



Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026

Saturday 27th September 2025

**Amersham Town v Burnham
CCFL Premier Division North**

Kick off 3.00pm

Chairman: Paul Serkis
Secretary: Bryan Fisher
Manager: Jason Owens



Welcome to the players, committee members and supporters of Burnham. As a glance at the league table later in this programme will show, Burnham are having an excellent season and sit confidently at the top of the table.

It is also a pleasure to be playing at home. Because of the vagaries of the fixture list and the impact of FA Cup games and replays, we have played three times more league games, six, at home than away, two. But at least most of our fixtures are on a Saturday. 'though we lost to Windsor & Eton, another high flying team, ten days ago on a Tuesday. Pity our ground share partners, who play their next three home games on a Tuesday evening.

One date to put in your diary is our Race Night, which this year is on Friday 17th October. It's always a most enjoyable evening. It has proved very popular this season so tickets are selling fast. If you are interested contact the organizer, Brian Barnett on 07974152068.

Enjoy the game.
Mike Gahagan

Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Saturday 11th October v Edgware & Kingsbury, Combined Counties League: kick off 3.00pm.

ENTRY: Adults £8, Senior Citizens £6, Children under 16 free

Amersham Town FC: results and fixtures.

Date	Opponents	H/A	Score	Scorers
29.7.25	North Greenford	A	1 - 1	Miah
2.8.25	Cinderford Town	A	1 - 0	Johnson. FA Cup: extra preliminary round
9.8.25	Wokingham Tn	H	3 - 0	Aram 2, Georgiou
16.8.25	Royal Wootton Bassett	A	1 - 3	Roman. FA Cup Preliminary Rnd
19.8.25	Holyport	A	1 - 2	Bartolo
23.8.25	Brook House	H	0 - 1	FA Vase
25.8.25	Harefield Utd	A	0 - 3	
30.8.25	Ardley Utd	H	2 - 0	Aram, Georgiou
3.9.25	Hilltop	A	2 - 4	Jones, Sennett
9.9.25	Holmer Green	H	2 - 3	Aram, Austin B&B Senior Cup
16.9.25	Windsor & Eton	A	2 - 4	Bartolo, Sykes. CCFL Challenge Cup
20.9.25	North Leigh	A	1 - 2	Johnson
27.9.25	Burnham	H		
4.10.25	British Airways	A		
11.10.25	Edgware & K'y	H		
18.10.25	Kidlington	A		
25.10.25	Broadfields Utd	H		

Amersham Town

1. Matthew Messer
2. Joshua Quadry
3. Ramane Griffith-Dunbar
4. Craig Lett-Stephen
5. Daniel Fogarasy
6. Ethan Sennett
7. Lucas Georgiou
8. Dominic Jones
9. Shane Johnson
10. Charles John
11. Shaun Aram
12. Joshua Penemo
14. Razvan Roman
15. Joshua Clay
16. Mark Webb
17. Elliot Few
18. Kai Bartolo

Manager: Jason Owens
Head Coach: Alfie Sanger
Coach: Ben Clargo
GK Coach Mark Bonnick.

Colours: Black & White

Burnham

1. Archie Cunningham
2. Ilyas Khader
3. Jamie Mitchell
4. Yahaya Kamara
5. Zakari Otoo
6. Joel Ampabeng
7. Kristian Belousas
8. Sean Basaye
9. Jordan Brown
10. Christian Mulindwa
11. Shyon Dennis
12. Rafael Bertoli
14. Deluxe Mwengula
15. Ellis Martin-Cherry
16. Sandro Camara
17. Nabil Taitt
18. Brandon Jackson

Managers: Omar El-Bakali, Mo Bakkali
Head Coach: Gilbert Batousol
Physio: Melanie Sanchez

Colours: Blue & White

Referee: Ivan Yordanov
Assn't Ref: Paul Bennett
Assn't Ref: Richard Blackwood

Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League: Premier Division North

As at Saturday 20th September 2025

		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Burnham	9	7	0	2	6	21
2	Windsor & Eton	9	5	3	1	9	18
3	Broadfields United	10	5	2	3	13	17
4	Milton United	9	5	2	2	5	17
5	Wallingford & C'msh	9	5	1	3	-2	16
6	Kidlington	8	4	2	2	5	14
7	North Greenford Utd	7	4	2	1	2	14
8	Hilltop	10	4	2	4	1	14
9	Wokingham Town	5	3	1	1	8	10
10	Amersham Town	8	3	1	4	0	10
11	Harefield United	7	3	1	3	-6	10
12	Reading City	6	2	2	2	3	8
13	Ardley United	6	2	2	2	2	8
14	North Leigh	9	2	2	5	-6	8
15	Abingdon United	7	2	1	4	-3	7
16	British Airways	7	2	1	4	-5	7
17	Holyport	9	2	1	6	-13	7
18	Ashford Town (Mdx)	4	1	2	1	2	5
19	Virginia Water	6	0	1	5	-9	1
20	Edgware & K'bury	7	0	1	6	-12	1

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BURNHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1878, Burnham Football Club is the second oldest club Buckinghamshire. We played in the early years, with considerable success, in various leagues, before joining the Great Western Combination in 1948. We moved to the Wycombe Combination in 1964 and then spent one season (1970/71) in the Reading Combination.

In 1971 the club was elected to the Hellenic League. Winning both the Premier Division and League Cup in 1975/76. We were also twice beaten finalists in the League Cup too. In 1977 the club were elected to the Athenian League and were twice runners-up before the league folded in 1984.

We competed in the London Spartan League in 1984/85. Winning both the Premier Division title and the League Cup. The summer of 1985 bought about the amalgamation of the football club with Hillingdon Borough FC, who had lost their ground and were about to fold. We played in the Southern League as Burnham & Hillingdon FC and reverted back to the former name of Burnham FC in 1987. Season 1994/95 saw us finish bottom. Resulting in relegation to the Hellenic League.

After 3 seasons in the Hellenic League, finishing fifth, third and again third in 1998/99. the club won both the Premier Division title and the League Cup. Therefore, gaining promotion back to the Southern Football League. The 2006/07 season saw us achieve our highest league position, finishing 3rd and thus qualifying for the end of season Promotion Play-Off semi-final, unfortunately losing to the eventual winners – Swindon Supermarine.

The 2012-2013 season was, without doubt, the most successful in the football club's history. The First Team won the Evo Stik League Southern Division One Central (Southern League) championship. Earning promotion to the newly sponsored Calor League Premier Division (Southern League), while our Reserves won the UHLSport Hellenic League Division Two East championship at the first time of asking. Earning promotion to Division One East where they came up against the First Teams of many of the previous season's opposition.

CUP COMPETITION HISTORY In cup competitions Burnham reached the Quarter Final of the FA Vase in 1977/78 and then went one better in reaching the Semi Final in 1982/83. Losing 4-2 over two legs to Halesowen Town. The clubs record attendance of 2400 was achieved in the home leg. We have twice reached the Third Qualifying round of the FA Cup and in 2005/06 we reached the First Round Proper for the first time ever, before losing at home to Aldershot Town. In the F.A.Trophy we reached the Fourth Round (the last 16) in 1999/2000. Before losing to Scarborough in a replay after a creditable 1-1 draw at The Gore. In the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup we reached the Semi Final twice before losing on both occasions to Chesham United. On the 22nd May 2024 the blues were successful in beating Virginia Water 2-1 at the Racecourse Ground (Ascot United) and won the 2023/24 Combined Counties Football League / Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup, aka the League Cup.

AND NOW... Burnham FC now play in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier League North. During the Covid-19 pandemic the renamed 1878 stadium and its facilities have undergone a major refurbishment programme. Providing the new chairman, Glenn Skivington, with the chance to achieve one of his key objectives of building closer links with local clubs and the local community. We now have more teams, more clubs and more leagues enjoying the state of the art 3G pitch which was completed in July 2021. Going forward Burnham Football Club will continue to develop as a local sports facility. Creating a pathway for young players, whether they want to play professionally or build a career within the sports industry.

A Swedish Knight, An English Visionary

It isn't even five minutes into the 1958 World Cup final when Nils Liedholm picks up the ball. He beats the first man, and then the second. Finding himself in space, he shoots, and the net billows. The Swedish home crowd erupts, and they lead Brazil. On the touchline, at the pinnacle of a remarkable career, stands an Englishman. George Raynor may not be much remembered in his homeland, but his services to football earned him a Swedish knighthood, and he could be the most consistently successful international manager England has ever produced.

Sent to Iraq as a fitness instructor to the Ninth Army, the former footballer encouraged his sport. When Prime Minister Nuri Al-Said decided that his

country needed a football team, there was one obvious candidate. Raynor became the first manager of the Iraq national side, overseeing exhibition matches against Lebanon and Syria, as well as representative teams from the British and Polish militaries.

Following the war, Raynor returned home, but his progressive style was difficult to implement. After losing his job at Aldershot, he met with another forward-thinker, Sir Stanley Rous, who suggested the Sweden needed a coach to prepare for the 1948 Olympics. Not an easy task for a country that still demanded amateur football. But Raynor was blessed, and Sweden were dripping with talent. Gunnar Gren and Nils Liedholm were the creative force, while Gunnar Nordahl was an unbelievably prolific striker. Under Raynor, the Swedes scored a remarkable 22 goals in their four games as they romped to the gold medal. It is still Sweden's greatest footballing triumph.

Following that success, there was clearly a lot of European interest in Raynor's players, and Gren, Liedholm and Nordahl all moved to Milan,

forming the famous Gre-No-Li. Nordahl's two brothers, also integral parts of the national team, went to Italy too. Unfortunately, this was the end of their international careers, as Raynor was unable to call up professional players.

Not for the last time, Raynor had to rebuild. Committed to the improvement of Swedish football he took charge at AIK alongside his international commitments, winning the Swedish Cup twice before turning his focus to Brazil in 1950.

Such were the limitations, Raynor's World Cup squad of 22 players included 14 who hadn't been good enough to make the Olympic squad just two years earlier. But after four years in charge, Raynor had his team purring. Their first match was against Italy, the nation that had deprived them of so many players and the reigning world champions. Sweden dispatched them, 3-2. It was the *Azzurri's* first loss at a World Cup. A draw with Paraguay saw them into the final group stage, but losses to

Brazil and Uruguay cost them a chance at the big prize. Sweden ran out a creditable third.

Raynor would repeat his third place finish at the 1952 Olympics, despite ten more of his World Cup squad leaving for professional football, before the job of constantly rebuilding the side became too much. In 1954, to the dismay of Swedish football fans, he left for Juventus.

Unfortunately, his club career didn't match his international one. Quickly moved out of Turin, he initially did well to save Lazio from relegation. Sweden, catastrophically, failed to qualify for the 1954 World Cup without him, something that finally prompted the FA to consider professionalism. Suddenly a whole host of exceptional Swedish talent was available once more.

Raynor moved back to England and took charge of third division Coventry City as Sweden prepared to host the 1958 World Cup. But it was too strong a love affair, and when the Englishman was dismissed from his post in the Midlands, Scandinavia came calling again. One last shot at the big prize, with a home crowd and the cream of Swedish talent.

Raynor's Sweden looked every bit the force that surprised Europe for much of the previous decade, beating Hungary and Mexico before drawing with Wales, with qualification secured. They saw off a strong Soviet side in the quarter finals and the reigning champions, West Germany, in the semi-final, setting up an exciting tie with Brazil. Sadly, for Swedish hopes, this was merely the swansong of their golden age, while their opponents were right at the start of theirs, which would eclipse all others. Vava equalised and then gave Brazil the lead, before Pele took charge as Brazil romped to their first World Cup victory. It was the last international match for Raynor, and he returned to his homeland.

Recognising his brilliance, and with English football desperately needing to evolve, the only work he could find was with non-league Skegness Town.

Enjoy the game.

Martyn Green, *The Untold Game*

Find more at TheUntoldGame.co.uk or on social media, @TheUntoldGame



 SPORTS

THE ELITE CHOICE

WWW.MJM-SPORTS.CO.UK



BEFORE YOU CURSE

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE



Respect



GROUP PILATES CLASSES IN AMERSHAM

MONDAY

09.00-10.00 - HIIT&PILATES (WITH LL FITNESS) - BARN MEADOW HALL
18.00-19.00 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC
19.10-20.10 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC

TUESDAY

12.20-13.20 - MIXED ABILITY - BARN MEADOW HALL

THURSDAY

09.15-10.15 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC
10.30-11.30 - BEGINNERS/IMPROVERS - AMERSHAM TOWN FC
17.15-18.00 - MIXED ABILITY - AMERSHAM TOWN FC

For more info
or to book onto a class:
email
sarah@strengthandglow.com
or call/text Sarah on
07904 748084



FITNESS CLASSES

IN AMERSHAM



**FUN AND FRIENDLY GROUP AND ONLINE EXERCISE CLASSES.
SUITABLE FOR ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS.**

- IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS, BUILD STRENGTH AND TONE UP IN A FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.
- BABIES AND TODDLERS WELCOME TO SOME CLASSES.
- VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR CLASS TIMES AND DETAILS.

GROUP CLASSES:

- BARN MEADOW COMMUNITY HALL, PONDSWICK, AMERSHAM HP7 0ER.
- AMERSHAM FOOTBALL CLUB, SCHOOL LN, AMERSHAM HP7 0EJ.

ONLINE CLASSES: ZOOM ONLINE.

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

07979 756 699 / LYNDSAY@LLFITNESS.CO.UK

WWW.LLFITNESS.CO.UK



LOVE LIFE. GET FIT.

LLFITNESS

**CHERRY RED
RECORDS**

NEW ALBUMS /
DEFINITIVE ANTHOLOGIES /
CLASSIC REISSUES /

Unique in depth interviews @ www.cherryred.tv

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHERRY RED



www.cherryred.co.uk

For details on all of our releases and how to order call our mailorder hotline 020 8996 3120
or visit the website



A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERSHAM TOWN FC

Amersham Town FC was formed in 1890. An inaugural meeting took place at the Crown public house, now a hotel, on 10 October 1890. The Chairman was a local headmaster who was very friendly with W. G. Grace and was, in fact, recommended by that great cricketer. Among the original rules were no bad language on the pitch, that no player should wear any nails, an annual subscription of 1/6d (or 7.5p) and an agreement that the club colours would be black and white.

The club originally played at Barn Meadow, down the road from the current ground. Amersham Town moved to Spratleys Meadow in 1920, thanks to the generosity of a local entrepreneur - a Mr Brazil - who founded the famous sausage and pie company bearing his name.

Amersham joined the Hellenic League in 1952 and then the Spartan League in 1972. The Clubhouse, a former school room, was erected in 1968 and extended to its current size in 1983. New floodlights were installed in 1977. In 1998 the Club secured a ninety nine year lease on Spratleys Meadow and built a new stand. In 2000, new pitches were provided across School Lane for the Youth Section.

In 2006/07 the club enjoyed a major refurbishment. The original changing rooms, which were commandeered in the war as an emergency mortuary in the event of an air raid on Amersham, were demolished and modern facilities constructed. The pitch, which had a slope of 11ft 4 inches from touchline to touchline, was levelled and now provides an excellent playing surface. In 2022 the clubhouse was comprehensively remodelled and modern floodlights installed for this season.. Amersham Town was granted Charter Standard Club status in 2013.

The club moved to the Cherry Red Combined Counties League in season 22/23 and was promoted to the Premier Division North for last season. The team is managed by Jason Owens and the club has developed close links with Kings Church FC, a well organised local club which runs more than twenty junior teams.

A hard copy or an on-line booklet recording the club's history, prepared for its 125th anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on michaelgahagan89@gmail.com