



## **Amersham Town Football Club Season 2025 – 2026**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Amersham Town v Windsor & Eton  
CCFL Premier Division North**

**Kick off 7.30pm**

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



Welcome to the players, committee members and supporters of Windsor & Eton. Sitting high in the table, with several games in hand on their close rivals, Windsor & Eton must have ambitions for the play-offs or better. So it will be a tough task this evening.

The newspapers have been full of Arsene Wenger's proposals for a significant change to the offside rule. But it is not new: Arsene made his proposal six years ago. What is different now is FIFA is mulling over a change. As I'm sure you will be aware Arsene has suggested that, in order to be offside, there should be daylight between the attacker and defender. This may seem minor but, in reality, is pretty fundamental. Offside has had only two major changes since 1863 when the laws were written - in 1925 and again in 1990. It has had so few modifications because, on the whole, it works.

One thing that I have noticed throughout this debate is that, as usual, the media is obsessed with VAR and, in England, The Premier League. But grounds below The Premier League do not have VAR. And what about an evening game: at the lower levels it is common for floodlights barely to meet the required lux value. Pity the poor Assistant Referee trying to determine whether there is moonlight between the two players.

Fortunately, it looks likely that there will be a trial. I suspect that, once more, it will be held only on grounds with VAR and good lighting.

Enjoy the game.

Mike Gahagan

**Next game at Spratleys Meadow: Next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January v Wallingford & Crowmarsh: KO: 3.00pm, CCFL Premier North.**

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

## **Amersham Town**

1. Ben Clargo
2. Archie Sykes
3. Josh Penemo
4. Mark Webb
5. Daniel Fogarasy
6. Dominic Jones
7. Modou Fofana
8. Naz Miah
9. Chris Martin-Thomas
10. Callum Cohen
11. Shaun Aram
12. Shane Johnson
14. Craig Stephen-Lett
15. Ethan Sennett
16. Matt Messer
17. Jayden Gibson
18. Kai Bartolo

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

Colours: Black & White

## **Windsor & Eton**

1. Findley Purcell
2. Kieran Jordan
3. Luke Phillips
4. Tahir Carmichael
5. Toby Bridges
6. Luke Appleton
7. Isaiah Chase-Kelly
8. Ben Catt
9. Jabir Laraba
10. Leo Decabo
11. Aiden Payne-James
12. Sam Hutchings
14. Ross McKernan
15. Ethan Darcy
16. Enzo Pashaj
17. Nick Thumwood
18. George Weston-Brown

Manager: Matthew Angell

Colours: Red & Green

**Referee:** Matthew Topp

**Assn't Ref:** David Cox

**Assn't Ref:** Simon Cook

## 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 SC
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	1 - 0	Johnson
4.10.25	British Airways	A	0 - 2	
11.10.25	Edgware & K'y	H	1 - 0	Aram
18.10.25	Milton Utd	A	2 - 3	Aram, Martin-Thomas
22.10.25	Kidlington	A	0 - 0	
25.10.25	Broadfields Utd	H	0 - 4	
1.11.25	Wallingford & C	A	0 - 0	
8.11.25	Wokingham Tn	A	1 - 6	Martin-Thomas
15.11.25	Abingdon Utd	A	0 - 2	
22.11.25	Harefield Utd	H	1 - 9	Bartolo
13.12.25	Virginia Water	H	0 - 2	
20.12.25	Ashford Town	A	1 - 3	Martin-Thomas
27.12.25	North Greenford	H	1 - 4	Martin-Thomas
10.1.26	Hilltop	H	2 - 2	Coen, Sykes
20.1.26	Windsor & Eton	H		
24.1.26	Wallingford & C	H		
31.1.26	Burnham	A		
3.2.26	Reading City	A		

7.2.26	Holyport	H		
14.2.26	Edgware & K'by	A		
21.2.26	Milton Utd	H		
28.2.26	Kidlington	H		
7.3.26	Abingdon Utd	H		
14.3.26	Windsor & Eton	A		
17.3.26	Ashford Tn Mdx	H		
21.3.26	North Leigh	H		
4.4.26	Broadfields Utd	A		

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**Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League:  
Premier Division North**

As at Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
1	Burnham	25	15	6	4	24	51
2	Ashford Town (Mdx)	23	14	5	4	26	47
3	Wallingford & C	27	14	5	8	2	47
4	Broadfields United	24	13	7	4	28	46
5	Ardley United	20	13	2	5	22	41
6	Hilltop	30	12	4	14	7	40
7	Windsor & Eton	18	11	6	1	24	39
8	Milton United	23	11	4	8	7	37
9	Kidlington	22	10	7	5	7	37
10	Reading City	19	10	4	5	16	34
11	North Greenford Utd	21	10	3	8	-1	33
12	Virginia Water	23	9	4	10	-4	31
13	Wokingham Town	22	8	5	9	1	29
14	Harefield United	25	8	4	13	-7	28
15	Abingdon United	22	7	4	11	-6	25
16	British Airways	20	7	4	9	-5	22 *
17	Amersham Town	22	5	4	13	-27	19
18	North Leigh	24	5	3	16	-23	18
19	Holyport	26	5	1	20	-45	16
20	Edgware & K'bury	26	2	2	22	-46	8

\* adjustment made

## **Windsor & Eton: the Background.**

The original Windsor & Eton Football Club was formed in 1892 and played at Stag Meadow from 1911. They had a proud history including numerous FA Cup runs until they hit harder times and were wound up with large debts in 2011.

Now a new club, also called Windsor & Eton Football Club, has been formed, and been granted a lease for Stag Meadow. It has been set up as a Community Interest Company, which ensures that its purpose is to serve the community.

Of course, as a new club we're starting near the base of the football league pyramid but with volunteer support, community engagement and focussed management we're looking forward to a rewarding adventure as we put Windsor & Eton back on the football map.

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### **“The fleet-footed dark girl”**

Emma Clarke's story is one that, for over a century, was forgotten, and her name, important as it is to the history of football, was lost. She should be heralded among the pioneers of the game, alongside Arthur Wharton and Lily Parr, but it wasn't until 2017 that her story was uncovered, more than 120 years after he debut. Without some determined digging by historian Stuart Gibbs, and a stroke of photographic luck, it's possible that she would have gone unremembered forever.

Bootle has a habit of producing footballers. The Merseyside town has been the childhood home of Jamie Carragher, Steve McManaman, Roy Evans, Alvin Martin, and in recent years, Manchester United and England player Alex Greenwood. All of them were preceded, however, by Clarke, who was born there in 1876 to William and Wilhelmina. Like her more famous counterparts, she started her footballing career on the streets, kicking about with neighbours and friends, before being apprenticed to a confectioner at 15. She didn't allow her sporting dreams

to end there, however.

In 1795, another footballing pioneer by the name of Nettie Honeyball decided to do something against the derision that women had received in the previous decade. The first ever women's match had been in 1881, and had ended with spectators storming the pitch in anger and the players barely making their escape. Honeyball was a pseudonym that the woman in question – probably Mary Hutson – used to protect herself from that kind of abuse, but nevertheless, she was determined to make her point, and founded the British Ladies Football Club. At the age of twenty, Clarke joined, becoming the first black female player in the game.

Clarke's career for the BLFC is difficult to track, owing to the number of pseudonyms being used and changed throughout the infancy of woman's football, and how many of those pseudonyms happen to have been Clarke. But a photograph was taken of the BLFC's first exhibition match, a North v South game which took place in Crouch End, London, in 1895, which proves that she was part of this pioneering event. 10,000 people turned out to watch the spectacle, in which Clarke played (unexpectedly, given her home town) for the South side. It was here that a South Wales newspaper picked her out as "the fleet-footed dark girl on the wing", but in also referring to her as "a coloured lady of Dutch build", who played in goal, causing the confusion as to her identity and a century of her being misidentified as Carrie Boustead. But for the evidence found in the photograph, that would still be the story we believed today.

Her side was on the receiving end of a 7-1 battering, and the comment after the game was not complimentary about women's football in general, suggesting that once the novelty of the spectacle had worn off it was doubtful that there would be much interest in watching the fairer sex compete. But the novelty certainly lasted for a little while, and the BLFC toured the country playing exhibition matches and raising money for charitable causes, playing in front of tens of thousands, and at grounds as impressive as Upton Park and Portman Road. By 1897, the exertion of travelling in this way had taken its toll on the team and the BLFC stopped playing matches, but the impact had been made and women's football was here to stay. Clarke joined Mrs Graham's XI, a side named

for the famous suffragist Helen Graham Matthew, who had played in the North v South match and set up her own team. Clarke continued to play until her late twenties, disappearing from the playing record in 1903.

Sadly, she also disappears from the census in 1905, leading Gibb to speculate that she died sometime before her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. As with most working-class people in the historical record, the details of her life are not recorded and difficult to discover. But Emma Clarke definitely made her mark on history, and helped open up the way for both female and black footballers to ply their trade in the twentieth century and beyond. Forgotten for so long, it's important that these stories are kept alive.

Enjoy the game.

**Martyn Green, *The Untold Game***

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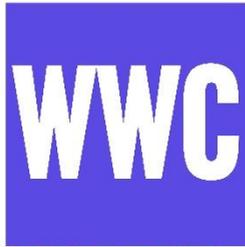
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## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERSHAM TOWN FC**

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 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, can be obtained by emailing Mike Gahagan on [michaelgahagan89@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgahagan89@gmail.com)