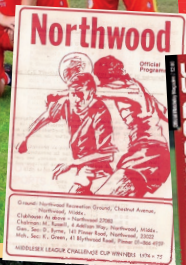


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Volunteers Dennis and Michael after adding the decals to the new team shelters

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Isthmian League South Central Division Play-off Semi-finalists:
 2023

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 2003

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 2000

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 1997

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 2002

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 2002

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 1993, 2000

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 2007, 2016

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 1992

London Spartan League Premier Division Runners-up:
 1990

London Spartan League Cup Winners:
 1990, 1992

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 1979

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 1982

Hellenic League Division One Cup Winners:
 1979

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 1978

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Ian Barry

Woods Chairman, **Ian Barry**, welcomes you to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for our latest games...

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and our C & G Scaffolding Ltd sponsored clubhouse for today's Emirates FA Cup fixture. We extend our welcome to our visitors today from Hutton FC and trust they enjoy their short stay here. Also, assuming a replay is not required, I extend that welcome to our old friends from Burnham FC for a midweek league fixture.

Well, our first win here this year last Saturday ended a bleak period in the club's history and hopefully gave our new squad the belief they need for today in another big and exciting game for us. The FA Cup is, of course, a wonderfully historic competition and one we haven't seen too much success in for a very long time. A home draw is always welcome and I know I am biased, but I do like hosting games here. I'm sure those connected with our visitors will also be excited to be playing in the competition for the first time and we are in for a real contest for the right to play either Hilltop or Grays Athletic in the next round.

Last Sunday, also saw a Woods Legends team face an experienced England Vets team (over 50's) and

whilst I wasn't able to be present, I understand it was a great day all-round and showcases our facilities again while also raising another sizeable sum for our Centenary Charity partners - Mount Vernon Cancer Centre as we close in on our years target of £12,000.

I think the league we are in this season will be extremely competitive judging by the first round of results so it's going to be no easy feat to be in and around the top, something which is, of course, our aim. Our squad is now slowly taking shape and we are hoping to have more additions over the coming weeks.

I am sorry to cut my notes short this week due to an ongoing illness that most of you are aware I am suffering at present, but I'm sure I will be back for more next time around.

Get behind the lads today as we strive to make progress in "The best Cup competition of them all" and make the clubhouse a great place to be post-match.

Up The Woods!

Ian



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Outlook

Club Secretary, **Alan Evans**, brings us all the latest news from around the club.



Welcome to the Tons and the Blues

With two home games currently scheduled inside four days here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium, we have our first double-issue programme of the season as we extend a warm welcome to new visitors Hutton FC and old rivals Burnham FC.

We start with our opening match in the Emirates FA Cup competition, an extra preliminary round fixture against Essex Senior League side Hutton, who started their first-ever season at Step 5 last week with a narrow 1-0 defeat at Harwich & Parkeston.

Our opponents groundshare at Billericay Town FC and had a very successful 2025/26 campaign, winning promotion as champions of the Eastern Counties League Division One South. Hutton had been beaten in the play-offs semi-finals in each of the previous two years but left nothing to chance this time around. They lost just three of their forty matches, scoring over 100 goals with strike pair Elliott Howson and Adam Vyse scoring 46 between them. With the confidence of promotion behind them, the Tons come into their first-ever match in the FA Cup this afternoon.

Should today's tie end in a draw at ninety minutes, there will be a replay staged at Billericay Town FC on Wednesday night, 12th August at 7.45pm. That would then go to extra-time and penalties, if necessary, to decide the winners. And those winners, will play whoever comes through the tie between Hilltop and Grays Athletic which was being played last night.

It is only if no replay is required, that we would then be hosting Burnham FC on Tuesday night in another Combined Counties League fixture at 7.45pm. Burnham got off to an excellent start to the league season last

week with an impressive 5-1 victory away at Abingdon United. They would have been expected to follow that up on Wednesday night at home to Amersham Town but these notes had to be written before the result of the midweek games were known. In the FA Cup today, they play at home to Southern League side Slimbridge. The last four seasons have all been good for the Blues having finished fourth, fifth and sixth twice, including last season.

Our last games against Burnham were back in 2021 in the early stages of the FA Cup, drawing 1-1 here at the Skyline but with the Woods winning the away replay 4-1.

We are extremely grateful to Shamira Hamirani for being the Match Sponsor for today's Emirates FA Cup tie and hope that she enjoys our boardroom hospitality today. We also have a Match Ball Sponsor in Sean Moore for the Hutton game, while Colin Seal kindly donated his 50/50 winnings from last Saturday to be Match Sponsor against Burnham. Thank you to all. Please see the grid elsewhere in these Woods Outlook pages for games where we require future ball sponsors and secure your chosen match; it's just £50 and we love to have every game covered where possible.

Player News

The Woods squad has been ever-changing over the last month or so during pre-season and right up to the opening game of the new season which saw no less than thirteen players make their Northwood debuts against Holyport FC. Only two of the fifteen who took part had made previous appearances with Kieron Lake-Bryan adding to his five substitute games of last season with a first-ever start, while Bradley Bubb played one game under Scott Donnelly's management stint back in August 2024. We were pleased that Amara Fofana's International Clearance came through just in time for him to take part. There are lots of new faces to get to know, we have pictures and player profiles up for

most of them on the sponsorship pages later in today's programme.

League News

Last Saturday, we kicked off our life in the Combined Counties League with a solid 2-0 victory over Holyport thanks to goals from two very experienced strikers in Bradley Bubb and Liam Enver-Marum. It was the Woods first home competitive victory since beating Stotfold by the same 2-0 scoreline back in December 2025. Our last opening-day victory came three years ago in 2023 when Corinthian-Casuals 4-0 here at the Skyline. With our scheduled away game at Hilltop on Wednesday night being cancelled due to pitch unavailability for our opponents, it means that all other teams in the division will have played two games by this weekend. I haven't rearranged the match against Hilltop as yet, at the time of writing these notes.

Cup News

The Emirates FA Cup competition starts today and the winners of today's tie will take on either fellow Combined Counties Premier North side Hilltop or Isthmian Division One North outfit Grays Athletic

in the preliminary round in two weeks' time so at this stage, our scheduled trip to Bedfont could be cancelled if either side makes it to the next stage.

Next Saturday, we quickly start our first FA Challenge Vase since the 1999-2000 season, with an away game at Rothwell Corinthians. Our hosts play at Step 6 in the Spartan South Midlands League Division One and struggled last season, finishing in 18th place behind our near-neighbours Everett Rovers who we met in pre-season. We have previously played in Rothwell against the now defunct Rothwell Town, meeting them in successive FA Cup seasons in 1999 and 2000 so it will be interesting to return to the town. The Corinthians only start their League campaign today with a home game against Ampthill Town and are away at Bugbrooke St Michaels on Tuesday night. The winners of this tie will play at home to Maidenhead Town, another side newly promoted to Step 6 (Combined Counties Division One), in the second qualifying round. They have started their League season well with seven points from three games and sit in second place in the table at the time of writing.

Match & Match Ball Sponsors - Season 2026/27

Date	Opponents	Match Sponsor	Match Ball Sponsor
Sat 1st August	Holyport	-	Gerry Pimm
Sat 8th August	Hutton (FA Cup)	Shamira Hamirani	Sean Moore
Tue 11th August	Burnham	-	Colin Seal
Sat 29th August	Broadfields United		Graham Mann
Mon 31st August	Harefield United		
Sat 12th September	Wallingford & Crowmarsh		
Tue 15th September	Rayners Lane		
Sat 3rd October	Abingdon United		
Sat 17th October	Redhill (League Cup)		
Tue 20th October	Penn & Tylers Green		
Sat 31st October	Kidlington		
Sat 14th November	Easington Sports		
Sat 28th November	Hilltop		
Sat 12th December	North Greenford United		
Sat 19th December	Reading City		
Sat 9th January	Wokingham Town		
Sat 16th January	North Leigh	Gerry Pimm	
Sat 6th February	Ardley United		
Sat 13th February	Bedfont		
Sat 6th March	Thatcham Town		
Tue 23rd March	Amersham Town		



For the first time in a while, we will also compete in a League Cup this season and we have been drawn at home in this against Premier South side Redhill. This is scheduled for a Saturday in mid-October and the winners will be away to Tadley Calleva in the second round.

The Middlesex Senior Cup draw has not been made at this stage.

Woods Legends v England Over-50s tomorrow

It was a very enjoyable afternoon last Saturday as we staged another Centenary event in aid of Mount Vernon Charity Centre with a squad of former Northwood players taking on an extremely fit England Veterans team at the Skyline Roofing Stadium. The scoreline of 6-1 to our opponents did flatter the Three Lions team but didn't really matter as everyone enjoyed the run-out and the experience on the day. There are both a full report and photos of the match elsewhere in today's programme.

Under 18's

The new season for the Under-18s doesn't begin until the end of the month so it's pre-season and training for them at present under the new management of Matt Kaye who has stepped up from his assistant's role last season. Jamie Barry achieved great success with the side over the last couple of years and matching that would be a tall order but it will be interesting to see how they get on when they do get going. Two friendly fixtures so far have both ended in victory so it's looking promising. Around eight of the new squad did make appearances last season and the recruitment of new faces has been good so we shall look on with interest. The fixture list is out and we start at home to Hayes & Yeading on Wednesday 27th August before the FA Youth Cup kicks off with a visit to Everett Rovers the following week. New clubs in our division this season include ling trips to Sutton United and Tooting & Mitcham while we are also up against Woking.

Photographer needed

After the retirement of long-serving club photographer James Brown, we are currently without an official club photographer so if we are to maintain the standard of our website, programme and social media, we will need a regular replacement that can get to matches. If you are an enthusiastic amateur with a love of photography and football and can assist, then please let us know as soon as possible.

New(ish) Groundshare

After one year of Rising Ballers using our facilities last season, we now have the return of Hayes & Hillingdon FC as our groundshare partners for the next two years. They were previously here for 2024/25 before spending a year at Uxbridge but with Southall now moving into share at Uxbridge, they asked to come back.

We look forward to working with them as they make another attempt to reach Step 6 football having just missed out on promotion in each of the last few years of Middlesex League competition. Their opening fixtures start with two home matches, the first of which is just next week, on Saturday 15th August, against Camden & Islington United so if you can't make it to Rothwell for our FA Vase game, then you do have an alternative.

Merchandise

There is plenty of new stock available at the merchandise stall inside the ground already including the new shirts, both home and away, in most sizes so please give them a visit. There is also a new range of caps and bucket hats with the club's centenary logo on them. More will be added as the season goes along.

Thanks for your support this afternoon/evening and see you all again soon.

Alan

Next up at The Skyline

After this set of two home games, we then travel to Rothwell Corinthians in the FA Vase next Saturday. That has to be played to a result so we will then play our first away league game of the season on Tuesday 18th August, just down the road at North Greenford United – 7.45pm Kick-off. A trip to Bedfont on the 22nd is subject to FA Cup results – we'd be at home if successful today – but at present we don't return here until the end of the month with two home games inside three days over the August Bank Holiday.

Saturday 15th August 2026
Hayes & Hillingdon v Camden & Islington
Middlesex League
3pm

Saturday 22nd August 2026
Hayes & Hillingdon v Indian Gymkhana
Middlesex League
3pm

Saturday 29th August 2026
Woods v Broadfields United
Combined Counties League
3pm



Manny Williams

Woods manager, **Manny Williams**, welcomes you to the Skyline Roofing Stadium and gives his latest thoughts...

Hello everyone and welcome to the Skyline Roofing Stadium for today's Emirates FA Cup match against Hutton FC. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors, their players, management, officials and supporters. I hope everyone enjoys the afternoon and witnesses an entertaining game of football.

Since taking over, one of my main priorities has been to continue strengthening the squad. After our final pre-season friendly, I knew that we needed to add new faces with the quality to improve us on the pitch. Just as importantly, we wanted good characters and experienced players who understand what it takes to be successful. We brought in players with the drive, determination and a winning mentality for the Holyport game. I believe they will have a positive influence both on and off the pitch throughout the season.

Selecting the squad each week is never straightforward, but it is about finding the right balance. We want players whose qualities complement each other, who are willing to work hard for the team and who consistently show the right attitude, commitment and mentality. Those standards are just as important as ability.

Our opening league fixture against Holyport FC was always going to be a tough test, but one we had prepared for throughout the week. The message was simple – focus on us rather than the opposition. We knew we had to remain patient, maintain our shape, play in the right areas and work hard for one another. Most importantly, I wanted the players to enjoy their

football. It was an excellent result to begin the 2026/27 campaign, but we will continue to take things one game at a time. Hopefully, the win over the weekend will give the squad plenty of confidence going into the weeks ahead.

Our attention now turns to the FA Cup, an even bigger challenge but one we are excited and prepared for. It is an incredible competition to be involved in, and our aim is to progress as far as possible. I have been fortunate enough to reach the second-round proper on three occasions and appear live on television twice, creating memories that will stay with me forever.

My favourite FA Cup moment was undoubtedly when with Slough Town with a 6-0 First Round victory against Gainsborough Trinity FC. I would love nothing more than to help bring similar FA Cup success to our supporters and the wider community.

After the cup tie, our focus returns to the league with a home match against Burnham FC. It will be a particularly special occasion for me as they were my first management appointment. Burnham are an excellent side who play attractive football, but so are we. It will be another good test for us to see how much we have progressed. We are looking forward to the challenge and hope to put in another performance that makes our supporters proud.

See you in the clubhouse for a chat afterwards.

Up The Woods!

Manny



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Combined Counties League Premier Division North



The opening set of fixtures produced nine winners, nine defeated clubs while just the one match - down the road at Rayners Lane, produced a 3-3 draw against Wallingford & Crowmarsh.

That game also produced the only red card of the first weekend with the Lane reduced to ten men after just 30 minutes when Beau Pryce was sent off.

Burnham recorded the biggest win, a 5-1 success at Abingdon United, having fallen behind to an early goal, in a game that also recorded the highest attendance of 181.

Newly promoted Penn & Tylers Green will be pleased

with their opening day 3-1 win over Thatcham Town in front of a crowd of 167.

Our other neighbours, Harefield United, Broadfields United and North Greenford United, all secured three points on the opening day as well.

The Hares included four ex-Woods in their starting line-up as they came back from a goal down early on to win 2-1.

On Tuesday evening Penn & Tylers Green along with North Greenford United recorded victories to make it two wins each from their opening two games.

Upcoming Fixtures

Tuesday 11th August 2026

Amersham Town vs North Greenford United
Bedfont vs Holyport
Harefield United vs Broadfields United
Northwood vs Burnham
Penn & Tylers Green vs Reading City
Rayners Lane vs Hilltop
Wallingford & Crowmarsh vs Abingdon United
Wokingham Town vs Thatcham Town

Wednesday 12th August 2026

Kidlington vs Easington Sports
North Leigh vs Ardley United

Friday 14th August 2026

Reading City vs North Leigh

Saturday 15th August 2026

Ardley United vs Hilltop
Thatcham Town vs Burnham

Tuesday 18th August 2026

Abingdon United vs Thatcham Town
Ardley United vs Easington Sports
Broadfields United vs Amersham Town
North Greenford United vs Northwood
Penn & Tylers Green vs Hilltop
Reading City vs Hilltop
Wallingford & Crowmarsh vs Harefield United
Wokingham Town vs Bedfont

Combined Counties League Premier Division North League Table

Up to and including Tuesday 4th August 2026

	P	Home						Away						GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A			
1 Penn & Tylers Green	2	1	0	0	3	1		1	0	0	5	1		6	6
2 North Greenford United	2	1	0	0	3	2		1	0	0	2	0		3	6
3 Broadfields United	2	0	1	0	0	0		1	0	0	3	1		2	4
4 Wallingford & Crowmarsh	2	1	0	0	3	2		0	1	0	3	3		1	4
5 Burnham	1	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	5	1		4	3
6 Easington Sports	1	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	2	0		2	3
7 Northwood	1	1	0	0	2	0		0	0	0	0	0		2	3
8 Ardley United	2	1	0	0	3	0		0	0	1	0	2		1	3
9 Bedfont	2	1	0	0	2	0		0	0	1	1	2		1	3
10 Harefield United	2	1	0	0	2	1		0	0	1	2	3		0	3
11 Reading City	2	1	0	0	1	0		0	0	1	2	2		0	3
12 Wokingham	2	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	1	2	2		0	3
13 Thatcham Town	2	1	0	0	2	1		0	0	1	1	3		-1	3
14 Rayners Lane	2	0	1	0	3	3		0	1	0	0	0		0	2
15 Hilltop	1	0	0	1	1	2		0	0	0	0	0		-1	1
16 Amersham Town	1	0	0	1	0	2		0	0	0	0	0		-2	0
17 North Leigh	1	0	0	1	0	2		0	0	0	0	0		-2	0
18 Kidlington	2	0	0	1	1	3		0	0	1	2	3		-3	0
19 Holyport	2	0	0	1	1	5		0	0	1	0	2		-6	0
20 Abingdon United	2	0	0	1	1	5		0	0	1	0	3		-7	0

A Century of FOOTBALL HISTORY

Part 2: Researched and written by **Ken Green**



We are now celebrating the Centenary of Northwood FC, which was founded in 1926 as Northwood United. As we enter the club's 101st season – although no activity took place during World War II between 1940 and 1946 – in this season's matchday programmes over the coming weeks and months, we will bring you a whole host of stories covering the past century, telling of games, players, club officials, league titles, cup wins, and yes, the odd relegation.

In last week's programme, we covered the first Northwood FC, which was formed in 1899 and operated until 1909 before folding. A new club, named Northwood Rovers, was formed, and they played only friendly matches in their first season, 1910-11, with the first match taking place at Pinner Recreation Ground on 22nd October against Pinner Juniors. They started with what was described as "a brilliant win by six goals to nil", J. Milton 2, F. Puddiford 2, G. Askew, R. Lord scoring.

Northwood Rovers, playing at Dene Road enclosure, staged their first-ever home game seven days later, and they defeated St Andrew's Institute, Cricklewood 3-1 after conceding the first goal. Rovers' team was: P. Bugden, A. King, T. Allen, F. Fountain, F. Frayne, A. Cherry, G. Askew (capt.), F. Puddiford, J. Milton, R. Lord, J. Parks – Cherry, Milton and Puddiford getting the goals. Rovers enjoyed a good season, losing just once at home, to Brondesbury Argyle on Good Friday, watched by "over 350 people".



Northwood War Memorial showing name of Reginald Lord

They joined the Wembley & Harrow League first division in 1911, winning 4-1 versus Allen's Athletic at Dene Road in the first league; the players were: E. Gray, G. Baldwin, J. Park, H. Lord, W. Bugden, S. Frayne, W. Grainger, J. Milton, A. Parker, A. Cherry, R. Lord – Cherry scored all four goals. Rovers finished the campaign in sixth place of nine clubs. Rovers moved to the pitch in Northwood Recreation Ground for the following season, but it turned out to be a poor one – they finished tenth of ten teams, with just three league wins all season.

1912-13 proved to be a poor season for Northwood Rovers. They got off to a bad start, losing 1-7 away to Elgin Rovers in the opening game, when Rovers fielded: R. Cox, G. Baldwin, J. Park, H. Fincher, W. Grainger, J. Milton, C. Wilson, F. Arnold, A. Cherry, W. Milton (scorer), R. Lord. The club finished bottom of the table with eight points, however, they still continued in the top division the next season!

The Rovers believed that their prospects for the 1913-14 season were very bright, and they also started a reserve team to compete in the newly formed Third Division of the Wembley and Harrow League. The club also adapted new colours of claret and sky blue (described as "Aston Villa pattern"), having previously worn white. However, the high hopes were not rewarded, as the team struggled from the start, winning just one game all season, against bottom side Perivale Rubber Works, and took seventh place of eight clubs. The opening game had seen Rovers lose 0-1 to Roxeth & Harrow Brigade Old Boys at the Rec, and set the tone for the coming months; the players that day were A. Palmer; G. Green, J. Park; S. Woodman, A. Cherry, S. Frayne, W. Milton, F. Rowland, J. Milton, F. Arnold, R. Lord.

After World War I broke out in July 1914, local football was suspended as many young men volunteered to serve including seventeen members of Northwood Rovers; over 1,000 players registered with the Middlesex FA had signed up within a few weeks. It is sobering

Wembley & Harrow District League Division One 1912/13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mordfield United	18	13	3	2	36	19	29
Elgin Rangers	18	13	1	4	56	21	27
Harrow Gas Works	18	10	2	6	43	27	22
Neasden Locomotive Works	18	9	4	5	37	49	22
Harrow St Mary's	18	9	2	7	49	55	20
Bushey Heath	18	8	3	7	46	31	19
Roxeth & Harrow Brigade Old Boys	18	8	1	9	28	31	17
Harrow Wesleyan	18	4	2	12	19	45	10
London & North West Railway	18	3	2	13	22	54	8
Northwood Rovers	18	3	2	13	21	56	8

to think that those young men playing football in Northwood went off to war, some never to return. Some were killed in action, including Reginald Lord (who was club secretary and also a player; he worked as a postman in Northwood), R. Cox

(also a postman), Sidney Frayne, Albert King (killed at Battle of the Somme) and Arthur Parker; others were seriously injured. That was the end of Northwood Rovers – like some of their players, the club did not return after the war.

WEMBLEY & HARROW DISTRICT LEAGUE. ELGIN RANGERS v. NORTHWOOD ROVERS.

Played at Wealdstone Recreation Ground on Saturday, in the Wembley and Harrow League. The Rovers team was as follows: R. Cox; G. Baldwin and J. Park; H. Fincher, W. Grainger, and J. Milton; C. Wilson, F. Arnold, A. Cherry, W. Milton, and R. Lord. Referee, Mr. Exeter. Northwood Rovers opened their season in a disappointing fashion on Saturday, when they visited Elgin Rangers. The Rovers were forced to play several reserves, owing to others not being able to turn up. They won the toss and kicked down the slope, and play was very even for a time, but then Elgin opened the score, and the Rovers quickly equalized by W. Milton with a good shot, and an even first half ended with the scores level. The second half saw the Rovers fall away completely, and try as they would they could not hold the clever Elgin forwards, and the defence was beaten six times, the Rovers retiring beaten by 7-1.—Next Saturday the Rovers are at home to Harrow Gasworks, in the League; kick-off 3.45.



A CENTENARY TO REMEMBER



Liz Joyce brings us up to date all our Centenary fundraising events so far.

As we look forward to another exciting season, we can reflect with enormous pride on a remarkable centenary year that brought the entire Northwood FC family together.

Through a series of memorable fundraising events, the club has so far raised more than £10,000 (including Gift Aid) for Mount Vernon Cancer Charity. Supporting Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity was a natural choice, allowing the club to give something back to a charity that has touched the lives of so many within our local community.



Our celebrations began over the May Bank Holiday weekend with a fitting tribute to the club's rich history. The Northwood Legends Match saw former players spanning more than 40 years pull on the famous red shirt once again as two Legends teams took to the field. It was a wonderful afternoon of memories, laughter and friendship, giving players and supporters the chance to celebrate the people who have helped shape the club over the decades.

The following day built on that momentum with a packed programme of football celebrating Northwood's past, present and future. Proceedings opened with a competitive Northwood All Stars match featuring players from the last five seasons, with former Woods managers returning to the dugouts to lead each side. The spotlight then turned to the future as teams from Northwood Youth FC proudly took to the

pitch for a series of mini matches in front of a fantastic crowd.

The day culminated in the Celebrity Charity Match, where two celebrity teams entertained the club's highest attendance this century. Olympic sprinter Dwain Chambers, former England cricketer Monty Panesar and Steps star Lee Latchford-Evans were among the high-profile names who helped attract a record crowd and raise valuable funds for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity.

The football celebrations continued a few weeks later with another enjoyable fundraising fixture as the Youth Under-18s took on the club's managers and coaches in a light-hearted but fiercely contested match that perfectly captured the fun and family spirit of Northwood FC.

The centenary events continued in July with WoodsFest100, a free community festival at Northwood Recreation Ground. With live music throughout the



Fun for all at the Celebrity Soccer match



afternoon, football inflatables, 34 community and artisan stalls, classic cars, food and drink, a hugely popular charity dog show, children's entertainment and the "What's It Worth?" valuation feature, WoodsFest100 showcased everything Northwood FC stands for. The event brought together local businesses, volunteers, community groups and families for a wonderful summer's day, and the fantastic feedback received afterwards highlighted just how much it meant to the local community.

WoodsFest100 would not have been possible without the generous support of Darwin Wellness, 8Build, the Northwood Residents' Association and the Northwood Hills Residents' Association, whose backing helped make the event possible. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to ensure the day was such a success.

Together, we have raised over £10,000 for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Charity, but perhaps just as importantly, we have celebrated 100 years of football, friendship and community. With more centenary events still to come, we look forward to continuing those celebrations throughout the season and building on this incredible legacy as Northwood FC begins its second century.

Dwain Chambers was popular



Donovan Blackwood at the WoodsFest100



Dog Show at the WoodsFest100



Yesterday TODAY



Throughout Northwood's history – which dates back one hundred years to 1926 – the club have played 13 fixtures on 8th August. All previous matches are listed below, and I take a look at three of them in more detail.

Researched and written by Ken Green

1979 Woods 2 Burnham 1

This was Northwood's first meeting with Burnham, in the pre-season Reading Mercury Cup competition.

Burnham arrived as Athenian League runners-up, but Woods turned in a very encouraging performance.

Burnham took an early lead when the ball appeared to pass through the side-netting, where a hole had developed, into the goal, and the lineman signalled a valid strike!



Despite that setback, the Woods continued to play with skill and style, and a few chances were created but not taken.

Substitute Beano Wilson, making his Northwood debut, put his name on the scoresheet within a few minutes of replacing Roger Livingstone, finishing off a move involving Robin Tidd and Nigel Franklin. Franklin then scored a fine individual goal to give the Woods a deserved win.

The Woods had already lost 1-0 at Wokingham Town and 2-1 at Maidenhead Town in the Reading Mercury Cup, which was played on a group basis, so the Burnham win was the club's last-ever game in that tournament.

Northwood: Dave Russell, Norman Heslop, Steve Revell, Pip Boyle, Peter Carter, Martin O'Donnell, Robin Tidd, Ian Harvey, Roger Livingstone, Martin Ellis, Nigel Franklin.
Subs: Beano Wilson, Andy Huckle.

1998 Woods 0 Maidenhead United 3

In scorching heat, Northwood's lack of concentration during a 20 minute spell in the second half produced three goals for a Maidenhead United side that only missed promotion by a whisker to the Ryman Premier Division the previous season (Woods were then in Division Two). The Woods created some good chances in the first half; Chris Gell went close on two occasions and Terry Hibbert tested

Michael Bolger in the Maidenhead goal with another fine header.

At the other end Obi Alasi hit a Northwood post whilst home keeper Lee Carroll made a couple of excellent saves.

And so the chances came and went, and the last action of the half saw Hibbert almost there with another fierce header before Bolger denied him with a super save.

Carroll was soon in action in the second half before Maidenhead cracked it with goals from Chuck Agudsi, Michael Banton and an own goal by Carl Birch – a cracking header while trying to clear under heavy pressure.

Northwood: Lee Carroll, Rene Street, Lee Passmore, Gary Williams, Steve Tobin, Kevin Cooper, Terry Hibbert, Chris Gell, Andy Reeder, Lawrence Holmes, Andy Campbell.



1998

Chris Gell went close twice



1979

Beano Wilson scored within minutes of debut



Terry Hibbert tested keeper with header

Subs (all used): Tony Sibanda, Jim Achille, Damian Stalley, Grimes, Carl Birch, Ford.

2015 Woods 5 Arlesey Town 0

On a hot and sunny start to the new League season, the Woods recorded their best-ever opening-day result since becoming a senior club with an emphatic victory over newly-relegated Arlesey Town. The opening goal of the season came on 20 minutes when the ball rolled to George Nicholas in space 25 yards from goal and he hit a long-range effort into the top corner of the net. Things got better just three minutes



later as Hastings caused more problems on the right and when he cut across the defender, he was sent tumbling for a clear penalty. Michael Murray made no mistake from the spot-kick, beating the Arlesey Thompson although he went the right way.

On 55 minutes the Blues notched their first effort on target as a good long cross from Ashley Deeney was met by Christian Tavernier's firm header but Haigh did well to get across and scramble the ball wide. But it was still the Woods who were dominating and after Louis Stead had struck an effort straight at the keeper, some excellent work from Omar Vassell led to a cross that picked out Murray who timed his run to perfection and flicked it home from six yards.

Just a minute later Ashley Deeney made a mess of an attempted clearance, only heading the ball on

and Murray was there again to volley a fine shot past Thomson from just outside the box and complete his first hat-trick for the club. Then Stead made good ground down the middle before knocking the ball wide to Holland in space. With virtually his first touches, he cut in and then curled a delightful shot across goal and inside the far post to make it 5-0.

And 85 minutes, the tireless Hastings robbed Andre Maltay out wide and then cut in to shoot with Thompson just keeping it out by pushing the ball across goal. At the final whistle, the Woods could reflect on a superb opening-day result.

Northwood: Chris Haigh, Omar Vassell, Andy Lomas, Jon Munday, Steve Brown, George Nicholas, Liam Baker (Max Holland), James Burgess (Perry Dicker), Louis Stead, Michael Murray (Myles Stephenson), Rob Hastings



Hat-trick man Michael Murray

Games The Woods have played on 8th August

Date	Competition	Opponents	F-A	Scorers	Att
Tue 8 Aug 1972	A	Friendly	7-1	Wanless 4, Harvey, Costard, Chick	
Wed 8 Aug 1979	H	Reading Mercury Cup	2-1	Franklin, Wilson	
Sat 8 Aug 1981	H	Friendly	1-3	Clarke	
Thur 8 Aug 1985	H	Friendly	3-0	Thomas, Revell, Broom	
Sat 8 Aug 1987	H	Friendly	3-2	Kitson 2, Blackman	
Tue 8 Aug 1989	H	Friendly	3-2	Blackman, Edey	
Sat 8 Aug 1992	A	Friendly	3-3	Phillips 2, Curran	
Sat 8 Aug 1998	H	Friendly	0-3		
Tue 8 Aug 2000	A	Friendly	4-3	Hale 2, Yaku, Issott	
Tue 8 Aug 2006	H	Friendly	5-2	Hart, Buchanan, Clark, Carter, Dennison	
Sat 8 Aug 2009	A	Friendly	1-2	Ofori	
Sat 8 Aug 2015	H	Evo Stik Southern League Div 1C	5-0	Murray 3, Nicholas, Holland	79
Sat 8 Aug 2020	N	Friendly	1-1	Stefanoica	



SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

Visiting The Skyline... Hutton



Formed 1928 | Nickname TONS | Ground NEW LODGE



The club was founded in 1928 and has been prominent in local football since that time with cup winner's medals dating back to 1932. A key factor in the continued success of Hutton Football Club is the progression of young, local players. The senior teams played in the Mid Essex League until 1989 when progression was made into the Essex Intermediate, now the Essex Olympian League. The Club expanded rapidly after 2005 with the merger of Hutton FC and Hutton Medway FC (established in 1969). The Club now has over 70 teams based in our local community.

Recent history has seen more rapid developments at the club. The Football Association awarded Hutton FC with Charter Standard Community status which is the highest accreditation a club can achieve. In 2005, when the award

was granted, there were only nine clubs in the whole of Essex with this status.

The Club is very proud to have been awarded Community Club of the year twice by Essex County FA. The club has been encouraging girls to come and play for a number of years. In 2005 the first official Hutton girls' team was formed and since then our Ladies 1st and reserve teams have been added to help with progression.

The Club has been involved in a European Tournament played against professional clubs youth teams with outstanding facilities. The Clubs are; Saint Ingbert (Germany), Rumelange (Luxembourg) and Zandhoven (Belgium). The tournament celebrates its 50th year in 2025.

The club house had been at the Polo Fields for over 50 years two previous buildings being destroyed by fire the second one having been

struck by lightning. In 2010 the Clubhouse was vandalised and set on fire but repaired and enhanced thanks to a large grant from Sport England. The Polo Fields Clubhouse finally suffered its fate in 2025 when it was demolished due to structural issues.

The new home for the club see us at Flints Community Sports Hub where we have a new clubhouse, an excellent playing surface for multiple pitches from 3v3 to 11v11. This project was completed in association with the Football Foundation in 2025.

On the pitch, Our senior men's 1st team won the EOFL premier division 2022 / 23 season gaining promotion to the NLS playing in the Thurlow Nunn league south. After 2 consecutive seasons reaching play off positions the team were promoted as Champions to the Essex Senior League 2025 /26.



TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST

Visiting The Skyline...

Burnham

Formed
1878

Nickname
THE BLUES

Ground
1878 STADIUM



1878 Stadium

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 UHLSPOAT 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.

Burnham FC now play in the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Premier League North.

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. 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.

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.



Follow the Woods throughout the season

Match by Match 2026/27

AUGUST			F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6
SAT 1	HOLYPORT	LGE	2-0	129	Orlowski	Lake-Bryan	Santos	McNamara	Tiryaki	Greenstreet
SAT 8	HUTTON	FACEPR								
TUE 11	BURNHAM	LGE								
SAT 15	ROTHWELL CORINTHIANS	FAVIQR								
TUE 18	NORTH GREENFORD UNITED	LGE								
SAT 22	BEDFONT	LGE								
SAT 29	BROADFIELDS UNITED	LGE								
MON 31	HAREFIELD UNITED	LGE								
SEPTEMBER										
SAT 5	ARDLEY UNITED	LGE								
SAT 12	WALLINGFORD & CROWMARSH	LGE								
TUE 15	RAYNERS LANE	LGE								
SAT 19	NORTH LEIGH	LGE								
SAT 26	WOKINGHAM TOWN	LGE								
OCTOBER										
SAT 3	ABINGDON UNITED	LGE								
SAT 10	READING CITY	LGE								
SAT 17	REDHILL	LC								
TUE 20	PENN & TYLERS GREEN	LGE								
SAT 24	THATCHAM TOWN	LGE								
SAT 31	KIDLINGTON	LGE								
NOVEMBER										
SAT 7	AMERSHAM TOWN	LGE								
SAT 14	EASINGTON SPORTS	LGE								
SAT 28	HILLTOP	LGE								
DECEMBER										
SAT 5	WALLINGFORD & CROWMARSH	LGE								
SAT 12	NORTH GREENFORD UNITED	LGE								
SAT 19	READING CITY	LGE								
MON 28	HAREFIELD UNITED	LGE								
JANUARY										
SAT 2	BROADFIELDS UNITED	LGE								
SAT 9	WOKINGHAM TOWN	LGE								
SAT 16	NORTH LEIGH	LGE								
SAT 23	ABINGDON UNITED	LGE								
SAT 30	RAYNERS LANE	LGE								
FEBRUARY										
SAT 6	ARDLEY UNITED	LGE								
SAT 13	BEDFONT	LGE								
SAT 20	PENN & TYLERS GREEN	LGE								
SAT 27	BURNHAM	LGE								
MARCH										
SAT 6	THATCHAM TOWN	LGE								
SAT 13	HOLYPORT	LGE								
TUE 23	AMERSHAM TOWN	LGE								
SAT 27	KIDLINGTON	LGE								
APRIL										
SAT 3	EASINGTON SPORTS	LGE								
TBC	HILLTOP	LGE								

HOME GAMES IN BOLD; GOAL SCORER (1);
 FIRST SUB; SECOND SUB; THIRD SUB; FOURTH SUB; FIFTH SUB;
 YELLOW CARD; RED CARD



Emirates
FA CUP



7	8	9	10	11	Used Substitutes	OG
Lombardi	Fofana	Enver-Marum (1)	Bubb (1)	Trujillo	Ingham-Wright 53; Morris 64; Rangel 85; Akandi 90+6	



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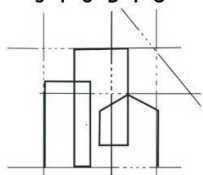
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Welcome to another Commercial Corner!

Last weekend was a busy one, beginning with our first home league fixture and culminating in the Woods Legends vs England Veterans match on Sunday. Congratulations to Manny and the team for a well deserved opening day win and hopefully a good result in the FA Cup today.

The Centenary events calendar continued with the Legends game and it was well attended and we managed to raise over £1k for Mount Vernon again so we are fairly close to our target of 12k which is a fantastic achievement. We all enjoyed a competitive game with the Woods being a bit unlucky to lose by such a margin.

There are still a couple of events to go with a comedy night planned at the end of September and Race night at the end of October. Both should hopefully be well attended. More news to follow!

We were delighted to announce the renewal of our Stadium Sponsorship last week, with Skyline Roofing Centres continuing as our valued stadium sponsor. A huge thank you once again to former player and manager Steve Revell, owner of Skyline Roofing Centres, for his brilliant continued support of the club.

You may also have seen Skyline's latest promotional video, which

was shared across our social media channels this week. They will also be our Instagram matchday sponsors again today.

We're also delighted to welcome back Fauna Vets as a sponsor this season. They were fantastic supporters (and judges) of our dog show at WoodsFest100, and since joining the club we've developed a great working relationship. It's partnerships like these that help sponsors become part of the club, while also demonstrating the real value of supporting a community-focused club like ours.

It was great to be back filming match footage at the Holyport game, although the hot weather had other ideas! My phone overheated and stopped working, which meant I missed Liam's superb second goal. Sorry, Liam! A couple of the clips still reached over 10,000 views, so it's encouraging to see us picking up where we left off last season on that front.

A big thank you as well to Michael Payne, who has very kindly volunteered to take over our live updates on X,



which includes some clips too! If anyone fancies putting regular updates on our TikTok site then please get in touch and we do still need a new club photographer.

On the merchandise front our new polo shirts are still proving popular and are available in black and charcoal grey for £20. Our new home and away replica shirts are in stock too at £45 (Junior sizes slightly cheaper). I'm particularly looking forward to wearing the new yellow away shirt at a game soon. All of the new sports caps and bucket hats are all at a very reasonable £10 each and we've also extended our collectables with fridge magnets at £2 each and badges from 50p. The merch stall will be open again today.

There has been a slight delay in production of any fixture flyer as we finalised the back with sponsors but there should be one out soon and please do check our C&G Scaffolding Clubhouse digital board for news on Sponsors and events.

Until next time, Up The Woods!

John





Woods Under 18's



New Season Approaching

The 2025-26 season was one of great success for the Under-18s, winning the West Division of the Isthmian Youth League for the first-ever time and doubling up by taking the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup. Hampton & Richmond Borough proved great adversaries throughout the campaign, finishing runners-up in both competitions.

We almost reached the first-round proper of the FA Youth Cup, only missing out by way of a defeat on penalties down at Eastbourne Borough, following a 0-0 draw. The team also enjoyed long runs in both the Isthmian Youth League Cup and went close in the Champion of Champions Cup semi-final, losing narrowly away at Kingstonian.

Many of the squad did well to play senior football at levels from Step 4 to Step 6 with Freddie Ford winning the first-team Player of the Year award and manager Jamie Barry can be rightly proud of his side's achievements, following two previous successful Allied Counties League title wins.

It is now a summer of change with Jamie's assistant, Matt Kaye taking over the reins for the new season and their opening friendly, away to Edgware & Kingsbury, ended in a 5-0 success. Several of the younger players from the squad last season will be back to step up responsibility and Matt and his management team have also brought in some excellent new recruits. It will be a tough task to match last season. Matt is assisted by Karl Scott while Tom Lewis has joined as Coach.

The fixtures are our and are totally weird as we play four of our first five league games at home but then face seven successive away games before finishing with four more at home. No doubt the weather will play a part in changing some of



this though and the draws for the League and County Cups are yet to be made.

In the FA Youth Cup, the Woods are away to Everett Rovers, though we haven't heard from them as yet to fix the actual night for the game so watch this space.

It is good to see two members of last year's youth squad have been featuring in the first-team for pre-season friendlies, in Riley Loveday and Josh Havard. The quality of

some of the players though has proved difficult to keep hold of some of them with Freddie Ford, Aidan Tarrant and Chase Matthew all finding new clubs for themselves at Step 4 for the new season.

We shall have all the youth squad up for being sponsored once again this season so look out for that towards the end of this month. Remember that all NFC Season Ticket holders get free admission to the Isthmian Youth games here at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.



U18's Fixtures 2026/27

AUGUST

Wed 26 Hayes & Yeading United

w/c 31 Everett Rovers (FAY)

SEPTEMBER

Wed 9 Tooting & Mitcham United

OCTOBER

Wed 7 Aldershot Town

Wed 28 Sutton United

NOVEMBER

Wed 4 Camberley Town

Mon 9 Hayes & Yeading United

Tue 17 Ascot United

Mon 23 Tooting & Mitcham United

Mon 30 Walton & Hersham

DECEMBER

Mon 14 Aldershot Town

JANUARY

Thu 7 Woking

Thu 14 Camberley Town

Wed 20 Woking

Wed 27 Walton & Hersham

FEBRUARY

Wed 3 Ascot United

Wed 17 Sutton United

Isthmian Youth League Final Table 2025/26

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Northwood	18	15	0	3	55	25	30	45
2 Hampton & RB	18	13	2	3	58	31	27	41
3 Camberley Town	18	10	4	4	38	27	11	34
4 Badshot Lea	18	9	2	7	53	30	23	29
5 Maidenhead United	18	8	2	8	37	42	-5	26
6 Farnham Town	18	8	0	10	28	41	-13	24
7 Bracknell Town	18	7	2	9	41	39	2	23
8 Aldershot Town	18	5	4	9	46	39	7	19
9 Ascot United	18	5	3	10	33	56	-23	18
10 Fleet Town	18	0	1	17	14	73	-59	1

FAY = FA Youth Cup; IYC = Isthmian Youth League Cup; MXY = Middlesex Youth Cup





Centenary Event Report

Charity Match

Woods Legends VS England Veterans (Over-50s)



1-6



Having gone through the warm-up process with two ex-Northwood sides playing each other back in early May, this was the more serious stuff as a carefully selected squad of eighteen of the best and of a certain age returned to the hallowed turf. This time they were really testing themselves against a classy Three Lions squad that play regularly throughout the year including international tournaments at home and abroad.

Sadly, Woods manager Mick Harvey reported ill on the morning of the game so another former Northwood manager John Walsh kindly took over for the day in the player-manager role that he held some thirty or so years ago. The soon to be 64-year-old Walsh organised the back-line superbly.

England had their own non-League legend Mark Bellingham, the famous father of Jude and Jobe and scorer of over 700 goals in his non-League career, up front and he was a handful for the Woods defence throughout and their short and steady passing was a delight at times.

On another hot day, there was fifteen minutes on the clock when Dave Bastien whipped in a superb left-foot cross for Bellingham to open England's account for the afternoon and just five minutes



later, Bellingham turned provider with a chip across the box which found Kerry Giddings in too much space and he added the second.

Gary Williams might have been awarded a penalty after a bustling run into the box but claims were waved away. Then the Woods should have pulled one back after 32 minutes when Alistair Heselton, who was playing on his 43rd birthday, unselfishly set up Scott Fitzgerald to fire home, only for former Brighton goalkeeper Mark Ormerod to make a superb block and deny him.

Woods goalkeeper Kevin Beckles was obliged to play the whole match due to a struggle to find a second keeper for the match and he made an excellent save to deny a possible third goal a few minutes before the half-time break and the half finished just after Dave Nolan made a brilliant tackle on Bellingham to halt his progress into the box.

Three minutes into the second-half and the Woods Legends were denied again from getting back into the game. Gavin Hart did well down the right, taking the ball past former Lewes and Farnborough skipper Steve Robinson and then Ormerod but his goalbound shot was somehow blocked on the line by the outstretched foot of Robinson getting across to cover.

Beckles saved well again with his feet as England started to threaten again down the right flank and then the Woods were then hit by two quick goals in succession. Brenton Amedee rose powerfully at the far post to head home a corner and then midfielder Dave Smith showed great skill to chip Beckles from distance – it looked in all the way.

A fifth goal followed when Ian Daniell got forward and fired home but then Northwood countered and finally got the goal their performance deserved,



though somewhat fortuitously as Kevin Dobson whipped in a cross which an England defender fired into his own net!

Ron Jeffery beat an offside shout and kept his cool to fire in a sixth soon after that though and that's how the game ended with both sides having enjoyed the contest.

The oldest player on the field was 74-year-old Nigel Franklin, who played for the Woods between 1974 and 1982 and enjoyed a fifteen-minute run-out.

Just as importantly, a crowd of around 100, together with donations from all the competitors helped to raise a grand total of £1,125 for our local chosen charity partners, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre. Our thanks go to our match officials, Andy Tooley, Steve Conway and Luke Partington who also gave their services for the cause.

Words: Alan Evans

Check out the pics overleaf...

LINE-UPS

WOODS LEGENDS

KEVIN BECKLES
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DAVE SARGENT
GARY WILLIAMS
FERGUS MOORE
JOHN WALSH
KEVIN DOBSON
GAVIN HART
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RON JEFFERY
JASON MANNION
KIERAN ROBINSON
MATT SMART
DAVE SMITH
MARK BELLINGHAM
STEVE EDKINS
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There were exactly 3,053 appearances for the Woods made by this squad of eighteen players and the club thanks all of them for coming down and showing their love of Northwood Football Club once more in a great cause.



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Match Action

Northwood vs Holyport

Saturday 1st August 2026, 3pm
Combined Counties League
Premier Division North



2-0



Bubb 49,
Enver-Marum 90+5

Northwood began life at Step five for the first time in thirty-five years with a new manager and a brand-new team with thirteen players making their Woods debut and with opponents Holyport visiting the Skyline Roofing Stadium for the first-ever time.

The Woods made a good start to the game and could have grabbed an early lead in just the second minute as a cross from the right picked out Bradley Bubb but his header went over the bar.

There was an offside flag when Liam Enver-Marum had the ball in the net after eight minutes but the home side should have been in front on twelve minutes when Enver-Marum ran from his own half, pushed past Eric Mafuta and sped into the box. He cut back across another defender onto his left foot but with just goalkeeper Tom Moulder to beat, his rising effort skimmed the bar.

Six minutes later, a free-kick played in by Luca Lombardi was met with a first-time strike by Brandon Trujillo but that flew wide of the near-post and soon after the visitors began to get forward themselves, creating two half-chances in quick succession for Lucas Surpanu but he was off target with both efforts.

There was thirty nine minutes on the clock when the Port had their first effort on target as a low shot from wide on the right was pushed away by the diving goalkeeper



Ken Green sitting in the new Team Shelter in memory of his dad Derek

Kacper Orlowski with Kieron Lake-Bryan completing the clearance from the loose ball.

HT: Northwood 0-0 Holyport

49' 1-0 | Bradley Bubb

Still level at the break, the Woods came out strongly early in the second-half and they scored their first-ever Combined Counties League goal on forty nine minutes.

A corner was headed out by Holyport skipper Austen Edwards but Amara Fofana was just first to the clearance and poked it forward to Bubb who was just being played onside as he quickly swivelled and shot past Moulder.

The goalscorer was substituted soon after, replaced by another debutant, Zack Ingham-Wright and soon after, Trujillo tried his luck with a left-foot strike from the edge of the box but was again too high.

Orlowski was back in action on fifty eight minutes as he had to get across to palm away a swinging free-kick from Sam Clark for a corner.

It was the last goalmouth action for a while as neither side managed to threaten for a period of time either side of a water break. The Woods introduced Armani Morris for his debut in place of Lombardi while Holyport made all five substitutions inside a period of thirteen minutes as they looked to get back into things.

At the end of normal time, skipper Mustafa Tiriyaki was penalised after winning a strong header just outside the box with the Port awarded a free-kick in a dangerous area but they were unable to take advantage with the shot just clearing the crossbar.

Almost immediately, Ingham-Wright broke through at the other end but just saw his chip over the goalkeeper thwarted as he managed to get a hand on the goalbound effort.

90+5' 2-0 | Liam Enver-Marum

But it was all over five minutes into the six minutes of added-time when a quick counter-attack saw Enver-Marum grab his deserved first Woods goal.

Attendance: 129

Words Alan Evans

Woods Line-Up

Orlowski, Lake-Bryan, Dos Santos, McNamara, Tiriyaki, Greenstreet (Rangel 85), Lombardi (Morris 64), Fofana, Enver-Marum (Akandi 96), Bubb (Ingham-Wright), Trujillo.
Unused sub: Yone



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Skilful 19-year-old winger who arrives at the Skyline having previously had spells with Crawley Green, Colney Heath and AFC Welwyn.



Ivorian, Amara is a 23-year-old central midfielder who has been playing in France for AS Ararat Issy in the French League De Paris.



20-year-old goalkeeper who has joined us on dual-registration from Uxbridge. Was with Bromley and Dulwich Hamet academies as a youngster and has also played for Blinfield and Sutton Common Rovers.



19-year-old defender who has been with Hampton & Richmond Borough and Woking Academies and had short loan spells with Corinthian Casuals and Molesey last season.



Josh comes into first-team contention having made 30 appearances in midfield for the successful Under-18s. Only just turned 18, further progress would be great to see.



Vastly-experienced striker, now 38, who's long non-League career saw him play at Chalfont St Peter, Beaconsfield and then Farnborough Town. He also played at Aldershot Town, Basingstoke Town, Eastleigh, Woking, Havant & Waterlooville, Oxford City, Ebbsfleet United and Wealdstone while also playing in Belgium for Royal Antwerp. Has 10 caps for Grenada.

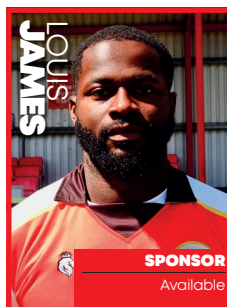


Craig joins from Amersham Town. The 26-year-old central defender spent two seasons at Oxhey Jets after returning from playing in Sweden for GIF Sundsvall. He has also played for Harefield United, Staines Lammas and Enfield Town U23s. He represented Grenada U20s as a youngster.



Experienced 39-year-old former pro with Tranmere Rovers who he joined after spells at Maidenhead United and Havant & Waterlooville. The striker played in Turkey for 1461 Trabzon before returning to National League side Boreham Wood. He also played at Wealdstone and Bedford Sports.

LOUIS JAMES



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Imposing striker, now 26, who arrives at the Woods having previously played at Egham Town, Cockfosters, Burnham, Belstone and Welwyn Garden City.

TOLU JAMES



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Experienced midfielder, age 28, who has most recently seen service at Chalfont St Peter, Spartans Youth, Risborough Rangers, Oxhey Jets and North Greenford amongst others.

RODNEY DOSSANTOS



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24-year-old left-back who arrives having played last season at Fleet Town and Risborough Rangers. Other clubs include Hastings United, Knaphill, Camberley Town and Horsham YMCA.

LUCA LOMBARDI



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20-year-old, attacking midfielder who signed in July 2026. Started out in the academies of Brentford, Fulham and Maidenhead United. Has since played for Langley and Beaconsfield.

KIERON LAKE-BRYAN



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22-year-old defender who has represented Anguilla as an International, joined Northwood from Dorking Wanderers in March 2026 having previously played for Edgware & Kingsbury.

YAYAH JALLOH



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Experienced 28-year-old central midfielder, Yayah lists St Margaretsbury, Sporting Hackney, Barking, Alexandra Knights and Anatolians as his former clubs.

HARRY PHILLIPS



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18-year-old, attacking midfielder who arrives having had a youth career playing for Harrow Borough, Wealdstone and Ruislip Rangers. Has impressed in pre-season.

NEIL SANNEH



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Experienced goalkeeper, 28-year-old Neil has joined from Frimley Green where he has played over 30 games over two seasons. He has also played for Fleet Town and Harefield United.

CHRIS RANGEL



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Young defender who was with Merstham, where he enjoyed a long run in the FA Youth Cup, and then Woking Elite Development as a youngster. Only 18, he will be looking to maintain a place and develop in the Woods squad.

BRANDON TRULLIO



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23-year-old midfielder. His former clubs include British Airways, Risborough Rangers, Edgware & Kingsbury, Uxbridge, Harrow Borough, Sutton Common Rovers and Herne Bay.

ZACK INGHAM-WRIGHT



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22-year-old striker who arrived at the Woods in July 2026. Was with Walton & Hersham as a youngster. Previous clubs include Epsom & Ewell, Abbey Rangers, AFC Royal Holloway, Deportivo Galicia, Tooting Bec and Tooting & Mitcham United.

ARMANI MORRIS



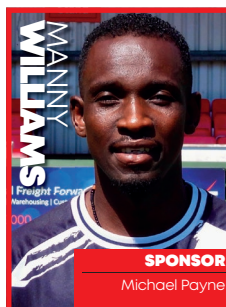
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Experienced attacking midfielder, Armani started out at Bromley and Leatherhead. The skilful 28-year-old has also seen previous service at Cray Valley PM, Hilltop and London Samuray Rovers.



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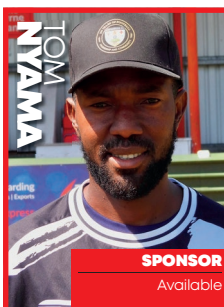
Manny steps into his first full role as first-team manager here at the Woods after calling time on his long non-League playing career in April. Over more than two decades, the 45-year-old made most appearances in spells for Maidenhead United, Havant & Waterlooville and Slough Town and he made one appearance for the country of his birth, Sierra Leone, back in 2012 in an African Nations Cup qualifier.



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38-year-old Liam joins the Woods as Assistant Manager and is a vastly-experienced striker who started out at Reading and Cambridge United, enjoying a long and successful career which included spells at National League side Woking, Eastbourne Borough, Forest Green Rovers, Ebbsfleet United, Braintree Town and Maidstone United. An appearance in a pre-season game may suggest his playing career is not yet finished!



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Tom arrives as first-team coach at the Woods after a similar spell with Metropolitan Police. The 41-year-old enjoyed a long career as an attacking midfielder playing in Sierra Leone and Sweden (for Akropolis and Arameisk Syrianska) as well as here in the UK for Met. Police, Merstham, Kings Langley and Hendon. He also has his own coaching academy – TK Born and Raised – which operates both here and in Sierra Leone.



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The well-travelled 39-year-old's career has seen him play for Maidenhead United and then for Gretna, Partick Thistle, Queen of the South and Brechin City in Scotland. He then moved south of the border to make over 100 appearances for Northampton Town and then played 69 games for Crewe Alexandra. He also played for Kerkyra and Lamia in Greece and more recently at Dartford, Walton Casuals, Sittingbourne and Hanwell Town.



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