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AYLESBURY VALDE DYNAMOS

**OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME**

# BIGGLESWADE UNITED

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# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



There are so many positive things that we can take from Cristian Colás's two spells totalling six seasons at our club but none more impressive, heartwarming and life affirming than his friendship.

He came to us as a well qualified coach back in May 2015 and now leaves us after our last league game of the season against Aylesbury Vale Dynamos with the very best wishes of everyone at the club..

I remember very well the first time I ever spoke to Cristian. He rang me to suggest for the job a former, much more experienced, coach he had assisted at a previous club. The person he was putting forward was well in excess of what we were looking for at the club and it was only a matter of minutes into speaking with Cristian that I realised that I was speaking to the new coach of Biggleswade United's first team.

What I was looking for was someone that would take the job on, not just just for the job itself

but for the lifestyle changes it would make to their lives; someone who would not just live in England but also immerse himself in the country, the community and become part of the fabric of grassroots football.

I also wanted someone who would instil in the club a certain way of playing, a possession based, high pressure type of game and I was convinced very soon that Cristian could tick all the boxes, learn with us and then progress to the next level. We connected immediately.

We were many of us new, or newish in my case, something I demonstrated admirably when having picked him at the airport for the first time I then somehow managed to get lost when driving him and me to the ground.

He must have wondered at the time what he was letting himself in for.

At that time we had other Spanish coaches at the club and one of my most treasured memories of those early days was the Saturday nights when we would get together at my Hitchin flat and wind down after the game with a few beers, some tapas and Spanish La Liga football playing on the television.

From the very start his high standards, compassionate yet assertive approach and sheer professionalism shone like a beacon and not just on the playing side.

His dealings with everyone at the club, his openness, generosity with his time, and total commitment meant we gradually began to take steps forward not only with our finishing positions in the league but also in the way we would play the game.

Similarly his conduct with match officials, league representatives and all those at the club has never been anything less than exemplary.

The intensity that he dedicates to his job combined with his working life has obviously taken its toll over the six seasons that he has spent

with the club and he now feels the time is right for a break.

He leaves a big legacy, and he knows he will always be a welcome visitor at the club. From a personal point of view I have to say that I have no intention of losing contact with someone who, through thick and thin, good times and bad, has become one of my very best friends.

Two of the players that he trained were Jordan Wright and Gareth Hunt and both are now to take over as joint head coaches of the men's first team. Jordan and Gaz were the last two players to leave the club after we lost, practically, our entire first team when we were arbitrarily moved into the more northerly based United Counties League.

Gaz was the first to return and Jordan joined him at the end of the season that he spent at Newport Pagnell Town where he would go on to win the FA Vase. They are now set to take on the role of joint head coaches at the club willing and able to take the club forward by implementing the style of play put in place by Cristian.

They will of course look to put their own mark on the team but they like everyone at the club will be forever grateful to Cristian for everything that he has done for our club.

Thank you Cristian from everyone!

**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 has 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, Hinchbrook 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. After ten years of steady progress at Step 5 the club now face a challenging period that will require steadfastness and perseverance as we work to rebuild a squad that will once again be challenging for promotion. 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.



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**JOE BABBAGE**  
**JORDAN WRIGHT**  
**LUKE STARNES**  
**MILO KEANE**  
**MOHAMMED ALI EL OUHABI**  
**OLLIE LESLIE (GK)**  
**TAYLOR RHINEY**

**HEAD COACH: CRISTIAN COLAS**  
**COACH: DEL DIGWEED,**  
**DAN WATKINS**  
**GK COACH: JOSH THOMAS**  
**PHYSIO: LILY HYDE**

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# OUR OPPONENTS

Aylesbury Vale Dynamos is an amalgamation of Aylesbury FC and Bedgrove Dynamos, two local clubs with a rich history in local football

Aylesbury FC enjoyed a long history in senior and junior football dating back to the 1930's under the previous names of Aylesbury Vale, Haywood United, Belgrave, Stocklake and Negretti and Zambra FC, which was founded in the 1930's by workers at the Negretti and Zambra company then based in London's King Cross district. The company moved to the Stocklake Industrial Estate, Aylesbury.

in 1949 and by the mid 50's the premises had a bar, football, cricket and tennis facilities. The football club joined the Aylesbury District League in 1954. The social club changed its name to Stocklake when Negretti and Zambra sold the premises to the local council, who then leased the facilities; hence the different sections adopted the name Stocklake. Under the guidance of Chairman Mr Ernie Crotty, the club gained many honours including runners up in ADL's top divisions, before gaining intermediate status in the Wycombe and District League first and senior divisions. Sadly Ernie was killed in a road accident just before the club moved premises to the present location at Haywood Way in 1987.

After gaining senior status and promotion to the Chiltern League in 1988, Stocklake enjoyed many further successes including Division One runners up in 1991, Premier Division and League Cup runners up the following season and Wycombe Senior Cup success in 1995. Cup success was also followed on in the following season, this time the Berks and Bucks Intermediate Cup being added to the trophy cabinet. Belgrave FC was formed in 1983 by Jim Sullivan who lived in nearby Belgrave Road. Jim had two sons who were passionate about football but were limited to where they could play, so formed a team himself with the help of neighbours Lynne and David Hatcher. By 1990, under the guidance of Danny Martone, Belgrave had grown to five youth teams providing football for over ninety boys from the Quarrendon and Haydon Hill areas of Aylesbury.

1996 saw the forming of two senior teams under the

Belgrave FC name and by the turn of the millennium teams were represented at all levels from Under 8's through to seniors, some 200 players being registered, this also including Stocklake Ladies. In 2000 four youth teams won league and cup honours, whilst the senior team went on to win the Aylesbury District Cup, the Field Shield and ADL Premier Division runners up.

At the start of the 2000/2001 season, the senior Belgrave FC team was renamed Haywood United following an amalgamation with Stocklake FC with Danny Martone voted in as chairman of the new club. Haywood United joined the Spartan South Midlands League and won promotion into Division One after two seasons. Notable achievements during the 2001/2002 season included league awards for the best kept and most improved ground; this included the erection of floodlights and perimeter fencing, which Danny and his hard working committee fought hard to establish. Another award was gained for the match day programme in recognition of how much the club was developing. Season 2002/2003 saw a difficult start in Division One, but with the arrival of manager Jon Franklin and his assistant Keith Walker just after Christmas, the club eventually consolidated finishing in 9th place. Promotion was gained to the South Midlands Premier Division the following year after a campaign that saw 23 wins, 7 draws and only 4 losses. Haywood United proved themselves capable of staying in the Premier Division after finishing 3rd in the 2004/2005 season in a campaign that only include one loss in the twenty matches after Christmas. The club also entered the FA Cup and Vase for the first time and won the Buckingham Charity Cup in 2006.

Season 2006/2007 began with Haywood United becoming Aylesbury Vale FC and saw Keith Walker and Steve Gleinster take over as joint managers and steadily build a squad. This was recognised in the 2008/2009 season, under the management of Mark Eaton, with a good cup run in the FA Cup and FA Vase, winning three rounds in the FA Cup losing to Level 4 side Gosport after a replay, and losing out in the 4th round of the FA Vase to Leiston Town. After Christmas the side suffered due to long term injuries and finished mid table. May 2009 saw a major new



development in a new semi professional side vote for a name change. Aylesbury Football Club was formed under the leadership of Chairman Roger Dance and assisted by Vice Chairman Danny Martone. Former Chairman Bill Harrison was made President of the club. Great success on the field of play was to follow, with the team having a fantastic run in the F.A. Cup. We were the last 'level five' team in the country to remain in the competition and were rewarded with a visit to Haywood Way for the F.A. Cup trophy, allowing the team, supporters and local people to get their hands on this famous trophy and make the most of this memorable occasion. We were finally knocked out of the competition by Wealdstone in a close game. A brave and superb display was witnessed by a bumper crowd of 800 plus.

Meanwhile, away from the midst of F.A. Cup drama, our success continued, becoming 'Double Winners' Winning both the Spartan South Midland League and League Cup capping an extraordinary season and gaining promotion to the Southern League Division 1 Central.

Steve Bateman took over in 2013/14, steered the club to safety in his first 6 months in charge. Then in 2014/15 with Bateman at the helm FC has their most successful season to date most successful to date. Playing at the highest level in the club's history, the team finished third in the League, having been pushing for promotion all season and narrowly lost out in the semi final to Bedworth United having already beaten them twice in the league

the 2015/16 finished with a flourish as the club finished just outside the play off positions, but had the consolation of our first major Cup Final, beating Chesham United in the Berks & Bucks Cup at Windsor. Steve Bateman and his management team resigned at the end of the season and Danny Gordon & Gareth Risbridger took the helm, supported by Paul Bonham, Ryan Wiffin & Aaron Norman. Davis Haule took over from Gordon & Risbridger in December 2016, appointed brother Brian as his assistant and recruited former coaches Fraser McLachlan, Aaron Wiffin and added Ryan Collings to his back room staff for the 2017/18 season

In 2018/19 after ten seasons in the Southern League the club was relegated back to the South Midlands League after a difficult period for the club.

Bedgrove Dynamos  
Alf Buckland, a resident of Finmere Crescent, formed Bedgrove Dynamos in 1968. It was created to fill a void in activities for boys within the Bedgrove area

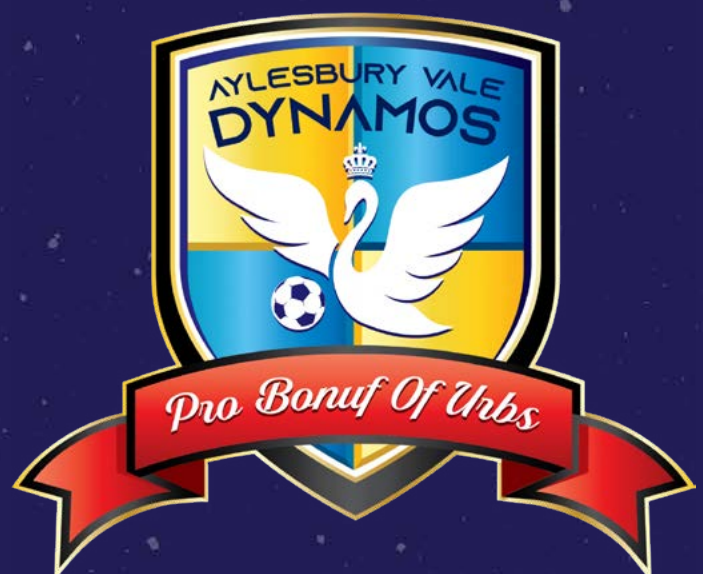
on the south side of Aylesbury. In 1980, Dave Bayliss became involved when he brought his Cub side to the Bedgrove Park. The teams amalgamated and Dave went on to be the chairman for 21 years, stepping down in the year 2000. Within two years and barely a full strip between them, they managed not only to win the Under 12's Aylesbury & District League (ADL), but went on to win the 13's & 14's league in consecutive years and, by which time, they now had four teams at various age groups.

Over the years the club has grown and has won many tournaments and trophies, especially at county level. Many teams have toured abroad and the club has also entertained boys from Europe and America. We can boast that we are the only boys club to have a club pennant on display in Barcelona's trophy room. At the start of the season 2001/02 the club was the largest junior club in the Aylesbury area, running teams from under 8's through to under 18's.

At the end of the season 2001/02 the club managed to win the coveted Berks and Bucks Cup at under 14's, the Mayor's Cup at under 12's, represented in two other cup finals, won 3 league titles, gained 6 promotions in total and all teams finished in the top 6 to the fairplay awards for their respective leagues.

In the last 20 seasons, across the age groups the club has won 25 divisional titles, and runners up 20 times.

In 2019 two became one when the sides amalgamated with the intention of allowing the youth of the town to progress through junior football to youth and then adult football at the highest possible level.



# COACH CHAT

## Cristian Colas - Senior Team Head Coach

### Let's start from the very beginning, did you always want to become a football coach?

No, I wanted to play. When I couldn't, I fell in hate with the game. And I was like 2-3 years not even watching football. And then I only had two options. One was to referee, and one was to coach. And like I'm not an objective person I knew that referee was not for me. So I thought that coaching was something that I could be related to and be as close to the game as I wanted. I think I guessed it 100%. It's been the passion, it is the passion of my life. Stopping now after 24 seasons doesn't mean that there's something wrong, is the opposite. I don't want to lose the passion that I've had for it.

### What's the best moment of your career?

Probably I would say the day that I told my dad that I wanted to become a football coach. And then he was in the kitchen, he looked at me and he said if you want to try, why not? So they've been always there. Fully backing me in all decisions, in moving countries, in whatever I've done. So yeah, probably the highlight was when they acknowledged the option and they said go for it. So, yeah, I don't know if I've got like... I've not won trophies, major trophies, I had a lot of moments that I can remember that made me really proud and happy but without this one the other ones would not have happened.

### And your worst moment?

Actually one of the worst moments happened here at Biggleswade United. It was coming back from the Peterborough Northern Star game after losing 7-2. And being back to the clubhouse to drop some stuff and discovering Tracey crying, that broke me and when I just also realized that she was crying

because she was scared that I could leave the club that made me feel strong about my loyalty and my principles to stay to the club and try to help my bit to survive as we did. Probably to see someone like her that if she is not the club is half of the crest of the club... So, to see someone like her completely broken, yeah, that was probably one of the worst.

### Any regrets?

NONE, absolutely not.

### When did you decide that this was your last season?

This was decided on December 2021 when we were struggling back to the UCL. But I decided that I need to change a few things in my life, one of them was football and day-to-day management.

### How do you feel about today?

Happy. Really, really happy. Expecting a good game, a win, three points that everyone could enjoy and close what I think has been a really really nice season probably not as competitive as I would have dreamed but I think overall it's been a nice season with all the ups and downs that we had and yeah to finish with three points and a proper win.

### And what are your plans after the season?

My plans is to rest and to travel a little bit more, to focus on my job, to have time with my friends, with my colleagues and to watch football from a different point of view.

**The club has announced the joint Head Coaches for next season, Gaz Hunt and Jordan Wright,**



### how do you feel about your replacements?

I'm really happy, excited as everyone should be and proud that they take over. They're more than capable. They are great people on and off the pitch, loyal to the club and to the people that belongs to it.

### Any advice for them?

My best advice is to don't give any advice to them. Just I hope that they are themselves as they've been showing, that they lead the club as they already know how to and that they will do really well.

### And lastly, a message for the club and the fans?

THANK YOU. Thank you very very much for making me feel welcome from the beginning in 2015, for welcoming me back in 2020, for always being by my side supporting me, backing my decisions, laughing, cheering winning, drawing or even sometimes losing. It's been a collection of memories that I will not forget never so pretty thankful for that.





Great coach and an even better person you'll be missed! From your favourite CB  
-Cade

Top Gaffa but even better person! Have learnt a lot from you and a lot to be grateful for! All the best in your new chapter mate  
-Gaz Hunt

All the best! Thank you for everything from coming on loan help to stay out of relegation and one of my best goal scoring seasons. Great guy and manager nothing but respect for you  
-Taylor Rhiney

Cristian, you joined us as a Manager and leave us as a Legend. I feel lucky to have spent some quality moments with you for which I thank you. Big thanks for all your hard work and hours of time you have dedicated to the club and to all those within our BUFC Family. Congratulations my Friend and wishing you all the best for the future  
-Karen Digweed

All the best Cristian a shame to see you leave but all the best for the future!  
-Ashley Pead

Thank you Cristian for giving me the opportunity to work with this brilliant group of players. An absolute gent who always takes time to ask after the youth team and spends time speaking to the kids and has a real interest. Enjoy the rest, although I know it won't be for long  
-Josh Thomas

Thank you and best wishes in the future!  
-The Hyde's

All the best for the future, one of the true gentlemen & a great coach  
-Gary Chance

Thank you so much for everything, a great coach and a great person. I'll miss you so much from your absence. I'm grateful for Saturday. Wish you all the best for the future brings.  
-De

Wishing Cristian all the best for the future he will be missed  
-Sam G

Good luck Amigo in your new club! You have been outstanding at this club! Always been a pleasure to talk up with you after our games. See you around! All the best  
-Ivan Arapov



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What a bloke not just a great  
coach but a great man. Thanks  
for everything mate. Wish you  
nothing but the best. Make sure  
you pop in from time to time

-Jordan

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coach  
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Wishing Cristian all the best in  
whatever he chooses to pursue  
next. One of the best coaches I've  
seen work at close quarters.

-Pearse Hamilton

for the last 3 seasons, such  
a top top person! I've learnt  
which I will always be so  
that it comes to a end on  
you all the best for whatever  
Thanks again my friend!!

l Digweed

Absolute pleasure working with  
Cristian. Wishing you all the best  
for the future and definitely hope to  
see you back in the dugout soon :)

-Aritra

Top top Coach! Wish  
Cristian all the best

-Dez

All the best gaffa

-Markel Cousins

ristian all the  
future. I know  
missed by all!  
Goodman

ext job!  
for your  
to catch  
. Hope to  
best!

Cristian has worked hard in his  
tenure at the club & should be  
congratulated with what he has  
achieved All the best in what ever  
the future brings

-Martin Humberstone

Will miss you! Wish  
you all the best

-Tyler Smythe

THANK  
YOU  
CRISTIAN!



# PLAYER CHAT

## Jordan Wright

Saturday's match against Aylesbury Vale Dynamos will be my 104th and final game for Biggleswade United as a player, however I'm extremely excited to be continuing my career with Biggleswade as a coach alongside Gareth Hunt someone who I've enjoyed my football here with throughout the years. The club has been a absolute pleasure to play for and I've been treated as family since the day I came to trail back in 2016. For all the years as a player here Cristian Colas has been my coach and I would like to thank him for everything he's done for myself and the club and wish him all the best with whatever is next







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**HEAD OF MEDIA - ARYA YUYUTSU, PATRICIA GONZÁLEZ MUÑIZ**

**MEDIA OFFICER - ARITRA BOSE**

**PHYSIOTHERAPY - OLLIE TOWNSEND**

**HEAD OF FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP - KAY MANSHIP**

**KIT MANAGER - WILLIAM GLASSWELL**

**CLUB WELFARE OFFICER - TRACEY JAMES**



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

**MEN'S FIRST TEAM HEAD COACH - CRISTIAN COLÁS BECERRA**

**MEN'S FIRST TEAM ASSISTANTS - DEL DIGWEED, DAN WATKINS, JOSH THOMAS**

**HEAD OF YOUTH - DAN WATKINS**

**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 - LUIS CÉSAR SAMPEDRO, BRADLEY JONES, BERNAT PUIG VALLS, PEARSE HAMILTON**

**WOMEN'S GOALKEEPER COACHES - RORY MCMULLAN, RYAN UPTON**

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# Fit for a KING



## A Coronation Celebration

Dust off your frocks and tablecloths to commemorate the coronation of our new King.

Throughout April and May you can host your own celebration and donate the proceeds from your activity or event to #KeepKeechCaring



### A few jewels to get you started:

- **Sing for the King** (Put on a concert/karaoke night - fits in with Eurovision too!)
- **Royalty for the day** (Host a royal themed fancy dress party or make a donation to be treated like royalty for the day)
- **A Right Royal Knees Up** (Host your own garden/tea or street party)
- **Coronation Cake Off** (Organise a bake off)
- **His Majesty's Treasure** (Treasure or Egg Hunt)

Share your smiles and achievements!

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### How do I fundraise?

- Set up an online fundraising page.
- Ask us for a sponsorship form at [letmehelp@keech.org.uk](mailto:letmehelp@keech.org.uk).
- Organise a collection or request a collection tin.
- Text 30Smile to 70490 to donate £3.
- Alternatively, scan the QR code and select 'Smile Everyday' in the dropdown menu.



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# PLAY YOUR PART

**EVERYONE AT YOUR CLUB HAS  
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## PLAY SAFE

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# WE'RE 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.

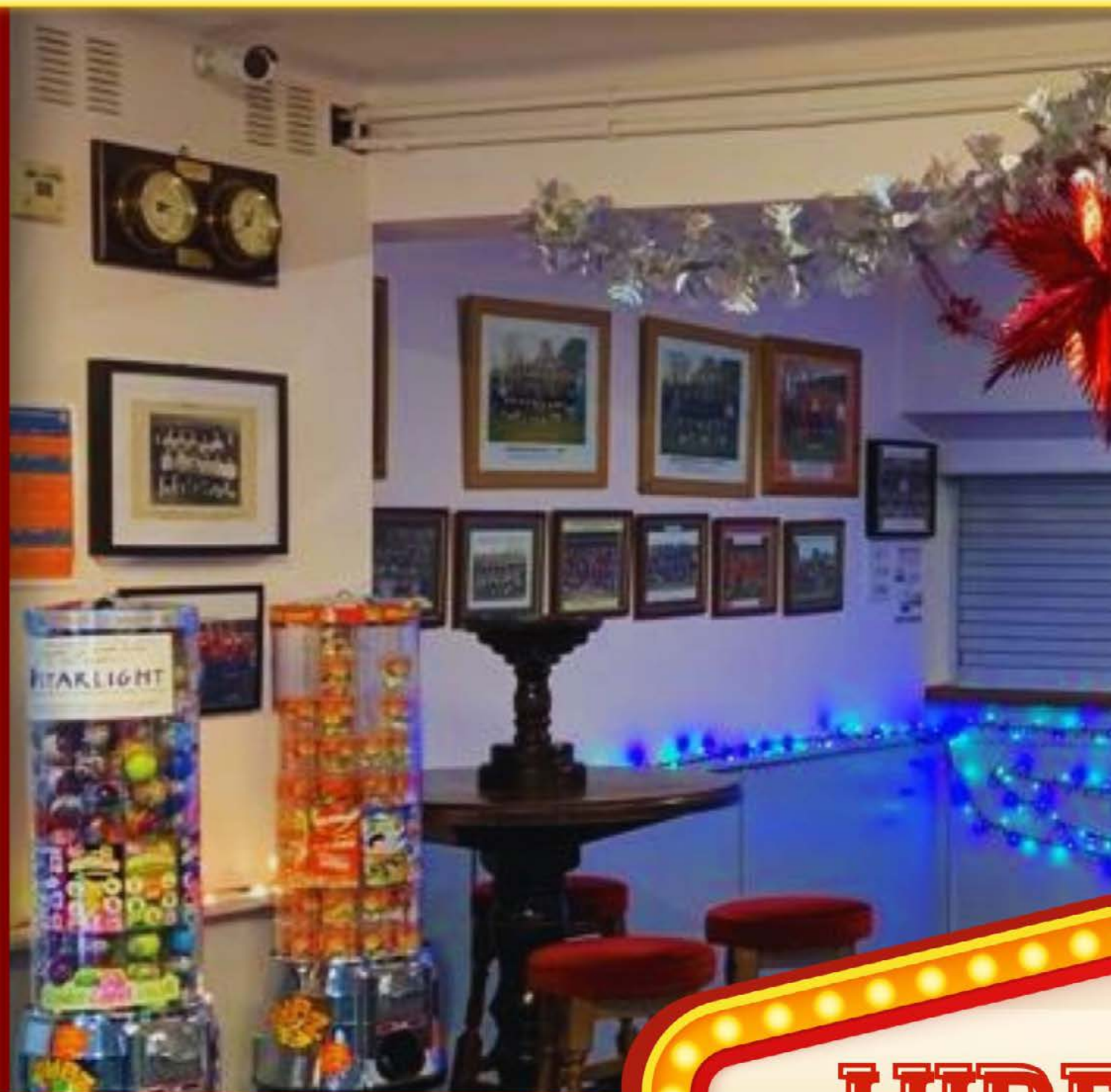
"As a youth team coach, I will be working with my club to ensure we support the Play Safe messaging," says FA Chief Executive Mark Bullingham. "I am also pleased that the campaign has the support of the former footballers with lived experience of abuse in football, who are on our Survivor Support and 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](mailto:tracey.james58@btinternet.com) or telephone 07714 661827.



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### *BUFC RESERVES FIXTURES*



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PARK CRES.** **A**

SAT 15th APR | MK40 4LY | 2.30 PM



**STOTFOLD  
DEVS.** **A**

WEDS 19th APR | SG5 4HE | 7.30 PM



**MARSTON  
SHELTON RVS.** **A**

SAT 22nd APR | MK43 OLD | 2.30 PM



**CRAWLEY  
GREEN RES.** **H**

WEDS 26th APR | SG18 0AA | 7.45 PM



**MARSTON  
SHELTON RVS.** **H**

SAT 29th APR | SG18 0AA | 3.00 PM



**AFC  
OAKLEY** **H**

MON 1st MAY | SG18 0AA | 3.00 PM



# UPCOMING FIXTURE

## NEXT MATCH

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WOMEN RED**



**HAVERHILL  
ROVERS**

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SG18 OAA



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# WOMEN'S SENIOR BLUES

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