







Saturday 4 February 2023 Isthmian Division 1 South Central Attendance: 185 Binfield 1-1 Southall Behind the Camera with Miss Daisy Spiers





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#### Isthmian League - South Central Division

Ashford Town (Middx) (2)	4	3	(1) Uxbridge
Binfield (1)	1	1	(1) Southall
Chertsey Town (1)	3	0	(0) Chipstead
Marlow (1)	1	3	(2) Leatherhead
Merstham (0)	1	1	(1) Thatcham Town
Northwood (2)	2	1	(0) Guernsey
South Park (2)	4	3	(1) Bedfont Sports
Sutton Common Rovers (0)	2	1	(1) Hanworth Villa
Tooting & Mitcham United (1)	2	3	(2) Basingstoke Town
Westfield (1)	1	2	(1) Walton & Hersham

# TODAY'S TEAMS

Binfield FC	vs	Uxbridge FC
Harvey Rackley-Hayes	1	Tyler Tobin
Kai Hobbs	2	Callum Woodcock
Will Shaw	3	David Sota
Jonny Denton	4	Luke Parris
Liam Gavin	5	Andy O'Brien
Lewis Pegg	6	Joe Jackson
James Beauchamp	7	Kensley Maloney
Harrison Bayley	8	Alan Hedley
Connor Holland	9	Mark Bidmead
Conor Lynch	10	Antony Mendy
Harvey Harry	11	Eitel Goueth
Joe Gator	12	Babba Jarra
Brad Pagliaroli	14	Jordan Ireland
Kian Duncan	15	Khalid Simmo
William Mabukwa	16	Dan Williams
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Garry Haylock	Mgr	Danny Edwards
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Referee	Sam Olhausen				
Assistant	Steve Williams				
Assistant	Manny Chandwani				

Welcome to Binfield FC from our chairman, Andy Cotton



Binfield FC offer a very warm welcome to everyone for tonight's Pitching In Isthmian South

Central League game against Uxbridge Football Club.

Our opponents currently sit in 15 th place in the league but we can't take this fixture lightly as Uxbridge are always a competitive opponent and I don't expect tonight to be any different.

Last season, both games between the clubs ended in a draw. The game away at the Honeycroft finished 2-2 whilst the game at Hill Farm Lane was a goalless draw. Whilst Uxbridge have been going through a recent lean spell in the league since their epic run in the FA Trophy, they they were involved in supporters / ground hoppers dream on Satirday unfortunately ending up losing 4-3 to Ashford Town.

Uxbridge are thirtheen in the league with 29 points from 22 games while we sit 7th with 38 points from 21 games and two games in hand. On Saturday we travel to Guernsey and next Tuesday we are home again with a local derby against Thatcham Town. KickOff 1945.

With the games coming thick and fast, we can only keep our fingers crossed for good weather and the continuation of our great form. Tonight is an important game for us having just had a defeat and a draw in our last two games . There are no easy games in this league butthings are starting to get interesting. We hope as many of you as possible continue to share the journey with us and we are very grateful for your support. Let's hope tonight's game is another cracker.

To our friends at Uxbridge Football Club – welcome again to Hill Farm Lane. "C'mon you Moles"

Andy Cotton Chairman

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#### PMW'S RAMBLINGS WITH GILLIAN HOPKINS, THE TEA LADY AT ILFORD FROM CROOK TOWN

Having enjoyed an amorous evening at Cricklefields stadium watching Ilford, the lady in charge of their hospitality told me she came from Crook Town. She was five minutes into the conversation when she stopped for air having informed me of Crook's FA Amateur Cup exploits of the 1960's. She came down with a bump, when I said 'I knew' and in another brief breathing space I added 'I had the programme at home.'

She added a glowing reference to Tow Law Town, then we were really talking. My memory is not so good these days, but for purposes of my football records I believe my first Senior game was watching Wealdstone v Tow Law Town in the Amateur Cup. That was in January 1966 and with great pride I added that Wealdstone went on to lift the cup.

My exploits as a ground-hopper are many, but mainly because of an ageing body, games north of Birmingham are rarely taken these days. The few

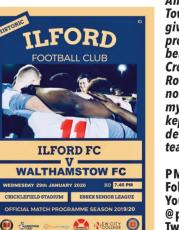
northern grounds I have visited have given me some wonderful memories, like being introduced to Sir Tom Finney at Kendal Town.

Thomas Finney CBE was an English footballer who played from 1946 to 1960 as an outside-left for Preston North End and England. A one club man, he is widely acknowledged to have been one of the game's greatest-ever players, long before Pele, and Georgie Best.



adjoining lounge where Sir Tom was sitting hunched up in the corner. I honestly didn't recognise him, but I engaged in polite conversation as best I could. I can't believe he was impressed by me, but a few months later, he became unwell and died.

Another oddity at that game and remember it was a foggy evening and they're tough up north. During the game, the ball was deflected into the crowd and immediately headed back onto the pitch by a spectator. Play continued without hesitation or deviation and the players plus referee got on with it, as if nothing had happened. Blooming marvellous.



Anyway, back to Crook Town and Gillian said she'd give me a free cup of tea if I produced an article on her beloved home town club. Crook Town play at West Road in Crook, way up north and now, they go on my list of clubs to visit. I've kept my first part of the deal, but I don't drink tea, ... so I had coffee.

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This is in part a bit of publicity for probably the best on-line football page. John McClure's Facebook page showcases non-league football from grassroots, upwards and anywhere in between. He has a few helpers with the editorial side of things and he needs them as 'Your Football Page' has over 11,000 members, many of which are my friends and some are the hierarchy of Senior non-league football clubs. Here is some of the action from last week.

#### From: John McClure

04/02/23 - United Counties League - Premier Division South (Step 5) - Attendance: 238 Rugby Town 7-1 Godmanchester Rovers Admission: £8.00/£4.00 - Badge: £4.00 - Prog: £2.00 - Cheeseburger: £3.50 At Butlin Road, Rugby, a ground with loads of cover

260+ miles, all round trip for ground No. 730.

#### From: Keith Helliwell

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4/2/23 - Scottish League 2 - Crowd 607 Elgin City 1-1 Albion Rovers Admission £8.00 (concession) Programme £2 + free team sheet Steak Pie and Bovril £3.80



Conditions were far from ideal especially in the first half as rain fell on Borough Briggs making it difficult for both sides to play football. Albion fared much better in the first-half and deservedly took the lead on 22 minutes, with a thunderbolt free kick from well outside the area. Elgin City needed to improve in the second-half, which they did, an equaliser coming from the penalty spot by 'man of the match' Russell Dingwall. A point leaves Elgin City just outside the play-off spots.

#### From: Ian Kelsey

Sense of humour removed

4/2/23 - Northern Premier - Premier Division - At Mariners Park South Shields 2-0 Lancaster City Massive win for South Shields with promotion rivals dropping points.

From: Dave Higgins 4/2/23 Budapest Honved 1-1 Kisvarda - Crowd: 800 with 100 away fans Admission: 1890 HUF (£4.50) No programme issued Club Coffee mug: 2400 HUF (£6.00) Fridge magnet: 1200 HUF (£3.00) The game was played BCD for home fans Luton Town scarf confiscated





Swans and Woods keep up their pursuit, Rovers get back to winning ways, and Curfews, Sparks, Tangerines and Tanners also pick up three points

Our leaders, Basingstoke Town, retained their seven point gap at the top- but they had to fight for the points as they travelled to face bottom side Tooting & Mitcham United. George Reid put the visitors ahead on eight minutes, and when Paul Hodges made it two midway through the first half they perhaps thought they were home and dry, but the Terrors had other ideas. Malachi Hudson got one back as we approached half time, and within three minutes of the restart Anaur Cesay had grabbed an equaliser. Stoke know how to win, however, and they managed to do just that- their tenth victory in eleven matches- as Ben Cook delivered a winner with twenty five minutes left. The Terrors are now eight points from safety.

Second place Walton & Hersham were also on the road, and they also had to fight hard for their three points. Joe Hicks gave the Swans the lead at Westfield nine minutes before half time, but within eight minutes Andrew Crossley had levelled for the hosts. Twelve minutes from time Eddie Simon was once again the matchwinner for the visitors, scoring his sixteenth goal of the campaign. Northwood have slipped to third and had lost three of their last four prior to the arrival of Guernsey. The Woods got back to winning ways, but they had to work hard for the points. Gareth Chendlik opened the scoring for the hosts eleven minutes before the break, and within eight minutes James Gurteen had added another. The second half looked like it was going to end goalless despite the best endeavours of the visitors to get back into the match, but we did get a goal right at the end, and it went to the Green Lions, Keene Domaille with it. Sadly for the Channel islanders, it was too little, too late- and they remain third from bottom, five points from safety. Image from Thomas Vosper.

Marlow faced a side in green for a second successive weekend, Leatherhead making the trip to the land where red kites fly free. On this occasion, however, it wasn't Marlow who emerged triumphant- Leatherhead climbing into the top ten after one of their best results of the season. Those watching on were treated to two early goals- Omarr Lawson firing the Tanners ahead after just five minutes, Junaid Bell levelling eight minutes later- but Leatherhead regained their lead just after the half hour, Lawson in the right place once more, and thirteen minutes from time the visitors made sure of three points with a third goal, Alpha Diallo delivering it. Marlow slip to fifth.Chertsey Town are up to fourth, after a comfortable win over Chipstead. The Chips were nine unbeaten before falling to defeat against Ashford Town last time out, and they followed that defeat with another as the Cufews dominated the match. Jordan Hamilton-Olise opened the scoring after only six minutes, and the clincher arrived with only twenty minutes to go, Mason Welch-Turner making it two-nil. Right at the end Trevan Robinson added a third.

Binfield and Southall played out a 1-1 draw ,Conor Lynch for Binfield with Luke Heneghan equalising for Southall on the stroke of halftime.



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Friday 19 January 2018 Hellenic Premier - Att: 127 Binfield (red & red) 3-0 Woodley United (sky & grey) Scorers: Binfield (Davies 51, Santoro 54, Lalustani 72) Friday 16 January 2015 - Reading Senior Cup Binfield (red & red) 5-0 Bracknell Town (navy & white) Scorers: Binfield (Whitty 8, Dickens 45, Johnson 51, Pearson 87 & 89)

Pitch: great job by the groundstaff, gallons of water removed, top dried in a cold wind Weather: largely dry for two days, 3 degrees C at start, going frosty, minus 1 C at finish

This is a much maligned competition, but with both clubs fielding first choice elevens this promised to be a bit more than just another local derby.

Attendance: 223 - Gate receipts: £900 - Programmes printed: 130 - Bar takings: £500 - Bovril, soup and tea takings: £280. Thus ends my campaign for Friday Night Football at Binfield FC. I feel very much at home here.

Ground: Hill Farm Lane, Binfield, unusually cold clubhouse - Pitch: two worn goalmouths, otherwise unblemished from the week's weather - Travel: driving, via Slough and Windsor Weather: cold enough, 2 degrees C on the way home

This club has the making of being the friendliest football club in Binfield and just as well, I know of no other. Binfield's set up is amazing, multiple teams of all age groups, starting from just out of the cradle to much bigger and uglier ones.

# **BINFIELD FC - LOOKING BACK JANUARY, 2015, 2018 & 2019**

Monday 7 January 2019 - Hellenic Premier - Attendance: 187 Binfield (red & black & red) 1-1 Ascot United (yellow & blue) Scorers: Binfield (Johnson 27) Ascot United (Laffin 14 pen) Ent & Prog: £3.00 - Miles: 27 to ground, then hotel

Ground: driving from Windsor, beyond Winkfield and Warfield Pitch: apart from two worn goalmouths, no other blemishes Travel: driving, via Slough and Windsor on B3034 Weather: mostly cloudy, 9-10 degrees C Hotel: Copped Beech Hotel, Bracknell for deserving high class B & B

Due to illness, my delayed tour has become a 'short tour' taking in three games on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. To start, the only available game to me on Monday was Monday Night football at Binfield, so my premier club became my starter for three. An early penalty to Ascot United for handball was scored on 14 minutes. Binfield seized up and stopped playing, but grabbed an equaliser. Jemel Johnson scored, being the extra man over at the back. Half-time: 1-1. Not much football was played thereafter and none was expected.

#### **PMW's RAMBLINGS WITH ANDERS JOHANSEN IN NORTH WALES**

My first experience of Ystrad Mynach was good, but my second had to wait until July 2021. During the intervening years, North Wales was earmarked for three visits. Holidays in January in the UK is not generally a good idea. The previous time I attempted it, I chose Newcastle upon Tyne as my destination. One storm after another took away any chance of football. I must be the only person to have had a good day out in Sunderland on a foul day.

In 'ground-hopping' terms my friend Anders Johansen from Norway is a legend. I first met him eight years ago. He's nothing special in football terms, but everything he does is based around two, three or four weeks stay in the United Kingdom and he attends in as many games as he can.



His adventures are all done on the train and his speciality is to arrive early morning on Boxing Day, usually at Gatwick Airport and take in two games before retiring to his hotel. His onward journeys would criss-cross the country, never staying too long in any one place. Just sufficient time to take in 90

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minutes in Penrith and next day you'll find him 300 miles away. How does he do it?

Anders always plans ahead and posts his proposed itinerary on the Internet on a site called Non League Matters. Part of one such trip was earmarked for the North Wales coastline, so I politely asked if I could join him. In fact, two years in a row, we spent the first week of the new year, either based in Caernarfon or Llandudno. We took in as much football, as we could find and just for starters, I joined him at Penrith of all places. That was my second visit to Penrith and it snowed both times.

On to North Wales and games were taken at Caernarfon Town, Conwy Borough (twice), Llandudno, Prestatyn Town and Llanberis. Each and everyone of them had their own individual story, but my two visits to Conwy Borough saw the home club concede 15 goals in the two games. 1-11 was not a happy scoreline for Conwy Borough.

The 'pick' just had to be Llanberis and a game I was not expecting to be played. The previous day, I had driven past the ground on my way to Pen-y-Pass. Up above the snowline, then the car seized up on ice in the viewpoint car park. The peak of Snowdon was stark white, but the lower levels were free from snow. Eventually, I was able to turn the car around and on my way back, I stopped at Llanberis's ground. One lone groundsman was hard at work, but with all the snow around, surely this was a thankless task, as it would only be a matter of time before the snow arrived and the game would be cancelled.

To my surprise, there had been no further snow overnight and at 2 degrees C, neither would it be frozen. The game went ahead, although I was told for Llanberis to play a home game is January was an extreme rarity. I knew all along, what the groundsman was doing? If you're local, you know your weather. Llanberis lost 0-4 to Llangefni Town, which I believe is the second largest town on the Isle of Anglesey (and that's another story).

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#### **Isthmian League - South Central Division**

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Guernsey	v	Binfield
Hanworth Villa	v	Merstham
Leatherhead	v	Chertsey Town
Southall	v	South Park
Thatcham Town	v	Westfield
Uxbridge	v	Sutton Common Rovers
Walton & Hersham	v	Ashford Town (Middx)

# The View from Garry Haylock

Welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters of Uxbridge to Hill Farm Lane this evening, I hope they enjoy their short stay with us and have a safe journey home.

We come in to this game having lost and drawn our last two games, which on the face of it would appear to be a poor run but anyone present at those games would know the reality is different.

Both games saw the team deliver excellent performances, that saw us pass the ball well, create chances and in my opinion be the better team in both games.

Unfortunately, sometimes in football you don't always get what you deserve, especially on a game by game basis and this can be hard to take when the players have worked so hard.

It is important that the team realise how well we are playing and stay focused on maintaining the standards we have set and know that the results will come.

We are just over halfway through the season now and when reflecting back I feel very strongly that this a group capable of achieving, at the very least, a play off place.

To achieve this we are going to have to battle fatigue, suspensions, injuries and all that the game can throw at us, which is considerable!

With each passing week I have been so impressed by the way the players have risen to the challenge that each game has presented and I feel sure that whatever happens between now and the end of the season we will get what we deserve!

Enjoy the game

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By Jon Couch IT'S the debate which has raged on in Non-League football for years but one which, up until now perhaps, has consistently been likened to flogging a dead horse.

But now it appears there could be light at the end of a long dark tunnel. With all but a couple of National League clubs are operating full-time – and often out-performing many of their League Two counterparts – surely it's only right that the idea of increasing the number of promotion places from the top-flight to the Football League to three is revisited? At their current pace, the National League's top three of Notts County, Wrexham and Chesterfield are all on to go through the 100-point barrier – and it wouldn't be a surprise if they all (only) exceeded 90. But with just one automatic promotion spot, and six ultimately battling it out for the second place through the play-offs, there are going to be some very disappointed clubs when the bubbly has dissipated in a few months' time. This week, NLP editor-at-large Matt Badcock spoke to three of the Football Conference's unlucky losers from over the years – Non-League legends from the last decade who missed out on promotion by the narrowest of margins, despite enjoying ground-breaking campaigns.

Wrexham fans still talk about their 98-point season. A cloud has hung around since 2012 when they missed out to Fleetwood Town by five points. In the play-offs, they had their second chance wrecked in the semis by a Luton who finished 18 points behind. "It's talked about all the time, the 98-point season," legendary defender Mark Creighton told us. "That was the chance we should have got out. "To have a season as solid as that and not go up because there's only one automatic is poor – it's a kick in the b\*\*\*\*\*s of every single person who worked their nuts off to get to that position. "Play-offs are a lottery. You have one bad game and it ruins you. That's what we had two years on the bounce. If you don't perform even for half of one of those games, it's over, it's done. That's what happened."

Kidderminster Harriers felt similar pain the following year. Steve Burr's side racked up 93 points but Mansfield Town won it on the final day, finishing two clear. Kiddy went out in the semi-finals, ironically to Wrexham. "If I remember right, we lost the first five games and then we drew the next five," said Kyle Storer, who this week left Solihull Moors to join Nuneaton Borough. "We were bottom of the league after ten matches and didn't have a win to our name.

"Then we went 26 unbeaten. It was an incredible run and we got it to the last day of the season. I say we lost it on the last day, we actually lost it the week before when we drew with Woking. We were 2-0 up and should have won and it would have been in our hands. "The biggest disappointment was we'd beaten everyone in the top six twice."But it was heartbreak – 93 points, put that run together and then lose the play-offs to a team 13 points below us. It was tough to take."

Steve McNulty won the title with Fleetwood and Luton Town but had to navigate the play-offs with Tranmere Rovers. They did it eventually but only a year after finishing on 95 points, four behind Lincoln City. They lost in the final to Forest Green Rovers. Like Creighton and Storer, McNulty, now manager at Bootle, believes it's time for an extra spot. "Obviously I was down at Luton and they'd struggled to get out," he says. "You've got Wrexham in there now, Chesterfield and teams like that. "But, on the other hand, it would also be good for these so-called smaller teams. I was in the league when the Cowleys took Braintree into the play-offs. It would be great for them to have that extra chance where they can get into the EFL."



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18/10/22 - Tues	Basingstoke	А	Velocity	0-2
29/10/22 - Sat	Tavistock	А	FA Trophy	2-1
01/11/22 - <u>Tuest</u>	Amersham	А	СС	2-1
05/11/22 - Sat	Hanworth Villa	А	League	2-2
08/11/22 - Tues	Westfield	А	League	2-1
12/11/22 - Sat	Bedfont	Н	League	3-1
15/11/22- Tues	Guernsey	Н	League.	PP
19/11/22 - Sat	Southall	А	League.	2-1
22/11/22 - Tues	Tooting and Mitch	Н	League.	4-1
26/11/22 -Sat	Leatherhead	Н	League.	2-1
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# **UXBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB**

#### UXBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB – Potted HISTORY

In the late 19th century the game of "football" was growing in popularity and on the 3rd February 1871 a group of eminent local businessmen held the inaugural meeting of Uxbridge Football Club. A local solicitor, Mr William Gardiner, was elected as the Club's President and the club's colours were chosen as white shirts with a light blue Maltese cross and a light blue velvet cap with silver tassel. Friendly games against local opposition were played in the early years, until the FA Cup was entered in 1873. A First Round Victory over Gitanos set-up a Second-Round tie against eventual finalists Royal Engineers, which the Engineers narrowly won 2-1. It was at this time that Uxbridge could boast amongst its ranks a Full England International. Hubert Heron played for England on two occasions whilst an Uxbridge player before he moved to Wanderers FC where he gained further international honours. His brother Francis, formerly of Uxbridge, also played for England after joining him at Wanderers FC.

The ground problems that had blighted Uxbridge throughout their history surfaced once again and the club had to find a new home. In 1978 they moved to their current headquarters in Horton Road, Yiewsley. A former works Sports & Social Club they have developed the site to the superb standard you see today.

Over the past 43 years they have added floodlights (opened by the visit of Arsenal in 1981), new stands, fencing and in more recent times a new clubhouse was opened and car park laid. On the playing front the club won the Middlesex Charity Cup for the fourth time in 1982, their first silverware for 31 years, and moved to the Isthmian League in the same year, winning promotion to Division One in 1985. The Final of the AC Delco Cup (League Cup) was reached in 1986, where they met Premier Division Champions Sutton United. The Reds failed to stop Sutton completing "The Double" though. losing 3-1 in the Final in front of over a thousand spectators at Imber Court, the home of Metropolitan Police FC, Uxbridge entered the London Challenge Cup for the first time in the 1992/93 season and hence followed a love affair between the Reds and the magnificent trophy. In the eight seasons they entered the competition they reached five finals, winning on three occasions in 1994,1997 and 2000. They won the Middlesex Senior Cup for the fourth time in 2001, defeating Harrow Borough 3-0 in the Final held at Honeycroft. In 2004 the club were moved across the pyramid to the Southern League and have reached the Play-Offs on three occasions. In 2004/05 they lost on penalties, after leading Maldon Town in extra-time, in 2007/08 they narrowly lost 0-1 at Oxford City and in 2011/12 they lost 2-1 at Bedworth United in the Semi-Finals. In 2018 Uxbridge were moved back across the pyramid, re-joining the Isthmian League in the South Central Division. They have won the Middlesex Charity Cup on three more occasions in the last eight years. Defeating Brentford in 2013, Wembley in 2014 and Ashford Town (Middlesex) at Hanwell Town FC in 2019.

In the summer of 2016 the Club lost one of its stalwarts when long serving President Alan Odell passed away. Alan had been associated with The Reds for over 80 years, firstly as a supporter and player in his youth, before serving in various official duties as a committee member. He is sadly missed.

In 2019 Uxbridge appointed only their sixth manager over the past 51 years. Ron Clack was in charge for 18-years from 1970, followed by Peter Marshall for one season, Michael Harvey for three, before George Talbot took the reins for fourteen seasons in 1992. In 2006 Tony Choules became the man in charge, being replaced by our current manager Danny Edwards in 2019.

Last season was the most successful in terms of league position since 2014/15 as we finished 6th missing out on the playoffs by one place we also won the Middlesex Charity Cup last season, beating Hanwell Town in the final, for the 4th time in the last 9 years

#### PLAYER PROFILES 2022/23

**Tyler Tobin** – Goalkeeper signed from Ashford Town (Middlesex) in August 2019. Was a key member of the promotion chasing Uxbridge squad last season. A strong commanding goalkeeper who will once again be a key member of the squad for the upcoming season.

**Elliott Poley** – Young defender signed from Ashford Town (Middlesex) in July 2019. A centre half who is now in his fourth season at Uxbridge. He reads the game well and is confident in the air.

Alan Hedley - Signed from Chalfont St Peter in July 2019. Central defender who is equally at home in the defence or midfield. Strong tackler and whose experience and calmness will be vital this season.

**Harry Seabrook** – A central defender who signed this summer from Tring Athletic. Has also played for Bovingdon in the Spartan South Midlands League. Harry is strong in the air but also has the ability to bring the ball out from the back.

Luke Paris – Luke arrived this summer from Windsor. Centre back Luke can boast international experience playing for Anguilla in the World Cup.

Josh Andrew – A vastly experienced no nonsense right sided defender who has played for many clubs at this level. They include Harrow Borough, Ashford Town (Middlesex), Chipstead and Hayes & Yeading United.

Alex Witham – Alex is an attacking player who can play in midfield or in a striking role. A former Arsenal youth player and has played for Derby reserves. Previous clubs include Biggleswade Town, Wealdstone, Slough Town, Wembley, Leverstock Green, Northwood and Berkhamsted.

Victor Osobu – Victor was signed from Barton Rovers to strengthen the midfield and give the front line some options in attack. Victor is vastly experienced at this level and has previously played for Beaconsfield Town, Chesham United, Hemel Hempstead Town, Chalfont St. Peter, Ware, Canvey Island, Harrow Borough, Slough Town and Hayes & Yeading United. Quick feet and direct running make him a handful for defenders.

**Kensley Maloney** – A tricky midfielder with a good turn of pace. Joined Uxbridge last season after a brief stay at Marlow. Other previous clubs include Beaconsfield Town, Bracknell Town, Harrow Borough and Slough Town.

Andy O'Brien – Another new signing this season having played last season in the Hanwell Town side that gained promotion via the play-offs. Cultured defender who leads by example. Links play from the back to midfield and powerful in the air.

**Jordan Ireland** – Midfielder who arrives from Walton Casuals. Former Harrow Borough player whose vast experience at Step 3 will be valuable for The Reds as they push for promotion in 2022/23.

**Joe Jackson** – A big part of the Bedfont Sports side which reached the Play-offs in 2021/22. Midfielder who skippered The Eagles and scored the winning goal against Dulwich Hamlet in the FA Cup. Brings energy and creativity to the centre of the Uxbridge side.

**Dan Williams** - Dan has been amongst the goals at Step 4 for a number of seasons, netting around 50 at Chalfont St Peter, Tooting and Mitcham United and Bedfont Sports. Dan joined The Reds in September from Southern Premier South League neighbours Hendon. His goals last season helped propel The Sports into the playoffs.