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**Guillem Balagué
Chairman, Biggleswade United**

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@SecBiggleswadeU @Biggleswadeutd A very big loss. A wonderful man, passionate about his club and was a huge asset in guiding the club forward. He will be missed!

 **TCTXI**
@TCTXI_FC

@Biggleswadeutd Legend. Rest In Peace Peter ❤️❤️

 **Simon Warwick**
@MeWarwick

@SecBiggleswadeU @Biggleswadeutd He will be missed

 **tony norman**
@norman197810

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 **Chris Devane**
@CDevane89

@SecBiggleswadeU @Biggleswadeutd What a lovely guy ❤️🙏

 **Bev Strong**
@bevstrong

@SecBiggleswadeU news, always enjoyed

 **Dave Northfield**
@DaveNorthfield

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 **Rt Hon Alistair Burt**
@AlistairBurtUK

So very sad to hear this news. Peter Dean has been such a s of his club @Biggleswadeutd and the game in Bedfordshire a whole. Just an all round dependable man of his community w will be much missed. Condolences to his family and all who h been close to him. 🙏

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Lou Grocott
@LouG06

Absolutely loved this guy. I use to sit with him in his stand at @Biggleswadeutd and he supported us even on a cold day at the market. Sending so much love absolute legend. ❤️💙🏠

 **Martin H**
@MartinH

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Maurice Dorrington
@MauriceDorrington2



@BiggleswadeU May I on behalf of all at Biggleswade Town FC
offer our sincere condolences to Peter's family and all at Our Near
neighbours. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time



FRAN CONSTANCIO CALVO
@11FranCC



Very, very sad news for the @BiggleswadeU family!
Since my first day at the club to my last day he was warm and kind to
me.

Pleased to have met you Sir Peter Dean on my 🚗 journey.

My thoughts are with his family and friends! Today, another star
will be guiding us. R.I.P.



terry rowley
@lfctez18



@SecBiggleswadeU @BiggleswadeU Sendin love n light



Gareth Davies
@GDavies1979

@SecBiggleswadeU @BiggleswadeU A real gentleman, always
so positive and genuine. A big loss to football. My condolences to
his family



Cristian Colás
@crcolas



The man that always, no matter what, was behind me. Sitting in his
place. Watching the game from the stand named after him. He's
gone, but he will never be forgotten from the ones that we had the
pleasure of crossing our lives with him.
May he rest in peace. ❤️🙏



Mark Tyler
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@SecBiggleswadeU @BiggleswadeU RIP Pete - what a great
man 😊



Jimmy Martin
@J_TMartin



@SecBiggleswadeU @BiggleswadeU Awful news, he was
fantastic for me in my time, always appreciated our open and
honest conversations. Will be hugely missed.



JB
@johnhalbitting



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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

For more than 60 years Peter Dean represented Biggleswade United as a player, captain, coach, director, chairman, President - and everything inbetween - and did so with the same passion and dignity that he demonstrated in all aspects of his life.

His passing after a battle with Parkinson's disease that he was always destined to lose, leaves us all the poorer.

Peter Dean, known affectionately by everyone as Pete, was a great club man - a one club man in

the true sense of the word - but much more than that, he was one of the finest people I have ever had the pleasure to meet, a gentleman and a gentle man.

A quintessential grassroots hero, he did everything he could to raise money, to bring fans, to create interest.

Kind, humble and inherently decent, he loved the club and the Community he represented with such pride and distinction.

He battled the cruelty of Parkinson's with the same spirit, courage, resilience and fortitude that he had shown throughout his time at the club that began in 1959 when he was one of the founding players of the newly established Biggleswade United playing in Division Three of the North Hertfordshire League.

He inspired the club to successes as a player and club skipper and when he retired as a player enjoyed unprecedented success as a coach, winning numerous titles and successes before becoming a director and then chairman of the club before taking on the role of President.

His influence extended far from the comfortable confines of the director's box and his vast influence in the building trade was instrumental in the building of three clubhouse extensions, changing room renovations and the pitch maintenance tasks all of which helped take the club to where it is today.

His enthusiasm and commitment to the cause were inspiring and bore witness to an indomitable spirit even as he battled against the illness that would eventually take him from us. In 2020 in one of the proudest days in the club's history the North Stand at the Second Meadow was named after him by way of recognition for his many years of dedicated service to the club.

But, perhaps my greatest memory of Pete happened very early on during my time with Biggleswade United and when with just a few well chosen words he inspired my love for this wonderful football club.

Myself, and our then men's first team coach Cristian Colás, were invited to have dinner with Peter and his wife Pam at their home. We gossiped, joked, laughed, enjoyed a lovely evening and then just before we left he looked at me and Cristian and said, "Welcome to our club, which is now also yours and thank you for being a part of it."

I will never forget those words because I knew at that point what this club was all about namely about making everyone feel welcome. That welcome stemmed from the very top, from Pete. We knew without a shadow of a doubt from that moment onwards that we were at home.

Pete (83) passed away in Bedford Hospital on September 27 surrounded and comforted by the love of his family.

Our sincerest condolences go out to Pam his wife of 58 years, children Andy and Mandy, daughter-in-law Hazel, son-in-law Lee, grandchildren, Kassy, Cherye, Katie, Finlay, Oliver, Imogen and Logan and great grandchildren Alfie and George.

We will not see his like again and I miss him with all my heart. Rest in peace my friend.

And in what has been a truly terrible week for the club I am also sad to announce the death of one of our biggest fans, Ian Roberts who, at the age of 75, lost his battle against prostate cancer early on Friday morning.

Ian sat next to the VIP box in the ground and was always there to give me a smile, shake my hand, and on countless occasions thank me for my involvement with the club. The truth is, as I said to him on many occasions, that it was I that should be thanking him for welcoming me with open arms and allowing me to be part of the Biggleswade United community.

A former committee member and bar manager, Ian had been at the club for more than 35 years. Always supportive, always positive during the toughest of times we will miss his unconditional support and enthusiasm. I had planned to visit him today when I arrived into the UK but it was not to be, although I did manage to send a message to him via his wife, Paula.

To Paula and to his children, step-children, grandchildren and step-grandchildren everyone at the club send their most sincere and heartfelt condolences.

Guillem Balagué
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STORY OF OUR CLUB

Biggleswade United Football Club was re-formed on the 16th July 1959. However, local history records indicate that there was a Biggleswade United side playing at Second Meadow as early as 1929. Our first season (1959/60) saw us competing in Division Three of the North Herts. League (NHL). After 10 successful years in the NHL the club made the step up to South Midlands League (SML) football. But towards the end of a 15-year association with the SML the club began to struggle and after three years of finishing in the bottom three of Division One we sought fresh fields. The club joined the Herts. Senior but club continued to find the going tough. In 1986 we elected to return to local League football, joining the Bedford and District Football League and began to build again.

The appointment of Brian Swords as first team manager in 87/88 proved to be the turning point in the club's fortunes. During the next ten years the club achieved a tremendous amount of success on and off the football pitch. Our record of League and Cup honours speak for themselves but aligned to this a great deal of work went on behind the scenes to match the on-field success. The club now boasts one of the best clubhouse and ground facilities in the Mid-Bedfordshire area. The success of the club also attracted many new players as well as commanding a great deal of loyalty from those players who helped the club progress from Division Three of the Bedford and District League to County Senior Club status in just 15 years.

The 1995/96 season was the most successful in the club's history - winning five major honours; the Beds Intermediate County Cup, Bedford and District League Championship, League Cup Championship and as the League's representatives the club won the Beds. FA Centenary Cup. Having won every major Bedford League honour the club felt it was time to move on and made the decision to make the step up once again and returned to Division One of the

SML. In an exceptionally successful first season we celebrated a Division One "double" by winning the Championship and the Division One Cup. We also retained the Beds. FA Intermediate County Cup, only the second club in the competition's history to achieve this feat. To crown our success the club were awarded the SML Special Achievement Trophy in July 1997.

In the season 1997/98 we finally achieved Senior status. This was achieved not only through the endeavours of the players on the field but ultimately as a result of an extremely hard working committee. With the help of the Biggleswade Town Council a new stand was erected and perimeter fencing installed. And two seasons later the club erected floodlights and on the evening of 26th October 1999 we played our first-ever floodlit game at Second Meadow, Ryman League side Leighton Town were the visitors in the Bedfordshire Premier Cup.

The next eleven years saw the first team led by Steve "Snowy" Wright and under his management the club continued to enjoy a very high level of League and Cup success ultimately achieving promotion to the Molten Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division and with it the opportunity to compete in the FA Cup. And under Snowy the club made three Beds FA Senior Challenge Cup final appearances, winning two of the three with victories over Stotfold (4-1) and Leighton Town (1-0) but missed out in 2006/07 going down 2-0 to Dunstable Town. Snowy's other cup successes came in the form of the Hunts Premier Cup, North Beds Charity Cup, Hinchingsbrooke Cup, the SML Division One Cup and the SML Special Achievement Award once again. The end of the 2006 2007 saw Snowy step down as manager with his assistant, Nick Burton taking over the first team reins. January 5th 2009 saw the club embark on further ambitious ground improvements. With financial backing from Biggleswade Town Council, Mid Beds District

Council and the Football Foundation we installed a 260-seater stand, fully enclosed the ground with a double turnstile entrance and players' secure walkway which raised the ground to Grade E status. After several years of stability in terms of first team managers the next six years saw a regular turnover of first team and reserve team managers with Nick Burton, Dave Elkin and Phil Childs all taking over the first team reins for a time.

At the start of the 2013 2014 season we appointed Mick Reardon and Mark Royal as first team managers both of whom had enjoyed success as coaches at the higher levels of football. Their disciplined approach was quickly adhered to and responded to by the players and under their stewardship we achieved the highest Premier Division position in nine years and first silverware in seven years winning the North Beds Charity Cup for the first time in the club's history.

In November 2014 the club took a further positive step to realise our ambitions with the appointment of Sky Sports Presenter and renowned author, Guillem Balague as Biggleswade United's Director of Football. Following Mick and Mark's decision to step down at the end 2014 2015, Guillem was quick to act and recruited a new Head Coach in Cristian Colas Beccera. Cristian was assisted by former professional player, Stuart Bimson, and under their guidance the team finished in eighth spot in the Premier Division in 2017 2018 - the highest position in the club's history. Having built a strong reputation for their outstanding coaching ability and playing philosophy Cristian and Stuart moved up to Step 3 level club, Staines Town, for the start of the 2018 2019 season. Guillem was again in search for a high quality coach and Jimmy Martin came highly recommended by his predecessor, Colas, who worked with Jimmy at Stevenage FC Academy. Jimmy was appointed Manager in May 2018 but he tendered his resignation in October 2018 having been offered a "hard to refuse" opportunity to take up a coaching role at Premier Division club Watford. Despite the setback the first team went on to record their highest ever League placing – a fourth spot in the Premier Division.

In the season 2019 2020 the club were sitting in a highly commendable third position in the Premier Division and under the management of Chris Devane and Trishnan Patel were hoping for a promotion play off opportunity. However, in March 2020 the season was declared Null and Void by the FA after the devastating outbreak of the Coronavirus. The club were also to learn that Chris and Trishnan had accepted the offer to work at Step 4 and departed the club at short notice. Fortunately the club were

able to call upon the services of former Head Coach Cristian Colas Cristian took the club to its highest ever position in the club's history at the curtailment of the 20/21 season leaving us second in the table on PPG. The club applied for promotion to Step 4 but were unsuccessful. A double whammy came when the club were subjected to a lateral move to the UHlsport United Counties League. The FA's actions had a devastating effect on the club and we spent most of the 2021 2022 season at the foot of the table. But we rallied and secured Step 5 football on the final day of the season. The club have now been re-instated in to the SML and with a strong squad will be looking to put that season's nightmare in to a distant memory and push on to return as a top of the table club.

With the nightmare season confined to the history books we kicked on and finished a very creditable 8th in the Premier Division but the highlight of the season was achieving the best ever run in the FA Vase. Starting at the qualifying round stages we came through five rounds reaching the fourth round proper but fell to Coventry Sphinx. At the end of a great season Cristian Colas made the difficult decision to step down after 7 (-2) seasons as head coach. Two United players came forward with the right experience, credentials and knowledge of the football world at this level and the next and the decision was felt to be the right one. Gareth Hunt, who had captained the side and had been instrumental in helping us through the difficult season, will be partnered with Jordan Wright who captained the FA Vase winning Newport Pagnell Town team. Highly respected by their peers we are confident that Gaz and Jordan will see us enjoy further success in the years to come.

The club has certainly come a long way in relatively few years but we could not have done it without the help of a very supportive Town and District Council who clearly understand the benefits of having a community based club in Biggleswade. Our success is also very much down to a very hard working committee who throughout the year - not just the football season - continue to volunteer their time and commitment to the club, to help it continue to thrive and be a source of enjoyment for our supporters and the Biggleswade community.

TEAMSHEETS

BIGGLESWADE UNITED FC



OLLIE LESLIE (GK)
TOM WYANT (GK)
CALEB CHANDLER (GK)
MEKHI ANGOL
JOE BABBAGE
CALEB CHANDLER
MARKEL COUSINS
AARON DADA
CALLUM ELLIOTT
SAM GIBSON
GARETH HUNT
CONOR INSKIP
JAIDEN IRISH (CAPT.)
JORDAN JARROLD
MILO KEANE
ANTHONY LESLIE
JESUS MENDOZA
SAM MOORE
JACK SHERWOOD
CADE STEPHENS-ABBEY
JAKE STRONGE
JOSH STURNIOLO
MASON WATKINS-CLARK
COREE WILSON
ETHAN FLANAGAN
DAVID PARKINSON

JOINT TEAM MANAGERS:
GAZ HUNT & JORDAN WRIGHT
COACH: DEL DIGWEED &
MARTIN RUSSELL
GK COACH: JOSH THOMAS
PHYSIO: LILY HYDE

ST PANTELEIMON



LINCON MARQUES
MICHAEL FRANGESKOU
CLAYTON ALFONSO
RENZO ALVES
EMERSON PILONETTO
AHMED ZAGHLOUL
ALEX ANDROUTSOS
AHMED DOUKHI
GUILHERME MONTI
JONATHAN MOURA
COURTNEY MASSAY
AYUB ALBADRI
GEORGE ANDROUTSOS
DEAN MORGAN
EMERSON SILVA

MANAGER: GEORGE FRANGESKOU
ASST. MANAGER: COSTAS MINA
PHYSIO: GEORGE MINA



HIRE OUR CLUBHOUSE



WRITE TO KAREN AT
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OUR OPPONENTS

St. Panteleimon FC (nicknamed "The Saints") was established within the Greek Orthodox Community in Harrow - NW London in 2015, to create a sporting and family based team. Our philosophy is the provision of a safe and supportive community setting, encouraging skills development, fitness, fair play and teamwork.

As of April 2018 St. Panteleimon FC achieved The FA Charter Standard Club Award, presented by the Middlesex FA, now England Football Accredited.

We strive to provide an inspirational and motivational environment where preparation, practice and hard work generate legitimate opportunities for success, while emphasising the importance and development of fundamentals and techniques necessary for positive experiences in football and in life, creating a consistently exciting and entertaining programme that generates a wave of support, pride, and tradition for our entire community to share.

The Team was blessed by His Eminence Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain.

Our team competed in the Cypriot KOPA League for two seasons, winning the double in 2016, as Second Division champions and Cup winners. In the 2017-18 season the "Saints" entered the English Football Association system, joining the Middlesex County Football League Division 1, and were promoted as undefeated Champions!

The 2018-19 season proved even more successful with the Saints claiming the Middlesex County Football League Premier Division Double registering only one loss for the entire year, winning the Championship and the Cup! We were also honoured to participate for the first time in our early history in the FA Vase, reaching the first round proper, after succeeding in the first two qualifying rounds.

With four successive promotions, St Panteleimon FC have risen to Step 5 and play in the Cherry Red Combined Counties Premiership and look forward to the challenges ahead.





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MATCH REPORT

Biggleswade United Women Blues have bounce back after losing to Flitwick 5:3 and managed to claim all important win, beating Harpenden U23 4:3 away from home.

Visitors have started the match much better and they presented so much quality, playing very good football, especially in the first 45 minutes.

Goals from Ellie-Mae Clements, Grace Leslie and Sofia Fisher Diaz have put Blues in a very comfortable position after the first half. Head coach Brad Jones highlighted team's great performance in the first half. The visitors were leading 3:1 at this stage.

Jones said: "We travelled away to Harpenden low on numbers but not on quality.

"The first half started with the Blues on the front foot, with pressure applied straight from the first whistle.

"After 20 minutes a long range shot from Grace Leslie was saved by the keeper but the rebound fell straight to Ellie Mae Clements who confidently struck the ball into the corner.

"Grace Leslie has confidently struck the ball and with a little assistance from the post it ended up at the back of the net to make it 2:1.

"A third goal followed just before the half-time whistle, after the corner was converted for goal by Sofia Fisher Diaz."

Blues carried on their clinical game and managed to score fourth goal to extend the lead to 4:1. It was thanks to great effort from Harriet Smith, who showed great skills on this occasion.

Low on numbers Biggleswade United Blues had to fight right to the end to claim the win. Harpenden found two more goals, but it was Brad Jones' team, who were victorious. Jones said: "Second half started with Biggleswade on the front foot and some individual perseverance from Harriet Smith resorted in a well deserved goal.

"The Blues were then made to scrap for the remainder of the half.

"Sarah Ridley in goal made a number of superb stops to keep us in the lead.

"We had to dig deep for the last 20 minutes to ensure the victory was achieved!

"A massive well done to the whole team, especially those playing out of position or their first game for the club. We keep building."

It was a very important victory for Blues team and yet another crucial step in the right direction.

STORY OF THE ORIGINALS

For Women's football, 2021 marked a significant landmark in the history of Women's football in England. It's not a landmark that you will read celebrated on the football pages of the Football Association. For it is the centenary of the year 1921 when women were banned from playing football on any football League ground with an FA official of the time quoting "that football is quite unsuitable for females and ought not to be encouraged".

This was strangely out of sync with the fact that just a year before a Boxing Day fixture saw 53,000 spectators attend a match between the now famous Dick Kerr's Ladies of Preston facing St Helens. Thousands more spectators were locked outside.

Yes 1989 was the final year of the original Biggleswade United Ladies FC, a year in which we reached our second FA Cup quarter final and having reached our peak we collectively decided to call it a day after a hugely successful decade at Biggleswade United.

Life for the team started as Bedford Catarans in the mid 1970's when women's football began to flourish following the the lifting of the ban in the late 60s. A move to The Old Eyrie, home of Bedford Town FC, saw the team renamed Bedford Town Ladies and coached by Frank Fry, father of Barry Fry. Sadly, our association with Bedford Town was short-lived as we were cast aside by the club who

preferred their Under 17s boys to use the ground on a Sunday afternoon. Homeless, but with a growing squad of talented and committed players, an article in the Biggleswade Chronicle about our plight prompted the Biggleswade United President, Tec Chambers, to contact player, Tracey James, to invite them to join Biggleswade United. An opportunity we seized with relish and for the next ten years we were one of the few clubs in England to be given equal billing to the men's team in every respect. Many of our opponents, Friends of Fulham, Millwall Lionesses, Spurs, Lowestoft and even Arsenal to name a few were all playing on "park pitches" with council operated changing rooms despite their ranks including many



“England Internationals” of the time. We had full and exclusive use of the clubhouse, pitch, changing rooms and training facilities.

Our “catchment” area was small compared to our London and Midlands based rivals but we were able to attract the best players from Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire and we soon grew to be at the “elite level” of women’s football. Playing in the South East England League we regularly had trips afar afield as Maidstone, Norwich, Southampton and London. We then moved to The Midlands League and trips to Birmingham, Solihull, Wolverhampton, Leicester would see us set off in a minibus at 10am in the morning returning home at 7pm – all for 90 minutes of football and many a time without decent facilities.

Success came in the form of League titles and runners up spots. On two occasions we were the national 5-a-side champions and our runs in the WFA Cup saw us win in the early rounds by ridiculous score lines of 39-0 and 25-0 as the competition was unseeded. Later stages saw us compete against eventual finalists Doncaster Belles, Friends of Fulham and Leasowe Pacific (latterly Everton).

Our greatest achievements in the WFA cup saw us fall at the quarter final stages on two occasions. In 1986 we travelled to Doncaster Belles only to suffer a 3-1 defeat with our goal coming from Bedford based Debbie Mabson. The Belles went all the way to the

final but lost out to one of our nemesis opponents, Norwich Ladies. (4-3). Quarter Final heartbreak occurred again in 1989 when we played host to Nottingham Rangers. With three minutes remaining and level at 1-1 a freak long range speculative cross from the Rangers’ full back saw the ball float perilously towards our goal and despite the frantic attempts by keeper, Helen King, it crept into the top corner to gift the Notts side a semi final place. It is always strange how you remember the painful goals on an equal footing to the great goals.

Our squad was made up of some highly talented players who were selected for the South East representative team and the Midlands representative team. It was frustrating however that we never received the full attention of the England set up who preferred to focus their attention on the “fashionable” teams of the day such as Southampton, Arsenal, Doncaster Belles and Fulham. We can however lay claim to fame as United player, Leah Caleb, who as a 14 year old was amongst the now famous and BBC Sport chronicled history of the “Lost Lionesses” who played in front of 90,000 boisterous fans in Mexico City’s packed, towering Azteca stadium for a crucial World Cup match.

It is with pride that Biggleswade United can lay claim to being amongst the founding clubs of the modern-day history of Women’s football in England.



CLUB NEWS

Biggleswade United Vets are looking for players to join the team for the upcoming season. We are a team of over 35's that play matches and train every Monday. So if you still want to play or just miss having a kickabout why not get in touch with us.



BUFC PODCAST

BIGGY TALKS

A promotional graphic for a podcast episode. At the top, the text 'BUFC PODCAST' is in white and 'BIGGY TALKS' is in red, both with a distressed, grunge-like font. Below this is a background image of a football pitch with a goal and trees in the distance. A blue circular logo with a microphone and the words 'BIGGY TALKS' is positioned at the top center. Three circular portraits of the hosts and guest are arranged in a row. Each portrait is set within a red circular frame. Below each portrait is a red banner with the person's name and role. The names are 'Ryan Madden', 'Dean Foster', and 'Nick Witcombe'. The roles are 'Host of Podcast', 'Guest', and 'Host of Podcast' respectively. At the bottom of the graphic, the text 'Episode 12' is written in large yellow letters, and a red button with the text 'Listen Now' is centered below it.

Ryan Madden
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Guest

Nick Witcombe
Host of Podcast

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Biggy Talks is a podcast that started during the pre-season to cover all things Biggleswade United. Join Ryan, Dean and Nick as they talk about the Men's first and Reserve teams the Women's reds and blues teams and everything else happening in Biggleswade United. We aim to produce regular episodes that cover the matches played and com-

ing up as well as interviews with everyone involved in the club.

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WE ARE BACKING PLAY SAFE

Biggleswade United is lending its full support to Play Safe – a national FA-led campaign to raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding in football.

Play Safe is being run in partnership with the NSPCC and has the full backing of the Premier League, EFL, Barclays FA Women's Super League and the FA Women's Championship. It's also supported and being run across every other level of the game.

The main element of Play Safe is a series of short films which emphasise the importance of clubs such as ours having safeguarding as an everyday reality. The films also explain to parents/carers and children themselves know what to do if they feel unsafe or worried, because nothing matters more than making sure football is safe for everyone, especially children and young people. You can see these films on our club website and we've also broadcast them on our social media channels.

"As a youth team coach, I will be working with my club to ensure we support the Play Safe messaging," says FA Chief Executive Mark Bullingham. "I am also pleased that the campaign has the support of the former footballers with lived experience of abuse in football, who are on our Survivor Support and Safeguarding Advisory Group. The Group has collectively said:

"Learning from the past is crucial, so that we can prevent the horrific experiences that happened to us and so many others in football, from happening again.

"As a group of survivors, we fully support the ethos and important messages that Play Safe conveys – whether to club officials, parents/carers and or vitally, children and young people themselves. Equally important is that Play Safe is not a one-off campaign – it will be used at key points in the football calendar to remind everyone in football, that children's welfare and keeping them safe, should be at the heart of all that we do."

As the Survivor Group points out, you'll see Play Safe appearing at various points throughout the season to keep safeguarding front of mind in football. Together, we want to do everything we can so everyone – particularly children and young people – has a consistently positive experience of our great game.

Biggleswade United have appointed Tracey James as the club's Child Welfare Officer. Tracey's contact details are tracey.james58@btinternet.com or telephone 07714 661827.

WHO IS AT THE CLUB

CHAIRMAN - GUILLEM BALAGUÉ

**SECRETARY AND FIXTURE SECRETARY - TRACEY JAMES
TREASURER - BRENT WILKS**

**HEAD OF COMMS - PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ
HEAD OF MEDIA - ARITRA BOSE
MEDIA OFFICER - ARYA YUYUTSU**

HEAD OF YOUTH - DAN WATKINS

PHYSIOTHERAPY - OLLIE TOWNSEND

**SPONSORSHIP RELATIONS MANAGER - KAY MANSHIP
FUNDRAISING TEAM - KAY MANSHIP, WILLIAM GLASSWELL**

**KIT MANAGER - WILLIAM GLASSWELL
CLUB WELFARE OFFICER - TRACEY JAMES**

BOARD MEMBERS - GUILLEM BALAGUÉ, WILLIAM GLASSWELL, KAREN DIGWEED, PETULA HUNT, TRACEY JAMES, GIACOMO MALLAMACI, DAN WATKINS, JORDAN BARROW, PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ, KAY MANSHIP

**MEN'S FIRST TEAM JOINT MANAGERS - GAZ HUNT, JORDAN WRIGHT
MEN'S FIRST TEAM ASSISTANTS - DEL DIGWEED, JOSH THOMAS, MARTIN RUSSELL**

RESERVE TEAM COACHES - CAMERON OMAR, MARTIN RUSSELL, DARREN HUNT

**WOMEN'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY - GIACOMO MALLAMACI
WOMEN'S TEAM SUPERVISOR - DEAN FOSTER
WOMEN'S CONFLICTS RESOLUTION OFFICER - SUE GRIFFIN
WOMEN'S HEAD COACH - ASHLEY PEAD
WOMEN'S COACHES - BRADLEY JONES, PEARSE HAMILTON, MATTHAIOS SIDIROPOULOS
WOMEN'S GOALKEEPER COACH - AMY BUTLER**

MEDIA TEAM - PETE LOCKYER, ARITRA BOSE, RYAN MADDEN, ELLE THORNE, PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ, MICHAEL GRIMES, ARYA YUYUTSU, NICK WITCOMBE, JOSH RUSSELL, ALBERTO MORELL LÓPEZ, BARTOSZ ROMANEK

**MATCH DAY ANNOUNCER - NICK WITCOMBE
CLUB PHOTOGRAPHERS - TIA THORNE, COSMIN IFTODE, PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ
LIVE CAMERA AND GAME COMMENTATORS - RYAN MADDEN, NICK WITCOMBE**

HOSPITALITY TEAM - KAREN DIGWEED, PETULA HUNT, TRACEY JAMES, HEATHER RENNIE, DEL DIGWEED, DARREN HUNT

GROUNDS AND FACILITIES TEAM - TRACEY JAMES, HEATHER RENNIE, STEVE GRENFELL, GEOFF HANCOCK, BOB MILES, DAVID CARELESS, PETER DEAN, NEIL MANSHIP

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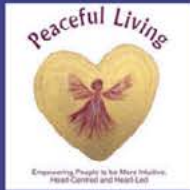
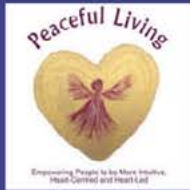
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POINTS TABLE

LEAGUE TABLE

SSMFL 23-24 (TOP HALF)

		P	PTS
1	ST PANTELEIMON	11	23
2	BIGGLESWADE UNITED	10	20
3	FC ROMANIA	9	19
4	REAL BEDFORD	7	16
5	MILTON KEYNES IRISH	6	15
6	HARPENDEN TOWN	8	14
7	TRING ATHLETIC	11	14
8	BALDOCK TOWN	10	13
9	LEVERSTOCK GREEN	7	12
10	DUNSTABLE TOWN	8	11



MEN'S SENIOR TEAM

NEXT MATCH



M
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US ST PANTELEIMON (H)

SAT 30 SEP, 3 PM

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FA CUP 2ND ROUND QUALIFYING



**BIGGLESWADE
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WOMEN**



2 PM

**1 OCT | SG18 0AA
VERDANT STADIUM**



WOMEN'S TEAMS

WOMEN'S BLUES

UPCOMING FIXTURES BLUES

3RD SEP

(A)

TBA
(FRIENDLY)

TBA

10TH SEP

(A)

GARSTON
LADIES FC

2 PM
WD23 2TR

17TH SEP

(H)

FLITWICK
EAGLES BLUES

2 PM
SG18 0AA

24TH SEP

(A)

HARPENDEN
TOWN U23

2 PM
AL5 2EF

COUNTY CUP
15TH OCT

(H)

WOBURN &
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LIONESSES

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RESERVES FIXTURES

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CRAWLEY GREEN RESERVES (A)

SAT 2 SEP • 14:30ko

Crawley Green Rec • LU2 9AG

ELSTOW ABBEY (H)

SAT 7 SEP • 14:30ko

Verdant Stadium • SG18 0AA

SHEFFORD TOWN & CAMPTON RES. (H)

SAT 16 SEP • 14:30ko

Verdant Stadium • SG18 0AA

MARSTON SHELTON ROVERS (H)

SAT 23 SEP • 14:30ko

Verdant Stadium • SG18 0AA

QUEENS PARK CRESCENTS (A)

SAT 30 SEP • 14:30ko

Allen Park • MK40 4LY

NEXT MATCH

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RESERVES

US QP CRESCENTS (A)

SAT 30 SEP, 2.30 PM

MK40 4LY



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