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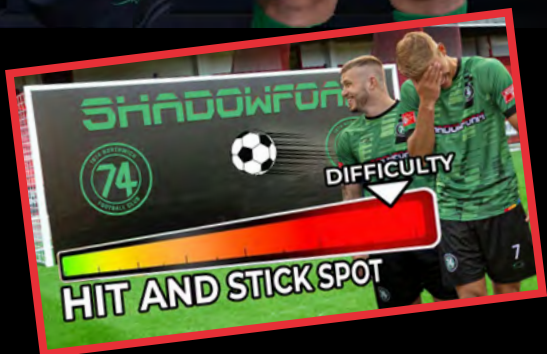
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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

STEVE RICHARDSON



Good afternoon, everyone.

Today we welcome our friends from the Wirral in the form of Vauxhall Motors FC for this afternoon's NPL Division One West fixture. It is my pleasure to welcome their players, management, officials and supporters to Townfield.

Having been promoted to the NPL Division One West at the start of this season Motors have been finding their feet in what we know is a step up from NWCFL football and will no doubt prove a resilient opponent today.

Whilst the result against a very strong Mossley FC side on Tuesday night was not what we may have hoped for, the performances over the last two games have shown the fight and commitment within the 1874 squad and I'm sure that it will only be a matter of time before the undoubted hard work on the pitch is reflected in goals and subsequent points on the board.

Supporters will only be too aware that Wayne and Paul have been working hard behind the scenes to bring players into the club and with the addition of such players as Jamal, Max and Jason they have brought an added dimension to what was already a strongly developing squad.

We also look forward to seeing recent new signings Matty Birchall and Jordao Costa representing 1874 in the very near future.

Building a competitive squad in this league is no easy task, but I am confident that with your support results will come and we can push on.

If anyone has not had a chance to peruse James Wood's excellent publication, *The First Club in England*, I encourage you to take a look. Filled with stories, testimonials, statistics and photographs of the first ten years of 1874 Northwich FC, it really is an entertaining read.

Available from the club shop at a price of £13.50

The Barnton CC/1874 Northwich beer festival continues up at Barnton Cricket Club over the weekend. With an excellent range of beers on tap, it's well worth dropping in for a swift one, and last Thursday night we were treated to a very entertaining Football Quiz hosted by the one and only Mr Alan Riding. Thank you for organising Alan and for compering the event.

Please enjoy this afternoon's game, your support is greatly appreciated by the players and really does make the difference.

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Steve.

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FROM THE DUGOUT

PAUL & WAYNE



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our visitors Vauxhall Motors who we've had some good games with in previous seasons.

One of our first games in charge was the win in the FA Vase which set us on our cup runs that season and had we not come out on top that day we may not be here now! How football can change very quickly.

It's fair to say at the moment Vauxhall are in a mini-league with us and we need to come out with points against these teams. Newcastle Town and City of Liverpool are games we've managed to succeed in and today gives us another opportunity to get maximum points and I can imagine we'll be close to each other come the end of season.

Tuesday's game against Mossley could easily have had a different outcome, having taken the lead in the first half and could have extended our lead with a number of good chances, being unfortunate not to have scored when Jamal hit the cross bar in the second half. What Mossley have got is experience and players who were able to battle and not get phased by falling behind. They also scored a couple of very fortunate goals where we could have done slightly better in the build up to prevent giving them the opportunity. Tuesday was very much about fine margins and we were on the wrong side of them on the night.

It's been really positive to see how we've coped with the change of formation and we worked on shape in and out of possession at training on Thursday. We can be a little braver in possession and with that will come the belief that we can create opportunities. We created more opportunities than we have for a long time on Tuesday against a side that will be right up there so there are plenty of positive signs for us to build on.

We're hopeful of adding one or two players to the squad and this may happen ahead of today's game. Jack Marrow is unavailable today and we've got a few players with knocks who are going to be assessed before the game - we're hopeful Jason and Jamal are going to be fit, Elliott is likely to require a few more days to recover from his knock and we will make a decision about Dayo.

Our next game is away at Altrincham on Tuesday in the Cheshire Cup - a first for us to play there in a competitive game as an actual away side, and it'll be sure to be a stern test but one we'll be up for. Following this we're away at Hanley Town who are another side in our mini league so we need to try and build on recent performances.

Enjoy the game, and see you all at Altrincham.

Up the '74!

Bows and Goody

SECRETARIAL MUSINGS

VICKI ENGLAND



Well, it's a quick turnaround from Tuesday evening and we're back at Townfield, for this afternoon's clash against our fellow Cheshire West residents, Vauxhall Motors. I would like to welcome everyone connected with Motors, for our very first meeting in the league.

We've played each other a couple of times in the cup, the most notable game for me was in September 2017 when we kick started our famous Vase run to the semi-final.

I recall us being 'off it' that day, but we scored a late equaliser which took it to extra time. We did go on to win it, but Motors must have felt aggrieved on the day. I remember thinking 'phew' as I walked off the ground!

Special welcome from me to Colin, their secretary, who I have had contact with on a few occasions for one reason or another. A very nice guy!

Garry Clarke has reminded me that this is our first home Saturday game, since the opening day of the NPL season. Seems a bit crazy to think about that, given we're into October! Talking of Garry, it's great to see him at the game today and I'd like to thank him for his sponsorship and for his ongoing support of the club, especially for his work on the Newsletter and for this Ever Glorious. It is hugely appreciated.

I wrote in Tuesday's programme that football throws up many emotions. Last Saturday, we were highly delighted with the dramatic ending and three points. Lady Luck played her part a little, along with some good play and resolute defending. On Tuesday, Lady Luck left us, and we were disappointed because we deserved more.

We knew Mossley would be a tough game, as they are one of the fancied teams, but we witnessed a terrific first half of positive football and we deservedly led at half time. Just after the break though, they were 'gifted' a deflected goal (why couldn't it have gone into 'row Z') and that was our luck.

Our misfortune struck again when the crossbar stopped us from taking the lead.

I agree with Jack Owen and his comments on the Forum (yep, I do read it) in that theirs were three fortunate goals. What was pleasing, was that we were creating chances and having more shots on goal which we know has been a previous issue. Our new team are gelling, and our younger players are understanding the requirements each game, we will get there!

I don't get disappointed with the lads; I get disappointed for them at times. There are games where we deserve more than we get but I know that they are working hard, and they care to do well for the club and its supporters. If we can show a little patience, just as we have with previous players over the years, then they will do their best for us.

I would like to thank everyone who travelled to City of Liverpool and to everyone who attended on Tuesday evening. I do appreciate that people like to watch a winning team, and it is everyone's choice to attend or not, but please remember that it's YOUR club that's taking the hit.

My personal view is that it's easy to be there when positive results are flowing but there are times when the guys need your support the most, when results might be 'intermittent'. We are a smaller fish in a bigger pond, and we are doing well to compete. 1874 is for life and not just for cup wins and days like Macclesfield.



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Off the field, I want to send a big thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of the Beer Festival, including our friends at Barnton Cricket Club. It started on Wednesday, and it goes on until Tuesday.

On Thursday evening, Alan Riding facilitated a football quiz, which was very enjoyable. It got the old grey matter going and it also helped to raise funds for the club. Alan ran a competition, 'guess how many steps he had taken on a recent away day'. I'm pleased to say that I won it with the nearest guess. My method? I just tried to work out how many pubs he had been in and took it from there! Well done, Alan!

I hope to see you on Tuesday evening in Altrincham, for our Cheshire Senior Cup tie.

We then head down to Hanley next Saturday, for another important League game and your support would be massively appreciated. Let's back the boys!

And finally, please don't forget to pick up your copy of 'The First club in England'. It's a FANTASTIC book, detailing 1874 over 10 years and it has been lovingly put together by James Wood over many months. He's done an incredible job!

That's it for now, enjoy the game, here's hoping for three points and then cool Moonshine at the Beer Festival after the game!

"Come on you Green Boys!"

SIMMO'S NOTES

ANDREW SIMPSON

THERE were mixed feelings following Tuesday's defeat here against Mossley.

An encouraging display in the opening period set 1874 Northwich on course to a first home victory of the campaign.

I even received a message or two asking if I was sure the Lilywhites were any good after I'd written in my programme notes that they were probably the most accomplished side I'd watched to date this season in the Northern Premier League's West Division.

Dave Fish's men recovered to notch a fourth win in their past five games, rising to second in the standings. That isn't necessarily to argue I was proven right, but perhaps a case can be made that 1874 aren't as far off the division's strongest teams as some might think.

This team has held Stalybridge Celtic and Chasetown to draws while another top-five side – at least, for now – Prescot needed an added-time goal to secure maximum points against the Greens.

I thought the Mossley manager was fair and measured in his post-match interview, conceding his team was fortunate to only be a goal down by the break before acknowledging that had Jamal Crawford's shot hit the net, rather than the crossbar, at 1-1 then the outcome could have been different.

The margins are often narrow.

Of course, Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison are seeking a repeat of the first-half performance in midweek during today's game.

A change in formation, prompted in large part by absences through injury, suspension and unavailability, appears to have provided some impetus.

I know from talking to the management team that they've had next to no time to work on the shape in training, but it will be uplifting to know there is another option if they wish to choose it.

Today's visitors, Vauxhall Motors, are adjusting to life at a higher level after securing promotion as North West Counties League Premier Division champions.

That process was not without pain as they failed to win any of their first four matches, losing three, but they recovered to beat City of Liverpool and Bootle before a narrow loss at fast-starting Kidsgrove last time out.

It proved to be the final fixture with Mick McGraa in the dugout, following a stint that started in the summer of 2018, after he accepted an offer to take over at Bootle.

Joe Heath, a former Motors player and assistant manager, has returned to take temporary charge while the Ellesmere Port outfit recruits a replacement. It will be fascinating to observe how the players react this afternoon.

They know Heath, who was an integral part of the management team last season before standing down in the summer, and so there is continuity.

However, '74 will be desperate to improve on a tally of one point from four matches at Townfield to date.

A victory, depending on results elsewhere, could even propel them into the table's top half.

That would present a promising turnaround following the disappointment of last month's FA Trophy exit.

Enjoy the game folks,

Simmo



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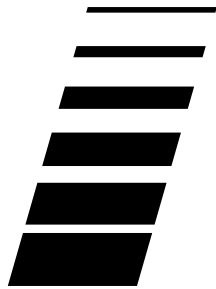
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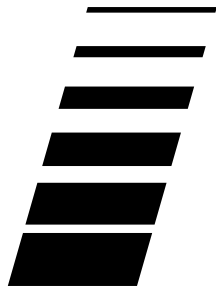
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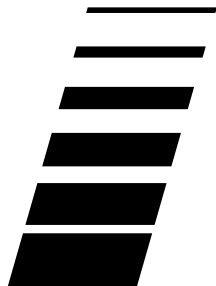
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If you don't know Garry, you've almost certainly read something he's written, with his contributions forming some of the largest sections of programmes, newsletters, and season reviews over the past ten years!

Welcome, Garry, and we hope you enjoy the game!

ON THIS DAY...

BY JAMES WOOD



James Wood recalls the previous games that '74 have played on 3rd October...

'74's first - and indeed only match on today's date - came after the heart-breaking penalty shoot-out defeat at Ossett in the FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round Replay – a result that had been exacerbated by a long and tortuous return journey home, the cause of which appeared to be a series of seemingly conflicting motorway closures!

Given this preparation, the last side '74 probably wanted to face next was their 'bogey-team'; near neighbours and County rivals Runcorn Linnets. But that's who were next on the agenda, and on a rain-lashed pitch the away side raced into a 3-0 half-time lead which they extended further eleven minutes after the break.

To their credit '74 finished the game strongly and late goals from Sam Hind and Matt Woolley gave the score an air of respectability.

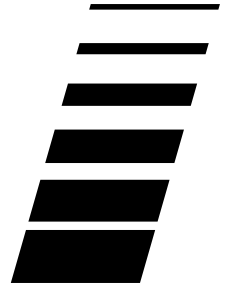
At least the '74 fans had somewhere to drown their sorrows that evening as the ever-popular 1874 Beer Festival was staged at Davenham Cricket Club!

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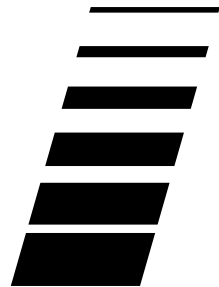
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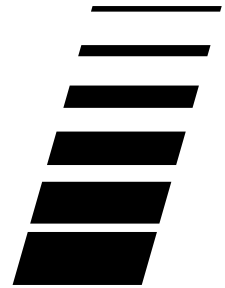
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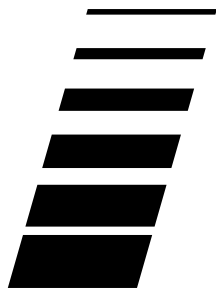
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12	KIDSGROVE ATHLETIC	2-6	1-4	252	Irlam			Graham J
15	Stalybridge Celtic	0-0	0-0	627				Hanson M
22	CHASETOWN	1-1	0-0	229				Hussain A
26	Prescot Cables	0-1	0-0	501				Scaife B
28	NANTWICH TOWN	0-1	0-0	325				Sibley F
Sep 2	Newcastle Town	1-0	1-0	157				Moosa B
10	City of Liverpool (FAT IP)	1-3	0-1	324				Metcalfe T
30	City of Liverpool	2-1	1-0	288	Byrne			Hurn K
Oct 3	MOSSLEY	1-3	1-0	198	Woolley			Hitchell D
7	VAUXHALL MOTORS	-						
14	Hanley Town	-						
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28	Leek Town	-						
Nov 4	Clitheroe	-						
11	BOOTLE	-						
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17	CITY OF LIVERPOOL	-						
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Mar 2	HANLEY TOWN	-						
16	HEDNESFORD TOWN	-						
23	Trafford	-						
30	NEWCASTLE TOWN	-						
Apr 1	Witton Albion	-						
6	Bootle	-						
13	CLITHEROE	-						
20	Avro	-						
27	RUNCORN LINNETS	-						

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AS OF 06/10/23

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	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A				
1	Kidsgrove Town	8	4	0	0	11	3	3	1	0	14	7	+27	22	
2	Avro	8	2	1	1	5	4	2	2	0	6	4	+22	15	
3	Stalybridge Celtic	8	2	2	0	8	3	2	0	2	5	5	+6	14	
4	Mossley	6	4	0	0	5	1	0	0	2	2	4	+10	12	
5	Chasetown	8	2	1	1	6	5	1	2	1	5	5	+5	12	
6	Clitheroe	8	1	1	2	4	4	2	2	0	6	8	+1	12	
7	Witton Albion	8	3	1	0	9	6	0	2	2	5	11	-2	12	
8	Newcastle Town	8	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	1	7	4	-2	11	
9	Prescot Cables	7	1	0	2	1	3	2	1	1	7	2	-6	10	
10	Runcorn Linnetts	6	2	1	1	7	5	1	0	1	3	5	+8	10	
11	Hanley Town	8	1	0	3	3	8	2	1	1	4	5	-1	10	
12	Widnes	8	2	0	2	7	4	1	0	3	2	4	-1	9	
13	Bootle	7	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	2	3	-3	9	
14	1874 NORTHWICH	7	0	1	2	3	8	2	1	1	3	2	-5	8	
15	Leek Town	5	2	0	1	6	4	0	1	1	3	4	0	7	
16	Vauxhall Motors	7	1	1	1	5	7	1	0	3	3	7	-5	7	
17	Nantwich Town	5	1	0	1	4	2	1	0	2	1	2	-11	5	
18	Hednesford Town	9	0	2	2	5	7	1	0	4	6	12	-7	5	
19	City of Liverpool	6	0	1	2	5	7	1	0	2	3	5	-18	4	
20	Trafford	7	0	2	1	2	3	0	2	2	3	7	-18	4	

NPL-WEST 2023/24 RESULTS GRID

AS OF 06/10/23

	1874 Northwich	Avro	Bootle	Chasetown	City of Liverpool	Clitheroe	Hanley Town	Hednesford Town	Kidsgrove Athletic	Leek Town	Mossley	Nantwich Town	Newcastle Town	Prescot Cables	Runcorn Linnetts	Stalybridge Celtic	Trafford	Vauxhall Motors	Widnes	Witton Albion	
1874 Northwich				1-1					2-6		1-3	0-1									
Avro					0-1				1-1			1-0				3-2					
Bootle													2-1	0-0				1-2		1-1	
Chasetown		0-1				3-3				2-1									1-0		
City of Liverpool	1-2									2-2					2-3						
Clitheroe		2-2			2-0											0-1			0-1		
Hanley Town												1-0	1-3	0-3		1-2					
Hednesford Town				1-1		1-2		2-3									1-1				
Kidsgrove Athletic				2-1		4-1									3-0			2-1			
Leek Town								2-4									3-0		1-0		
Mossley									1-0					2-1				1-0		1-0	
Nantwich Town						1-2												3-0			
Newcastle Town	0-1							0-1		2-1							2-2				
Prescot Cables	1-0	0-1			2-1	0-1															
Runcorn Linnetts				1-2									1-1			1-0					4-2
Stalybridge Celtic	0-0		1-1					3-2													4-0
Trafford			0-1			2-2	0-0														
Vauxhall Motors					3-2									0-3							2-2
Widnes			2-0				0-1	5-1					0-2								
Witton Albion		2-2						3-2		2-1									2-1		

1874 NORTHWICH 2023/24 PLAYER STATS

AS OF 06/10/23

		2023/24 SEASON					ALL-TIME					
		Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Starts	Subbed	Sub On	Unused	Goals	Total Apps
ADEKOYA	Daya	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
ADETILOYE	Sam	4	3	4	1	0	9	4	15	6	0	24
AKIOTU	Jason	4	3	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	4
ALLEN	Ellis	10	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	2	0	18
BROE	Ollie	1	1	0	0	0	15	5	8	10	0	23
BYRNE	Eric	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	2	5	1	3
CHIMENES	Max	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0
CRAWFORD	Jamal	4	3	2	0	0	11	9	13	3	0	24
ELLIS	Gabe	3	1	2	2	0	3	1	2	2	0	5
FENTON	Matty	10	1	0	0	0	61	3	0	3	8	61
GREEN	Fenton	8	1	0	0	1	36	7	2	3	4	38
IBETO	Mike	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
IRLAM	Jack	8	1	0	0	2	92	28	22	5	13	114
JONES	Mark	9	0	0	0	0	215	14	6	5	9	221
KIRWAN	Jacob	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
LE GRAND-AKPO	Jerry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MARROW	Jack	5	0	1	1	0	37	4	6	18	2	43
MOONEY-MUNOZ	Gabriel	4	1	3	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	7
MULLARKEY	Benji	4	1	1	3	0	4	1	1	3	0	5
NICHOLSON	Jamie	7	6	2	0	1	7	6	2	0	1	9
NOBLE	Isaac	4	2	6	0	0	12	10	21	17	2	33
SIYAM	Mohammad	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	4	8	0	4
SODHI	Jonny	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
WEIR	Lucas	10	0	0	0	1	46	4	12	11	7	58
WILLIAMS	Elliot	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
WOOLLEY	Matt	10	2	0	0	1	347	52	30	28	45	377

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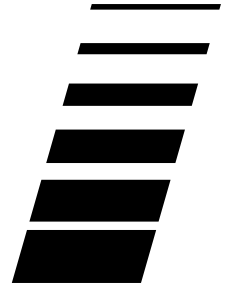
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We rightly pride ourselves on being a family club and all have a part to play in making the matchday experience safe and enjoyable for our younger fans / players.

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- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

It is great to see so many youngsters at matches, both on and off the pitch, let's make them feel welcome.

Thanks,
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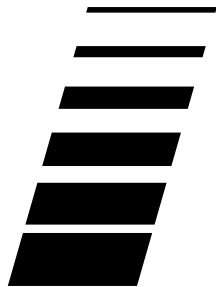
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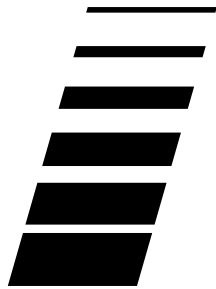
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HISTORIES AND PROFILES

1874 NORTHWICH



Each and every year has its notable events and occurrences that become part of history and in this respect 1874 is no different from any other.

For instance, not only did this 12-month period see the publication of Hardy's masterpiece 'Far From the Madding Crowd' but it also witnessed the birth of the literary giants GK Chesterton and Somerset Maugham, whilst a certain Winston Churchill also came into the world that year!

At a more prosaic level, the game of Lawn Tennis was patented by the wonderfully named Walter Clopton Wingfield and the nation's post-boxes were re-painted from their original Bronze-Green colour to the familiar red ones we see today. Meanwhile, in the game of football Aston Villa, Bolton Wanderers and Heart of Midlothian were all formed.

So, if you are an opposition fan reading this piece for the first time or simply someone who isn't aware of the history of 1874 Northwich, you may be under the impression that our club was created at the same time as 'The Villains', 'The Trotters' and 'The Jam Tarts'. But actually nothing could be further than the truth!

You see, 1874 was formed as recently as November 2012 when disaffected members of the Northwich Victoria Supporters Trust voted to create a new club.

Well, if you wish to fully acquaint yourself with the events that led up to the historic vote, you can do no better than turn to Mark Bevan's book 'Twenty Years of Madness' that was published in 2013. This excellent tome sets out the history of the Vics from 1992 – which is where Ken Edwards's earlier history of the Vics 'A Team For All Seasons' ended - to mid-2013, six months or so after the date that '74 was formed.

Suffice to say that by late 2012, the state of affairs at the club were such, that many Vics fans were utterly heartbroken, sick and tired of the manner in which their club had been 'managed' over the previous decade or more by successive regimes. In short, supporters had been belittled, demeaned and lied to by

those who had chosen to take on the task of running the oldest football club in Cheshire.

So the fans decided to take things into their own hands and create a truly democratic, open, inclusive fan's run club in which they had a direct say in. The name they chose for the new club – 1874 Northwich - was a nod to the distinguished history of the club that they had supported, followed and loved.

Following the vote a massive amount of hard work was put in by the fans to ensure that the club could commence playing at the start of the 2013/14 season. This included:

- Applying to join the North West Counties Football League
- Appointing our first 'Gaffer', Ian Street
- Signing our first ground sharing agreement with Winsford United

The level of support shown for the new club wasn't a flash in the pan either as during our first season 1874's average home league attendance was 320 – which put the club in the top 100 best supported clubs in non-league football.

That first season ended with the club being promoted to the Premier Division and the second proved to be equally successful with the club finishing in third place.

The 2015/16 season proved to be a steady campaign in the league with an eventual finishing spot of 4th, but it ended in a truly memorable manner when Ian Street's side outclassed local rivals and Step 3 outfit Witton Albion by a 3-0 score-line on their own turf to lift the Mid Cheshire District Cup for the first time.

This trophy was retained the following campaign with a 1-0 win over rivals Northwich Vics, but by this time the management of the club had passed into the hands of Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison – both of whom had been part of Ian Street's back-room team.

The impact of the new management team was truly remarkable, as the 2017/18 season proved to be an

exciting and memorable one, during which the 'Bo-Go' Green Army.

- Defeated National League North and former FA Trophy winners North Ferriby in the FA Cup
- Finally exited the competition on penalties in a 3rd Qualifying Round replay
- Reached the semi-finals of the FA Vase, only for eventual winners Thatcham Town to deny '74 a trip to Wembley by triumphing 4-2 on aggregate.
- Took hundreds of fans to away ties at Leighton and Thatcham
- Recorded a record home attendance of 1674 in the second leg of the semi-final against the Wiltshire outfit
- Ended the season by playing a mammoth 26 games in just 57 days and 69 games overall

Given the successes of the 17/18 campaign, it would have been astonishing if '74 had been able to equal the achievements of the previous season. After all, even the top clubs in the country struggle to repeat their immediate past triumphs – so why should this not be true for '74?

So, a final position of 10th – the lowest that the club had finished in since being promoted to the Premier Division – did seem to suggest a decline in the clubs' fortunes. But that would be completely wrong, as 1874's final standing was hugely influenced by a difficult start to the season in which the loss of key players from the 17/18 campaign - allied to a cruel run of injuries to many of the clubs' key creative and attacking players - resulted in a somewhat disjointed first few months of the season and early exits in both the FA Cup and Vase.

Another factor that we probably didn't fully appreciate at the time was the impact that the untimely death in December 2017 of our inspirational and dearly loved Chairman Paul Stockton had on the club. It was therefore perhaps a fitting tribute to this wonderful man when, on the afternoon of Saturday 4 May 2019, his name was chanted aloud by the 500 or so '74 fans who had just witnessed their side lift its first major piece of silverware, an 88th minute goal by the Greens gave a deserved 1-0 victory over league champions City of Liverpool FC in the final of the NWCFL Macron League Cup.

This cup win proved to be a springboard for the club as from the very outset of the 2019/20 season it was clear that '74 would be one of the main contenders for the NWCFL title. Another good FA Cup run – which was halted at the 2nd Qualifying Round by an admittedly fortunate Whitby Town side – was the precursor to an astonishing league campaign that included a 15-game unbeaten league run – another club record.

But it wasn't just the results that were impressive, it was the swash-buckling, stylish passing and pressing style of play in which '74 played the game that brought them so many plaudits and admiration from other clubs and commentators from all quarters. But in addition to their verve and panache, the side also possessed a steely, never-say-die, attitude that that gained them several precious points from seemingly difficult positions. This left '74 in the box seat at the head of the league with 9 games left and 8 points ahead of second placed Warrington Rylands with a game in hand.

So, if there was ever a bunch of players and back-room staff that deserved to end a season celebrating a league title, then it ought to have been those fantastic bunch of players. But as you will know, the Covid 19 outbreak resulted in a sudden cessation to grassroots football and, heartbreakingly, players, officials and fans alike were denied seeing the league trophy being paraded around Townfield.

Although we didn't know it at the time, '74's elevation to Step 4 was only to be delayed by 12 months as due to the re-organisation of the National League Pyramid, '74 became eligible for promotion to the newly created Northern Premier League West. And to celebrate this elevation, on 24 July 2021 the Greens became the first club in the 40+ year history of the competition to retain the NWCFL League Cup by convincingly defeating Runcorn Town 6-3 in the much delayed 2019/20 final.

Life during our first campaign as a Step 4 club was inevitably challenging at times. As a small fish in a much bigger pool, almost each week we faced by clubs with far greater resources than we have at our disposal. So, a final finishing spot of 12th out of 20 was a highly satisfying end result. It might have been even more impressive had our home form had been a little more consistent!

At one stage in our second season, it seemed as if we'd comfortably better the previous season's showing, but a lacklustre end to the season eventually saw '74 slip to 14th place. The undoubted highlight on the pitch was the deserved 1-0 away win at eventual champions Macclesfield, a game that was witnessed by over 3500 fans.

At the end of the 2022/23 season, The Pitching In Northern Premier League bestowed the Club of the Season award to 1874, for maintaining exceptional standards on and off the pitch. Suffice to say that everyone at the club was hugely proud of this prestigious award and this was more evidence if needed that our club always aims to do things correctly.

But when it comes to '74 it's not all about what happens on the 6000 square metres of turf. You see, as a democratically owned and operated community focussed club, from the get-go, we made it a key priority to forge positive links and partnerships with the local voluntary and business sectors

So, over the past decade not only have we forged beneficial partnerships with many well-respected local companies including Britannia Carpets, OxyL-Pro and our newest sponsors Shadow Foam, but we've also developed excellent relationships with our chosen charity partners, which have included the Mid Cheshire based Neuromuscular Centre, St Luke's Hospice, and the children's hospice 'The Joshua Tree'. In addition, regular collections have also taken place for local food banks, homeless people shelters, The Samaritans, Armed Services veterans, and a myriad of other deserving causes as well as attendance at community events.

The 2014/15 season also saw the club run an U21 side and since then, several of their number have now progressed to the First-team squad and beyond. More recently, 1874 have fielded sides at junior level and the establishment of these teams has acted as a stepping stone towards the creation of other sides covering all age groups, genders, and abilities.

Mention of which reminds us that, along with the Cheshire FA, '74 have also played a major role in establishing local 'walking football' sessions each week which have proved to be hugely popular with the 'more mature' gentlemen of Mid-Cheshire, most of

whom had probably thought that their playing days were well behind them! So successful has this initiative been that we're now operating a popular session for women aged over 40, the majority of whom never had the opportunity to play the game.

2019 was also a landmark year off the field as for the first time the club finally played within the boundary of the town of Northwich following the signing of a 2 year agreement to share Barnton's Townfield Lane stadium. A huge amount of work was undertaken to improve the facilities for players, officials, and supporters alike as well as meeting the ground-grading requirements that were necessary for promotion to Step 4. The agreement was extended for a further 5 years last season and both clubs are now working to develop a longer-term vision for the ground.

So, overall, 1874 is a club that is most definitely on the up!

But any progress that we may make will be achieved in a responsible and sustainable manner. Indeed, one of our main principles is that we will not jeopardise the long-term interests of the club by spending money just in order to ensure success on the pitch. At times, such a policy makes matters difficult and frustrating, but given the memories and experiences we all shared as fans the club we once followed, it is a path that we will not deviate from.



The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

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1874 NORTHWICH - PROFILES 2023/2024

The Management Team – Since April 2017, 1874 have been guided by the managerial duo of Paul Bowyer and Wayne Goodison.

Telford born Paul – who is a teacher by profession – joined '74 at its inception and played in the club's historic first game against Lostock Gralam. After initially playing in the youth teams of West Brom and Shrewsbury, the rest of Paul's playing career was spent in the National game system with Market Drayton and the Cheshire trio of Nantwich, Congleton and Alsager Town but also included a short spell in Wales with The New Saints.

In comparison, Wayne spent the majority of his career in the Football League, firstly with Barnsley – where he served his apprenticeship - and then Crewe and Rochdale, chalking up a total of 209 league games. Since his playing days ended, he's held a number of management posts, including at Buxton, Trafford, Salford City and Chorley. In addition to obtaining a degree in Football Coaching & Management from UCFB, Wakefield born Wayne followed this up by gaining a postgraduate Masters in Football Coaching & Practice.

Dayo Adekoya – Born in the Netherlands, 23 year old Dayo recently teamed up with '74 having previously played for Welsh Premier League side Airbus UK. Now based in Manchester, he can play as a right-sided attacker or as a more traditional centre-forward.

Sam Adetiloye – Having spent the 22/23 pre-season with '74, Sam returned to Townfield towards the end of the campaign and impressed many '74 fans with his powerful performances in the midfield. Having spent the earlier part of his career with Salford City, Sam has also appeared in the colours of Widnes, Ramsbottom United and Padiham.

Jason Akiota - A former Crystal Palace academy player at U18 and U23 levels, Jason also represented Nigeria at U17 level. More recently he has featured in the Irish League with Portadown as well as having spells at NPL Premier outfits Hyde United and Farsley Celtic and our fellow NPL West clubs Widnes and Clitheroe. A strong and committed full-back, Jason will bring a solid presence to the defence.

Ellis Allen – Originally a trainee with Oldham Athletic, Ellis left Boundary Park in the summer of 2020 and had spells between the sticks at Cypriot club APEA Akrotiri, Holywell Town in Wales and Whitchurch Alport before joining '74 in the summer of 2022. Unfortunately a freak accident whilst he was on holiday curtailed his season after just 8 appearances. Happily now fully recovered, Ellis will no doubt be looking to make up for lost time this season.

Ollie Broe - Liverpool born Ollie is a versatile lad who can play on the right or left side of defence or midfield, and made 22 appearances for the club during the 2022/23 campaign. Originally part of the Academy set up at Anfield, the 21 year old has also represented City of Liverpool, Litherland REMYCA, Farsley Celtic, Mossley and Widnes.

Eric Byrne – Aged just 17, Eric made a big impression in his first year in senior football last season whilst playing for Runcorn Town. Merseyside-based and formerly with the Tranmere Rovers youth academy, Eric has demonstrated a great work ethic and maturity in possession during the pre-season build up – which will no doubt go down well with the fans here at 1874.

Maxwell Chimenos – One of the newest recruits to the '74 cause, 22 year-old Max arrived at Townfield from fellow NPL Division I West side Newcastle Town in September. A former Port Vale academy graduate, Max had played 17 games for the Staffordshire club – mainly as an attacking midfielder or striker - before heading up the M6 to Cheshire. During his earlier career Max has also spent short spells with Glossop and Midland League side Shifnal Town

Jamal Crawford – A pacy and direct winger, Jamal originally joined 74 midway through last season, but opted to join Runcorn Linnets after making 18 appearances, 11 of which were from the bench. 24-year old Jamal started his career as a junior with Burnley and after a short stop playing in Wales for Llandudno, he returned to England and went onto appear for a number of clubs including FC United, Chester, Hyde United, Curzon Ashton, Bamber Bridge, Glossop, Trafford and Widnes.

Gabe Ellis - A natural centre forward, 19 year old Gabe came through the youth ranks at Accrington Stanley before moving into senior football with Skelmersdale, Ashton Athletic and Litherland REMYCA.

Matt Fenton – Originally part of Crewe's youth system and a graduate of '74's well-regarded U21 side, 22 year old Matt was pitched into the First XI towards the end of the 21/22 season and acquitted himself extremely well in his ten outings, which included three bullet-headed goals. Assured, calm and strong in possession, Matt went onto establish himself as a regular last season, chalking up 41 games in which he netted a total of 5 goals – an impressive tally for a central defender!

Fenton Green – A central midfield player who was at Crewe Alexandra's academy, the 20 year old impressed many '74 fans during the 22/23 pre-season build up with his measured, calm performances and went onto play 30 times scoring 3 goals. During his last season with Crewe, Fenton had stints at Hyde United and Stockport Town.

Michael Ibeto - A strong, athletic and quick central defender Michael played over 30 games at Abbey Hey last season and went out on trials at Wycombe Wanderers and Stoke City in the summer before teaming up with '74 in early September

Mark Jones – 1874's Mr Reliable, Mark is an unflappable, cultured player who has played a major role in our success over recent years since arriving in the summer of 2016. Now with over 200 games for the club under his belt, he is versatile operator who can play equally well in midfield or the centre of defence. Now aged 37, Mark counts Witton, Nantwich and Radcliffe amongst his earlier ports of call.

Jack Marrow – After completing his scholarship with Crewe Alexandra, 21 year old Jack joined '74 in the summer of 2021 but made just 2 appearances before injury put paid to his season. A loan spell at Alsager aided him in his recovery, so much so that he went onto play a total of 35 games for '74 last season, scoring twice.

Gabriel Mooney-Munoz – A pacy, exciting and skilful left sided player, who is one of a number of new faces who have joined the '74 cause this summer, Spanish born Gabriel was snapped up from our near neighbours Winsford United for whom he played 52 times last season. Prior to joining 'The Blues', Gabriel had featured for Madrid-based club CD Canillas - for whom both of Zinedane Zidane sons have played for - before spending a season with Wythenshawe Town

where he was voted as Player of the season in 2021/22. He's currently a Sports and Exercise Science Student at Manchester Metropolitan University

Siyam Muhammad - This pacy and skilful 23-year-old winger joined '74 towards the back end of last season from Northwich Victoria. Prior to that had represented Manchester League outfit Gorton.

Benji Mullarkey - A new face to the club, Warrington-based Benji joined up during the summer having fitted in well through pre-season, appearing in both defence and midfield. The 23-year-old had been on the books of Crewe Alexandra as a junior before a period away from the game. He had recently represented Leeds University whilst studying for a Degree in Economics.

Jamie Nicholson - A forward who can play anywhere along the front line, Jamie's game will bring flair to the club and could prove a shrewd signing by the management team. A former youth player with Morecambe, 19 year old Jamie impressed 'The Shrimps' Senior Team management to the point that he was in the match day squad when the Lancashire club played at Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup in January 2022. Last season Jamie played for Ashton Athletic in the NWCFL and prior to that he also had short spells in the NPL West with Clitheroe and his home town club Skelmersdale United.

Isaac Noble – An exciting and pacy left winger of whom much is expected, 20 -year old Isaac is one of many young lads who have made the step up from the U21 side to the first team and has so far made 23 appearances for the club, scoring twice.

Lucas Weir – After initially featuring for our U21 side, 23 year old Lucas broke in to '74's first-team in 2018 and quickly became an important part of the side, developing into an all-round midfield player who could also play in defence when the need arose. After taking a break away from the club to play and study in the US in early 2019, Lucas returned in 2020, and after a spell of real consistency he was snapped up by NPL Premier Division side Marine AFC and went on to feature over 30 times for the Crosby based club. We couldn't be happier to welcome back a player of Lucas's talent and personality to the '74 fold!



Elliott Williams – This one-time Glossop player signed forms for '74 early in the season after impressing in a friendly against local side Knutsford. Aged 21, Elliott – who usually operates in one of the full-back positions -has also spent some time with Exeter City.

Matt Woolley – The club captain, Matt is also '74's longest serving player having made his debut as a substitute in the 2014 Boxing Day game at Widnes. A Northwich lad, he was signed from Cheshire League side Knutsford FC having had prior spells at Congleton Town, Alsager, Witton Albion and FC Halifax Town. Unsurprisingly he's now chalked up over 350 games for the club, netting approaching 50 goals in the process.



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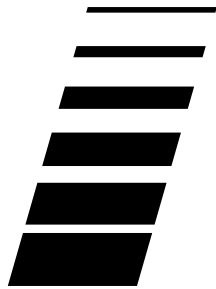
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TODAY'S VISITORS: VAUXHALL MOTORS



HISTORY OF VAUXHALL MOTORS FC

Founded in 1963, shortly after the new car plant was opened in Ellesmere Port, Vauxhall Motors quickly outgrew their humble beginnings in the Ellesmere Port League and the Wirral Combination and in 1965 gained admittance to the Second Division of the West Cheshire League. By the end of the decade, they were operating in Division One on the company owned Hooton Park inside the plant.

In the 70s the club consolidated its position but without much overall success. In the 80s the Sports & Social Club bought land adjoining its clubhouse and plans were soon afoot to transfer all outside sporting activities to the Rivacre Road site.

After a lot of hard work, the new ground, known as Rivacre Park, was officially opened in 1987 by then England manager Bobby Robson, who brought a team including a number of former internationals for an opening game. By then the club had recovered from its leanest days of the late 70s to clinch their first West Cheshire League championship in 1985-86.

The following season they reached their first Cheshire Amateur Cup final, lifted the Wirral Senior Cup and successfully applied to join the North West Counties League for the 1987-88 campaign, as Vauxhall G. M., whilst still keeping two Motors teams in the West Cheshire League. After a solid first season, the 'Motormen' cruised to a superb Division Two title in 1989, losing just once in the process. In their first season in Division One, G. M. finished a creditable fourth. The following season they lifted the North West Counties League Cup at Bury, by defeating Darwen 2-0 thanks to Lee Warriner who struck both goals that evening.

The following season saw the committee stretched to its limits and it was decided to withdraw G. M. from the North West Counties League and concentrate on West Cheshire League football. After finishing third in each of the next two seasons, 1994-95 saw the club win both divisions of the West Cheshire League, a feat

only achieved twice before in the League's 103-year history and they were accepted back into the North West Counties League again.

In their first season back, they romped to the Second Division title but stuttered on their return to Division One though they reached the semi-finals of the Cheshire Senior Cup. The next season saw the 'Motormen' improve on their standing to finish fourth, whilst reaching the county cup semi-finals once more and the League Cup Final at Gigg Lane, losing to champions Kidsgrove Athletic 1-0 in arguably the most memorable final yet, as it was played in a monsoon!

In the 1998-99 season the club reached new heights, under a new management team led by Alvin McDonald. He guided his young side to the Fifth Round of the F. A. Carlsberg Vase for the first time in the club's history, finished in their best ever league position (3rd) and ended a memorable campaign by lifting the League Cup by defeating Prescott Cables in a replay at White Moss Park.

But this was just a sample of the success that was about to unfold. In his second season in charge, Alvin guided the club to even greater heights. Defeat in the semi-finals of the F.A. Carlsberg Vase, losing 1-0 to Chippenham in extra time, could not dent their drive towards the NWCL championship with four games to spare. For good measure, they also carried off the Floodlit Trophy, whilst their reserves in the West Cheshire captured the Centenary Pyke Cup for the first time in the club's history, as well as reaching the Wirral Senior Cup final.

Their baptism into the Unibond was nothing short of spectacular. The Motormen enjoyed a wonderful start to their First Division campaign (2000-01) and despite the transfer of top scorer Gregg Blundell to Northwich in mid-season, they ended the season in good form, to clinch an unexpected runners-up spot and with it, promotion to the Unibond Premier at the first attempt.

After successive promotions, consolidation may have been considered the name of the game at Rivacre Park, but not for the management and players! They continued to defy the odds throughout this campaign and finished with a superb spell, to lift the runners-up trophy by a stunning eleven points from the third-placed club, behind runaway champions, Burton Albion.

The Motormen made national headlines in the late autumn of 2002-03, when dumping Ian Holloway's QPR out of the F.A. Cup, in their first ever appearance in the First Round, before losing 2-0 away to Macclesfield by virtue of two late goals in front of the Sky TV cameras in Round Two. They ended the league season in third place, while the reserves lifted the West Cheshire League championship thanks to a stunning late charge under Steve Leyland.

In November 2003, the vastly experienced Owen Brown was installed as the club's new manager; after Alvin McDonald left Rivacre Park for Conference club Northwich Victoria, and after a difficult couple of months, he completely transformed the club's fortunes, as they rose from 21st place at the end of January to a very respectable ninth, losing just twice in their last nineteen league games, to clinch a place in the newly formed Conference North. In their first season they finished 15th.

In November 2004, the Motormen reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup and were drawn away to Bury. A Dave Nugent inspired Shakers ran out 5-2 winners but the goal of the day came from Vauxhall's Wayne McDermott.

In 2005, results had taken a turn for the worst and the manager resigned after a seventh straight defeat, to be replaced by Carl Macauley, another former player. He managed to steer us away from relegation and a further improvement was made the following season. In August 2007, Carl recruited former Wolves striker Andy Mutch as his assistant, who enjoyed a great double act with former England international Steve Bull for seven years at Molyneux. Carl had to step down in October, leaving Andy in charge. It was during his short reign that the club developed striker Paul Taylor, who went on to play for Peterborough United, Ipswich Town, Rotherham United, Bradford City and Doncaster Rovers.

Carl returned to his managerial role in March 2008 and in the following campaign, he guided the Motormen to their highest ever Conference North position of 11th. The club reached the 1st Round of the FA Cup in November 2010, gaining a creditable goalless draw away at Hartlepool before losing the home replay 1-0. In May 2011, Carl had to stand down once more, allowing his assistant Anthony Wright to step up, alongside former Notts County striker Gary Martindale, only to return to his post once again in November.

When the club announced its intention to resign from the Conference North in March 2014, due to severe financial concerns, Carl was quickly snapped up by Chester as assistant to Steve Burr. The club returned to its West Cheshire League roots and Alan Schumacker, a former Motors defender, took charge of team affairs.

After two third place finishes, it was decided to change management. Former boss Anthony Wright and his cousin Joe were appointed but their rein did not last long and by November 2016, Karl Bell was appointed as team boss. In his first full season (2017/18) the club remained undefeated until just before Christmas, but then lost their way in the second half of the campaign and ended up as runners-up.

The club re-applied to join the NWCFL once more and were successful in that respect, being placed in the new Division One South. Karl Bell was replaced by former Motors striker Mick McGraa that summer from Cammell Lairds 1907 and he immediately brought in a new squad that managed to clinch a wonderful runners-up spot in his first season in charge. And were on course for the title the following season, until the Coronavirus struck and the season was declared "null and void" by the FA. We had already secured promotion that season so this was a real body blow. Undeterred, we returned in 2020-21 with renewed hope and went unbeaten in a "curtailed" campaign and at the top of the table. Thankfully, some sense prevailed and the FA decided to implement the delayed restructuring of the pyramid and as a result, Motors were "uplifted" into the NWCL Premier Division for the 2021-22 season.



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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF VMFC, OVER THE YEARS

1963 Football Club was formed by former West Bromwich Albion player, Fred Ward, shortly after the opening of the new Vauxhall plant in Ellesmere Port. Playing at Hooton Park inside the plant complex, the new club joined the Ellesmere Port League.

1965 Early success, results in the club being elected into the Second Division of the West Cheshire League, whilst a reserve team is formed and joins the Wirral Combination.

1967 Dave Edmunds, the present-day secretary of the Sports & Social Club, is appointed football club secretary.

1968 Vauxhall win their first piece of silverware in the West Cheshire League, lifting the Second Division Cup, known as the 'West Cheshire Bowl'.

1969 Elected to the First Division of the West Cheshire League from third place.

1970 Reached the semi-finals of both the West Cheshire League's senior cup, the 'Pyke' and the Wirral Senior Cup, under former Welsh international Tecwyn Jones.

1971 Second team are elected to the Second Division of the West Cheshire League, just six years after the senior side.

1973 Pyke Cup finalists for the first time, losing 2-1 to Willaston at Prenton Park.

1978 Second team lose West Cheshire status.

1979 Reached the semi-finals of the Cheshire Amateur Cup for the first time, losing to Crewe Rolls Royce. VMS&SC declare an interest in the 23-acre site of farmland surrounding the clubhouse in Rivacre Road and ultimately, agree a purchase price of £60,000.

1980 VMS&SC become owners of the land adjoining the clubhouse on Rivacre Road. Tony Woodley, a future long-time Chairman of the club, is appointed club manager.

1981 Ray Condliffe is appointed club secretary.

1982 A huge football ground improvement scheme is launched for Rivacre Road site, including a permanent pitch surround and a covered standing area.

1983 Reached the semi-final of the Cheshire Amateur Cup and the final of the Wirral Senior Cup, losing in extra time to Poulton Vics. Reserves finish as runners-up in the South Wirral League, but lift both the League Cup and Wirral Junior Cup, and are re-elected to the West Cheshire League. The old New Brighton FC floodlights are erected at Hooton Park and Tranmere Rovers paid the club the compliment of fielding a full first team in a commemorative match. Bank loan of £45,000 repaid after successful club lottery launched. Rivacre Road site is cultivated and land drainage completed. **1984** Plant manager agrees to support future development at Rivacre Road with a cash injection of £50,000 spread over five years. West Cheshire League runners-up and finalists of the Wirral Senior Cup, losing 2-0 to West Kirby.

1985 Reached the semi-final of the Cheshire Senior Cup for the first time, losing to then Alliance club, Runcorn. A re-negotiated brewery loan of £90,000 from Tetley Walker enables the club committee to pass plans for the building of a new changing room complex at Rivacre Road. Billy Beckett is club secretary.

1986 Manager Jim Fearn, guides Vauxhall to their first West Cheshire League title, while the reserves lift the Wirral Amateur Cup, defeating Capenhurst Villa 1-0. Work progresses on the new Rivacre Road complex, including the dressing rooms, perimeter wall and sponsors lounge.

1987 Defeated 4-3 by Stork in the Centenary Cheshire Amateur Cup final at Prenton Park, but return to the same venue to lift their first Wirral Senior Cup by beating Poulton Vics 2-1. 'Rivacre Park' is officially opened by then England manager Bobby Robson, before a commemorative match against an England F.A. XI, which attracts 1,500 spectators. Club joins the North West Counties League as 'Vauxhall GM', leaving two sides in the West Cheshire League under the 'Motors' banner.

1988 Finish a very creditable fourth in their first season in the NWCL Second Division.

1989 Lift the NWCL Second Division championship under Tony McVey, losing just one league match.

1991 Lift the NWC League Cup, defeating Darwen 2-0 at Gigg Lane, Bury, whilst finishing fourth in Division One.

1992 Forced to resign from NWCL and concentrate on West Cheshire League football, as the committee is stretched to the limit, trying to look after three sides.

1994 Motors spurn a 2-0 lead in the Cheshire Amateur Cup final against Cammell Laird at the Deva Stadium, eventually losing 3-2.

1995 Win both divisions of the West Cheshire League and are also finalists in the Wirral Senior Cup, losing 2-1 to Cammell Laird at Prenton Park. Rejoin NWCL as 'GM' once again.

1996 Terry McLean leads the club to a second successive championship, by lifting the NWCL Second Division at the first attempt. Two new terraced stands are built to facilitate promotion. The manager resigns in the closed season and Paul Rowlands is appointed as McLean's successor but lasts just four months, which enables McLean to be installed as boss for a second time at the end of the year.

1998 Beaten 1-0 by champions Kidsgrove Athletic in the NWC League Cup final at Gigg Lane, in monsoon conditions following a freak storm. McLean resigns and Alvin McDonald is appointed club manager that summer.

1999 The club gains its highest ever league position of third in McDonald's first season in charge. They also reach the last sixteen of the F.A. Vase and lift the NWC League Cup, defeating Prescot Cables 1-0 in a replay at White Moss Park. The 'GM' club is wound up, enabling the two clubs to come under one umbrella as 'Motors'. Jimmy Butler, a former club manager, becomes the Youth Development Officer and plans are in hand to run teams from Under-11 to Under-15 in the Eastham & District Junior League. The snack bar is completely refurbished. Mark Pearson collapses and dies on the pitch at Northwich Victoria's Drill Field, during a Cheshire Senior Cup tie.

2000 New souvenir shop opens and additional turnstiles are installed in readiness for Unibond League football. Reach the semi-final of the F.A. Vase, losing to an extra time goal at Chippenham, but bounce back to lift the NWCL title and the Floodlit Trophy, while the

second team capture the Centenary 'Pyke' Cup for the first time in the club's history, defeating Ashville 5-2 (at Rivacre Park!) Unfortunately, they were denied a cup double, when losing 2-1 to Cammell Laird after extra time in the Wirral Senior Cup. Those achievements led to Vauxhall Motors FC being named 'North West Club-of-the-Year' by the Non-League Directory.

2001 Surpassing their own expectations, Vauxhall gain a second successive promotion, by finishing as Unibond First Division runners-up to Bradford Park Avenue, at the first attempt. Re-enter the F.A. Cup, reaching the 4th qualifying round, before losing to Lancaster City.

2002 Incredibly, McDonald's 'Motormen' end their first season in the Unibond Premier Division as clear runners-up to runaway champions, Burton Albion. They also reach the 4th round of the F.A. Trophy for the first time, defeated by Northwich Victoria in front of 1,019 at Rivacre Park. Ended the year in front of the television cameras, following a terrific F.A. Cup run. Defeated QPR at Loftus Road in a First Round replay on penalties after a goalless draw at the Deva Stadium (att.3509) but lost their Second Round tie away at Macclesfield, in front of the Sky cameras, but virtue of two late home goals.

2003 Ended the second Unibond Premier Division campaign in third place, whilst the reserves lifted the West Cheshire League championship under manager Steve Leyland by winning their final twelve matches. Club manager Alvin McDonald resigns in September, to take over at Conference club Northwich Victoria. Former Tranmere, Carlisle and Vauxhall striker Owen Brown is appointed as his successor a month later. Alan Bartlam becomes chairman in October.

2004 After a difficult first few months in charge, the 'Motormen' hit top form at the end of January and ended the season unbeaten in their final thirteen games, to clinch a place in the new Conference North. New floodlights installed and stand refurbished. Reached 1st round of FA Cup, beaten away at Bury 5-2.

2005 Finish the new Conference North in 15th place, a very creditable performance given the club are clearly fighting above their weight in this tough new competition but by the end of the year, Owen Brown had resigned following a poor run of results, to be replaced by Carl Macauley.

2007 Carl recruited former Wolves striker Andy Mutch as his assistant. Carl resigns due to work commitments in October and Andy steps up to the post of manager. He secured hugely talented Paul Taylor on an extended contract. Paul went on to play for Peterborough, Anderlecht, Ipswich and Rotherham.

2008 Carl returns as manager and the club is reprieved from relegation ended by in 21st place and in the following season (2008/09) he guides Motors to their highest ever Conference North position of 11th, assisted by Anthony Wright and former Notts. County striker Gary Martindale.

2010 Reprieved from relegation from the Conference North for a second time when finishing in 20th place in the table.

2013 Finished a very creditable 12th in the Conference North.

2014 Resign from the Conference North due to severe financial issues and return to the West Cheshire League (step 7). Carl Macauley recruited by Chester soon after and former defender Alan Schumacker takes charge of team affairs. Finish a disappointing third in next two seasons.

2016 Alan Schumacker replaced by former club boss Anthony Wright and his cousin Joe but their rein only lasts three months and Karl Bell appointed manager from Prescot Cables.

2017 A wonderful start to Karl's first full season (2017/18) evaporates after Christmas and the club finish a disappointing second in the table. Tony Woodley becomes chairman once more.

2018 Successfully apply to rejoin the NWCFL and appoint Mick McGraa, a former Motors striker, as their new boss, having guided Cammell Lairds to great heights the previous season. New clubhouse opens, along with a second 4G floodlit pitch.

2019 Mick guides Motors to the runners-up spot in the Hallmark Security League Division One South in his first season in charge. Floodlights erected on Rivacre Road pitch.

2020 Motors take the league by storm – until the Coronavirus strikes in March and season declared “null & void”. We had mathematically secured promotion by this point. Only a few games played in the 2020-21 season.

2021 FA restructuring enables Motors to be “uplifted” into the NWCL Premier Division on the strength of the two previous shortened seasons.

2022 The first season in their new division saw Mick McGraa's side finish 8th place, with highs and lows, but also reaching a Cheshire Senior Cup final, and despite a heavy defeat to EFL side Stockport County, it was a great occasion for the club in a local competition.

2023 Last season, Vauxhalls proved to be the best of them all in the Premier Division, finishing the season on a whopping 95 points, 8 ahead of second place Avro, to secure the title and NPL Division One West football for the 23/24 season.

2023/24 A host of new signings arrived this summer, and Motors won the first competitive game in the NWCFL Cup Winners Cup, where the league cup winners would play the Premier Division title winners. Vauxhalls beat Congleton Town 2-1 to secure their first piece of silverware, setting them in good stead for the 23/24 Northern Premier League campaign.

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PROFILES

Goalkeeper – Sam Booth

Date of Birth: 06/12/2000

Year of Signing: 2022/23

Former Clubs: Crewe Alexandra, Kids Grove Athletic

Goalkeeper – Ally Hughes

Date of Birth: 07/06/2001

Year of Signing: 2023/24

Former Clubs: Tadcaster Albion, Hemsworth MWCFC

Defender – Tom Mitchell

Date of Birth: 22/11/1991

Year of Signing: 2018/19

Former Clubs: Widnes, Skelmersdale United, Atherton Collieries

Defender – Adam Hughes

Date of Birth: 29/11/1996
 Year of Signing: 2022/23
 Former Clubs: Marine, City of Liverpool, TNS

Defender – Ben Dufton-Kelly

Date of Birth: 20/05/2000
 Year of Signing: 2021/22
 Former Clubs: Heswall, Cammell Laird 1907

Defender – Greg Drummond

Date of Birth: 23/03/1995
 Year of Signing: 2018/19
 Former Clubs: Fleetwood Town, Cammell Laird 1907

Defender – Bobby Beaumont

Date of Birth: 25/03/2002
 Year of Signing: 2023/24
 Former Clubs: Sunderland, Wrexham, Flint Town United

Defender – Sean Smith

Date of Birth: 12/12/1994
 Year of Signing: 2023/24
 Former Clubs: Marine, Wrexham, Connah's Quay

Defender – Ethan Gouldbourne

Date of Birth: 04/10/2002
 Year of Signing: 2021/22
 Former Clubs: Marine, Tranmere Rovers

Defender – Marcus James

Date of Birth: 14/06/1990
 Year of Signing: 2021/22
 Former Clubs: Runcorn Town

Midfielder – Sean Moscrop

Date of Birth: 22/04/1999
 Year of Signing: 2022/23
 Former Clubs: Sandbach United

Midfielder – Jordan Deer

Date of Birth: 13/09/2000
 Year of Signing: 2022/23
 Former Clubs: Heswall, Tranmere Rovers and England Futsal

Midfielder – Haydn Cooper

Date of Birth: 25/08/1994
 Year of Signing: 2018/19
 Former Clubs: Radcliffe, Mold Alexandra

Midfielder – Sam Hughes

Date of Birth: 06/01/2003
 Year of Signing: 2023/24
 Former Clubs: Ashville

Midfielder – Stephen Rigby

Date of Birth: 08/10/1996
 Year of Signing: 2023/24
 Former Clubs: Widnes, City of Liverpool, Stalybridge Celtics

Forward – Michael Burkey

Date of Birth: 04/11/1999
 Year of Signing: 2018/19
 Former Clubs: Airbus, Heswall, Tranmere Rovers

Forward – Conor Harwood

Date of Birth: 02/02/2000
 Year of Signing: 2022/23
 Former Clubs: City of Liverpool

Forward – Ben Holmes

Date of Birth: 08/01/1994
 Year of Signing: 2018/19
 Former Clubs: Ashville, Conwy United, Cammell Laird 1907, Blackburn Rovers, Tranmere Rovers

Forward – Lewis Buckley

Date of Birth: 10/12/1991
 Year of Signing: 2022/23
 Former Clubs: Prescot Cables, Runcorn Town, Widnes

Forward – Bobbie McDonnell

Date of Birth: 03/10/2000
 Year of Signing: 2022/23
 Former Clubs: Runcorn Town, Macclesfield

Forward – George Nugent

Date of Birth: 04/12/2001
 Year of Signing: 2023/24
 Former Clubs: Tranmere Rovers, Prescot Cables, Trafford

Forward – Joe Brandon

Date of Birth: 11/05/1999
 Year of Signing: Progressed through youth, re-signed from Bootle (2021)
 Former Clubs: Bootle

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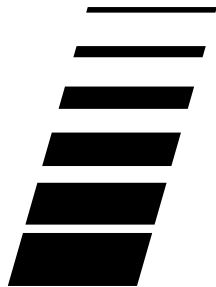
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By Matt Badcock

FORGIVE the self-indulgence, but some of my best memories of this job will be covering the FA Cup — more specifically, the FA Cup shocks.

For every long trip to Huddersfield Town — where they stuck two past Dover Athletic inside the opening eight minutes before playing out a 2-0 win — there's been an enjoyable drive back from Burnley or Torquay.

Lincoln City's run of 2016-17 stands out the most, largely because I was fortunate enough to be there for most of the ride.

Ipswich Town away in early January brought a 2-2 draw for the Imps but who could predict what would come with a journey that catapulted the club and its then managers — Danny and assistant Nicky Cowley — into another stratosphere.

Ipswich were finished off in the third round replay — I watched on TV — before Brighton & Hove Albion were turned over in the fourth round.

Out of the hat came Burnley where Sean Raggett's late goal won an incredible tie. Sitting in the press room after I felt I had to check over and over again that Lincoln City had reached the quarter-finals before writing into the match report.

Before we knew it, we were at Danny Cowley's house with the FA Cup for a special pre-Arsenal feature.

The Premier League Gunners were next but Arsene Wenger's side were in no mood to be part of any more history, seeing off the Imps 5-0 — not that the 10,000 travelling supporters ever lost their voice.

When Crawley Town went to Manchester United in 2011 it was a much closer encounter, striker Richard Brodie just inches away from a late equaliser only for the woodwork to intervene.

My in-person north-west record is pretty good. Macclesfield seeing off Cardiff City with two goals from Matthew Barnes-Homer.

Then I was there when Salford City beat Notts County 2-0 on a Friday night in November 2015. The next day legendary FA Cup giant killers Altrincham dumped out League One Barnsley 1-0, immediately justifying The NLP's hotel bill for my overnight stay!

But it hasn't just been the upsets or the near-misses. A privilege of the job is being able to tell the stories in the build-up or be at a club when it's all eyes on them. Paulton Rovers may have been turned over by Norwich City, but the buzz around the club through the week was heightened even more on match day as FA Cup fever swept through the small village.

We're inching closer to this season's FA Cup first round proper with the fourth round qualifying games just around the corner.

The exciting thing about the FA Cup is this year's stories are just waiting to be written. Experiencing them in person is definitely a job perk!



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