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Pitching In Isthmian League South Central
Saturday 3 October 2020, 3pm



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 - The Club reserves the right to amend these rules at any time.

By order of the Board of Chalfont St Peter AFC

Welcome to the game

A very warm welcome to Mill Meadow for today's Pitching In Isthmian League game against Ware.

We welcome their players, supporters and officials and hope they enjoy their brief time with us.

Also welcome are our match officials, Tom Moisey, Chris Fernandes and Colin Wordsworth.

In the space of a week our hopes of a cup run have been dashed as first, Farnborough nicked the spoils in the FA Cup with a dramatic, even controversial, win on the Tuesday and then at the weekend, we were not up to scratch and were dumped out of the FA Trophy at Hythe Town.

The loss against Farnborough was the harder to take as we had roared to a two goal lead withing the first ten minutes and Farnborough were all over the place. Had we managed to hold on to that lead at the break it might have been a different game but they pulled one back just before the whistle from a corner and then gave us the run around for much of the second half and pulled level with a penalty. The game looked destined for spot kicks (no extra time or replays this season) only for the linesman to blindside players, spectators and even the referee by signalling a goal in the very dying seconds. A great cup tie but a loss so very hard to take.

If we had aspirations in our game at Hythe, they were so snuffed out. A hat trick from their striker and a handful of

strong saves by their latest keeper, signed from Charlton Athletic and we weren't at the races. Our ball retention and strength in front of goal have to improve. Another hat trick on the day was confirmed as we left after three visits to the South Coast club with only defeats in all three trophies, FA Vase, FA Cup and now FA Trophy to show for it.

Results need to turn around very soon as, with now three straight defeats, reality has to kick in and today is the first of seven games coming up during October and points on the board will become very important very quickly. Hopefully, the season will not end up being decided on points per game and we get a full season in but every game becomes increasingly important in this uncertain season.

If there is a hint of gathering clouds after reason results for the first tea, there is nothing but sunshine for the more junior sides. The Under 18s are doing wonders in the FA Youth Cup. If the first win at Beaconsfield was impressive, the 3-0 thumping of a vastly more experienced Hayes & Yeading sent a buzz all around the club. They entertain Kings Langley at Mill Meadow on Thursday the 8th in the next round and would appreciate your support.

The club disbanded their reserve team some years ago but this season has seen the establishing of an Under-23 side under the guidance of Eliot Frilli and the early signs are that this will be a successful venture, both on its own merits but also as a support for the First Team.

There is a real sense that a path of progression through the age groups is beginning to take shape.

We are at home again this coming Tuesday when Barking will be our visitors and then on to Bracknell Town next Saturday. It is the first of four away games in five games

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To briefly summarise the changes you will see around the club when you arrive:

- damage to the gates mean that the car park is out of action
- Track and trace is in operation. We have both the NHS and evePass apps available so please make sure you sign in. Signs are posted outside and inside the ground.
- The clubhouse will only be open to sell drinks from the bar on a queuing system. There will be no seating inside so please leave immediately.
- The hatch will only be open for drinks at this time, again with a queuing system.
- There will be lots of reminders around the ground for social distancing. Please take notice.
- The outside toilet block will be open throughout with reminders to wash hands.
- In all cases where payment is required we hope you will use contactless. This may not be available at the hatch until half

time.

- The clubhouse and bar will be open after full time.
- Where social distancing is not practical please wear a face covering.

Enjoy the game and safe home afterwards.

COME ON THE SAINTS

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Chalfont St Peter AFC players and management 2020-2021

Luke Elliott. Left/Centre defence. Captain. Now in his second season with the club, Luke brings leadership and experience to the side.

Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway. Midfield/defence. Supporters Player of the Season last term, Riccardo brings composure and versatility to the team.

Blake D'arcy. Central Midfield. Joins from Cambridge Utd, Blake adds creativity.

Owen James. Forward. Previously with Oxford Utd, Owen came to Saints on Loan for a short period last season and promises goals and assists.

Brandon Kalu. Left back. Joins from Bedfont Sports to offer creativity going forward.

Sydney Ibie. Forward. Joint registered with Hemel Hempstead, Sydney scored the winner in the opening game of the season.

Adam Roberts. Forward. Joins from Molesey, Adam will be hard working and hungry for goals.

Ashley Hunt. Forward. Joins from Hillingdon Borough and another hard worker looking to bag the goals.

James Evans. Full Back. Joint Young Player of the year (with Riccardo) James will be looking to gain experience and strengthen the defence.

Geoff Kibaki. Right back. Signed from Bracknell Town.

Jack Corden. Defence. Trophy winner with Hillingdon Youth Jack is a whole-hearted player.

Andre Odetola. Central midfield. Composed and disciplined, Andre can dictate play.

Finlay Johnson. Manager. Finlay, a UEFA B License coach managed the U23 Hendon FC to the Middlesex League title in 2018-19 and has coaching experience with other clubs and professional academies. He is also North London Academy Scout Co-Ordinator at Watford FC.

Scott Dash. Assistant Manager. Previously at Northwood, steps up from the head coach he held last season.

Aaron Steadman. Head coach. Joins from Bracknell Town.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

- 2-3 Bedfont Sports v Ware
- 1-4 Chipstead v Westfield
- 2-2 Uxbridge v Bracknell Town

FA Trophy First Qualifying Round

- 1-2 AFC Dunstable v Tooting & Mitcham Utd
- 1-2 AFC Sudbury v Barking
- 0-1 Hullbridge Sports v Ashford Town (Middx)
- 3-0 Hythe Town v **CHALFONT ST PETER**
- 1-1 *Northwood v Basildon Utd
- 0-1 South Park v Three Bridges
- 3-2 Waltham Abbey v Staines Town
- 0-2 Witham Town v Hanwell Town
 - * won on penalties

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

- 0-2 Ashford Town (Middx) v Tooting & Mitcham
- 3-0 Marlow v Staines Town
- 1-0 Northwood v FC Romania

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

- CHALFONT ST PETER** v Ware
- Northwood v Ashford Town (Middx)
- Staines Town v South Park
- Tooting & Mitcham v Harlow Town
- Uxbridge v FC Romania
- Westfield v Hertford Town

Emirates FA Cup 2nd Qualifying

- Barking v Kings Langley
- Bedfont Sports v Carshalton Athletic
- Bracknell Town v Marlow
- Bury Town v Waltham Abbey
- Chipstead v East Grinstead Town

- Hanwell Town v Hartley Wintney
- Haringey Borough v Chertsey Town

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

- CHALFONT ST PETER** v Barking
- Chertsey Town v Bracknell Town
- Harlow Town v Chipstead
- South Park v Northwood
- Staines Town v Hertford Town
- Uxbridge v Ashford Town (Middx)
- Waltham Abbey v Marlow
- Westfield v Hanwell Town

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

- FC Romania v Tooting & Mitcham

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

- Ashford Town (Middx) v South Park
- Barking v FC Romania
- Bracknell Town v **CHALFONT ST PETER**
- Chipstead v Bedfont Sports
- Hanwell Town v Staines Town
- Hertford Town v Harlow Town
- Marlow v Westfield
- Northwood v Chertsey Town
- Tooting & Mitcham v Waltham Abbey
- Ware v Uxbridge

PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN LEAGUE TABLE

South Central Division

at 2 October 2020

		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	H	A
1	Westfield	2	2	0	0	7	1	+6	6		
2	Marlow	2	1	1	0	5	2	+3	4		
3	Bracknell Town	2	1	1	0	4	2	+2	4		
4	Harlow Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3		
5	Waltham Abbey	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	3		
6	Tooting & Mitcham	2	1	0	1	3	2	+1	3		
7	Hertford Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	3		
8	Chertsey Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3		
9	Hanwell Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	3		
10	Ware	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3		
11	Ashford Town (Middx)	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3	0-1	
12	Staines Town	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3		
13	Northwood	2	1	0	1	1	3	-2	3		
14	Barking	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		
15	Uxbridge	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1		
16	Chalfont St Peter	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0	---	---
17	Bedfont Sports	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0		
18	South Park	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0		
19	FC Romania	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0		
20	Chipstead	2	0	0	2	1	6	-5	0		

Chalfont St Peter

Results & Fixtures 2020-21

	Date	Opposition		Comp	Result	Att	Pos	Scorers
September	Sat 12	Oxhey Jets	A	FA Cup Prel	W 1-0	148	-	Ibie
	Sat 19	ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX)	H	League	L 0-1	82	15	
	Tue 22	FARNBOROUGH	H	FA Cup 1Q	L 2-3	178	-	Boxer, Ibie
	Sat 26	Hythe Town	A	FA Tro 1Q	L 0-3	178	-	
October	Sat 3	WARE	H	League				
	Tue 6	BARKING	H	League				
	Sat 10	Bracknell Town	A	League				
	Tue 20	Bedfont Sports	A	League				
	Sat 24	HANWELL TOWN	H	League				
	Tue 27	Hertford Town	A	League				
	Sat 31	Harlow Town	A	League				
November	Sat 7	UXBRIDGE	H	League				
	Sat 14	Chertsey Town	A	League				
	Sat 21	STAINES TOWN	H	League				
	Sat 28	F C ROMANIA	H	League				
December	Sat 5	Tooting & Mitcham Utd	A	League				
	Sat 12	WESTFIELD	H	League				
	Sat 19	Waltham Abbey	A	League				
	Sat 26	NORTHWOOD	H	League				
	Mon 28	Marlow	A	League				

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Chalfont St Peter

Results & Fixtures 2020-21

	Date	Opposition	Comp	Result	Att	Pos	Scorers
January	Sat 2	CHIPSTEAD	H League				
	Sat 9	South Park	A League				
	Sat 16	HERTFORD TOWN	H League				
	Sat 23	Hanwell Town	A League				
	Sat 30	BRACKNELL Town	H League				
February	Sat 6	Barking	A League				
	Sat 13	WALTHAM ABBEY	H League				
	Sat 20	Westfield	A League				
	Sat 27	HARLOW TOWN	H League				
March	Sat 6	Uxbridge	A League				
	Sat 13	CHERTSEY TOWN	H League				
	Sat 20	Staines Town	A League				
	Sat 27	TOOTING & MITCHAM UTD	H League				
April	Sat 3	F C Romania	A League				
	Mon 5	Northwood	A League				
	Sat 10	SOUTH PARK	H League				
	Sat 17	Ashford Town (Middx)	A League				
	Sat 24	BEDFONT SPORTS	H League				
May	Sat 1	Ware	A League				
	Mon 3	MARLOW	H League				
	Sat 8	Chipstead	A League				



Our Visitors History

Ware



The Club was founded in 1892 and although first called Ware Town soon changed its name to plain Ware FC. This unassuming title makes it probably the shortest named affiliate of the Football Association and has caused problems for programme editors and journalists ever since.

In fact, the Club has been anything but unassuming. It has held senior status from its very beginning, entering the Herts Senior Cup for the first time in 1893, and winning the cup on the first of five occasions in 1899 with a 2-1 win over Hitchin at St Albans. By this time Ware had been instrumental in founding the East Herts League and had won its championship on two of the three times it had been competed for. The club was to win it five more times before moving on to the North Middlesex League in 1907 and then also to the Herts County League in 1908. The Championship of the latter came that season in a three-way play-off against St Albans City and Welwyn.

After the First World War the Club gained a league and cup double with a second Herts County League Championship and a fourth Herts Senior

Cup win in 1922. The scenes in Ware when the team returned with the Senior Cup tell us something about the hold that football had on local loyalties at the time. The local paper reported that "Large crowds awaited the return of the special train to Ware, everybody being in high spirits. The Cup was marched through the town in front of a cheering throng." Indeed, it was later recalled that the cup was taken through the town on subsequent nights and that stops were made outside public houses where it was charged with beer before being drained by the crowd.

Shortly after this Ware joined the Spartan League in which they were to enjoy several successes, winning the Division 2(B) Championship in 1926, Division 1 in 1951 with the highest "goals for" total ever achieved by a club in the Spartan League, and the Premier Division in 1952. In these later years the Club also made significant progress in the old Amateur Cup meeting many famous sides on the way. One of these was Hendon, against whom Ware drew their largest attendance of 3,800 in the 1st Round in January 1957.

Moving on to the Delphian and then Athenian League, Ware enjoyed another successful period. Two promotions, two league cup wins and two reserve championships paved the way for progress in the FA Cup. In this Ware reached the First Round proper for the first time in 1968 when they travelled to the then Third Division side Luton Town. The opposition had a 100% home record but the game was scoreless with 30 minutes to go before a judicious

substitution broke the stalemate and left Ware beaten 6-1 at the final whistle.

In these successful circumstances it was not surprising that Ware pressed for entry to the expanding Isthmian League. This was achieved for season 1975/76 and they have maintained their place at that level ever since. This is thanks most recently to their Division 2 Championship season of 2005/6 under manager Glen Alzapiedi which carried them into Division 1 just before Division 2 was disbanded. Alzapiedi's side brought further distinction with another FA Cup First Round appearance in 2007 which saw a narrow home defeat against Kidderminster Harriers in front of 2,123 spectators, a record for the current ground at Wodson Park.

Before that a tenth Herts Senior Cup Final in 2001 and another in 2008 have emphasised the club's long history and continuity. Ware is the first of only three possible candidates to appear in this final in three separate centuries, evidence that it is still one of the county's leading clubs.

League form has varied in recent years and after a disappointing period in the 2017/8 season John Dreyer took over as manager. With fortunes improving John stepped aside and his assistant Paul Halsey has taken over the managerial reins.

Ware Management & Players

Paul Halsey: Manager who also managed Ware in 2009 before moving on as goalkeeping coach at Billericay and then management positions with Hoddesdon Town and Hertford Town.

Tom Bruno: Tom is a midfielder who joined us from Cheshunt early in 2019, making his debut from the bench in the 3-0 win at Egham on 26th January. He is known for his fitness and comes with the reputation of being willing to cover every blade of grass in his team's cause. In the end he made 16 appearances that season.

David Kendall: A highly experienced Central defender Dave joined us on 28th September 2019 from Cheshunt for whom he had made seven appearances since the start of the season.

Daniel Rumens: Dan joins us from Enfield Town where he made 3 appearances at the start of the season including in the 5-0 win over another former club Bishop's Stortford. Previous clubs are: Dagenham & Redbridge, Histon, Bishops Stortford, Hendon, Braintree Town and Enfield Town.

Liam Hope: A prolific striker Liam joins us from Enfield Town for whom he has scored over 100 goals. Liam has also had experience with a number of other non-league sides including Maldon & Tiptree and Brentwood Town. Scored twice on his Ware league debut against Staines Town.

Alaa Oujdi: Alaa came off the subs bench to make his debut for the club in the 6-2 win at Erith & Belvedere on 11th March 2014. It was his only appearance that season which may surprise those who later came to see him as a permanent fixture in the first team. He had made 191 appearances for the club by the end of the 2018/9 season.

Gareth Madden: Team/Club Captain. Gareth made his first appearance for Ware from the subs bench in the 6-1 Herts Charity Cup defeat at Bishop's Stortford on 7th August 2013. He went on to make 72 appearances in the next two seasons and scored 2 league goals. He rejoins us from Waltham Forest and now captains the side. He has now made over 100 appearances for Ware.

Leigh Rose: First played for Ware on the opening day of 2011 in a 3-1 defeat at Cheshunt. After spells at other local clubs Leigh has returned to Ware and is now adding to his 33 earlier appearances.

Louis Rose: Brother to Leigh, Louis made his debut on the 14th August 2012 in a 1-0 Charity Cup defeat at Potters Bar. Louis made 32 appearances in his first spell with the Blues.

Williams Danquah: Midfielder Williams joins us after a spell at the now defunct Thamesmead Town. His time in Kent is somewhat misleading however as most of his career other than with Dulwich Hamlet has been spent north of the Thames. He started out at neighbours Hertford Town and has also played for Wingate & Finchley, Bishop's Stortford and Haringey Borough. He made his

debut for Ware from the subs bench in the 2-1 win at Waltham Abbey on 29th December 2018.

Calum Kitscha: Goalkeeper. Calum started with Bishop's Stortford before joining Histon, in the National League South, making over 60 appearances for the Cambridgeshire side. He then joined Hayes & Yeading also in the National League South at the start of the 2014/15 term. In October 2014 Calum made his one appearance for the England C national side when he played in a 2-0 defeat by Turkey in Istanbul. In July 2015 he joined National League side Cheltenham Town and made his debut for them in a FA Trophy tie against Chelmsford City. After helping the Robins gain promotion into the EFL Calum signed a new one-year deal in June 2016 and made his Football League debut during an EFL Trophy tie against Blackpool. He later rejoined Stortford after a brief spell with Hoddesdon but moved to Ware towards the end of 2018/9 making 16 appearances for the Blues.

Patrick Adamsom: Defender. Patrick has joined Ware this season after making 37 appearances for Cheshunt in their ultimately successful promotion push in 2018/9.

Harry Watkins: Hard working midfielder, Harry came through several London youth academies including Chelsea and Arsenal, before joining Braintree Town in early 2015; ending the season on loan to Ilford in the Essex Senior League. Other clubs include Grays Athletic, Harlow Town and Tilbury.

Andre McCollin: Andre is an experienced

striker who recently joined Ware FC from Three Bridges FC

George Casey: A defender who sometimes plays midfield, George came to us from Royston. He spent 2017/8 with Bishop's Stortford where he was a regular in their first team.

Reece Crowter: Reece has graduated to the first team from our youth set-up and did in fact appear for Biggleswade Town at Step 3 in 2019/20. He is now signed for our first team and looks to have a good future.

Jordan Westcott: Midfielder Jordan joined us from Cheshunt for this season having also had experience at Romford and Walthamstow. He looks to be another player with a future in the game.

Finlay Titchmarsh: A defender who was previously with Barnet and Staines a young defender who is improving all of the time.

Danny Wickenden: Danny joined us from Chalfont St Peter for whom he made a substitute appearance in their 2-1 league defeat at Ware in 2019/20. In all Danny made 32 appearances for Chalfont in 2019/20. He was previously with Sawbridgeworth Town and a scholar at Watford.

Marcus Milner: Midfielder Marcus has had several periods with Ware and has now passed 70 appearances for the club, half of them in 2017/8.

Our Club History

Chalfont St Peter AFC



The club was formed in 1926 and played local junior football from its ground on Gold Hill Common.

1948 saw a move to the Great Western Combination and a year later the club moved to its present location, although the picturesque name of Mill Meadow belies its origins as a refuse tip. As the club developed off the field thanks to the support of many volunteers so success began to arrive on the field and in 1952 the first silverware was won, the Berks & Bucks FA Intermediate Cup. Senior status followed and progress through the Parthenon League, London League and Spartan League followed. The early 1970's were difficult for the club but a move into the Athenian league saw a change in fortunes.

The 1980's, now in the Isthmian League, brought some consistency in league performances and some successful campaigns in the FA Cup and FA Vase. The 1990's was another difficult decade, culminating in a low point of two successive bottom places.

2001/02 saw a rebuild under Martin Dean with a good start to the season but a subsequent falling away saw them

finish 14th. The lower echelons became the accustomed territory for Saints for several seasons until Dean's departure at the end of the 2003/04 season.

Managing Chalfont to victory in the Berks & Bucks Under-18 Challenge Cup was a young Danny Edwards. His reward was to be handed the reins of the First Team for the new season. And so began a rollercoaster ride of success and near misses that continued until just recently. A restructuring within the Isthmian league at the end of the 2005/06 season saw Saints moving to the Spartan South Midlands Premier League.

2006/07 saw a top half finish in their first season in the Spartan and a trophy for the cabinet, the Wycombe Senior Cup, secured with a 7-0 win over Downley Albion at the Wycombe Wanderers ground.

2007/08 was a hugely successful season. Danny Edwards was developing an exciting squad and the style of play was both entertaining and successful. Good runs in both the FA Cup and FA Vase came together with a Final appearance in the Premier Division Cup. Topping them all was winning the Challenge Trophy with a 2-0 win over Brimsdown Rovers. A close three-horse race in the league saw Saints pipped at the post into runners-up spot.

2008/09 was about building on the standards set in the previous season. And it didn't disappoint. Some top scalps in the FA Cup heralded a season of cup runs. The FA Vase was the crowning glory, with the Saints making it all the way to the semi-final and being heart breaking seconds away from winning the right to play at Wembley. Saints were in

the hunt for the league title all the way to the last week of the season but the fixture congestion caused by the cup successes began to tell and they couldn't quite make it across the line, eventually finishing a brave third. Losses in the finals of the Challenge Trophy and the Wycombe Senior Cup took a little bit of the shine off what was a brilliant season for the club.

Expectations were high going into season 2009/10 after going close to promotion in the two previous seasons. A slow start and a nightmare run of losses in October saw the title chase wobble and rapid exits from all cup competitions. But an incredible run of form with just one defeat in 23 took Saints to the top to the pile where they became the target for other teams' top performances and it wasn't until they were overtaken by Aylesbury in the last two games that they had to settle for the runners-up spot again.

At the start of 2010/11, the aim was clear: promotion was the number one target. Getting off to an incredible start in notching up seventeen straight wins, Saints grabbed top spot and refused to relinquish it for the entire season, never being less than four points clear at any stage. The focus was clear and any progress in the cups was quickly curtailed. Such was the dominance in the league, the champagne corks popped with five games to spare as the title was secured. The curtain was brought down on the record breaking season and their five year stay in the Spartan League by winning the Challenge Trophy for an unprecedented league and cup double. For the 2011/12 season, life was

expected to be a trial for Saints yet they made a bright start in their new environs and quickly acclimatised. For long periods they were genuine contenders but a poor end to the season, combined with the loss of totemic striker Charlie Strutton to the professional ranks, saw them fall away into the mid table. A strong run in the FA Cup illuminated the 2012/13 season. An impressive win at Carshalton Athletic earned a tie against Conference side Bishop's Stortford. A draw at Mill Meadow set up a replay that ultimately proved a step too far. Playing with style, Saints were to earn the Division's Fair Play title but couldn't reach the play-off positions. With a lack of firepower, the 2013/14 was a disappointing way to mark Danny Edwards' tenth season in charge. The lack of goals consigned the side to a mid-table finish despite boasting one of the meanest defences.

2014/15 saw the goals begin to return. A promising start saw the side hard to beat but too many draws held them back. A run in the FA Cup, highlighted by a deserved win in front of a baying Kettering crowd was coupled with a strong run in November that saw the club in a playoff position but from such heights, a miserable New Year run saw them tumble down into relegation territory. It took a stubborn recovery in April to ensure eventual safety.

2015/16 was a highwater mark for Saints in their current run in the Southern League. Putting aside an early exit in the FA Cup Saints went on to head the table at New Year and looked set for their first tilt at the play offs, if not more. Sadly they repeated the poor run of results

thereafter and fell away to finish sixth. Still an excellent all-round season as Tony Mendy secured top scorer honours in the division with 30 goals.

In contrast, season 2016/17 was possibly the poorest in over a decade. A storming start to the season saw Saints in top spot throughout August but the hole left by the departed Mendy was never filled and as the goals dried up so the tumble down the table gathered pace. Some poor signings added to the problems and the second half of the season delivered just four wins and for a while relegation was a real possibility before safety was finally achieved.

2017/18 was one of our most exciting seasons in the Southern League, our seventh, with the side in playoff contention right up until the final few games. Our peerless record against those sides who ultimately claimed the top places, with just the single defeat in 12 games, including a notable double against champions Beaconsfield Town, underlined how competitive a side we were. Still struggling for goals, it was our defence that led the way with 16 clean sheets. It was a season that saw ever-green skipper Alan Hedley pass the 500 games mark and manager Danny

Edwards reach 700 games in charge. Saints embrace change but enjoy stability at the same time.

2018/19 saw Saints return to the Isthmian League after 12 seasons as football was restructured. An inconsistent defence and a shortage of goals ensured Saints were unable to escape the mid-table places. Towards the end of the season, Danny Edwards signalled his wish to step down from the role he had held with such distinction and Saints had to begin the process of finding a new manager.

If 2019/20 season became the one that never happened, it provided a new launch point for Chalfont as Finlay Johnson took over the reins. New faces and promising youth saw the season start well but a lack of goals eventually started to take its toll. A mid-table finish looked to have been secured before the lockdown put a premature end to the season.

The 2020/21 promises a lot as Finlay continues to mature as a manager. New players and backroom staff add to the excitement and expectation.



CHALFONT ST PETER

Red/Green & Red



WARE

Blue/White & Blue

MANAGER Finlay Johnson

MANAGER Paul Halsey

Andy McCorkell
Geoff Kibaki
Brandon Kalu
Panny Boxer
Luke Elliott ©
Romario Jonas
Kai Walters
Riccardo Alexander-Greenaway
Adam Roberts
Owen James
Blake D'arcy
Sydney Ibie
Jon Munday
Andre Odetola
Ashley Hunt
Kahlil Francis
James Evans
Adam Holder

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Patrick Adamson
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Daniel Rumens
Thomas Bruno
Liam Hope
Devonte Simms
Louis Rose
Williams Danquah
Tommy Wade
Devonte Simms
Jordon Westcott
Jordan Watson
Finlay Titchmarsh
Marcus Milner
George Casey
Reece Crowter

REFEREE

Thomas Moisey

ASSISTANTS

Christopher Fernandes
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