

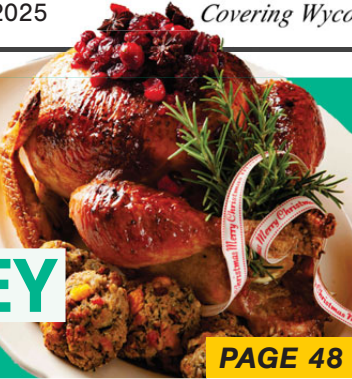
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Food bank faces uncertain future



New development will make the hub homeless

A CO-FOUNDER of Wycombe Food Hub says it is "crunch time" for the lifeline service as it searches for a new home.

Cllr Kahlil Ahmed said the hub is facing its biggest challenge yet since opening five years ago.

The organisation was founded by Cllr Ahmed, Cllr Trevor Snaith, and the late Bob Kin, who tragically died in 2022 while collecting food for the hub.

Initially set up as an emergency Covid-19 response, it has since evolved into a community service

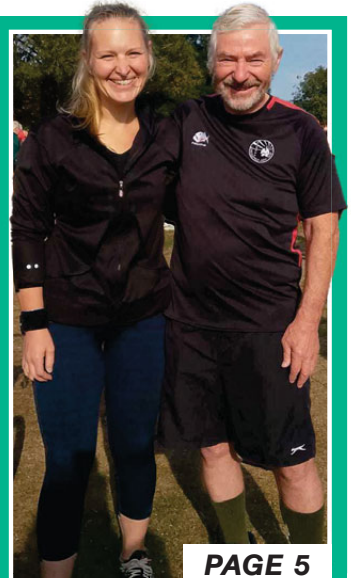
By Nathaniel Lawson

supporting around 750 people each week.

However, it now faces an uncertain future following the planned closure and redevelopment of the Chilterns Shopping Centre, where it is currently based.

The hub has been told it must vacate its premises by the end of the year.

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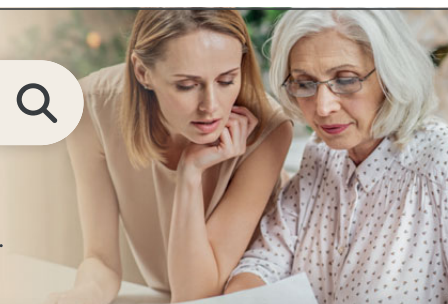
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Sport

HOLMER GREEN BEAT OXHEY JETS 3-2

Holmer Green edge into next round

HOLMER Green edged into the quarter-finals of the Esoteric Recordings Division One Cup.

They defeated Oxhey Jets 3-2 in a tense second-round clash.

By half-time, Holmer had surged to a three-goal lead, with Josh Peck and Jeffrey Fordjour dominating up front.

Peck netted twice within two minutes, while Fordjour added the third from a long Sam Bell clearance.

Despite their strong start, Holmer's second-half performance slipped,

conceding two goals.

Oxhey Jets converted a penalty and scrambled a second, but Holmer held firm for the win.

Anthony Tyson marked his 100th senior appearance, with Sali Sadakov and Ollie Saunders also featuring in the starting XI.

Holmer's victory followed a comprehensive first-round win over Spelthorne, but the Oxhey match proved a sterner test.

Holmer's defensive stability, which has seen them unbeaten in six

games, was tested by the Jets' persistent appeals and pressure.

However, Holmer's resilience paid off, with the team managing to fend off Oxhey's late surge.

Substitute Ozi Dow's tussle with the Jets highlighted the physicality of the contest.

Holmer's forwards, despite missing some late chances, ensured the team's progression in the cup.

The match underlined Holmer's need to maintain focus throughout, as they continue their cup journey.



Non League Holmer Green defeated. Report by John Anderson

THE REDS ARE ON A ROLL

Another victory for the Marlow Hockey Club

MARLOW HC's first teams picked up four good points at the weekend, but will feel they could have had six.

First up on Saturday were the Women's first team, at home against unbeaten Oxford University. The game started at a fast pace with both sides having opportunities, and Marlow took the lead in the 11th minute, Lena Sykora scoring with a superb stroke from the narrowest of angles. Oxford University were awarded a penalty stroke in the 30th minute after the umpire had initially blown for a defensive free hit for danger. Keeper Ramm managed to get a stick to the penalty, but not enough to prevent the equaliser.

Marlow responded with some skillful runs by Grace Kisbee and lovely touches by Jess Rees-Gray, and the home side earned another attacking penalty corner just before half time. Poppy Godfrey whistled the ball past the back post leaving the score at 1-1 going into the half time break.

The opening of the second half resumed with the same pace of the first. Man of the match Kiera Allen exhibited dazzling skills to break the Oxford press, and Marlow earned a penalty corner from which Lottie Porter's drag flick was well saved by the Oxford University keeper. Marlow's pressure earned deserved reward when Elin Galvin put the home side ahead after a goalmouth scramble with 12 minutes left on the clock.

Oxford University took their goalkeeper off with five minutes remaining, a gamble whose odds were shortened when Marlow received a yellow card, giving the students a two player outfield advantage, and they earned a penalty corner in the last minute of the game which they converted to equalise.

Marlow were unfortunate not to secure the win, but their point against an unbeaten side was fully deserved.

By Angus Porter

Marlow men's 1st team went one better than the women on Sunday, as they won the battle of the newly-promoted sides on Sunday, beating Cardiff 4-2 in a dominant Pound Lane performance.

After Callum White converted an early penalty corner, Jayden Zamler's brace and Tom Ferris's third goal in as many games secured the points for the Swans.

Cardiff pounced on five minutes of Marlow dizziness to score two late goals, but were otherwise overwhelmed by the home side.

Marlow asserted themselves early and when White's flick found the top left corner in the 9th minute, the pressure turned into a lead. For the remainder of the first half, the Swans held the ball with confidence and quelled any counter-attacking threat from Cardiff.

The lead doubled seven minutes into the second half when Zamler caught a rebound on the penalty spot and slammed in a split grip finish.

The visitors pushed back and the game grew more chaotic, but when Tom Rees-Gray hustled 50 yards up the left side and drove the ball across goal, Zamler deflected in to make it 3-0. With 12 minutes to play, Ferris chipped in, finishing into an open goal and putting Marlow surely out of reach.

In the last five minutes, Cardiff earned two consolation goals, one of them through ex-Marlow man, Ben Lazarevic, leaving a final score line which flattered the Welshmen.

Marlow secured their three points and will take momentum with them to South Devon next Sunday at Ashmoor. The women will also be on the road, with another tough fixture against table-topping Trojans in Southampton.



Callum White, scorer of Marlow's opening goal on Sunday. Image: IFSportsImages

FOOTBALL

Arrivals and exits at Chesham United

FORMER Chesham United defender Dan Bayliss has completed a permanent transfer to Farnham Town for an undisclosed fee.

The 26-year-old defender, joined the Generals in the summer from Slough Town where he spent two National League South seasons.

He made eight appearances for the Generals this season but now departs for Southern Premier South side Farnham, where he re-unites with former Bracknell team-mates Michael Eacott & Darryl Sanders among others.

A club statement reads: "As a club we are disappointed to be losing Dan, he was a signing the club were excited to bring in over the summer and he's been great, both on and off the pitch for us, however the club & management have reluctantly accepted the offer from Farnham this week.

"Everyone at Chesham United would like to thank Dan for his efforts in a Generals shirt and wish him every success for the future."

Despite Bayliss' exit, Chesham have revealed that striker Jaiden Bartolo will remain with the club until January on loan from Wycombe Wanderers.

The 19-year-old forward joined on loan from the Chairboys to in early October to add some youth & pace to the Generals front line, making his debut in the latter stages of our 4-1 win over Enfield Town.

The club said: "The young forward only made three appearances in his first month at the club with international duty for Gibraltar U21s but this extension will now see him available for at least the next 13 games as we go into a heavy November schedule with eight games this month alone across all three competitions, where he will be sure to feature as we look to continue a good run of National League South form.

"Our thanks as always to our friends at Wycombe Wanderers for their help in sorting out the loan."

The club also revealed that with five home fixtures taking place at The Meadow throughout November, some ticket prices will be reduced.

They said: "We understand that having a busy month of home football can stretch everyone's budgets, and we want to make sure that as many supporters as possible can continue to get behind the team.

"To help with that, both visiting clubs have kindly agreed to our requests to lower admission prices for these fixtures and we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to both opponents."

Duff pleased following win over Plymouth in the FA Cup

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Michael Duff has praised the attitude and performances of Cauley Woodrow as the striker's goal-scoring run continues.

The forward, who joined the Chairboys on loan from Luton Town back in August, bagged a brace in the 2-0 home victory against Plymouth Argyle in the FA Cup first round at Adams Park.

That's now four strikes in his last three games, in which he has also scored five in 10 since his netting on his debut back in September.

Duff admitted that he wouldn't take the former Barnsley man out of the team when on such a run, and he hopes the 31-year-old's form will continue.

He said: "He scored two in two [before the Plymouth game on November 1], so why would we take him out of the team?"

"Centre forwards thrive on goals, and Cauley in the last few years has been a bit-part player, something he'd agree with.

"At Luton, he would be in the team, then he'd get five minutes, then he'd get 10 minutes, so it's hard to get into a rhythm.

"When I first came in, he looked like he was half a yard off it, but the other night [against Fulham in the League Cup], he's up against Premier League players and he's pinning them in.

"He's one of the leaders and I'm pleased for him."

On his sixth win in 10 games since taking over, Duff added: "I thought we were good from minute one – possibly a little bit slow at times in the



Cauley Woodrow has scored five goals in 10 games since joining Wycombe on loan from Luton Town in August (PA)

first half, but we passed and moved the ball well, and created a lot of chances.

"Our goals came from balls in the box, as that caused panic from sustained pres-

sure. Our football has been good in recent games as we have been penetrative.

"I didn't want us to be entitled and think we're better than what we are, but from

the first minute, the players [based on how they played] didn't think that.

"We could have scored a lot more than two goals today."

It is the third season in a

row that Wanderers have reached the second round of the FA Cup.

Up next is Leyton Orient at home in the league on November 8.

WANDERERS

Ibe finds himself club in non-league

FORMER Wycombe Wanderers winger Jordon Ibe has found himself a new club.

The 29-year-old, who burst into the Chairboys' first-team at the age of just 15 years old during the 2011/12 season, has penned a short-term contract with eighth-tier side Sittingbourne in the Isthmian League South East Division.

His arrival at the Kent-based team came after a move to Swedish outfit Umea fell through in the summer.

Prior to that, Ibe last played competitively for Hungerford Town at the back end of the last season.

He was also seen playing in the newly launched Baller League, which was aired on Sky Sports in the summer.

He played for the team coached by former Chelsea centre-back John Terry.

A club statement from Sittingbourne states that the Non League team aim to help the ex-Chairboy 'thrive once again' in an 'ideal environment'.

This comes after the winger left the game for roughly a season to focus on his mental health, after admitting to suffering from depression at the start of the decade.

It reads: "Jordon was influenced by the many positive things he's heard about the club, and he believes this is the perfect place to rebuild momentum and showcase his talent.

"We're delighted to play a part in helping him get back to where he belongs in the game.

"Our goal is simple: to see Jordon perform at his best.

"Nothing would make us happier than to see him excel over the coming months and return to full-time football.

"We're truly humbled to have a player of Jordon's calibre – a former Premier League talent – join Sittingbourne."

Ibe played 11 first-team games for Wycombe, scoring one goal, before he was signed by Liverpool in January 2012.

He would play 58 times and score four goals for the Reds under both Brendan Rodgers and Jurgen Klopp, whilst also enjoying two loan spells at Birmingham City and Derby County.

A move to Bournemouth followed in July 2016, where he played 92 times and scored five goals in five seasons with the South Coast outfit, before leaving in 2020 after the Cherries' relegation from the top-flight.

Since the start of the decade, Ibe has found himself at several teams across the country and abroad.

After a period away from football, he has since represented Derby for a second spell, and Adanaspor in Turkey, before playing for Ebbsfleet United, Hayes & Yeading United and Hungerford in the Non League.

WANDERERS TO FACE EXETER

Chairboys to travel to Devon for cup clash

WYCOMBE Wanderers have been drawn to play League One rivals Exeter City away in the second round of the FA Cup.

The Chairboys progressed into the next stage of the competition following a 2-0 win over the Grecians' Devon neighbours, Plymouth Argyle, on November 1.

For Exeter, they sailed into round two with a comfortable 2-0 victory over National League outfit Halifax Town on the same day.

The fixture will be the first between the two sides in the FA Cup, with it due to take place between December 5 and December 8.

In all competitions, Wycombe and Exeter have faced each other 28 times, with the Chairboys tasting victory on 10 occasions, the Grecians nine, with there being nine draws.

Yet, despite having the better head-to-head record, Wanderers have only had one win in their last 10 matches against City:

Five draws, four losses and one win.

The full draw is as follows:

Accrington Stanley v Mansfield Town
Blackpool v Carlisle United
Boreham Wood v Newport County
Brackley Town v Burton Albion
Chelmsford City v Weston-super-Mare
Cheltenham Town v Buxton
Chesterfield v Doncaster Rovers
Exeter City v Wycombe Wanderers
Fleetwood Town v Luton Town
Gateshead v Walsall
Grimsby Town v Wealdstone
MK Dons v Oldham Athletic
Peterborough United v Barnsley
Port Vale v Bristol Rovers
Salford City v Leyton Orient
Slough Town v Macclesfield
Stockport County v Cambridge United
Sutton United v Shrewsbury Town
Swindon Town v Bolton Wanderers
Wigan Athletic v Barrow



Second round fixtures will take place in December. Image: PA

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Wonderful Woodrow scores again as Wycombe win

Cauley Woodrow has four in his last three games. Image: PA



CAULEY Woodrow's fine form in front of goal continued as he bagged a brace in Wycombe Wanderers' 2-0 home victory against Plymouth Argyle in the FA Cup first round.

The on-loan Luton Town man has now scored four in his last three, bringing his total to five in 10 games since arriving back in August.

The home side dominated the opening 45 minutes as they ended the half with 12 shots at goal, but only one on target.

On three minutes, captain Jack Grimmer saw his attempt get

blocked by Mathias Jensen, before Sam Bell also went close with a fierce drive four minutes later.

Plymouth looked flat but had their best chance of the half on nine minutes when a mistake by Mikki Van Sas allowed Lorent Tolaj through on goal, but after rounding the keeper, he put his shot wide of the mark.

Wycombe were in control and despite going into the break goalless, two goals in 12 second-half minutes put the game to bed.

Fred Onyedima was fouled in the

box by Alex Mitchell, and upstepped Woodrow who converted on 67 minutes.

He got his second on 79 minutes from close range following a goalmouth scramble.

The Chairboys were then reduced to 10 men in the dying embers, when Connor Taylor pulled down Lorent Tolaj, who was through on goal.

The result means it is Wycombe's first victory over Plymouth in the FA Cup, and it is the third season in a row where they have reached the second round of the competition.

Dogged defensive display delights head coach Duff

WYCOMBE Wanderers head coach Michael Duff has praised the defensive display in his side's 2-0 home victory against Plymouth Argyle, but revealed the one thing he doesn't want his centre backs doing when on the ball.

A Cauley Woodrow double in the space of 12 second-half minutes helped the Chairboys progress into the second round for the third season in a row, as they kept their fifth clean sheet in 10 games following Duff's arrival.

Anders Hagelskjær and Connor Taylor impressed despite the latter's straight red card in the dying embers, as he hauled down Lorent Tolaj when being the last man.

Speaking at full-time, the Chairboys' head coach said: "I thought the centre backs and two full backs were excellent throughout.

"The things I am asking them [the centre backs] to do are not for them to sit on the edge of the box, as we want to get them to get up the pitch. "[With the red card], it was a lapse in concentration.

"We warned them at half-time, but it's easier said than done.

"Our defenders were dominant, and they used the ball well; however, there is a slight tendency for the centre halves to dribble - I don't want them doing that.

"If you're dribbling as a centre half, then something has gone wrong.

"Play off a two or three-touch, especially in our half; There is nothing wrong with doing that and then getting it

James Richings

back.

"They have taken the information well, as I thought Anders was very good as well.

"I know Anders can pass the ball, but he's a central defender, so that is the first thing.

"But he has been hard to beat and does the ugly stuff well, and he's taken the information really well in the last two games."

Finally, Duff has provided an update on winger James Tilley.

The summer signing from AFC Wimbledon has only played 10 times this season, scoring once.

His last outing was in the 2-0 League Cup win away at Wigan Athletic on September 23, which he started, but was replaced after 57 minutes.

He explained: "He is injured.

"He trained yesterday [October 31] for the first time.

"He felt his hamstring in the first Wigan game in the cup, and he's a long way off it as he's had one day's training in six weeks.

"That's where he is at."

The players will have Monday off before preparing for Leyton Orient at home on Saturday.

The match will be the club's fourth in a row at Adams Park, with the fixture being dedicated to the annual Remembrance weekend.

It will kick-off at 12.30pm.



Hagelskjær (pictured against Fulham) was praised for his performance in the recent win against Plymouth (PA)

Youngsters impress in FA Youth Cup clash

CAMERON Stones scored a brace, which included an incredible long-range strike, as Wycombe Wanderers U18s progressed into the second round of the FA Youth Cup with a 3-1 victory against Bristol Rovers U18s.

In what was the first game in this competition for the newly formed academy since the 2011/12 season, it was the young Chairboys who impressed early on.

Inside the opening 15 minutes, right-back Yusuf Mohammed had the game's first chance when his volley was well saved by Will Wilson, before a cross by Micah Olabiyei flew across the box.

Stones then broke the deadlock just after the half-hour mark when he spotted Wilson off his line, and chipped the keeper from around 40-yards.

It was a brilliant strike, just days after he turned 17.

Rovers equalised 12 minutes into the second period when Jack Toogood's cross was headed in by Ollie Dewsbury, but Stones restored Wycombe's lead with 20 minutes remaining.

A low cross into the box was fumbled by Wilson, and the young forward was on hand to fire home his second of the contest.

The tie was then settled on 80 minutes, with Luca Hughes scoring Wycombe's third.

Several of the academy players impressed in front of first-team manager Michael Duff, who was in attendance at the Adams Park fixture.

Some could be included in the final EFL Trophy clash against Gillingham on November 11, whilst nearly all be in the squad for the Berks & Bucks clash versus Burnham one day later on November 12.

Attendance: 298 (67 away).