Melksham Town | A | 15:00 | |
| TBA | Shaftesbury | A | | |

Goal Scored ☼; Penalty Scored ☼; Sub 1 / Sub 2 / Sub 3; Yellow Card / Red Card
Please note that all fixtures are provisional and subject to change.



| OG | | | | | Used Substitutes |
|-------------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| Mitchell | Symons | Nixon | Fresnada | Williams | Turner 62 1; Tresidder 85; Ibbetson 90 |
| Mitchell | Symons | Nixon | Fresnada | Williams | Goldsworthy 65; Challinor 65 (Tresidder 72); Hands 86; Ibbetson 90+2 |
| Mitchell | Symons | Nixon | Fresnada | Turner | Tresidder 90+1; Ibbetson 90+9 |
| Mitchell | Symons | Nixon | Fresnada | Turner | Hands; Ibbetson |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Symons | Nixon | Fresnada | Tresidder 39 1; Ibbetson 82 |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Symons | Nixon | Fresnada | Ibbetson 75; Black 87 |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Symons 85 Note: MFC lost 7-6 on pens, however game replayed |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Ibbetson; Devine; Tresidder; Challinor |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Symons 46; Ibbetson 84; Devine 90+3; |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Kevern 82; Ibbetson 86 |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Hackett 46; Symons 61; Kevern 78; Ibbetson 88 |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Hackett 46; Derham 60; Kevern 75 |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Barrett 60; Challinor 60; Sousa 81 |
| Goldsworthy | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Sousa 68; Turner 68; Ibbetson 78 |
| Turner | Mitchell | Konte | Nixon | Fresnada | Tresidder 77 |
| Turner | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Kevern | Ntege 46; Ibbetson 77; Tresidder 85; Black 90 |
| Tinsley | Mitchell | Ntege | Nixon | Fresnada | Sousa 60; Konte 80; Tresidder 87 |
| Turner | Mitchell | Ntege | Konte | Fresnada | Symons 66; Apantaku 81 |
| Nixon | Challinor | Konte | Apantaku | Fresnada | Calver 68; Derham 80 1; Tresidder 88 |
| Nixon | Ntege | Konte | Hackett | Fresnada | Derham 75; Challinor 80; Sousa 90 |
| Mitchell | Ntege | Konte | Nixon | Apantaku | Sousa 5; Ward 83 |
| Apantaku | Ntege | Konte | Nixon | Fresnada | Ward 60 1; Derham 73; Goldsworthy 73; Ibbetson 86 |
| Goldsworthy | Sousa | Konte | Nixon | Fresnada | Derham 70; Ntege 80 1; Ibbetson 88 |
| Mitchell | Sousa | Konte | Nixon | Fresnada | Barrett 62; Massey 83; Symons 85 |
| Mitchell | Sousa | Konte | Massey | Fresnada | Symons 70; Nixon 78; Summers 86 |



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FAN REVIEW 2024

GRAHAM MARRS, ONE OF THE MANAGERS OF THE FANS GROUP, REFLECTS ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN 2024.

What a season it's been so far, myself and Steve Rogers (Club Groundsman) currently run the Mousehole AFC Fans WhatsApp group where its main purpose is to provide fans with the following:

- Live Match updates
- Team and Players Fixtures and Stats
 - First Team, Developments and Women's Fixtures
- Fans Polls
- and lastly to celebrate and engage with our fans regarding anything Mousehole and non-League-related - mainly by sharing photos and celebrating our tremendous volunteer base at the club.

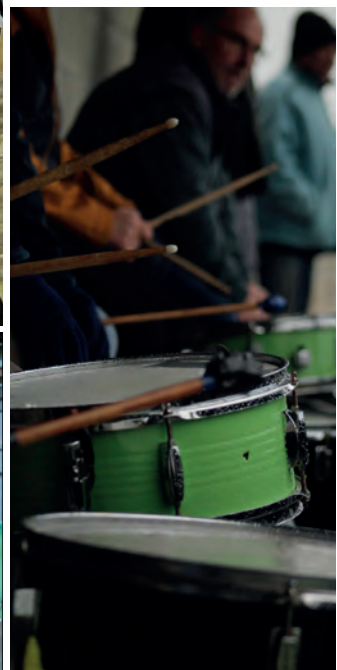
We currently have 60 members, which is fairly becoming a popular platform for engagement and discussion.

Any Mousehole fan is welcome to join, just contact Steve Rogers or Graham Marrs, or get in touch via the contact tab at mouseholeafc.co.uk

In addition to this, I provide the management, club and fans with comprehensive fixture and statistics lists relating to team and player performance. I believe it's the first time we've been recording assists and goal involvements, which aims to increase motivation and competition amongst the squad.

In addition to this in our weekly PDFs we regularly advertise Mousehole Merch, Mousehole AFC Away Travel and The 100 Club.







Manager:
Jake Ash

- Ollie Chenoweth
- Lewis Moyle
- Ryan Barrett
- Hayden Black
- Ross Derham
- Julio Fresnada
- Mark Goldsworthy
- Jacob Kevern
- Timothy Nixon
- Josh Otto
- Paulo Ranalli-Sousa
- Joshua Storey
- Jack Symons
- Ryan Tresidder
- Max Hill
- Jack Calver
- Tallan Mitchell
- Hayden Turner
- Jordan Hackett
- James Ward
- Jamie Devine
- Ethan Elwell
- Thomas Hands
- Aaron Ibbetson
- Mohmed Konte
- Oscar Massey

MATCH OFFICIALS **V CRIBBS**

Referee:
Rowan Clarke

Assistants:
Scott Coutts
Timothy Burley



Manager:
Ryan Crouch

- Kyreese Johnson
- Lynford Bhebhe
- Ryan Caine
- Keiran Clayton
- Liam Clayton
- Bailey Croome
- Ryan Crouch
- Charlie Dashfield
- David Duru
- Sonny Harnett-Balkwill
- Reece Hedges
- George Kellow
- Bogdan Mara
- Kyrese Morrison
- Kosuke Ono
- Flynn Smith
- Leighton Tuodolo
- Aaron Ward-Baptiste
- Spike Weaver

MATCH OFFICIALS **V HELSTON ATHLETIC**

Referee:
James Gallagher

Assistants:
Kevin Hoare
Luke Dennis



Manager:
Matt Cusack

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- Kyle Moore
- Ben Whiting
- David Barker
- Aaron Bentley
- Jordan Bentley
- Matthew Bye
- Sam Carter
- Steven Colwell
- Jordan Copp
- Jack Crago
- Joshua Daniel
- Gregory Eastman
- Tyler Elliott
- Toby Griggs
- Regan Hull
- Freddie Kemp
- Baga Mariko
- Callum Martindale
- Dylan Mitchell
- George Newton
- Callum O'Brien
- Samuel Pallett
- James Simmonds
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- Reece Thomson
- Rikki Shepherd
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