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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters who have made the journey to Lincolnshire this afternoon.**

It's the FA Cup and at the third attempt this season we have gotten ourselves a home tie. Added to that, it's a home game on a Saturday. Something we have been starved of so far!

It's crazy the number of weekend away games we have had this season. And from my point of view, something I worry about. Saturday home games are something of a staple for football clubs at our level, under normal circumstances you would expect a couple of these games a month. We are now into the third month of the season and this is only our second Saturday home game.

We have been fortunate to have some great backing. Our supporters have come out to back us during the midweek games, when we have had other competitions in the form of Champions League games and the like, but it still concerns me that people may find themselves 'falling out of the routine' of going to games, when they're not on at the normal 3pm kick off time. Today was scheduled to be our second home league game on a Saturday, against Buxton – which should have attracted a fairly decent crowd, but now that will get shifted to a midweek game, due to our continued FA Cup run. Now, I don't mind a cup run at all – but I think you, the supporters, know the pain I talk about!

Speaking of the cup run, we will be looking to reinvest the prize money into the playing side of things. Lee is working with a small, quality squad, but there may be instances where we want, or need to strengthen. We were unlucky in the last game, to have two players injured upon arriving at the ground, which meant a bit of a reshuffle. Even with the injuries though, we were unlucky not to get something out

of the game. To hit the crossbar twice in a ten minute spell in the second half, not to mention having a couple of efforts cleared off the line! It's tough, but we're not going to win every game!

Away from the FA Cup we are still sitting just outside the play-off places with a couple of games in hand on the teams around us. The players and management are still well aware of the league and how that must remain our key focus, but as we look to bounce back from last Saturday's league defeat, I hope the players are able to react in the same way they did the last time the group lost a game (the opening day reversal against Nantwich).

I have just had an email forwarded to me from the FA, and we are set to welcome a young journalist who is looking to capture the day as it unfolds. It is great to see some additional added exposure to these rounds of the FA Cup, something we have not really had experience of previously! It's normally only the fourth qualifying round/first round proper where the media casts its gaze over us. Let's just hope the result isn't the same as the last time we had that same exposure...

Enjoy the game,

**Richard Kane, Chairman**  
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6/10/18	EMIRATES FA CUP 3Q	6C'S MECHANICAL SERVICES		AWAY TRAVEL	
9/10/18	BASFORD UTD				MKS GROUND CARE
20/10/18	WARRINGTON TOWN	AMP ROSE		PDW PRECISION ENGINEERING	JANE MACDONALD
23/10/18	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC	GRIMSBY FISH MARKET	SIMON CASSWELL	MICK DAN PAGE / JOHN GODDARD / FRANK NEWMAN	STUART HOGG
27/10/18	FATROPHY 1Q				
10/11/18	FATROPHY 2Q				
17/11/18	WHITBY TOWN	WICKED EVENT WATER SERVICES	SILLS & BETTERIDGE	EVERYONE ACTIVE	TIM EMERSON
1/12/18	WITTON ALBION	MIDLAND PACKAGING DIES			STEVE SUMMERS
15/12/18	FARSLEY CELTIC	FLEXI-PAK			RICHARD & GARRY FOWLER
26/12/18	GRANTHAM TOWN	GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY SUPPORTERS CLUB			
5/1/19	NANTWICH TOWN			PHIL COOPER, DAVE HILL & TREVOR BLAND	
12/1/19	WORKINGTON	PDW PRECISION ENGINEERING	SILLS & BETTERIDGE		TRISH & CLARE HARDWICK
26/1/19	STAFFORD RANGERS				HARRY WATTS
16/2/19	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	LEW	TRUE BLUES		DAVE LAUGHTON / MARK KNIBBS
2/3/19	BAMBER BRIDGE	CLIFF BRADLEY & SONS	CLIFF BRADLEY & SONS	CLIFF BRADLEY & SONS	LYN BLAND
23/3/19	MARINE	CO PLASTERING	IN MEMORY OF GRAHAM STOCKDALE	STEVE SUMMERS	JO & TOM ROBERTSON
6/4/19	HYDE UNITED	AMP ROSE	WHISKY GALORE		
19/4/19	HEDNESFORD TOWN			CROOKED BILLET NOMADS	STEVE HOUGHTON & JOHN METCALFE
27/4/19	SOUTH SHIELDS	CRE-8 DAVE CARNEY	SILLS & BETTERIDGE	GAINSBOROUGH FOOTCARE CLINIC	EPM

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# THE CAREER



**Good afternoon and welcome back to the Northolme for today's Emirates FA Cup third qualifying round tie where Blyth Spartans are our visitors.**

We extend a warm welcome to Alun Armstrong, his staff and players as we lock horns with another side we faced last season, following quickly on the heels of our home game with North Ferriby.

We are sure to be in for another tough test, but John and I have had the week to prepare for this game with the players, having seen the mid-week game against Bamber Bridge postponed due to their involvement in a county cup. With the rigours of the early season fixture list, this has been something of a rarity and it has been great to regroup with the players and get back out on the training pitch and work on some of the things we have identified in a manic opening couple of months!

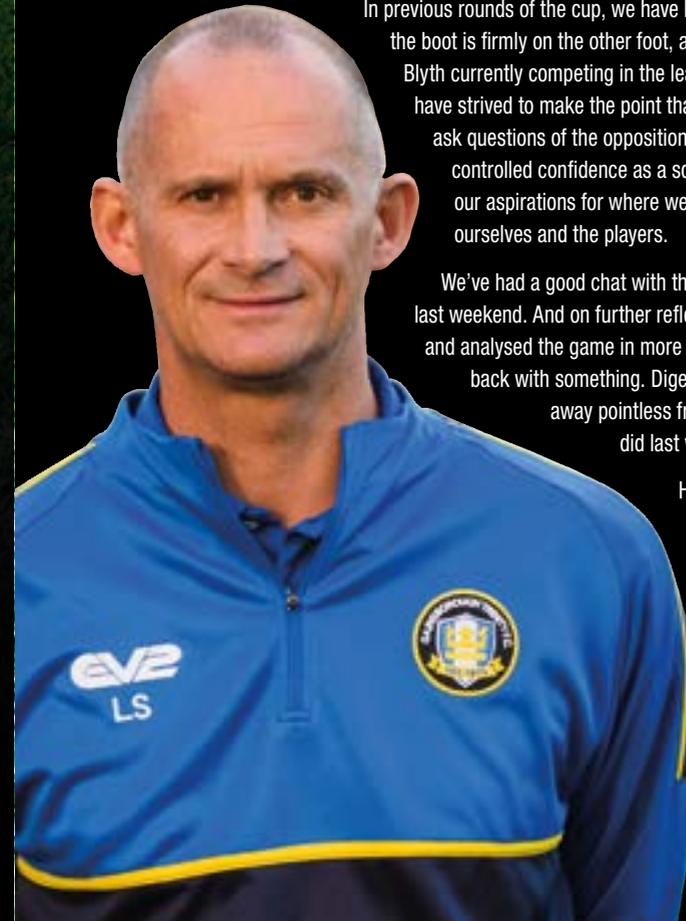
In previous rounds of the cup, we have been classed as the favourites, but now the boot is firmly on the other foot, as we are now seen as the underdog, with Blyth currently competing in the league above. As a management team we have strived to make the point that we should be confident in our ability and ask questions of the opposition. So far this season we have demonstrated controlled confidence as a squad since the start of the season and, with our aspirations for where we want to be next season, this is a good test for ourselves and the players.

We've had a good chat with the players following the Stalybridge game last weekend. And on further reflection, having watched the highlights back and analysed the game in more depth, we are disappointed not to have come back with something. Digesting things, I honestly don't think we'll come away pointless from many games in which we play like we did last weekend.

Hopefully we'll have a vociferous backing this afternoon and coupled with our self-belief, we will be able to overcome the odds and progress. Your support home and away so far this season has been first class, please keep it up and get behind the players!

Enjoy,

**LEE SINNOTT #initttogether**



# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2018-19

= HOME GAME

DATE	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT	ATT	PTS	PSTN	REFEREE	SUBS
SAT 18 AUG 2018	ESPL	NANTWICH TOWN	1-0	307	0	18	D BAWES	C HOUGH, J MAGUIRE (11), S RUSSELL (4), R HANNAH (10), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE (>89) 5: I EVANS 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (>67) 11: A SIMMONS (>71)								
TUE 21 AUG 2018	ESPL	MICKLEOVER SPORTS	2-0	461	3	9	J O'CONNOR	C HOUGH, I EVANS, S CLARKE, D REEVES (10), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (>69) 8: L KING (>54) 9: A WORSFOLD 10: R HANNAH (>74) 11: A SIMMONS								
SAT 25 AUG 2018	ESPL	HEDNESFORD TOWN	1-2	344	6	3	J SHEPARD	C HOUGH, S CLARKE (10), R HANNAH (9), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: I EVANS 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (>40) (>61) 10: D REEVES (>76) 11: A SIMMONS (>90)								
MON 27 AUG 2018	ESPL	MATLOCK TOWN	4-2	626	9	1	D JONES	C HOUGH (7), I EVANS, S RUSSELL (10), A WORSFOLD (11), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE (>76) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (>84) 8: L KING (>79) 9: R HANNAH (>36) 10: D REEVES (>25) (>80) 11: A SIMMONS (>61)								
SAT 1 SEP 2018	ESPL	LANCASTER CITY	3-1	527	12	1	M SOWERBY	J MAGUIRE, S CLARKE (8), D REEVES (11), E WILSON (4), A MCEWAN
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL (>82) 5: I EVANS 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING (>75) 9: A WORSFOLD (>24) 10: R HANNAH (>37, 64) 11: A SIMMONS (>64)								
TUE 4 SEP 2018	ESPL	FARSLEY CELTIC	1-1	262	13	1	G MYERS	I EVANS (11), S RUSSELL (10), A SIMMONS (9), E WILSON, A MCEWAN
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (>23) 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (>34) 10: D REEVES (>75) 11: R HANNAH (>90)								
SAT 8 SEP 2018	FA Cup 1Q	CHASETOWN (A)	1-1	238	-	-	R HATHAWAY	I EVANS, S CLARKE, E WILSON (11), C HOUGH, A MCEWAN
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (>47) 8: L KING 9: R HANNAH 10: D REEVES 11: A SIMMONS (>75)								
TUE 11 SEP 2018	FA Cup 1Q	CHASETOWN REPLAY	(OG) 8-2	412	-	-		C HOUGH, I EVANS, S RUSSELL (>58), A SIMMONS, E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S CLARKE (>24) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE (>70) 8: L KING (>77) 9: A WORSFOLD (>9' 6' 50") 10: D REEVES 11: R HANNAH (>4)								
SAT 15 SEP 2018	ESPL	WITTON ALBION	0-0	241	14	5	D BRUCE	C HOUGH, I EVANS, S CLARKE, E WILSON (10)
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (>83) 11: A SIMMONS								
TUE 18 SEP 2018	Integro Cup 1	GRESLEY (A)	4-1	100	-	-	R CATTELL	J CHAPMAN, Z CASBURN (11), B TURNER (8), T WILLIAMS (3)
1: L MITCHELL 2: C HOUGH 3: J WETHERELL (>46) 4: I EVANS 5: K LUGSDEN 6: J TURE 7: A MCEWAN 8: S HUTCHINSON (>60) 9: A WAINWRIGHT 10: E WILSON 11: T CONNOR (>27) (>66)								
SAT 22 SEP 2018	FA Cup 2Q	HALESOWEN TOWN (A)	0-3	338	-	-	O WILLIAMS	C HOUGH, I EVANS, S RUSSELL (11), R HANNAH, E WILSON, J TURE
1: J STEWART 2: B GORDON 3: NAUSTIN 4: S CLARKE (>24) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD (>55) 10: D REEVES 11: A SIMMONS (>74) (>77)								
TUE 25 SEP 2018	ESPL	NORTH FERRIBY UTD	1-0	482	17	4	J JOHNSTON	I EVANS, C HOUGH, S CLARKE (11), R HANNAH (10), E WILSON
1: J STEWART 2: NAUSTIN 3: B GORDON 4: S RUSSELL 5: J MAGUIRE 6: K LUGSDEN 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (>45) (>74) 11: A SIMMONS (>84)								
SAT 29 SEP 2018	ESPL	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC	2-1	330	17	6	R HOLMES	NAUSTIN, B GORDON, I EVANS, R HANNAH (>30) (4), E WILSON (10)
1: J STEWART 2: S RUSSELL 3: K LUGSDEN 4: S CLARKE (>65) 5: J MAGUIRE 6: N STAINFIELD 7: A BYRNE 8: L KING 9: A WORSFOLD 10: D REEVES (>81) 11: A SIMMONS								
SAT 6 OCT 2018	FA Cup 3Q	BLYTH SPARTANS						
TUE 9 OCT 2018	ESPL	BASFORD UTD						
SAT 13 OCT 2018	ESPL	HYDE UTD						
TUE 16 OCT 2018	ESPL	MARINE						
SAT 20 OCT 2018	ESPL	WARRINGTON TOWN						
TUE 23 OCT 2018	ESPL	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC						
SAT 27 OCT 2018	FA Trophy 1Q	TBC						
SAT 2 NOV 2018	ESPL	STAFFORD RANGERS						
SAT 17 NOV 2018	ESPL	WHITBY TOWN						
SAT 24 NOV 2018	ESPL	SCARBOROUGH ATHLETIC						
SAT 1 DEC 2018	ESPL	WITTON ALBION						
SAT 8 DEC 2018	ESPL	LANCASTER CITY						
SAT 15 DEC 2018	ESPL	FARSLEY CELTIC						
SAT 22 DEC 2018	ESPL	SOUTH SHIELDS						
BH WED 26 DEC 2018	ESPL	GRANTHAM TOWN						
BH TUE 1 JAN 2019	ESPL	MATLOCK TOWN						
SAT 5 JAN 2019	ESPL	NANTWICH TOWN						
SAT 12 JAN 2019	ESPL	WORKINGTON						
SAT 19 JAN 2019	ESPL	MICKLEOVER SPORTS						

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SAT 26 JAN 2019	ESPL	STAFFORD RANGERS						
SAT 2 FEB 2019	ESPL	WHITBY TOWN						
SAT 9 FEB 2019	ESPL	BUXTON						
SAT 16 FEB 2019	ESPL	STALYBRIDGE CELTIC						
SAT 23 FEB 2019	ESPL	NORTH FERRIBY UTD						
SAT 2 MAR 2019	ESPL	BAMBER BRIDGE						
SAT 16 MAR 2019	ESPL	BASFORD UTD						
SAT 23 MAR 2019	ESPL	MARINE						
SAT 30 MAR 2019	ESPL	WARRINGTON TOWN						
SAT 6 APR 2019	ESPL	HYDE UTD						
SAT 13 APR 2019	ESPL	WORKINGTON						
BH FRI 19 APR 2019	ESPL	HEDNESFORD TOWN						
BH MON 22 APR 2019	ESPL	GRANTHAM TOWN						
SAT 27 APR 2019	ESPL	SOUTH SHIELDS						

For a full fixtures list (including cup games), visit our website or pick up a fixtures card from the club shop.

## Gainsborough Boxing Club will open its doors for the first time on Tuesday 9th October, offering mixed classes for ages 10 years and above in the Gainsborough Academy Sports Hall.

Initially hosting training every Tuesday evening, due to popular demand there are already plans to add more sessions, including classes for 6 to 10-year olds and ladies only. Sessions are open to all abilities and will focus on developing boxing skills and technique, whilst also building fitness levels. For those who would like to go on to compete, Gainsborough Boxing Club will be registered with England Boxing for the coming season. So whether you're looking for a fun way to keep fit or if you fancy more of a challenge, the team at GBC will be on hand to help you achieve your personal goals.

Bill Cook, founder and head coach at Gainsborough Boxing Club is himself an experienced boxer, having been introduced to the sport in his early teens. Growing up in the suburbs of London, Bill credits boxing with being the positive impact he needed in his life at a time when negative influences could have easily led him down a different path. After competing at amateur level and coaching at several



London clubs, he is keen to pass on his experience and expertise to the next generation. Bill and the team at GBC are passionate about providing a safe environment for the young people of Gainsborough to learn discipline, dedication and respect for each other. By working together with the local community, they are confident the club will become a driving force for positive change in the lives of young people locally.

Training sessions will be held every Tuesday, ages 10-16 6:30-7:30pm (£3 per session), seniors 7:30-8:30pm (£4 per session). No special kit is required to attend; just standard exercise clothing, trainers and a water bottle. Classes are

pay as you go and the team at GBC are confident that once you've tried a session, you'll be back for more!

Want to know more? Follow Gainsborough Boxing Club on Facebook and Twitter @GainsBoxingClub. To join, e-mail gainsboroughboxing@mail.com or call Bill on 07852 372935.

Gainsborough Boxing Club would like to thank Richard Kane and his team at Gainsborough Town Football Club, Emma Thomas and Fun Printz for their continued support. The club is being run on a voluntary basis and would welcome the support of local businesses and residents.

**GAINSBOROUGH BOXING CLUB**

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# 1 to 11 THE SPARTANS



**PETER JAMESON**  
Goalkeeper

Signed a week into the 2017/18 season, securing the No.1 jersey and putting in a string of scintillating performances, become a huge fan favourite during the last campaign.

**BRADLEY SKIRPAN**  
Goalkeeper

A product of the reserve team, 17-year-old Bradley has found himself in Alun Armstrong's plans ahead of the new campaign.



**IAN WATSON**  
Defender

In his second-spell with Spartans, the left-back also forms part of the strength and conditioning team at the club. An attacking full-back who isn't afraid to take aim with his left peg, as Stalybridge found out in the FA Trophy.



**JORDAN WATSON**  
Defender

Missed the majority of the last campaign thanks to a knee injury suffered away at Curzon Ashton, will be looking to lay claim to starting role at the heart of the Spartans defence.



**MICHAEL LIDDLE**  
Defender

Triple-award winner at the end of season awards in 2017/18, 'Lidz' was one of the club's last season, a definite crowd favourite, a marauding left-back with bags of energy.



**NATHAN BUDDLE**  
Defender

Centre-back who earned an England 'C'

call-up during the 2017/18 season, 'Buds' is a big centre-half who can affect the game at both ends of the field.



**ALEX NICHOLSON**  
Defender

The energetic right-back returns to Croft Park after a season and half at South Shields - winning numerous trophies, including the FA Vase at Wembley Stadium. Capable of playing anywhere across the back four.



**SAM BROTHERTON**  
Defender

A loanee from Sunderland, a tall centre-half who has represented New Zealand at International level. Joined for the entire 2018/19 season.

**ANDREI-VASILE ARDELEAN**  
Forward

A recent signing from the now defunct Team Northumbria. Brings and aerial presence to the forward line and is a hard worker.



**AARON CUNNINGHAM**  
Defender

Loanee from Hartlepool United who joined a week before the 2018/19 campaign, the 20-year-old is looking to make a name for himself at Croft Park.



**DAMEN MULLEN**  
Midfielder

A lynch-pin in the midfield, 'Damo' does the dirty work in the centre of midfield. His talents sometimes go unnoticed but is a vital part of the squad. Came off the bench against Hereford in the FA Vase final against Morpeth Town.



**LEWIS HORNER**  
Midfielder

Joined last summer but suffered an injury in the early part of the season. His quality - however - is unquestionable having

previously played for Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the Scottish Premiership.



**SEAN REID**  
Midfielder

The goal scoring midfielder can play a range of positions. Last year he contributed at centre-half, midfield and as a striker on his way to winning the Supporters' Player of the Year.



**KIERAN GREEN**  
Midfielder

A massive fan favourite during his loan spells at Spartans' last season - Kieran Green is one of Alun Armstrong's marquee signings for the 2018/19 season. A fantastic range of passing coupled with a composed personality, Green helped Spartans to a 10th placed finish.



**CONNOR OLIVER**  
Midfielder

Signed as a free agent after a spell with Halifax Town, a defence midfielder who is composed on the ball and looks to break up play and unleash a counter attack.



**ADAM WRIGHTSON**  
Forward

Pacey winger who gives defenders nightmares with his mazy runs. Can play anywhere across the front three.



**DAN MAGUIRE**  
Forward

The Spartans' talisman made his England 'C' debut in 2018 and is one of the most feared centre-forwards in the National Leagues.



**JACK BUTLER**  
Forward

Promising youngster who represented England Schools U18s for the past two years. A product of King Edward VI School and Spartans Reserves.



**JAMIE HOLMES**  
Forward

Summer signing from Evo-Stik Premier League South Shields. Helped the Mariners to a league title last term and has already impressed in pre-season.



**JARRETT RIVERS**  
Forward

Former Blackpool winger he returned for his second spell with the club. Signed a new contract late last season and is a firm crowd favourite.



**ROBERT DALE**  
Forward

The man, the myth, the legend. Robert Dale made his 600th appearance for Spartans this season and is eyeing up 200 goals, a one of a kind talent in non-league football.



**BRADLEY FEWSTER**  
Forward

Signed from Spennymoor Town, Fewster is former England U19, U18, U17 and U16 International who has netted 12 times for his country, and already netted four times in two pre-season fixtures. Previously of Guisborough Town.



**RYAN HUTCHINSON**  
Defender

The Cannock Spartans player of the year, 'Hutchy' was a vital cog in the way Blyth played last season. Will miss the majority of 2018/19 through injury. Previously of Guisborough Town.

# DON'T SHOOT THE REF!

BY ANDY HOGG, FORMER FIFA AND PREMIER LEAGUE ASSISTANT REFEREE

## “You’re not Fit to Referee!”

The above accusation of not being ‘fit to referee’ is often referred to questioning the mental capabilities of the referee, not his/her physical fitness, which is becoming increasingly key in today’s modern game where that ball is transferred from player to player so quickly.

There are not many sports in the UK where the referee needs a high level of fitness to officiate, football and the two rugby codes fall into that category, some would argue that Field Hockey does as well – so above and beyond that, I can’t think of any other sports where a high degree of fitness is required and expected, unless you know differently? Golf officials ride around the course in a buggy, cricket umpires will have a gentle stroll across to square-leg every 6 balls, ice-skating judges sit behind a desk, tennis umpires sit in a high-chair and with the use of Hawkeye, make their decisions using software. They don’t know how lucky they are!

In semi-professional football and upwards, every match official has to pass a fitness test and there is zero tolerance – no pass, no games! The test varies from level to level, for example referees who officiate at the semi-pro level (e.g. National League North & South, Northern Premier

League, etc), as part of their test, are required to run a distance of 2,700 meters in 12 minutes. Referees, being the competitive animals they are, will aim for 2,800 metres, which is 7 laps of a 400-metre track. Next time you are down at your local track, or on a treadmill in your local gym, see if you can achieve the distance required in the required time!

To put this into perspective, even the local parks referees should be working hard on a Sunday morning to keep up with play. My smart-watch clocks me at somewhere between 10K – 11K as I trot around, trying to throw-in the occasional sprint (if I can call it a sprint) for good measure. My understanding is that Premier League referees are approaching a distance of 18K per game!

In today’s world of modern officiating, the perception of how the referees look is considered to be very important, and I understand why this is the case. At the top level of our Domestic game, each match official has his/her Percentage Body Fat measured and monitored throughout the season. Anyone who has a level of 24% or greater is closely monitored and will be required to take additional testing – it’s a tough world out there!

All this leads to a referee who is



extremely fit and more than looks the part – next time you watch a Premier League game, look at the body-shape and athleticism of the likes of Michael Oliver and Anthony Taylor, to name but two, and notice how close they are to key incidents. The same applies to the more senior officials, for example Martin Atkinson, who are in great shape for their age.

So, next time you see a senior match official, I dare you to challenge them to a 7-lap race. Unless you are a good club player and a middle distance runner, with all due respect, I know who my money is on.

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**We go ‘Behind Enemy Lines’ to speak to Graham Usher, a Blyth Spartans fan, to look at their season so far and understand the trials & tribulations they’ve been**

**through this season in the Vanarama National League North, as injuries, inconsistencies & refereeing decisions have wreaked havoc with our visitors from the North East’s early season form:**

It’s fair to say this season hasn’t started as we had hoped, following last season’s campaign. However, no one was under any illusions as to just how tough it was going to be.

Players were being brought in during the summer for the key positions, but the much needed experienced centre half eluded us.

The inconsistent start hasn’t been helped by defensive frailties and injuries, having lost two centre halves to ACL injuries last season, 2018/19 hasn’t been any kinder.

Two loan centre halves arrived, one a New Zealand international from Sunderland, was injured in the first half of the opening day defeat at Hereford and hasn’t featured since!

That 0-3 defeat was captain and club legend Robbie Dale’s 600th game as he closes in on becoming the club’s all time appearance record.

There have been disappointing home defeats to Bradford (Park Avenue) and Leamington respectively, when defensive mistakes cost us. But also impressive victories when our forward play has been superb, the 8-1 hammering of Chester being the standout game. The scoreline actually flattered them, it was one of those games when everything just clicked. How we didn’t hit double

figures I’ll never know, we looked like scoring every time we went forward.

Defeats to league leaders Chorley 1-2 and 0-2 at York both had crucial turning points. We more than had held our own against both teams, only for a defensive mistake to let Chorley score their first in a 1-2 defeat. York was 0-0 until a highly controversial penalty in the 76th minute.

The 1-0 FA Cup replay victory over Nantwich Town that set up this tie was the first time this season we’ve kept a clean sheet, and also the first time the manager had virtually a full squad to pick from.

Only 12 games have been played so far and only our keeper has featured in every game.

Manager Alun Armstrong is fully aware of challenges we face as a club at National League North level, going up against full time clubs and others with vastly larger playing budgets.

However, if he manages to get his full squad to choose from regularly, he rightly feels his side can compete.

Realistically, most supporters will be happy with a comfortable mid-table finish, 12/13/14th place. Hopefully we can reverse last season’s campaign when we started so well and occupied a play off place for several months, only to fall away after the New Year and finish 10th, missing the play offs by 4 points.

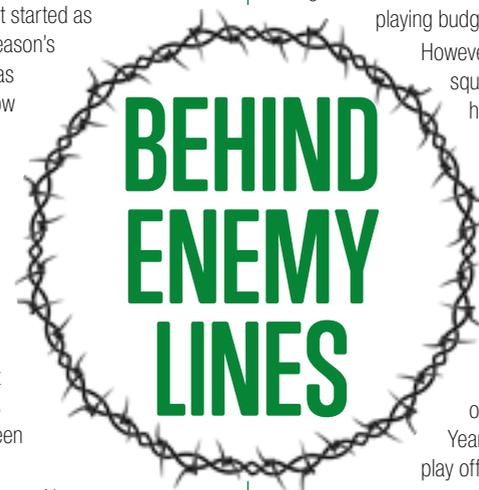
As with most clubs, a cup run would be a great boost for everyone. The Cup is a special competition to the Spartans, having provided so many memorable moments over the years.

It’s all about the number 3 today, our 3rd meeting in the FA Cup, having lost the previous encounters we’re hoping for 3rd time lucky.

Our last cup meeting was also a 3rd Qualifying round tie. The team we have faced more often than any other in 3rd Qualifying Round ties is...

... Gainsborough Trinity, and yes you guessed – we’ve met 3 times in this round!

**Graham Usher aka @blythspirit66**  
<https://blythspirit.wordpress.com/>





# RESERVES DIARY

WITH JIMMY SNEE

**We travelled to Lincoln Moorlands knowing they were pre season league favourites.**

The day didn't start well with Ashley Holland failing a fitness test, and skipper Steve Hutchinson falling to a sickness bug hours before the game. To make matters worse, we arrived on the outskirts of Lincoln in plenty of time only to spend 40 minutes completing the last three miles of the journey!

So we were on the back foot so to speak even before a ball was kicked. It was no surprise to me that Moorlands came out the traps quicker than us and they took an early lead after we conceded a "soft" penalty. 1 nil down I feared the worst, but after a midfield positional shuffle we suddenly found our feet and passing game.

After a period of good play and chances being created, we finally equalised through a curling free kick from Ash Mcewan (back from First team duties), and then pummelled the Moorlands goal up to halftime. To

say they were hanging on was no understatement!

The second half started equally with both teams probing without any real chances, then out of the blue a ball over the top caught us out and the Moorlands player ran into the box and stroked the ball past the stranded Luke Mitchell in the Trinity goal. The response from our boys was fantastic, again we suddenly started to click and openings and chances were being created. Some good passing moves led to several chances before finally a sublime run and cross from substitute Coy found the head of Robinson who didn't disappoint with his finish. With time running out Moorlands we're hanging on and the last chance went begging before the referee called time on a pulsating game.

All in all, a great team performance full of desire and at times sublime passing, not bad for a new team whose average age was 21 compared to their opponents who are seasoned campaigners.

A job well done, for me and Lee the performance of the season so far, hopefully we can carry on in the same vein next time out at Nettleham.

**#TrinityFamily**  
**#initttogether**



**Name:** Steven Hutchinson  
**Date of birth:** 26/05/1985  
**Role/Position:** Centre midfield  
**Former clubs:** Brigg Town, Bottesford, Winterton, Retford FC, Army side

**How did you get involved with the Reserves?** I was contacted by Jimmy Snee, to see if I would add a bit of experience to a potentially young development side. I snapped up the chance of taking armband duties and playing in a Gainsborough Trinity Reserves side, which from my point of view should have been implemented years back.

Well done Jimmy and the team for getting things up and running now!  
**Footballing idol:** Paul Scholes

**Night in/out:** In, I'm getting old now!

**Pepsi/Coke:** Pepsi  
**Chinese/Indian:** Chinese all day!!

**Cats/dogs:** Dogs  
**Country/city:** Country – again, old and boring

**Hot/cold:** Hot  
**Message to supporters:**

It would be great to see some of the Holy Blues at our home games! We're a team that likes to get the ball down and play the right way. Let's get behind this development side!

**#initttogether**



# LADIES DIARY

WITH WAYNE ASHLEY

**16th September 2018**  
**Appleby Frodingham 4**  
**Trinity Ladies 3**

**Trinity (4-4-2):** Long, Taylor, Staniar, Troop, Bellamy, Crellin (1), G Lawson (1), Moody, Thomas, Dejonge, Enstone (1)

**Subs:** Cook, Butler, K Housham, Kidd, C Smith

Unlike the First team and Reserves, the Ladies have got off to a largely disappointing start, especially given that, on paper at least, it looked as though the Ladies couldn't have asked for an easier start.

Unfortunately, defensive lapses have proved extremely costly. In the first game away at Appleby, the girls started brightly enough and got plenty of joy getting the ball out wide to pacey wingers Lauren Crellin and Amy Thomas, Appleby Frodingham

resorting to long balls over the top. Mid way through the first half Trinity went ahead, when a great run and cross from Crellin was converted at the back post by Becky Enstone.

The lead was to be short lived when another long ball from the home side caught the Trinity back four napping.

The second half was very much end to end stuff, the home side taking the lead as a result of more poor defending. Within five minutes Gainsborough were level, skipper Gabby Lawson heading home a great corner from Alisha Dejonge.

It was to be a poorly dealt with corner that would give the home side the lead again, but once again the Trinity side responded well and Crellin broke clear before slotting the ball low into the net past the advancing keeper.

It appeared that's how the score would remain until yet more questionable defending allowed the home side to regain the lead and this time there was no time left for a reply.

**#TrinityFamily**  
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**Name:** Colleen Butler  
**Position:** Defence/Midfield  
**Playing style:** I'd say I'm a hard worker that never gives up  
**Previous clubs:** None  
**Footballing idol:** Bradley Butler (my son) ;)

**Favourite football memory:** Getting to the cup final two seasons ago and being put in a different position and feeling I did OK

**Ambitions as a player:**  
To firstly improve my confidence and then work on my footwork to allow me more time on the ball

**Ambitions for the season:** To win as many of our games as possible and hopefully get to the cup final again and win this time!

**What attracted you to Trinity:** My son used to play for Trinity Juniors and I kept asking the coach when they would set up a ladies team, so when they did I joined. I was a complete beginner and have received tremendous support throughout and would highly recommend Trinity to anyone starting out.





# FROM THE ARCHIVES

BY STEVE ANDREWS

**Trinity & Blyth Spartans have been competing regularly against each other since 1958, first in the Midland League, then the Northern Premier League (1995-2004) and the Conference Nth from 2006.**

**Below are a couple of key seasons for each club leading to brief spells apart.**

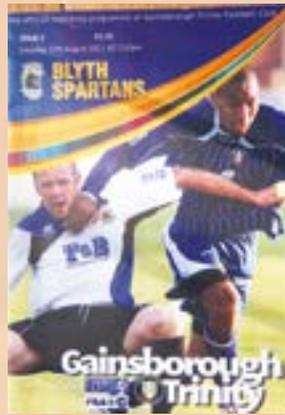
*Trinity v Blyth Spartans, 27 August 2011,  
Blue Square Bet North*

Steve Housham had just become caretaker manager following the departure after two years of Brian Little.

Even though this was only the Blues' second home game, he stated the team had the chance to make history and get promoted. Housham's first game in charge had gone well as Trinity beat Corby 1-0 (Boyce). Blyth had just been beaten 5-0 by Guiseley and were 17th, 6 places behind Trinity.

The programme gave the **Record of Results** between the sides 1958-2011: Trinity P-32, W-10, D-12, L-10. In **Getting to know the players** London born, ex QPR, Luton and current Trinity skipper **Michael Leary** is featured, talking about Luton's 2-0 win over Wrexham and promotion to the Championship.

**FT score:** Trinity 2 (Kendall, Williams) v Blyth Spartans 0. Attendance 407.



*Blue Square bet North Play offs 2011/12*

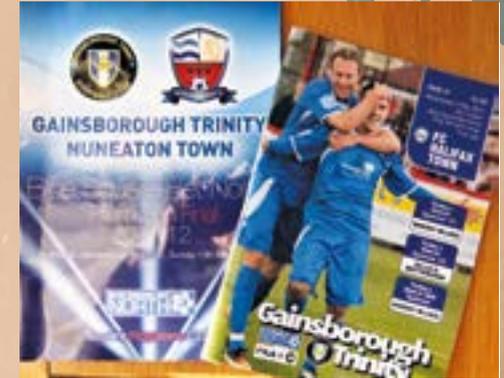
As it was devastation for Blyth, finishing second from bottom with 34pts, Trinity went on to try to make history after a memorable 3-2 (Mettam 3) victory away at Altrincham sealed a play off place for the Blues.

Then followed an equally memorable semi final with **Halifax Town**.

Trinity 2 (Connor 2) v Halifax 2 (Gregory 2). Attendance 2,380.

Halifax 0 v Trinity 1 (Clarke). Attendance 3,468.

... but final disappointment... **Final:** Trinity 0 v Nuneaton 1



*Trinity v Blyth Spartans, 15 August 2017,  
Vanarama National North*

This was Blyth's first visit back to the Northolme (Martin & Co) since their relegation in 2012. Since then Blyth had strengthened and gained promotion. Trinity on the other hand had suffered off/on field changes. Chairman **Peter Swann** had joined Scunthorpe United and poor results had meant managerial changes. **Steve Housham** made way for **Dom Roma** before **Dave Frecklington** took charge in 2017.

Skipper **Nathan Jarman** was pleased with a great away win at (full time) **Nuneaton**, but this had followed defeats to **Leamington** and **Darlington** and Trinity only had 3 pts into this game.

**FT Score:** Trinity 2 (Jacklin, Wells) v Blyth Spartans 4. Attendance 559.



*Blyth Spartans v Trinity, 7 April 2012,  
Blue Square Bet North*

Manager **Tommy Cassidy** describes "the best 45 mins of football Blyth had produced" in a 2-1 win over **Solihull Moors**. This meant Spartans would live to fight another day as fellow relegation contenders **Vauxhall** had lost to **Hinckley**. **Eastwood Town** were already relegated.

Also at the bottom were **Histon**, **Harrogate!!!!** (how they have turned it round now) and **Workington**.

Trinity were sat in the last playoff place behind **Halifax**, **Nuneaton** and **Guiseley**, with **Hyde** at the top.

**FT score:** Blyth Spartans 2 v Trinity 3 (Clarke,

Kendall, Mettam). Attendance 392.

The results that afternoon relegated Blyth to the **Evo-Stik Premier**.



*Blyth Spartans v Trinity, 6 January 2018, Vanarama National North*

**Salford City** were top of the table, with **Harrogate/Brackley/Spennymoor/Bradford/Blyth** following.

Trinity were 19th, 2pts above **Alfreton** and **Nuneaton**. At this time **Darlington**, **Southport**, **Telford**, **Leamington**, even **Boston** and **FCUM** could have been caught by the Blues if they managed a late surge.

**FT Score:** Blyth Spartans 4 v Trinity 0. Attendance 591.

**Lee Sinnott** and **John Reed** came in for **Dave Frecklington** before the end of the season, but Trinity were relegated to the **Evo-Stik Premier** on the 2nd to last game of the season, away to **Telford**.

**This season the confidence the club showed in 2011/12 is back, so let's hope, as they say, "this is our year"**





# FA CUP SPECIAL

Joe Maguire  
& Lee Sinnott

THE BIG INTERVIEW  
BY JUSTIN ALLEN  
FOOTBALL WRITER AT THE SUN



HARRY MAGUIRE WILL BE KEENLY CHECKING THE FA CUP QUALIFYING RESULTS STRAIGHT AFTER HIS MATCH AGAINST EVERTON TODAY.

THE LEICESTER STAR'S OLDER BROTHER JOE IS HOPING TO HELP SHOOT NON-LEAGUE GAINSBOROUGH INTO THE FOURTH QUALIFYING ROUND WITH VICTORY AGAINST BLYTH SPARTANS.

Joe, 27, joined the Northern Premier League club in the summer and his famous brother has already been down to The Northolme three times to watch Trinity.

And the Gainsborough defender told SunSport: "He tries to get down whenever he can. He'll often ask, 'When are you playing on a Tuesday night?'"

"We're so supportive of each other. We'll talk to each other about our next games and encourage each other to do well.

"He'll ask me, 'When's your FA Cup game, can I come and watch?' We've always wanted to watch each other."

Harry's younger brother Laurence also plays for National League club Chesterfield and, just days after coming back from the World Cup, the England ace watched his siblings go head-to-head in a pre-season friendly at Gainsborough.

Club chairman Richard Kane said: "Just news of him being at our game added a couple of hundred to the gate. He stopped for photos, selfies and autographs."

Joe is only 18 months older than Harry and the pair developed as

footballers together from doing keep-ups in the back garden to going through the youth ranks at Barnsley and Sheffield United together.

Joe said: "Harry and I joined a local team, Brunsmeer, and people could see from an early age we were good players. We'd score lots of goals and Barnsley picked us up.

"And around about under 10s, under 11s level, Sheffield United came in for us. Although Harry was younger, he played in the same age group as me because he was as big as all of us, was physically good and had great technical ability.

"We were always competitive too. There wasn't much between us in terms of our ability, you couldn't tell the difference."

But Joe had his progress hampered by growing pains in his knees through his teenage years.

He said: "I ended up not getting a scholarship at Sheffield United, while Harry did and really kicked on."

Joe was given a scholarship but a professional contract did not materialise and he ended up dropping into non-league where he has had two spells at Ilkeston, one at Nuneaton and two at Buxton.

Meanwhile, Harry's rise up the ladder has been well documented, playing for Sheffield United, Hull City, Leicester and England.

Joe, Laurence and sister Daisy and parents Zoe and Alan all went to Russia to watch Harry



star at the World Cup.

And Joe said: "Going to Russia was the most memorable experience of my life, watching my brother playing in the World Cup semi-final and watching him score in the quarter-finals.

"We're not just brothers, we're best mates too and all of us are very close and so proud of how he worked so hard and proved so many people wrong.

"When he was at Hull, there were people doubting that he was even good enough to play in the Premier League and that he was maybe too slow.

"Well, let's face it, he was one of the best players at the World Cup."

Gainsborough will be today led by a FA Cup finalist. Their



manager, Lee Sinnott, was an 18-year-old centre-half in Graham Taylor's Watford side that was beaten 2-0 by Everton in 1984.

Sinnott said: "We must have had one of the youngest back fours in FA Cup Final history. I was 18, right-back David Bardsley was 19, left-back Neil Price was 20 and my centre-half partner Steve Terry was 22.

"The game totally passed me by if I am being honest. The most nervous part was going out to check the pitch in our suits before kick-off.

"It was only after the match when we were at a reception that Elton John threw at his house in Windsor that it sank in what we'd achieved.

"Graham wasn't everyone's cup of tea – but I thought he was a great manager and lovely guy too. He was an innovator – one of the first to look at



things outside of football that can help player's performances – such as nutrition and what not."

Gainsborough have a remarkable history.

Until the summer when they dropped from National League North, the club had NEVER been relegated in their entire 145-year history.

The club were elected into the Football League in 1896 until they were voted out in 1912 before promotion and relegation was introduced.

Gainsborough also can boast to have provided England with their first-ever hat-trick scorer – Fred Spiksley, against Scotland in 1893. He also can lay claim to the fastest goal in an FA Cup Final, just 20 SECONDS for Sheffield Wednesday against



Wolves in 1896.

And their rich football heritage does not end there. Their ground is the oldest in continuous service.

Sinnott added: "It's a fantastic football club. I've played in the top division and managed in the Football League – but I really do love non-league.

"I just love how real it all feels. We get about 500-odd fans and I'll be able to pick a fair few of them out and know them.

"We started in the first qualifying round and to reach the fourth stage will be an achievement in itself."

Meanwhile, Joe has his eye on an even bigger prize – to face his brother Harry in the third round proper.

He said: "That would just be the ultimate ambition – to get through to that stage one day and play against such a big club and of course my brother."

# HALESOWEN TOWN vs



# 22.9.2018 FT: 0-3

## LINE UP

1. JON STEWART
2. BEN GORDON
3. NEIL AUSTIN
4. SHANE CLARKE (⚽ 24')
5. JOE MAGUIRE
6. NATHAN STAINFIELD
7. ALEX BYRNE
8. LIAM KING<sup>c</sup>
9. ASHLEY WORSFOLD (⚽ 55')
10. DAMIAN REEVES
11. ALEX SIMMONS (⚽ 74') (>77' SIMON RUSSELL)



# SPIKSLEY'S COMING HOME

**17 November will be a day to remember for the Holy Blues when Jason Lee of the PFA visits the Martin & Co Arena to unveil a plaque dedicated to club legend Fred Spiksley. Spiksley, born in Gainsborough in 1870 was to become one of the most famous footballers in the country.**

The plaque, erected by The Delves, will be officially unveiled at 2pm, an hour before Trinity kick off against Whitby Town and we hope to see you there. In the bulls up to the big day we are looking back at Spiksley's own football stories of being a young footballer in Gainsborough. Spiksley's story this week is from the season that Trinity won their first major competition, the Midland League, which would have ranked them as one of the top 20 teams in the whole of England.

## A MEMORABLE MATCH by Fred Spiksley

"I shall always remember the Staveley Team of that year, and the match we played against them. As our own ground was completely frozen and unfit for play we had to switch the game to the Recreation Ground on Pingle Hill in Gainsborough. This was a return to the club's roots when Gainsborough Trinity were named the Trinity Recreationists and played their home games on 'The Rec' before moving to the Northolme in or around 1884/5. It was a quirky little ground laid on a slope with a tree growing within the field of play. None of our current team had played on the 'Rec' previously so we were effectively meeting the Staveley team on neutral territory with no ground advantage.

Billy Lilley, who later played for many years with Sheffield United in the first division

of the Football League, played in goal for Staveley. His brother Harry, who became an England International, played at full back with Cook, who later moved to Accrington as his partner, whilst I was up against the redoubtable 'Nudger' Needham playing at right half. The rest of the team was equally strong.

Staveley fielded their strongest side, and we played them without any ground advantage in unfamiliar surroundings and we had to rely on footballing science, as weight and strength were not our forté. Yet we piled up a score of 11 goals to nil against a strong Staveley team that day. It was not a fluke either, I can assure you, our skill and speed simply bewildered our opponents and we had them guessing from the start to the finish.

By Christmas time clubs were sending their scouts to watch our games and run the rule over us, and by the end of the year our team had as good as been scattered to the four winds, with most of our players having been made tempting offers to play for Football League clubs for substantially increased pay that previously they could only have dreamed about."

**#spiksleyscominghome**



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# THE VIEW FROM CARLISLE STREET

**Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to the famous old Northolme for today's FA cup 3rd Qualifying round game against old friends, Blyth Spartans.**

I suppose if you take current League status into account, The North Easterners will be deemed as favourites today, but as you all know, and none more so than our opponents today, anything can happen in the Cup.

Blyth Spartans possibly have the best track record of any non-League club for pulling off giant killings, so let's hope the Blues can pull off a 'shock' of their own.

Gainsborough Trinity and Blyth Spartans are no strangers in the FA Cup, first meeting each other way back in 1935 on the 30th of November here on the Northolme.

Trinity were victors on that day, winning by 3-1 in the 1st Round proper with goals from, Kirk, Taylor & Eyres.



Liam Needham

Blyth travelled down from the North East on the Friday night and stayed over in the White Hart Hotel. They were admirably backed by 300 followers at the game, who arrived by a rail excursion on the morning of the game.

Trinity went onto play Dartford away in round 2, but went out of the competition by a 4-0 score.

Back to more recent times and another victory for the Blues in 2007

in Qualifying Round 3 – a Liam Needham goal settling the tie 1-0 with 379 in attendance.

Blyth Spartans made National headlines and all the back pages of the Newspapers in the 1970s with their FA Cup exploits, culminating with reaching Round 5 proper in 1977-78 and taking Wrexham to a replay, famously played at Newcastle United's ground, St James Park.

Fellow non-league Burscough were seen off at Croft Park in Round 1 by a 1-0 score, followed by another 1-0 victory in Round 2 against Football



League opposition Chesterfield.

Round 3 brought more good fortune in so much as another Home draw and Non-League Enfield being drawn out of the hat.

The winning combination kept rolling and so did the 1-0 scoreline and onto Round 4, but an away day beckoned against Stoke City at the now defunct Victoria Ground.

Many people outside of Blyth thought this would be it, but the 'Blyth Spirit' shone through yet again and an incredible 3-2 away win saw the Spartans into Round 5.

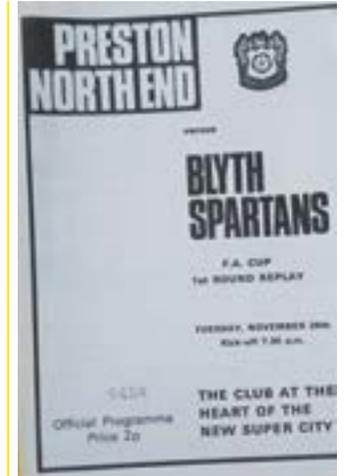
Wales beckoned in Round 5 and an away trip to Wrexham on the 18th February 1978.

Ironically, the Welsh team had knocked out Newcastle United in a 4th

round replay, thus denying the Cup tie of all Cup ties, Newcastle United v Blyth Spartans!!!

Former Lincoln City Striker Dixie McNeil scored 4 times over the two games for Wrexham and it was Dixie who scored the Wrexham Goal in a 1-1 draw to set up the replay, which was played at St James Park, by kind permission of Newcastle United.

A crowd of 42,167 roared on the Spartans, but the run was ended by



a 2-1 defeat and the chance to meet Arsenal in the Quarter Finals.

A magnificent match programme was produced for the Replay, with 24 pages featuring colour photos of match action and information from previous rounds. all for 20 pence.

Enjoy the game.

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# VIEW FROM THE PRESS BENCH

## WITH BBC RADIO LINCOLNSHIRE'S DALE STOREY

Gainsborough Trinity go into this intriguing Third Qualifying Round FA Cup tie looking to bounce back from their first defeat since the opening day of the season last week at Stalybridge Celtic

It brought an end to ten games without defeat for the Blues, but all good runs must come to an end and it's always a test of a good team to see how they react to runs ending.

To go ten games without defeat at any level is a magnificent achievement and that's what Gainsborough Trinity managed to do following their last home victory here against North Ferriby. While it certainly wasn't a game that will live long in the memory of all those who were there, it showed a different side to this Gainsborough team. One that can grind out a win and manage to still pick up three points when playing poorly and that's a huge bonus! I'm sure every Blues fan would take a scruffy 1-0 win over a good performance but a 2-0 loss.

At BBC Radio Lincolnshire we cover and keep an eye on many teams in Lincolnshire and it's great that Gainsborough are our only side left in the FA Cup at this stage (yes, Lincoln City will enter the first round proper, but they are not actually involved at this stage are they?) and that is another point that proves what an excellent start to the season it has been for the Blues.

Blyth will be a tricky opposition today having scored 8 goals against the Blues in the two league games last season, however I remember the game here at the Martin & Co Arena and, although Trinity lost 4-2, they really should have got a point, fighting back from 3-0 down to 3-2, Nathan Jarman

missed a penalty and it proved very costly in the end. The home side have also won all their games here at the Martin & Co and have only lost twice here since Lee Sinnott took over, both in March to Brackley (1-2) and Stockport (2-3), so their home form gives them a real chance of a cup upset today.

My first ever visit to this wonderful ground came in the FA Cup, on Saturday 11th November 2006 – I was one of 1,900 plus that watched the Blues play Barnet in the First Round Proper, Defender Nick Ellis equalised for the home side after Dean Sinclair had put the league side ahead, but two late goals from Tresor Kandol saw the Bees go away with the victory. I really enjoyed the afternoon and have been coming to this ground on a semi-regular basis since that rain soaked day 12 years ago (and I am pleased to say the food has maintained its high quality and low pricing)!

If Gainsborough Trinity win today they will be one game away from equalling last season's run in this competition and getting to the first round proper. Last season was an excellent achievement to get there, but this season would be even better as they will have had to play an extra round and knock out at least one team from the league above, so fingers crossed that today is another memorable game here at The Martin and Co Arena.

Enjoy the game,  
Dale



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**First and last football matches watched?**

Would have been a Barnsley match with my dad and granddad. Last game was with my dad – Liverpool vs Porto.

**First and last boots?**

Think it was a pair of Patrick's. Currently wearing a pair of Wesley Nikes.

**First football shirt owned?**

Randomly it was a Norwich shirt. Last one I bought was a Liverpool one from about 20 years ago I reckon.

**First and last schools?**

First school was Agnes Road and last one was Holgate, both in Barnsley.

**First and last team played for?**

First Barnsley. Last Shaw Lane.

**First and last goal scored?**

Opened my account with an own goal for Barnsley against Leicester. Last was for Shaw Lane – can't remember who it was against.

**First and last team position you played in?**

I started off in goal then moved to centre half. Mainly play full back now.



**First and last celebrity crush?**

Cameron Diaz in the film Mask. I like a bit of Holly Willoughby these days.

**First and last film watched?**

First movie at cinema was Titanic. Fast and Furious 8 was the last film I watched.

**First and last car?**

Citroen Saxo was my first car. Currently cruising in a Transit work van.

**First and last holiday?**

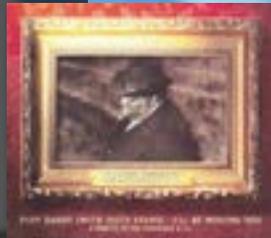
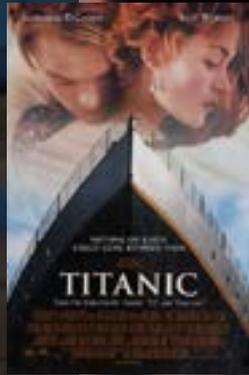
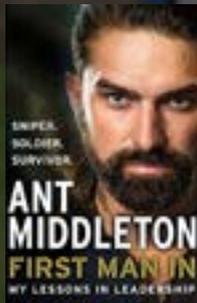
First holiday was Greece with the family when I was about 10. Last one was Mexico in the summer

**First and last CD/song bought?**

Puff Daddy and Faith Evens – I'll Be Missing You. Can't remember last time I bought an album.

**First and last book you read?**

Don't do a great deal of reading but last one I read was Ant Middleton's First Man In.



**First and Last with**

**NEIL AUSTIN**



Credit: Karl Brooks Photography



# FAN TALES



**Jeremy Robinson is a relatively new supporter of the Holy Blues, having joined the ranks with his wife Zoe and two children Alfie & Zach. Recruited in the summer by Media Manager, Rob Hughes to support the media team, the Robinsons have quickly become a part of the #TrinityFamily. Buying their first season tickets mid way through the season three years ago, the family haven't looked back since.**

Remembering a first game is never easy, especially when you struggle with names, but as Jeremy reflects he thinks "It might have been Stalybridge. I remember the warm welcome from the raffle ticket man and watching the game from behind the goal. We found it amusing how the fans swapped ends at half time with their teams." So, why Trinity? A question often asked when weighing up someone's affinity, "Because we moved to Gainsborough and they are our local team." Reason enough indeed for an affinity to be formed – and a great idea for introducing future supporters.

"We're season ticket holders, so we aim to get to every home game. This season we have only missed one game in the pre-season (home and away)." Capturing the action has gotten Jeremy to even more games than he was bargaining for, and even given him his funniest moment watching the Blues,

"Not wanting to be controversial, but during a pre-season game, I was on the gantry with a couple of analysts and all throughout the first half they were bemoaning that their players were not picking up on a particular movement. When out of curiosity I asked what they meant, they denied all knowledge. Yet they were saying it all through the half. It was amusing to me! Perhaps you had to be there!"

Having supported the Blues that are Gainsborough for a couple of years now, Jeremy is loath to use the term legend, but mentions a few of the family favourites when pushed, "Perhaps not in legend terms, but Jordan Thewlis was great in our first season – and we all loved Jarmo, Jaffa, Josh and Tom. Simmo and Ash are great and stayed with us through relegation..." so lots of players from recent times who have worn their hearts on their sleeves. It's a bit of a rollercoaster of emotions following the mighty Gainsborough Trinity, with the worst game for Jeremy "the last home game the season



before last when the ref wouldn't blow for full time until the opposition scored, there must have been at least 8 minutes! And the best moment was probably listening to commentary at the end of the same season when Fylde won, keeping us up despite defeat away at FC United of Manchester!"

A memorable short term memory for this member of the Trinity faithful, "Has to be winning the Lincolnshire cup last season. Defeating Boston on penalties. It was just a shame we didn't really compete this year."

With the players that Lee Sinnott and John Reed have brought to the club, winning some silverware early on might have given the whole side a boost, instead deciding to play the youngsters, we got to see a bit more of the future generation and Jeremy's player he has the highest hopes for "Ross Hannah is proving his worth, as are Alex (Byrne) and Damian Reeves, but Elliott is of the future generation, he just needs to stop getting booked!!"

As attentions turn to the future, "Promotion and more local involvement! I would love to see 1000+ fans a game, supporting the Holy Blues!" that would certainly be a sight to see, the Martin & Co Arena full and bouncing every week. Attendances are already up this season, and if we can maintain our momentum towards the upper reaches of the league, who's to say that isn't out of the realms of possibility!

I'm sure that Jeremy isn't the only one of us reading this today, who has a pre-match ritual of "Panic – make sure we get to the game on time!" I remember that panic with my dad every week. I always wanted to be left by 2pm, he was happy to leave at 25 to three. We often compromised and departed somewhere inbetween, never arriving any later than twenty to three, in fact the closest I have come to missing kick off with Trinity was last weekend away at Stalybridge – and that was in-spite of leaving in very good time!"

If money was no object, and the leader of the Robinson gang could lavish any signing on the Trinity faithful, "It would have to be the signing of Thierry Henry or Ryan Giggs in their prime." Two players with undoubted talent that would massively complement our already potent attacking options! There is however, a much more practical solution that could be changed in the near future, "We could do with a small sign saying 'mind the step' on the top level of the Ping Stand... the number of people tripping on it (the step that is) is quite ridiculous."

**"I would love to see 1000+ fans a week supporting The Holy Blues!"**

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# FERGAL'S HALF TIME FUN

MATCH REPORT BY ALFIE ROBINSON, AGE 12

Mon 29 Sep 2018

As Trinity's winning streak continued with a win at Halesowen Town in the FA Cup Second Qualifying Round, Lee Sinnott's side turned their attention to the next fixture, away to Stalybridge Celtic.

Straight after kicking off you could clearly see that Stalybridge were the more confident side. Keeping possession and launching wave after wave of dangerous attacks. This showed when in the 8th minute Trinity went 1-0 down thanks to a well thought out attack from Stalybridge. Scott Bakkor beating Jon Stewart with a header back across goal from the far post.

After this, Trinity's, already low, confidence plummeted even further despite having the occasional attack up field. With Trinity putting pressure on the home side and an early change from Stalybridge, it was possible for Trinity to equalise before half time... They didn't. Stalybridge managed to hold on and at half time it was:

HALF TIME: Stalybridge Celtic 1 GTFC 0

After the break, it was clear that Lee Sinnott's team talk worked as Trinity were a lot more confident with good chances and keeping possession of the ball.

Twice Gainsborough hit the bar when well placed, first Simon Russell struck the bar, before Liam King was flagged offside, then Ashley Worsfold hit the same spot on the crossbar when the ball landed at his feet eight yards out!

Despite this, in the 86th minute, Stalybridge went 2-0 up. It was a good attack and Jon Stewart was unlucky not to get to it. 2-0. After this it was clear that Trinity wouldn't take all 3 points or even 1 point but there was a chance for them to get one back... and that's exactly what they did. Deep into additional time, Ross Hannah headed over the line to make it 2-1 from an Alex Byrne corner.

FT: Stalybridge Celtic 2 - GTFC 1



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# THE FINAL WORD

**“ Good afternoon everyone! I hope everyone's ready to get behind the lads in a big FA Cup tie, with lots of rewards for everyone.**

Obviously, I'm gutted to be suspended after the FA decided to bring in a brand new rule of two yellows equals a suspension in the cup, which nobody had any idea about.

The lads are all ready and raring to go for today and we have had a good full week of training to get all set. We do believe in our squad and, if we are on point at our place, we are good enough to progress to the next stage.

Blyth Spartans have always been a tough outfit and will want to get to the next stage, but hopefully we can stop them.

League form – a win and a loss in our last two games is not bad form, but we are still disappointed we didn't come away with anything from Stalybridge. We created enough in the game to get something, but it wasn't meant to be.

We went ten games unbeaten which we would have all taken at the start of the season and we want to replicate that again if at all possible.

Anyway, back to today's game – please get behind us and keep pushing the lads forward, I did think it was a little quieter than usual at the Ferriby game, but I'll let everyone off :-)

Come on the boys, let's hope we can all contribute to progressing to the next round.



**Liam**

**”**

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