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CLANFIELD 85
v
CARTERTON FC



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Welcome to Radcot Road



Good afternoon and welcome to Radcot Road for today's Hellenic League clash against Carterton FC.

We come into today's match in good form, with three consecutive league wins and a Senior Cup victory. Our last home outing was a crazy game, as we beat Stonehouse Town 5-4 in a nine-goal thriller. Last Saturday we continued our strong run with a well-earned 2-1 win against an in-form Wantage Town.

Today, we face a Carterton side also enjoying a good spell of form. Matches like these are always challenging, especially given the number of players who have represented both clubs. Form often takes a back seat in these fixtures, and we anticipate another tough test as we aim to avenge our opening day defeat in the reverse fixture on the opening day of the season.

The challenges keep coming, with a trip to Abingdon United next Saturday for our final game of 2024.

Thank you for your support, enjoy the game, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

I WILL:

- Remember that Under 18's and vulnerable adults maybe at the game
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- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:

I MAY BE:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
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Club History

Clanfield Football Club was founded in 1890 and for many years played in the Witney & District League. Two years were spent in the North Berks League in the 1960's and for 1967-68 season the club joined the Hellenic League.

Clanfield's first game in the Hellenic League was on the 19th August 1967 against Hungerford Town in front of an attendance of 146. In 1969-70 the club won the Hellenic Division One Championship and were promoted to the Premier Division for the first time.

In 1971-72 they missed out on the Runners-Up position only on goal average but went on to secure the Runner-Up spot for the next two seasons also winning the Premier Division Challenge Cup in 1973-74. In 1974-75 the Club reached the Final of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup. The first game ended in a draw after extra time, but Pressed Steel won the replay. 1975-76 saw a repeat of the Cup run to the Final but again Clanfield ended up losing Finalists. After a great period through the 60s and 70s they were relegated to Division One at the end of the 1979-80 Season. However, the Club soon bounced back finishing in second place the following season. At the end of the 1984-85 Season they were once again relegated to Division One where they have remained ever since.

The Club re-entered the FA Vase in 2006 when Buckingham Athletic were visitors to Radcot Road, in a game Clanfield won 1-0. The club won the Jim Newman Memorial Cup in 1978 & 2018 and have been finalists in recent staging of the same event and won the Faringdon Memorial Cup in 1996-97 and 2016-17. Season 2010-11 saw the club finish in fourth place in Division One West and narrowly miss out on promotion to the Premier Division.

The Club have recently adopted a positive youth policy. The Under 18 Team have won the Allied Counties Youth League Central Division and last season their County Cup Competition. The previous season, 2016-17 the Under 17 Team won the Oxfordshire Invitation Youth League Division B whilst the Under 16 Team won their County Cup Competition.


For the 2020-21 season former player Jamie Butt alongside Chris Blakley and Martin Staddon continued as the first team management, with Gary Brown joining them. The season was looking very positive but again was curtailed by the Corona Virus Pandemic.

There was a management restructure for the 2021-22 season with Andy Lyne joining the club as the first Director of Football. Chris Blakely and Martin Staddon stood down from their First Team commitment and the club thanks them both for all their effort over their time with Jamie. Following a nasty injury whilst playing elsewhere, Jordi Mulvany returned to the club as First Team Coach. The season was a success for the club as Clanfield finished third in Division One, losing out in the semi final to Hereford Pegasus who went on to secure promotion in the final against Worcester Raiders. They were also losing semi-finalists in the Challenge Cup as they went out 1-0 to the eventual winners Cribbs FC.

For the 2022-23 season Craig Connor stepped into the First Team Assistant role after deciding to step away from the rigours of playing. The club enjoyed success in the pre-season retaining the Jim Newman Trophy and winning it for the third time in recent years beating Cropredy 8-1 in the final. Clanfield finished the season in fourth place, securing a Play-Off berth for the second season running this time against Milton United. This time the Robins lost out on penalties, with Milton going on to secure promotion on penalties over Hartpury University.

The coming season sees Shaun Morgan joining the coaching staff as Jamie and Craig continue at the helm. Pre-season has been promising with the club winning the Jim Newman Trophy for the third year running. The club wishes the players and managers all the best for the season.



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MEET THE PLAYERS



Joined the club as a 16 year old, part of the clubs FA YOUTH CUP side that got to the first round. Excellent shot stopper. A Clanfield lad

Luke Haley
Goalkeeper



Young goalkeeper, product of Clanfield U16's side. Great technique

Reuben Pratley
Goalkeeper



New signing from Cheltenham Saracens. Exciting attacking fullback or wingback. Previous club Moreton Rangers.

Kian Burrows
Defender



New signing from Long Crendon. Aggressive, forward thinking fullback or wingback. Caught the eye when playing against us last season.

Jordan Cavender
Defender



Can play anywhere along the back four, most consistent player at the club. Came through the youth team, captain this season.

Ben Weller
Defender



New signing from Faringdon Town, having made the switch over the bridges. Strong centre half who will chip in with a few goals.

Liam Hares
Defender



New signing from Shrivenham, comfortable on the ball and bags a page. Has impressed in pre-season.

Charlie Trinder-Sage
Defender



First season of men's football, has impressed in pre season. Played for the Under 16's side last season.

Theo Tyson
Defender



Rolls-Royce of a player, neat and tidy on the ball. Has great energy, third season with the club.

Dylan Kay
Midfield



Heartbeat of the midfield with his relentless work rate. Chips in with a few goals, fashion icon of the club.

Tom Taylor
Midfield



MEET THE PLAYERS



Young player returning to the club. Bags of energy, looking to break into the side.

Jay Cant
Midfield



New signing from Long Crendon, has a great passing range in midfield.

Zac Rice
Midfield



Versatile midfield player, always has kind words for the opposition. His season gets going once cricket has finished.

Connor Tinsley
Midfield



Returning to the club this season after a season away at uni. Can play anywhere across the back line and midfield.

Jack Fletcher
Midfield



Tough, tackling midfielder with a good eye for a pass. Second season with the club.

Rhys King
Midfield



The Radcot Road's faithful, favourite player. Skill, pace, has the lot - big season ahead.

Reuban Harry
Forward



Brilliant first season at the club, top goalscorer. Creates goals and links up the play.

Tyger Hall
Forward



Has a left foot like Roy Race of Melchester Rovers. On his day unplayable, could play any position on the pitch.

Nathan Kimber
Forward



Out and out goal scorer, has scored goals at all his previous clubs - Carterton, North Leigh and Evesham.

George Seacole
Forward



Exciting new signing, a great character. Can play across all the front positions.

Tete Brewster
Forward



Jamie Wyatt
Forward

Now in the twilight of his career, you wouldn't notice. Great pace and brilliant crosser of the ball.



MEET THE MANAGEMENT



Jamie Butt
Manager

Jamie has established himself as a strong manager who gives youth a chance when the time is right. He has built a strong squad and will be looking to build on last two seasons achievements.



Craig Connor
Assistant

Craig joined the management team from the playing squad. He brings a wealth of experience that will prove valuable to the management setup.



Ryan Pratley
Coach

Ryan joins the management team this season. Experienced player at this level in his playing days and also played for the club



Ben Nicholls
Physio

Ben joins the management team as matchday physio. First season as a physio, good addition to the team.



Jamie Zoldan
Coach

Former goalkeeper for Clanfield. Has returned to the club this season as a coach.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

CARTERTON

Carterton Football Club was founded in 1918, and initially played in the Witney & District League. They won the Premier Division title in 1960-61, 1965-66, 1976-77 and again 1984-85. The Club was Division One champions and won the Oxfordshire Junior Cup in 1985-86. The Club then moved up to Division One of the Hellenic League and after winning Division One in 1989-90, they were promoted to the Premier Division. Carterton was relegated back to Division One at the end of the 1991-92 season but won the division again in 1993-94 and returned to the Premier Division. In 1998-99 the Club finished as Premier Division runners-up and went on to win the league's Supplementary Cup in 1999-2000 as well as the Challenge Cup in 2000-01. The Club remained in the Premier Division until being relegated to Division One West at the end of the 2010-11 season and won the league in 2015-16. Carterton FC played in the Premier Division of the Witney & District League from 2019 until 2021 when they entered Division Two of the Hellenic League and then entered the Oxford Senior League Premier Division in 2022. Most recently, Carterton FC won the Oxford Senior Premier Division season 2023-24 and made a double season running out winners of the Presidents Cup. For season 2024-25, Carterton FC is part of the Hellenic League with the First Team in Division One and a Development Team in Division Two. Carterton Football Club: Our History F

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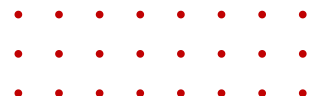
MALCOLM CLARKE



We welcome Carterton to Ckanfield for today's league fixture. In the first game of the season Carterton brat us 1-0 with our former player Rory Linford-Pill scoring the winning goal. Since then Carterton have not found it easy in the Hellenic League Division 1, although in recent weeks they have achieved good wins against both Kidlington Reserves and Newent Town.

Carterton arrived from the Premier Division of the Oxfordshire Senior League which they won in impressive style last season winning 22 of their 26 league games and finishing 12 points above second placed Adderbury Park. As 2 of their 3 defeats came in the first 5 games it meant that they won 19 of their last 21 league games. Last season we beat them 3-2 in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup wit Tyger Hall with 2 and Jozef Fullerton being our scorers.

In 2022/23 Carterton finished sixth in the Oxfordshire Senior League with 42 points from 26 league games, with ddderbury Park the champions with an unbeaten record. They however played in Hellenic League 2 Division West the previous season where they finished 11th in the table with 27 points, with our Development team being one place and three points above them. Carterton had in fact played in the Witney and District League in 2019/20, but the season was truncated with them top of the table with 8 wins from 10 games.

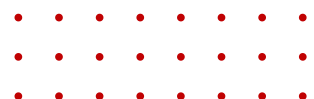




Carterton in fact competed in the Hellenic League in the seasons of 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19, but in the first and last of these seasons they withdrew early in the season with their results expunged. In 2017/18 they played in Division 2 West and finished in 4th position, winning both league games against our development team in the process. They were in fact promoted to the Premier Division as champions in 2015/16, but their withdrawal the following season was due to the fact that their manager resigned and some of their players also left.

As this is the last match before Christmas on what is in fact the shortest day of the year I would like to wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2025. I have yet to see a game this season, but hope to rectify this as I have seen at least two Clanfield matches every season since the 2008/09 season and last season saw four matches. I retired from work earlier this year, but it has been frustrating that on the days that I have been potentially free to watch Clanfield play we have either been without a game or the weather has put the match in doubt.

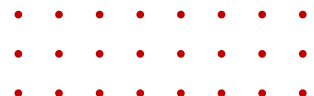
1918 was Carterton's centenary year and in 1984/85 they moved to their current home of Kilkenny Lane with Lou Macari and Jim Smith performing the official opening. Amongst their former players is Michael Duff who won 24 full caps for Northern Ireland and made over 500 football league appearances for Cheltenham Town and Burnley, while Paul Berry who previously managed the club made over 100 first team appearances for Oxford United.





At first team level our league results with Carterton have been 1986/87 H4-1 A0-1, 1987/88 H3-0 A0-0, 1988/89 H1-1 A1-0, 1989/90 H0-6 A0-0, 1992/93 H0-1 A3-1, 1993/94 H0-3 A0-2, 2011/12 H2-2 A2-0, 2012/13 H0-0 A1-3, 2013/14 H2-0 A7-0, 2014/15 H1-5 A2-1, 2015/16 H1-3 A0-4, 2024/25 A0-1 making it eight Clanfield wins, ten Carterton wins and five draws, with five of Carterton's victories being on this ground.

It is good to see us progress to the quarter finals of the quarter finals of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup with a 7-3 victory against Bicester Town Colts, with Jordan Cavender and Nathan Kimber both scoring braces and our reward for that victory is a home quarter final against Oxford City of the National League North. Having only scored a total of three goals in the six league fixtures immediately before this game the flood of goals in this game was welcome

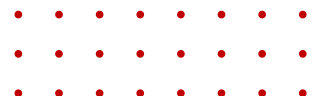




Although Carterton joined the Hellenic League in 1986/87 I first heard of Carterton as a place a decade earlier when I first met Clanfield goalkeeper Pete Barnett and it was announced that he was from Carterton. Sadly a few weeks later Pete was in a car crash and eventually died from the injuries he suffered in it. Earlier in that season Clanfield's former football league goalkeeper Brian Sherratt suffered a broken leg which effectively ended his playing career. That season Clanfield were losing finalists in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup and with due respect to Colin Bates who filled in admirably one wonders whether the loss of two goalkeepers in such circumstances had a bearing on our season as we also failed to emulate our runners up position of the previous two seasons.

Windell "Joe" Walcott who was mayor of Carterton in the early part of the 21st century is in fact the grandfather of former England international footballer Theo Walcott.

Malcolm



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