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# Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of *City Life*, the magazine about Chelmsford City Football Club. *City Life* will be keeping fans up to date on all things City as well as articles of interest from the past. We hope to have a circulation of 24,000 so we will be bringing Chelmsford City to a lot of new people who we hope will also become supporters one day. Our success on the field over the last couple of seasons will be matched by our success off the field over the next couple of years. Plans are being produced for our new 1,200-seater stand and the Company members will soon be voting to change the Constitution of the Club to a CIC (Community Interest Club). We now have a Charity registered in the name of Chelmsford City with Paul Hopkins and myself as trustees and we hope to use this to obtain funding for our community work, youth programme and ladies. This year we hope to expand the work we do in schools and start working with blind, deaf and under-privileged children and adults, as well as young offenders, giving them another outlook and chance in life. The work we put into Community projects is often overlooked, but it is



very much a part of the commitment of the Board to ensure that Chelmsford City serve the needs of the community in the best way possible. I must also thank all our sponsors and advertisers as without their support this publication would not have been possible. Lastly, I would like to thank you, the fans, for your loyalty and support especially during the dark years when the Club could so easily have folded. Those days are now firmly behind us and the Board have plans to take the Club to the next level and beyond. We have the support of Chelmsford Borough Council, without whose help we would not be back at Chelmsford and the future is all Claret.

**Mansell Wallace**

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# Season Review

## 2008/09

This season, Chelmsford City will look to replicate the first half of the 2008/09 campaign when they began another push for promotion from the Blue Square South, but they will have to learn from the mistakes they made post-Christmas if they are to make a concerted challenge this time around.

Jeff King's Clarets were leading the way moving into the New Year, but a dramatic fall, which included eight losses after the festive period, saw them drop to fifth place at the end of the campaign, followed by a two-legged play-off defeat to eventual beaten finalists, ►



Jeff King has stepped 'upstairs' to become City's Director of Football.



“We are building an excellent squad and we hope our recent progress will continue”

**Glenn Pennyfather**

# Season Review

## 2008/09

Hampton & Richmond Borough. Now City look to follow AFC Wimbledon and Hayes & Yeading United into the Blue Square Premier in 2009/10.

In fact, it was at Hayes back in August that Chelmsford successfully began their schedule with a 1-0 victory at Church Road thanks to a single Bertie Brayley goal. The Clarets' unstoppable away form was to prove the foundation for their excellent start, winning ten and drawing one of their first eleven journeys. A further boost was given to City's chances of a second successive title in November with an important 3-2 home win over rivals AFC Wimbledon.

Chelmsford lost just three times before Christmas and their promotion quest looked bright (despite bowing out of the FA Cup and FA Trophy in embarrassing fashion at Bury Town and Hayes & Yeading, respectively) until what many deem as the turning point on Saturday 3rd January. A major sickness bug took hold of the dressing room, leaving several players absent from training and matches in turn, leading to their first away defeat at Newport County, 3-1.

King's side visibly wobbled from that point, and they entered their potentially vital return clash at AFC Wimbledon's Kingsmeadow low in confidence, eventually succumbing 3-1 in front of the Don's record crowd, while hundreds of supporters from both sides were locked out. Chelmsford City went on to lose eight times after Christmas, with their impressive away form disappearing.

City ultimately finished in fifth place, a position many would have taken at the start of the season. Old foes Hampton & Richmond Borough provided the opposition, firstly at home resulting in a 3-1 win for the West Londoners, with Clarets' Player of the Year Dave Rainford sent off late in the game. A goalless draw was secured in the away leg, but it wasn't enough for a place in the final, which Hampton lost to Hayes & Yeading United by the odd goal in five.

It will be the club's intention to match its progress off the pitch by building an improved squad to challenge for honours this season. With league crowds of over a thousand for every match, except one in 2008/09, the support is clear for a club that hopes to have its name etched on the championship trophy. ■

**Chris Evans**

“ The players have worked really hard and shown a lot of quality in training, but there's no substitute for match practice ”

**Glenn Pennyfather**



Essex Senior Cup celebrations.

On Jeff King's revised role with the club as Director of Football:  
“This is all part of continuing to build the club for the long term future and we are looking to gain promotion to the Blue Square Premier next season and believe this new set up will further help.”

**Mansell Wallace**



# CHELMSFORD CITY FOOTBALL CLUB CLUB HISTORY

**Originally formed as an amateur outfit in 1878, the present club was formed in 1938 and was immediately admitted to the Southern League**

Although league success was not easy to come by during the early days, there was FA Cup glory and City saw off both Darlington and Southampton in their first season before they bowed out to Birmingham in front of a 44,494 St. Andrews crowd. Subsequent successes have been rare, with a league club not being defeated in the competition since 1967-68 when Oxford United succumbed. In modern times, City reached the first round proper in 1994-95 and 1999-2000 when they lost both ties 4-0, to Wycombe Wanderers and Oldham Athletic respectively. The Southern League Cup was last raised in 1990-91 at the expense of Hythe Town, with previous victories being in 1945-46 and 1959-60, both versus Worcester City.

Chelmsford's initial league championship arrived in 1945-46 when they pipped Hereford United to the title, but it was many years before they triumphed again, 1967-68 to be precise. Those were heady days for City and they were champions again in 1971-72. However, the rot was about to set in and the club lurched from one crisis to another in subsequent years. The 1985-86 campaign did bring some joy in the form of the runners-up spot, albeit 19 points adrift of Welling United. Relegation was suffered in 1987-88 but they bounced straight back as champions, scoring 106 goals in the process. It was tough in the Premier Division though, and inevitably they were back down at the end of the 1996-97 season.

Despite the sad departure from New Writtle Street, City once more claimed immediate promotion only for a seating technicality at Billericay to cruelly dash their hopes. A constant push for a return

to the Premier Division finally bore fruit in 2000-01 and Chelmsford then spent most of the next season consolidating in mid-table, until a late slump in form saw them finish one place above the drop zone. In its first season playing in the Ryman League, the team finished in a very creditable eighth place in the Premier Division, this despite an awful start to the campaign. A rare piece of silverware came City's way in March 2003 when they lifted the Essex Senior Cup for the first time in a decade after hammering Aveley by a 5-0 margin at Southend United's Roots Hall ground.

In January 2006 City at long last ended their exile and returned to the town of Chelmsford when a crowd of 2,998 saw the opening game at their plush new surroundings, ironically against their former landlords Billericay Town.

The appointment of Jeff King as Manager in the summer of 2006 took the club to a new level and an excellent FA Cup run that saw them reach the competition proper, and a third place finish in the Ryman League Premier Division has given the club's loyal supporters a taste of things to come.

The aforementioned setbacks have only gone to show the spirit of survival that exists within the club and its loyal supporters, their faith and hard work now being rewarded. With the play-offs, the recent Essex Senior Cup win, and the welcome backing of Chelmsford Borough Council, football in Chelmsford has at last 'come home'. ■

**David Selby**

## HAS THE SLEEPING GIANT WOKEN?

**Chelmsford City has always been known as a sleeping giant to me. A club that can attract big crowds in non-League football, but does it have the potential to one day be a League Club?**

Chelmsford City Football Club was formed in 1938 and has been part of the community ever since those early days of Kings Head Meadow. The glorious history in non-League football at the Club started with an FA Cup tie against Birmingham City and went on to include the 1973 FA Cup tie against Ipswich in front of over 15,000 people among many other occasions on the way. The Club was once a shining light in the non-League and during the heady days of the 1960s we were one of the leading non-League Clubs in the country, commanding regular crowds of 5,000 to 6,000.

The much documented demise of the Club in the 70s and 80s culminated in the loss of our New Writtle Street stadium. The Club only survived thanks to our loyal supporters and a very resolute board, led by the then Chairman, Trevor Wright.

City had to play without their home ground for eight seasons, playing at their near neighbours Maldon Town and Billericay Town during this period. The fans kept the faith and Peter Stroud joined Trevor to help the Club maintain its survival.

I joined the Board seven years ago, at a time when we had no ground, no money

and very little hope of regaining our former glory. Through the hard work and dedication of everyone associated with the Club, I am pleased to say today is a very different story.

The transformation came about in January 2006 when we moved back to the Borough to Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Stadium. We had spent two years discussing, planning and carrying out the building works for our return. Chelmsford Borough Council played a huge part in making our dreams come true and it is fair to say the Club would not have survived much longer without their belief in our values.

That first game back against Billericay, in front of a full house, will always have a special place in my memory; this was the beginning of a new era.

Since our return, we have maintained a high standard on and off the pitch. In the last three seasons we have gained a Ryman League play-off place, followed up by winning the Ryman League in 2008, and this year, again, reached the play-offs in the Blue Square South in our first season, as well as winning the Essex Senior Cup.

Jeff King has brought success on the pitch but this has been enhanced by the enormous

effort from the Boardroom and the fans alike. Our partnership with the Borough Council has been pivotal as they have not only facilitated our football but are always available to discuss and develop our ideas and aspirations. The Football in the Community work carved out by Chris Finch and his team prospers, as do our Youth and Ladies' sections which between them run over thirty teams. Chelmsford City has grown as a family Club, and now extends to a thriving business and a very bright future.

Our partnership with the Borough is currently exploring the opportunity to improve the facilities which will again help to strengthen the Club and the community. Our Board of Directors are working hard to ensure that future generations will share in the Club's success but it is the fans that are the life blood of the Club. A Club saved by the fans, owned by the fans and on whose future the Club depends.

Chelmsford City is a Club to be proud of and a huge thank you must go to all the volunteers, fans, sponsors and staff for their help in making our Club the one to watch. ■

**Paul Hopkins**

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# Don Walker Tribute

Thursday 21st May 2009 was a milestone day in club history when City waved goodbye to their ultimate legend and President, Don Walker

Unanimously regarded as the most popular and celebrated figure in the club's history, having served in almost every role for the Clarets, Don will be sorely missed.

Nobody has been, and nobody ever will be, more of a Chelmsford City man than Don Walker. His decades of service in practically every role imaginable within the club stand him out as the pinnacle of a Clarets servant. Despite advancing into his eighties, he insisted on taking his place in the Main Stand to watch his team play and was greatly cared for by anyone who ever knew him, or had the pleasure to meet him.

Don made 16 appearances in Chelmsford colours in the mid 1940s and later managed the First Team between September 1979 and May 1980. His career was summed up appropriately in the book *Wheel 'Em In: The Official History* as follows: "If anyone deserves the title of Mr Chelmsford City, then Don Walker does. There isn't a job at the club that he hasn't undertaken at some time or another, be it coach, trainer, caretaker manager or manager. He had to pick-up the pieces following John Newman's departure, and with the club at its lowest ebb it wasn't an easy job. With what little money was available to him, the best he could do was keep the club's head above water and he stood aside to let Colin Harper take over after one season.

"As a player, Don joined City in March 1947 from Wolverhampton Wanderers, before moving on to Hastings United in the summer of 1948. He ventured into the Kent League in the fifties with Snowdown Colliery Welfare and Tonbridge Wells United, finally seeing out his playing days with Maldon Town and Hoffmans. It was Billy Frith who invited him back to City in October 1963 as coach to the Reserves following a brief spell as manager at Athenian League club, Brentwood."

His loyal service saw him rewarded with a testimonial at New Writtle Street in November 1993 when a strong Ipswich Town side from the Premier League came down to play. He was saddened when the Clarets

were forced out of that famous old ground in the late nineties, but it was fitting that he was able to see City's return to Chelmsford in glorious fashion at Melbourne and he has since seen some extremely talented sides take to the field. True to fashion for this football-loving, dedicated character, Don left us at 3:00pm – just in time for kick-off. Clarets fans paid their final tributes to Don Walker



on Thursday 11th June with a funeral service and reception attended by his family, friends and colleagues from his decades in the game with Chelmsford City. His memorial service was well-attended by former players including all-time leading scorer Tony Butcher and other selected legends such as Peter Gillott and Eddie Dilsworth.

One of the other historical names to add their sentiments from hundreds of miles away was former Manager, Joe O'Sullivan, who now lives abroad. He reminisced: "During my time at City, Don was always there for me. For most of my 400-plus games he was with me in the dressing room. He was 'Mr Football' and always had an opinion but never gave it until asked. He encouraged me at my low points and celebrated at my high

points. A major part of his life was football and CCFC, and I know he will be missed by everyone at the club, as well as myself." ■

## Supporter Tributes

"Don was a very knowledgeable, proud and exceptionally likeable man. What he gave to the club over the years was immeasurable, as was the pleasure he gave to everyone who met him. My fondest memories were sharing a bottle of wine on the long journeys from the likes of Hednesford and Tiverton. A true gentleman who will be surely missed." **Peter Stroud**

"They say no one person is bigger than a club, but Don was the closest you'll ever come to it. I remember him carrying his magic sponge at New Writtle Street in the 1970s and he will be greatly missed."

### Trevor Hales

"A true gentleman of the game who devoted his life to the club where he served at every level. That's something we will never see the likes of again. The one and only Mr Chelmsford City. You will be sadly missed and never forgotten. Rest easy now, Don. You achieved so much for the club. We love you and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts." **Trevor, Mandy and Adelle Smith**

"His motivation in watching him make every attempt to get to each game just typifies his title of being 'Mr Chelmsford City' through and through. I've watched CCFC since 1966 and Don has been part of the furniture in so many different roles during that time and will be remembered forever in CCFC history. RIP Don." **Les Willsher**

"Despite failing health in recent years, Don was ever-present at Melbourne right through to our play-off semi-final. Widowed some years ago, Don remained resolute, chirpy and cheerful. With a pint in hand it would set him up for his 'match of the day'! The baton has been passed on and it is now up to all of us to carry this for the future success of our club. Don, or rather Mr Chelmsford City, will live in our hearts and in the spirit of the football club for future generations." **Martin Bissett**



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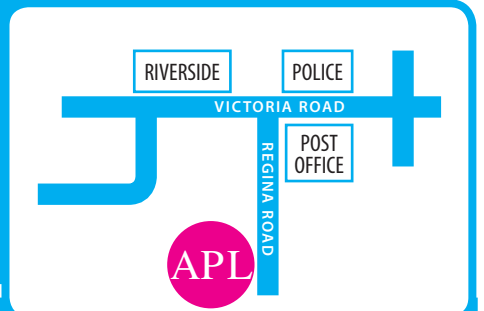
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# JIMMY GREAVES FINALLY GETS HIS 1966 WORLD CUP MEDAL

**It certainly is a funny old game, as Jimmy Greaves picks up his World Cup Winners' medal – 43 years after England's 1966 triumph**

The ex-Chelmsford, Tottenham and Chelsea striker, 69, was one of those in the squad who didn't play in the 4-2 win against West Germany. When England lifted the Cup, only those on the pitch at the final whistle got medals, but after FIFA finally agreed to honour them, he joined other players and backroom staff to collect his gong.

At a special reception at 10 Downing Street, Gordon Brown told them: "It is a tremendous honour to be the person who is presenting your medals. We are so proud of what you have done."

Footie legend George Cohen picked up a medal on behalf of the family of team manager Sir Alf Ramsey. Clutching his own medal, Greavsie beamed: "Sir Alf would have been proud." Former captain Jimmy Armfield said: "When I heard we were going to get the medals I thought, that is wonderful."

Others honoured included John Connelly, Ron Springett, Peter Bonetti, Gerry Byrne, Ron Flowers, Norman Hunter, Ian Callaghan, George Eastman and Terry Paine. ■



In 1962 with his FA Cup winner's medal.



Jimmy receives his World Cup medal.



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# Player Profiles

## Glenn Pennyfather



**(Head Coach):** Spent his playing days as a battling, hard-tackling full-back and midfielder, having started as a schoolboy at Southend United in the early eighties. Made 238 appearances for the Shrimpers, scoring 36 goals over a long spell at Roots Hall before Steve Coppell took him to Crystal Palace for £150,000 in 1987. Broke two records as their youngest ever player and by meriting their

record transfer fee recouped at the time. A series of injuries blighted his subsequent spells with Palace, Ipswich Town and Bristol City before moving into the part-time game at Stevenage Borough then Canvey Island, where he later became a coach. Enjoyed plenty of success in the Gulls' dugout alongside Jeff King, helping guide the club to promotions and FA Trophy Finals, before moving with King to Chelmsford in the summer of 2006 where the Ryman Premier title was secured in their second season at Melbourne.

## DEFENDERS

### Josh Brown



Left-sided defender who impressed during his brief spells amongst the First Team squad in the 2008/09 season after coming through the ranks of City's Youth and Reserve sides. Performed particularly well in an Essex Senior Cup tie at home to Southend Manor and has also been recognised by his County, playing a number of matches for the Essex Under 18s Representative Team during last season. Also spent time on loan with Witham Town in the Ryman League Division One North last year.

### Danny Bunce

Forward-thinking left-back who originates from West Ham United's Academy and Reserve set-ups where he played alongside Mark Noble and Anton Ferdinand. Was released in 2005 and obtained a trial with Oxford United before signing with their varsity rivals Cambridge United in November 2005. Danny went on to make 12 appearances for the Amber and Blacks before enjoying a more extended stay in the Blue Square Premier with Woking, playing around a century of games. Named as Players' Player of the Year in 2007/08, he was a firm fixture at the Kingfield Stadium but, when he didn't agree terms for 2009/10 after the Card's relegation, he opted to join City despite attracting interest from multiple Football League clubs.

### Anthony Cook



**(Defender/Midfield):** Young right-back or attacking right midfielder who originally began with Cardiff City's Academy and Reserves before being thrust into the limelight at Dagenham & Redbridge in 2007 when he featured in the second series of Sky One's reality T.V. show, Football Icon. Injury prevented him finishing any higher than fourth out of thousands of participants (the winner would have earned a professional contract with Chelsea) so he continued with the Daggers until the end of the 2007/08 campaign. Joined Ryman League outfit Concord Rangers the following season and made 27 appearances, including five goals, which led to him spending the final six weeks of the season at Braintree Town.

### Matthew Lock



Young right-back signed after the break-up of Team Bath in the summer. Started off at Exeter City as a professional via their youth training scheme and went on to make 30 appearances for the First Team in two years. Then joined university side Team Bath and spent five years there, racking-up over 100 outings which included some lengthy FA Cup runs. Matt used his U.E.F.A. 'B' coaching qualifications at both clubs when he worked with Exeter City Ladies and the Bath University Women's Team and he also coached in New Jersey, U.S.A. for a year.

## GOALKEEPERS

### Ashley Harrison



Highly competent custodian who made his name in Canvey Island's successful side, whose rise began in the late nineties. Kept goal during various FA Cup upsets and a 2001 FA Trophy victory at Villa Park. Stayed loyal to the Gulls yet spent a short time with Dover Athletic in the middle of his time at Park Lane. Previously caught the eye in a strong Basildon United Youth Team in the mid nineties when appearing in their FA Youth Cup upset of Chelsea and has also represented the British Universities side. Includes Southend Manor and Great Wakering Rovers amongst his other former clubs. Joined City in 2006.

### Craig Holloway

Holloway, who was most recently with Braintree Town last season, spent three years in the Gunners' Youth and Reserve Teams and made the bench in a selection of First Team fixtures. He also won the FA Youth Cup twice and previously spent time at West Ham United. Upon his release from Arsenal, Craig linked-up with Farnborough Town for the 2004/05 campaign, during which time he enjoyed a brief period with Southend United. He then joined Blue Square Premier club Gravesend & Northfleet (now Ebbsfleet United) the following season and subsequently ended-up at Cressing Road with Braintree last term.

### Ben Martin

Six-foot, seven-inch central defender in his mid-twenties with an impressive array of football under his belt, particularly with St. Alban's City. Harpenden Town were one of his earliest clubs before a short, four-game spell with Aylesbury United at the end of 2002/03 campaign. He impressed sufficiently to earn his chance in the Football League with Swindon Town where he spent 2003/04 in the Reserves, pulling on a First Team shirt once in the Football League Trophy as a late substitute at Boston United. After loan periods at Lincoln City, Stevenage Borough and Farnborough Town he was released by Manager Andy King and commenced the first of two spells with St. Albans. Season 2004/05 was ruined for Ben when he suffered a year out with cruciate knee ligament damage though he resurrected his career at Staines Town, Leighton Town, Wealdstone and Ashford Town (Middlesex) before returning to Clarence Park in December 2007. It was here that he forged arguably his most successful time in the game as he totalled 123 appearances for the club, which included football in the Conference National. Last year he scored a notable eight goals from defence, amongst them a hat-trick in a 5-4 defeat against Bromley and a diving header

against Chelmsford. As Team Captain, Ben won two Player of the Month awards which contributed to him being named Players' and Supporters' Club Player of the Year.

## Erkan Okay



Highly-rated left-back and occasional midfielder who was part of Histon's recent rise to Blue Square Premier prominence, making 199 appearances over a five-season period. Represented Cam-

bridgeshire at County level aged 14 and later joined the Academy at Ipswich Town, playing alongside Darren Bent in one game for the Under 17s in front of over 10,000 against Newcastle United at St. James' Park. After his release from the Suffolk club at the end of 2003/04 he made one appearance for Aylesbury United before joining Histon. Erkan was promoted twice with the Stutes and enjoyed lengthy FA Cup exploits but parted company with them in January 2009 and made a single appearance for Nuneaton Town before joining City. A qualified football coach, Erkan has also gained international experience within the England Futsal squad in Dubai and the England C squad, participating in a 2-0 win in Finland in 2007/08.

## Steve Ward



Experienced centre-half who possesses a distinguished record in non-league football for a small handful of clubs. Came through the youth ranks at Grays Athletic prior to an extended spell in

the full First Team which amounted to over four hundred appearances. Joined Canvey Island in October 1996 for £3,000 and spent a further decade at Park Lane, participating in live B.B.C. FA Cup ties and FA Trophy finals, forming an important part of Jeff King's revolution with the Gulls as Captain. After rising through the leagues to Conference National level, and upon King's move to City in the summer of 2006, Ward followed him to Melbourne and enjoyed further success as skipper, lifting the Ryman Premier championship trophy in 2008. Outside of club football Steve has represented the non-league England team, known as the National Game XI, against the Italy Under 21s side as well as the historical Middlesex Wanderers outfit on their travels as far afield as Japan.

## MIDFIELDERS

### Ollie Berquez



Began his football life as a trainee with Ipswich Town before departing the Portman Road club to make his debut for Gary Bellamy's City side in October 1997 having impressed in one of Chelmsford's strongest ever youth teams. Spent many distinguished seasons at the club, incorporating himself into the Dr. Martens League Eastern Division promotion-winning squad of 2001 before heading to pastures new at Braintree Town. Eventually joined Jeff King at Canvey Island in December 2002 and achieved notoriety in the Conference, appearing as a substitute in the FA Trophy Final against Hednesford Town at Villa Park in 2004. Moved sideways to Stevenage Borough in May 2005, then Woking in the same division, before starting a half-season spell with Maldon Town in the summer of 2007. Re-joined City later that year and was instrumental in the team's Ryman Premier title win of 2008. Has completed spells with Billericay Town and Dagenham & Redbridge in-between his other travels.

### Jamie Hand

Former Watford and England Under 19s player, most recently with Blue Square Premier outfit Ebbsfleet United. A tall, tough-tackling and steely central midfielder in his mid-twenties who has already racked-up around 150 Football League appearances as well as international honours. Spent five years as a trainee and First Team talent under Gianluca Vialli and Adie Boothroyd at Watford from 2001, making over fifty appearances and earning their Young Player of the Season Award in 2002/03. Jamie made his debut for the Hornets as an 18-year old substitute in an FA Cup tie against Arsenal. He subsequently spent periods out on loan with Oxford United, Livingston (near where he lived in Scotland as a young child) and Peterborough United before a controversial spell at Blue Square South club Fisher Athletic in early 2006. Jamie didn't play a minute of football for the Fish, fuelling speculation his move was purely to enable him to spend the rest of that campaign with Northampton Town on loan to exploit a loophole in the Transfer Window system. Regardless, Jamie helped the Cobblers out of Coca-Cola League Two thanks to a promotion and was reluctantly released before joining Chester City. He made over fifty appearances at the Deva Stadium prior to a sideways move to Lincoln City in 2007/08, followed by another loan period with Oxford United. Hand

signed for Ebbsfleet United at the start of 2007/08, making 24 appearances, one of his final games being a snow-abandoned home match against Burton Albion live on Setanta Sports. Joined City in the second half of 2008/09.

### Ricky Holmes



Young, tricky winger who burst into the City First Team after impressing in the youth set-up, netting his first goal with a header in a 3-2 home victory over Bromley which was the Claret's second ever match at Melbourne Stadium. Learned his trade initially with Southend United until his release, which was followed by spells at Essex Intermediate League club White Ensign and Southend Manor of the Essex Senior League. Was signed by City for the 2004/05 season to participate in their youth team from which he has quickly emerged to become one of the club's most gifted players. A football coach outside of his playing time, Ricky's talent was recognised via an England C call-up in February 2008, coming on as a substitute in a 2-1 victory over Wales. Has picked up a previous Young Player of the Year Award for City and won the Ryman League Premier Division title in 2007/08.

### Jon Keeling



Renowned local winger whose early football included time with Tilbury, Concord Rangers and Bishop's Stortford, as well as his initial stay at City. Enjoyed a short period with Reading in 2000 where he appeared in their Reserve Team but a longer time was spent with Purfleet (now Thurrock) starting in 2001/02. Played for a handful of months in the Conference with Dagenham & Redbridge a year later but injury wrecked his time there, leading to a return to Purfleet. Impressed sufficiently to be selected for England C in 2002/03 for their match in Belgium and that prompted Hornchurch to shell-out an undisclosed fee for the midfielder. Canvey Island then came calling in 2004/05, where Jon spent two seasons prior to a year with Gravesend & Northfleet (now Ebbsfleet United) in 2006/07 then a link-up with the Claret's in the summer of 2007, helping them to the Ryman title in 2008.

### Ricky Modeste

Left midfielder who progressed through City's Youth and Reserve Teams to spend time with the First Team during 2008/09 and become the club's Young Player of the Year. Educated at renowned establishment for sports excellence, Barking Abbey School, Ricky has been regularly selected for the Essex Under 18s Schools Representative Team and was also chosen to appear in series one of Sky One's reality show *Football Icon*, making the final six contestants. Spent time on loan at Witham Town last season.

### Dave Rainford

Joined from Dagenham & Redbridge in the summer of 2008, having previously been the only part-time player in the Coca-Cola Football League, combining football with his job as a teacher. Stepney-born ball-player who began his career at Layer Road with Colchester United as a trainee and professional before spending time on loan with Wivenhoe Town and Scarborough. Following this he joined the progressive Grays Athletic team which made swift advancement around the turn of the decade. After a brief stay with Heybridge Swifts, Dave enjoyed a three-year spell at Bishop's Stortford

before making his name with the Daggers, playing a vital part in their elevation to Football League status before holding down a regular place in their successful first survival season. Opted to depart Dagenham at the end of the 2007/08 campaign when offered a senior teaching role at a local school, after which City completed his acquisition despite having to fend-off the attentions of a posse of renowned clubs fighting for his signature.

### FORWARDS

#### Jason Hallett



Young, tough and uncompromising striker who began his career with local club Waltham Abbey before joining Canvey Island's Youth and Reserve Teams. Went on to net nine times for the Firsts in thirty-two outings at the top rung of non-league football, the Conference National, then made a parallel move to City with Manager Jeff King in the summer of 2006. Was unfortunate to pick-up an injury in his first City appearance, missing the rest of pre-season, but still scored thirteen goals in forty-eight matches in his first campaign,

of which thirty-one were substitute appearances. Suffered another serious injury setback in the first few games of 2007/08 but is now featuring prominently as one of the club's most potent attacking options.

#### Danny Hockton

Barking-born forward who enjoyed a 16-goal season with the Clarets during the 2001/02 campaign. Danny has a glistening reputation in the non-league game and has netted several times for other clubs against his new employers. Began his career at Millwall from 1996 to 2000, finding the net seven times in 44 appearances, 31 as a substitute. A loan spell at Leyton Orient followed before his first transfer outside the Football League to Stevenage Borough in January 2000. Eleven months later he moved to Dover Athletic and scored 9 goals in 12 starts prior to a £7,500 fee leading to his initial period at Chelmsford. After a season with the Clarets at New Lodge he signed for Crawley Town, then Billericay Town in 2003/04 for three seasons. Margate were next to secure his services and, during the 2006/07 campaign, he won the Ryman League Golden Boot award. Moves to Bromley and Braintree Town followed before joining the Clarets. ■



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# Player of the Year Award

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Those are just three of the plentiful accolades Dave Rainford has collected in his first season with the Clarets since joining from League football with Dagenham & Redbridge in the summer. 'Rains', as he is known by supporters and friends alike around the Melbourne circuit, picked-up the annual P.O.T.Y. gong after City's 4-1 victory over Weston-super-Mare on the final day, and he was delighted to have capped what he describes as a "special day" with the coveted silver-ware. "I was really pleased and my father and wife were there to see me collect the award," he explained.

"It was a great day which was made even better by the win and getting on the score sheet again."

The midfield maestro, who has weighed-in with seventeen goals so far this season, including a hat-trick against Eastleigh in October, has earned scores of admirers for his commanding performances in the centre of the park, and he is proud to have made such an impact so quickly: "I wanted to have a good start and to be embraced by the fans when I joined so it was important I worked hard from the start. I usually aim for double figures of goals in a season, but to get this many has surprised me a bit! The formation we play has helped as it allows me the licence to get forward." ▶

Dave Rainford receives his award.



Ricky Modeste, Young Player of the Year.

"I wanted to have a good start and to be embraced by the fans..."

**Dave Rainford**

Continued...

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City's Young Player of the Year was confirmed as Ricky Modeste, who has started to creep into First Team contention after a string of impressive showings in the Reserves.



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# SIR TREVOR BROOKING

**Sir Trevor Brooking, The FA's Director of Football Development, is leading a programme that places an emphasis on skill and enjoyment rather than results and it's hoped that the national team will benefit long term.**



Sir Trevor Brooking is passionate about the future for young players.

**Sir Trevor Brooking talks to City Life about the FA's commitment to developing grassroots football in England.**

“The FA introduced The FA Tesco Skills Programme just over two years ago for 5-11 year olds so that they can work on basic skills and exercise on a regular basis. It's been a great success and we're well on course for having one million children taking part by 2010.

The Football Association want youngsters to develop their skills, not feel that they have to win at all costs. They can't do that when parents are shouting at them to get forward.

Even if their team are losing every week, can they see an improvement in the child's ability? If so, then, as a nation, we will reap awards.

Everything that Fabio Capello puts into place on the pitch is about building up patterns of play from the back and we need a structure that allows children and grassroots coaches to follow that lead.

You see it in nations like Spain as well who are consistently producing quality youth players on a regular basis. We want children to follow the same philosophy and develop a style of play across all the age groups because getting the keepers to launch it long to the bigger lads up front isn't helping anyone at all.

It is crucial that technical skills are learned at a younger level. If youngsters aren't comfortable with the ball at their feet when they leave mini-soccer it is difficult to catch up.” ■



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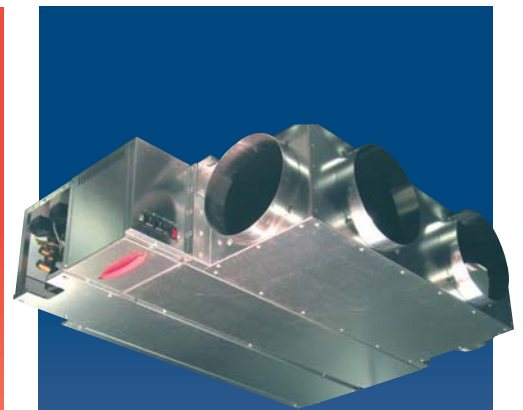
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Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur, Arsenal, West Ham, Southend, Ipswich Town and Colchester United... all good clubs, all have had success in some way via the youth system they run. However, all the above clubs' successes have been largely aided and abetted in some way by players from Chelmsford City Youth Football Club.

We have been fortunate enough to have been one of the "chosen" clubs that Academy's and Centre of Excellence standard clubs keep looking at to try and find their ongoing intake of talented youth footballers.

That trend may well continue, as the progression of players is something that Chelmsford City Youth holds dear to its heart. However, with the emergence of the Chelmsford City Elite Groups, there now lies an alternative pathway for players of a high calibre.

The Chelmsford City Elite Squads are made up with players from Under 13s, Under 14's, Under 15s and Under 16s age groups. All these players have one thing in common. They all want (and deserve) to play at the highest level possible.

The focus of the Elite is on player progression first and team success second. The Elite emulates the structure of that of any leading Premiership Academy. The squads train

twice a week and play in a league considered to be the "Premiership" of youth football in the region. All this is driven by a well structured and driven collection of people who are as passionate about player progression as the players are.

Many of the coaches involved have had experience of coaching within a Centre of Excellence or Academy. Head Coach Glen Wilkinson has been involved with the progression of youth football through a leading Premiership Club Academy for the past 14 years.

Each game, each players performance is analysed against the core principles of any footballer. This in turn gives the coach a clear idea of each player's progress requirements.

Next season, the set-up will be stepping up a gear with a fresh intake of players from the area, including a large number of players who have decided the best route for a good gradual progression is through the non-league route.

There will also be a new intake of skilled coaches who are all keen to get started with their respective age groups.

Pre-season will start mid-July with some specialist stamina work, moving on eventually to the business end of pre-season where

the players will have fixtures against Academies among their preparation games. Once the season starts, the players will be eager to continually impress as we will carry on looking for strong local talent via our own internal scouting section.

If you are one of those players who feel you could play at the highest level and have the potential to take your game forward, we would be happy to hear from you. Please make yourself known to me via the following email address: [cityelitegroups@aol.com](mailto:cityelitegroups@aol.com). Just leave some information about yourself and your current playing standard and I will contact you with further details.

Just as important, of course, are the coaches. Again, if you feel you have what it takes to be part of a well structured set-up and have some experience, I would be happy to talk to you. Email [cityelitegroups@aol.com](mailto:cityelitegroups@aol.com) with your contact details, and I will be in touch for an informal chat.

Lastly, if you are just an avid football fan and want to see some good-quality footballers doing their thing, then pop up to Melbourne on Sunday mornings to watch one of the age groups play – it will be great to see you. ■

**Glen Wilkinson**

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# CHELMSFORD CITY LADIES & GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB

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## Chelmsford City Ladies & Girls Football Club continue to be at the forefront of Women's & Girls' football within Essex.

The 2008/09 season has seen the club run two women's teams and girls' teams at under 14, 13 and 11 age groups, all playing league football. The club is continuously trying to nurture new talented younger players by also having an Under 10 Development squad who benefit from coaching by senior players. The squad do not play league matches but play friendly matches and mini-soccer festivals around the County.

The Women's First Team had a good pre-season by finishing as runners-up at the Umbro International Cup in Manchester before retaining the Essex County FA Charter Standard Trophy, which they have now won three years in succession. They were looking for a season of consolidation in the Eastern Region League Premier Division, following their promotion after winning the Division One South title last season. They found themselves top of the league for much of the season but a poor final run in saw Dagenham & Redbridge claim the title.

At the time of writing, results could see City still claim runners-up spot and can finish no lower than third. The club are continuously attracting

the interest of a number of talented players who express a wish to join which has seen a number of quality players joining this season from Ipswich Town Centre of Excellence and West Ham United to name just two.

The Reserve Team also have a blend of experienced players who have been joined by a number of the clubs talented Under-16 team. They also signed a trio of players from Harlow Athletic and the team just missed out on runners-up position in Division Two of the Essex County Women's League, by just one point

The Under-14 team have also done well by securing runners-up spot in Division Two of the Essex County Girls League. It was a tremendous achievement for the Management duo who have nurtured a talented squad.

The Under-13s were in a transition after a number of key players left and a new Management team took over. Some notable performances by the team have shown what the potential is and it has finished in a creditable mid-table position in Division One.

The Under-11s were neck and neck all season at the top of the Eastern Division with their local rivals and both teams finished with identical records. A play-off game for the Championship saw the match finish 1-1. In extra time, with only two minutes left and a penalty shoot-out looming, Charlotte Barnard stepped up to net the winner to seal the title in dramatic fashion.

For next season, City are looking to run the two Senior Women's Teams and teams at Under 15, Under 14 and Under 12 age groups. They will still be developing their Under 10 team for the future. ■

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# Chelmsford City Youth FC

**Foundations of the youth section start with grass roots football, this starts with the development squad, where youngsters aged between 5 and 6 start out on their football pathway**

This year has seen a successful start in getting an annual European tour of varying age groups and in which would hopefully end in a swap back and forwards of venues. The under 15s visited OOV Oostvoorne, which is based near Rotterdam in Holland. The tournament involved four teams and each team played each other for a chance to play in Sundays final. On the first day we heard of the sad loss of our dear departed president Don Walker and all three clubs showed great respect to us and to our club as we held a minutes silence in the remembrance of the man who will always be in our hearts.

The under 15s came away victorious and won the final 4-2 on penalties after a hard-fought 1-1 draw. The whole tournament was enjoyed by all teams and next year's has already been pencilled in with the hope of more age groups getting involved.

The youth section at Chelmsford City is always looking to improve and push the boundaries further as to be the best in the area, we have the main club behind us. We

try to give youngsters the best possible start on the football ladder, training on grass during the summer months and progressing onto Astroturf for the winter. Chelmsford City is striving to be the club that all the best local youngsters want to play for, as we search for the more talented youngsters who make it onto our first team stage. We have expanded our youth section with the new branded "elite" set up, which is now the pinnacle of the youth.

We have also had a huge campaign this year to have all our coaches complete a minimum of a level 1 coaching course with safe guarding children, emergency aid and a CRB check, this has gone a long way to our completion of our FA community club status.

May the coming season hold even better opportunities for us as we strive further forward and we are being embraced into the main club under the CIC structure as we begin to be a force. ■

**Gordon Williams**

## HONOURS THIS YEAR GO TO:

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**Under 16 Clarets** who were Runners-up in the Chelmsford Youth League Knock-out Cup





# FOOTBALL in the COMMUNITY

**Our Community Programme is all about inclusion. We aim to create sporting opportunities for as many people as possible in and around the Chelmsford area.**



**Beat The Keeper at the Sport Relief Mile.**

Since its inception around 10 years ago by Gary Bellamy, first team manager at that time, the programme has been gradually expanded from a part-time venture fitted in around working with the first team to its current status with myself as full-time Community Officer, and Liam Daniels as full-time community coach. A number of part-time coaches add valuable support to the coaching team.

Coaching qualifications are obviously important but working with young children is more about developing a huge amount of patience and understanding about how each child may be feeling.

In my opinion, increasing confidence and self esteem in children is much more important than the sport you are coaching.

Our motto is, "you don't have to be the best, just the best that you can be".

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

Special educational needs coaching within the programme is developing as our coaching staff increase their knowledge and experience in this field.

Coaching people with special educational needs encompasses a diverse range of disabilities both physical and mental. Coaching at such sessions can be challenging but is also very rewarding.

We are now getting involved with very specific disability coaching such as football for blind and partially sighted people, and deaf and hearing-

impaired footballers.

Last year I attended a prestigious three-day course at The Royal National College for the Blind in Herford with 40 coaches from all over Great Britain and Ireland. The course was run by the manager of the Great Britain blind team and assisted by the Spanish team manager.

On the final day of the course we were able to watch the Great Britain team go through their paces, from orientating themselves to the pitch area, through warm-ups, ball work, formation work, set pieces and finally on to match play. It was fantastic to watch. Three days before this I couldn't imagine a blind person being able to play football.

In June I managed to complete my Level 1 in British Sign Language thanks to funding raised last year at a charity auction organised by local company Layton Blackham. I hope to go on and complete Level 2 in the next academic year.

This expertise will help us to expand on our existing work in local special schools such as the newly named Columbus School and College, where we run two after-school football clubs, The Thriftwood School, at which we provide a lunch time football club, and Trinity Road Primary School's speech and language unit, where we do football during lesson time.

## **LOCAL SCHOOLS**

A substantial amount of our work is in local mainstream primary and

infant schools during lesson time, covering a wide range of PE skills in line with the National Curriculum. This will involve very basic skills for the youngest up to specific sports and the kind of tactics employed in such games for those in their last year at primary school.

After-school sports clubs are very popular at the moment and with schools being asked to develop an "extended schools programme", more and more choice is becoming available to pupils.

We are now running clubs for tag rugby and quick cricket as well as football and will be running other sports clubs in the near future. This very much fits in with our aim of inclusion in sport. As difficult as I find it to understand, having football blood running through my veins, some children are not that keen on football, but are happy to take part in other sports.

We also like to help out at school fetes and healthy schools weeks where we do talks as well as some physical activity.

## **TERM-TIME COACHING SESSIONS**

Outside of our school work during term-time we currently run three evening sessions and one Saturday morning session that any child within the age band can attend. These sessions are suitable for absolute beginners and hardened footballers alike.

All sessions are aimed at the maximum amount of time spent playing



Fun games at our Saturday morning session.



the game in one form or another rather than standing listening to the coaches for half the time.

#### LINKS

Over the years, strong links have been forged with Chelmsford Borough Council's Sports Development team, Essex County FA, Chelmsford School Sport Partnership, the Chelmer Housing Partnership and a number of other organisations. I do my best to ensure that we are involved in community projects set up by our local partners. These include such things as disability days and fun days.

#### HOLIDAY COURSES

We run courses during all the school holidays. These are again predominantly based on children having a great time and providing opportunities for learning within the games that we play. The courses that we run cater for children from 4-11 years old and are staffed by qualified coaches with experience of working with young children.

#### CONTACTS

To learn more about our community programme or take part in any of our sessions please contact me on 07990 673213 or e-mail me at stoppercoach@aol.com. We are always on the look-out for sponsorship from local businesses to help us continue and expand on the work that we do, so give me a call if you feel this may be of interest to you. ■

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## A message of support from Mayor of Chelmsford, Councillor Tony Sach



As a local boy, living in Writtle for most of my 50-odd years, it is with great pride and anticipation that I take up the office of Mayor of Chelmsford for the next year. It is a great honour. Over the years I have been keenly involved in a number of local sporting clubs, including playing cricket and football, and am very much aware of the hugely important part our local

sporting clubs play within our communities. Chelmsford City Football Club (CCFC) is of course right at the centre of our borough in more ways than one.

I see many parallels between the Mayoralty and our football club. Both institutions are rooted at the heart of our community, representing unity, local pride and championing local people and causes. They say home is where the heart is, and while focus is often drawn

old – and by championing their causes, it will hopefully encourage not only more support for them, but also perhaps provide a little inspiration to those who have yet to give back to their community, to do so.

As I go through my Mayoral year, my hopes for the Clarets run similarly. As a supporter, last season for the Clarets had its moment of glory including reaching the play-offs for the Blue Square Conference South in our first season. We also won the Essex Senior Cup – an impressive trophy which I understand in the past, was displayed in the Mayor's Parlour when the Clarets lacked a home ground, before their happy return to Chelmsford. It is therefore rather bitter-sweet that I won't have the pleasure of having it in the Parlour during my tenure! If we perform as well as we did last season, and perhaps manage to push ourselves to even greater achievements, it could generate greater awareness and support for the club. Making it into the Blue Square Conference and a good run in the FA Cup might do the trick?

Chelmsford City Football Club has a huge part to play in our borough. It is integral to our local economy,

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away to national issues – where the big names, the big money and the big publicity are – CCFC, and similarly, the Mayoralty of Chelmsford, keeps our hearts and minds where our roots are.

During my year as Mayor I hope to meet many citizens of Chelmsford, particularly those who volunteer in our society, and to be able to shine a spotlight on many of our borough's unsung heroes. By highlighting the achievements of many of our local people – young and

community cohesion, civic pride, support of youth, talent and local business. Without support from all areas of our borough, it could never survive, but it has a great deal to give back in return – something I feel is also true of the Mayoralty.

I wish the Clarets every success over the coming season and I look forward to supporting them, and the many inspirational and dedicated people of our borough, during my year as Mayor.



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# NEWS FROM THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB

**I would like to dedicate this section to one man, Don Walker, Mr Chelmsford City, who sadly died over the summer months. Don will be greatly missed by all at Chelmsford City.**

From the early seventies as coach and then Manager Don stayed loyal to the club he loved and filled most if not all capacities at the Club. President of both Chelmsford City and the Supporters Club, Don will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. I doubt the Club will ever be able to replace such a vastly respected and much loved servant and fan of the club. It was a pleasure and privilege to have known Don.

With the new season dedicated to Don, the fans are seeing the new squad take shape. With a few departures, the nucleus of last season squad retained and new players signed the first game is fast approaching and the excitement and anticipation is growing.

The Club has progressed quickly since its return to the Borough. Those that remember the time playing out of Maldon and Billericay will recall the important role that the Supporters' Club then undertook to ensure that match days went ahead. Like now, the vast majority of the turnstile operators, programme sellers and stewards are Supporters' Club Members. We aim to work with the Club Directors in continuing the progress of the Club off the pitch in addition to raising much-needed funds for the Club. The Supporters' Club ensures that the fans' voice can be put to Directors. We continue to staff the club shop on match day and organise away-match travel for fans to support the Team on their travels.

Membership of the Supporters Club remains unchanged for 2009-10 season at £1 for entry-level membership or an upgrade to £5 adults / £3 concessions. The upgrade offers, in addition to in-year updates and away travel club booking preference, Supporters' Club member discounts on city branded clothing items available in the club shop. Joining details can be found in the club shop, open match days. Please think about

joining this season, and thank you to those existing members renewing your memberships.

The Supporters' Club is a great vehicle to mobilise the Supporters when the Club has a need / requirement for funds away from what happens on the pitch. The players' tunnel installed for the final game of last season was an 18-month fund raiser appeal that had the Supporters' Club raise not only the money required to purchase the tunnel but also the fantastic sum of over £4,000 for Chelmsford Hospice in a three-peaks sponsored event. Without the generosity of Chelmsford City supporters and in particular Callaway Sykes Associates and Tangent Resourcing, the amount required would have seemed impossible. So well done to all involved, everyone's contributions were most welcome.

As a fundraiser for 2009-10 we turn our attention to 'raise the roof' the aim to provide covered terracing behind one goal. The scale of the project means a joint project with the Club and I hope the Supporters' Club can supply at least two of the sections required to cover the entire end. To help us achieve this aim we will be running a couple of main fundraisers at the social club plus a sponsored event planned for next summer. The first event for this year will be a sponsored walk to our first away game at Woking. With two walkers already signed up, pledges are being taken on match day at the club shop and via the fans website.

It promises to be a good season ahead. Conference main football is a realistic goal and one which we are all working towards. Good luck to Glen and the Team for the new season.

Up the City, wheel 'em in.

**Paul Gorrie**  
**Supporters' Club Chair**

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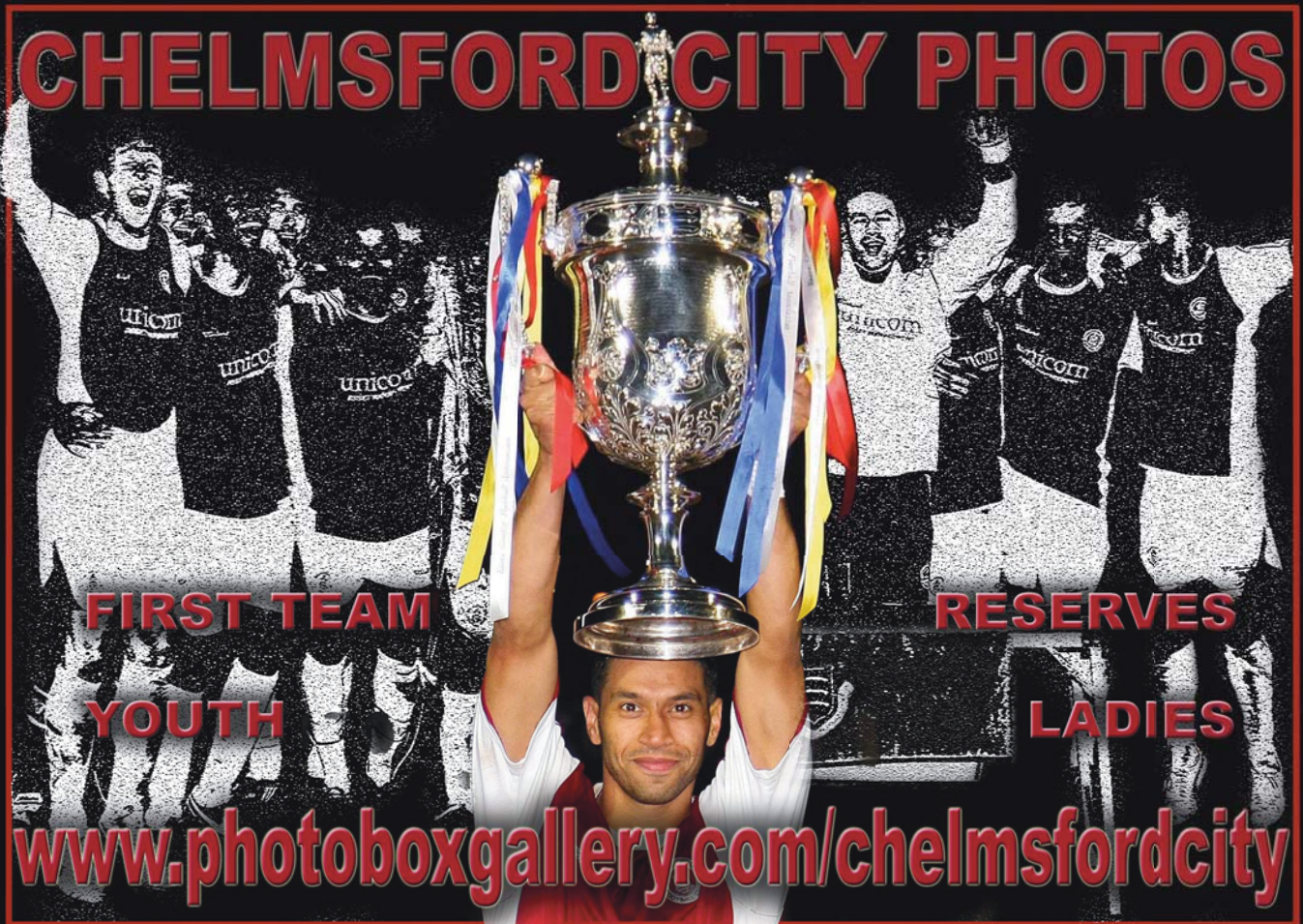
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With two exciting seasons already under our belts, the Blue Square brand has become increasingly synonymous with football in the UK and the third season of the Blue Square Premier, North and South looks to be the best one yet. Since Blue Square began its sponsorship of the Football Conference in 2007, the popularity of football in the lower leagues has enjoyed a healthy rise. In the past it has often only been spoken about in small circles and read about in the results pages of the Sunday newspapers. However thanks to increased media coverage in the press, as well as full live match coverage on television, awareness of non-league football has continued to grow.

The standard of football within the Blue Square leagues has also seen a sharp rise over the last two seasons, with the likes of Burton Albion and Torquay United being promoted to League Two and AFC Wimbledon winning promotion to the Blue Square Premier after just one season in the Blue Square South.

A glance at last season's Coca Cola League Two table provides another example of lower league success, where 2008/09 Blue Square runners-up Exeter City secured a second place finish to win back to back promotions. Add to that the heroics of the Blue Square teams in the FA Cup including Havant & Waterlooville's trip to Anfield, it's easy to see that the injection of sponsorship and financial incentives from Blue Square has helped clubs and their players significantly improve upon their performances.

In addition to the success stories of the non-league teams, raising awareness and interest in the Football Conference amongst the community has been integral to Blue Square's sponsorship plan. Without the input and support of the community, the Blue Square Premier, North and South would not

have acquired the status and prominence they now thoroughly deserve and enjoy.

Blue Square's 'Square Up' competition is a good example of how the brand has tried to engage with the football community and rewards fans loyalty to their clubs. Played for the past two seasons, each Football Conference team has been offered the chance to run the half-time game at their home matches, which requires participants to play keepie uppie with a blue, square ball. The highest scorer from each club automatically receives a pair of season tickets and finalists are then invited to the Blue Square Premier Play-Off Final at Wembley to battle it out in front of a live audience to win a huge £10,000 cash prize.

Basingstoke Town fan, Jack Miller became the 2009 Square Up champion in May after a closely fought final. This was Jack's second year of attending the Square Up final, having narrowly missed out on the grand prize the previous season. The delighted football fanatic received his £10,000 cheque on his 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday this June.



Jack Miller, 2009 Square Up champion.



For further information on the Blue Square Premier North and South visit : [www.bluesqfootball.com](http://www.bluesqfootball.com)



**City Life ventures behind the scenes at Setanta's last season of live broadcasting non-league football and discovers a number of Chelmsford City connections in front of and behind the cameras.**

Integral to the live broadcast is an ex-footballer, Videotape co-ordinator Neil Housley and his production team. You may remember the name; this former Chelmsford City player has come a long way since his time with the Clarets. His new team are responsible for each and every replay during the live broadcast, and his knowledge of the game is held in high esteem by Setanta's fifty outside-broadcast staff.

At the 1pm production meeting, four hours before the broadcast begins, the producer Matt Curtis talks the team through a 25-page running order that breaks down the complete broadcast by the second. The preparation is over – all 12 cameras are checked, 13 microphones are in position around the pitch and a 38-page stat-pack is given out. No panic, no histrionics – everyone is relaxed. Team spirit and a relaxed working environment are the dominant themes at Setanta.

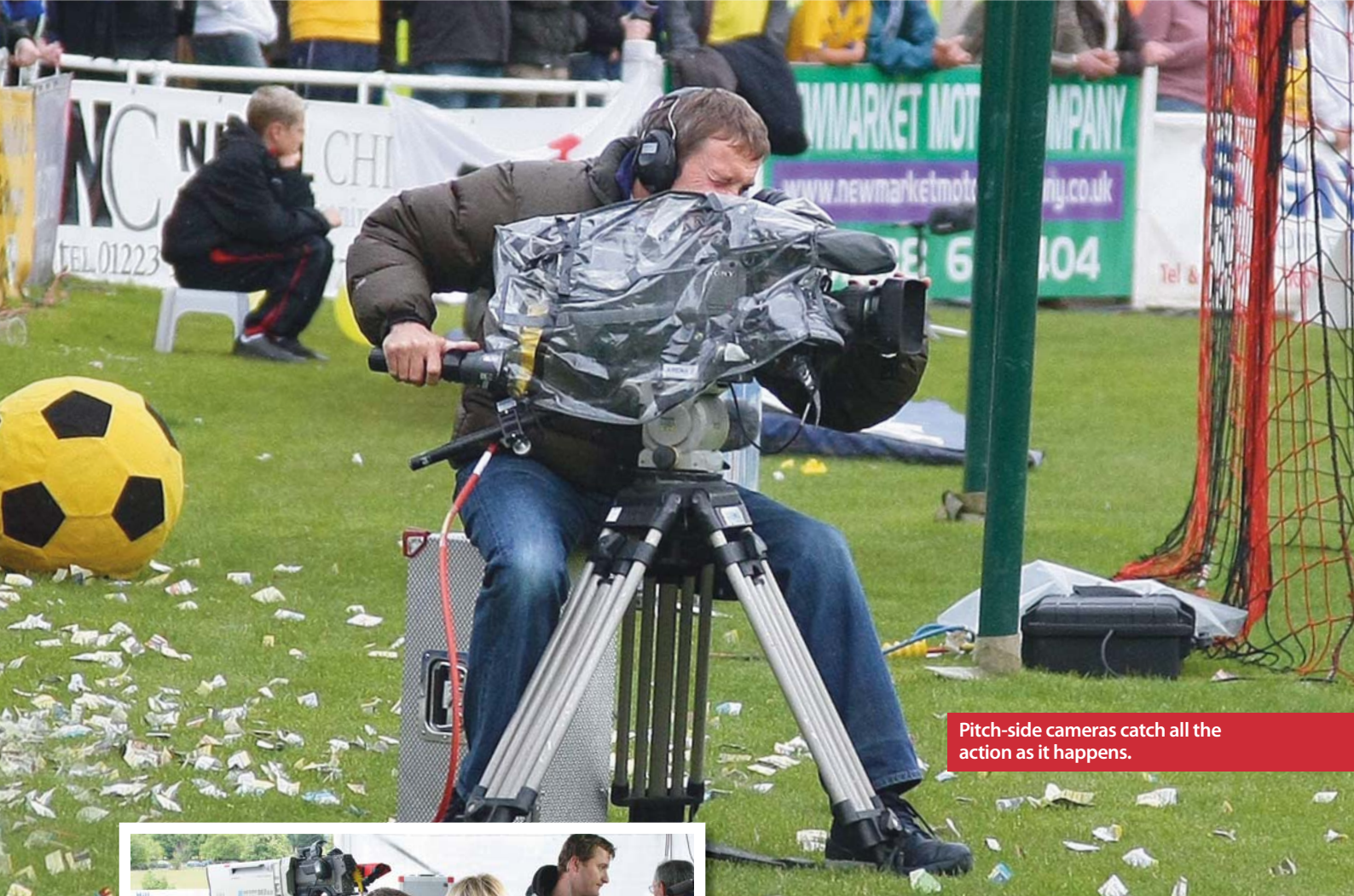
On completion of our tour with production manager Josie Cornes of two trucks and two smaller vans that house Setanta's production staff, our attention turns to the broadcast itself and to another Chelmsford City connection, ex-manger, Paul Parker. Unlike Neil Housley, his work is done in front of the cameras. After a quick chat (see page 39), we head for the pitch.

Camera One, on the gantry above the halfway line, is always on the ball and is the camera most frequently used. Choosing when to deviate is the key role of Rob Levi, the match director and life-long West Ham fan. He changes camera at the touch of a button but he

never does so without letting the cameramen know, via his headset, that he is about to do so. "The most important thing is you're live on the pitch – you let the viewers see what they want to see," he tells me. "You don't put in lots of replays, unnecessary replays, you don't want to show lots of faces in the crowd. The worst thing is when you're watching a replay and you



**Mission control: every angle of every camera can be viewed from the Setanta production trailer.**



Pitch-side cameras catch all the action as it happens.



In make-up before going live.

hear a roar, you're thinking, 'What's going on?' You can't see it. So I just try and keep it simple and just show the game." It is this enthusiasm – and mountains of chocolate, cakes and crisps – that keeps the staff going through their nine-hour day. On asking Housley how producing replays compares to playing the game, he replies, "It's the next best thing." And I believe him.



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# Paul PARKER

**Paul Parker, ex-Chelmsford Manager, ex-player with QPR, Fulham and Manchester United, who was a crucial player at the 1990 World Cup with England.**

A central defender, Paul Parker started his career with Fulham before joining QPR, where he made his name as a nippy and incisive defender. His prowess was noticed by England coach Bobby Robson who, establishing he could also play at right back, gave him his international debut against Albania in 1989.

Parker continued to play centrally for his club while deputising for the first-choice Gary Stevens on the right side of defence for country. He was selected as Stevens' back-up for the 1990 World Cup in Italy and, with Stevens putting in a disappointing display in the opening 1-1 draw with the Republic of Ireland, Parker was put in the team, just five caps into his career.

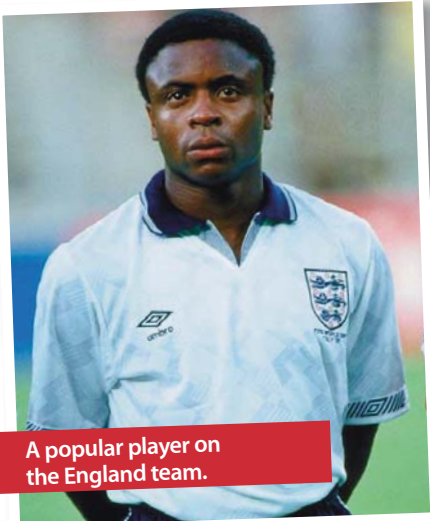
He stayed there, playing comfortably behind Chris Waddle as England progressed through their group and as far as the semi-finals, where they met West Germany. Here two incidents would define Parker's career.

With the score at 0-0, the Germans won a free kick just outside the England penalty area early in the second half and as the ball was tapped to Andreas Brehme, Parker sprinted from the defensive wall to try to block the shot. Instead, it clipped off him at such an angle that the ball looped high into the air and swirled round and over goalkeeper Peter Shilton and into the net. The goal was credited to Brehme, but Parker managed to make amends with fewer than ten minutes to play. Collecting the ball down the right flank, he looked up and sent a high and dangerous ball towards Gary Lineker. The German defenders got in each other's way and Lineker found room to score with a far post shot. The game ended 1-1 and England departed on penalties. Parker emerged from the tournament as one of England's many successes.

Parker was sold by QPR to Manchester United for £2 million on 8

August 1991, and he made his debut (now as a specialist right back) against Notts County the same month.

He won a League Cup winners medal in 1992, a Premiership title medal a year later, and another Premiership title medal and the FA Cup a further year on. After retiring from playing, he served as the manager of Chelmsford City. ■



**A popular player on the England team.**



**Parker speaks with City Life.**

## **City Life catches up with ex-Chelmsford manager Paul Parker at a recent televised match**

**You enjoyed a distinguished career for club and country. What one moment would you give as your career highlight?**

I would say that the highlight was playing for my country in Italia '90.

**You've played with some football legends – Eric Cantona, Roy Keane and David Beckham to name a few. Who would you say was the best?**

I only played with him for my country, but I would have to say Gazza was the best.

**When managing Chelmsford City did you draw on your experience from playing under Fergie or was there a more influential mentor?**

I would have to say that I tried to do it my way, some might say that was not good enough but I believe it was the only way given Chelmsford's circumstances at that time.

**You've played under Bobby Robson, Alex Ferguson, Graham Taylor, Terry Venables, Jim Smith and Trevor Francis. Who was your favourite manager?**

Major juggling act to pick one from Jim Smith, Sir Bobby Robson and Sir Alex Ferguson. Three great men to work for!

**Would you ever consider football management again?**

Only if someone could guarantee that I would be successful!

**For those young players here at Chelmsford City, what would be the most valuable advice you could give?**

Make sure school remains as big a part of your life as football, as it will give you another option after your playing days.



# Welcome to Chelmsford

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Chelmsford's heritage dates back to Neolithic times, although it wasn't until the arrival of the Romans in AD60 that a small town began to grow. Chelmsford was then named Caesaromagus or 'market-place of Caesar', giving it the great honour of bearing the name of Caesar – the only town in Britain to do so. After the Romans left, Saxon farmers settled in the countryside around the town, which was then known as Ceolmaer's Ford.

It wasn't until the reign of King John that the modern town as we know it began to develop. The then Bishop of London, William de Sainte-Mère-Eglise, was granted the right to hold a weekly market on Fridays at 'Chelmersford in Essex' by King John. The market has continued to operate for more than 800 years since, and Chelmsford rapidly emerged as the county town of Essex.

In the 19th century, Chelmsford's modern importance was secured as it became established as a centre of industry and commerce, with the best known example being the birthplace of broadcasting. Guglielmo Marconi, the pioneer of radio, built the world's first radio factory in Hall Street, Chelmsford in 1899, with a new factory opening in 1912 in New Street. On the 15th June 1920, the first entertainment radio broadcast was made from Chelmsford, featuring Dame Nellie Melba – a famous opera soprano of the time. Chelmsford's long and rich history can be explored further at Chelmsford Museum in Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street. You can pick up a Museum Friends' Chelmsford and Moulsham historical walking guide from the museum, so you can discover more of the town's fascinating history on foot.



## Culture Vultures

If you're looking for a cultural fix, Chelmsford offers a huge range of entertainment and cultural events to enjoy.

With two theatres featuring a packed programme of drama, music, dance, comedy, amateur productions, children's theatre and film, there is plenty of entertainment on offer for all ages. The original home of Turner Prize winning potter, Grayson Perry, Chelmsford is often host to a variety of travelling art exhibitions that can be viewed at Chelmsford Museum.

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Spectacle (a large-scale outdoor evening performance), and the Christmas lights switch-on in November. For music lovers, there is something to suit all tastes, whether it be enjoying a classical music recital in the ornate surroundings of Hylands House, or catching the hottest rock, pop and soul acts from around the world at the annual V Festival in Hylands Park.

### Relax and unwind

If you want to leave behind the hustle and bustle of the town centre, Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers have a wealth of superb parks, gardens, rural villages and open spaces to explore and enjoy.

With some 1,507 acres (610 hectares) of parks, six of which have been awarded Green Flag status, there are plenty of places to relax and unwind. Venture further into the countryside and explore beautiful villages such as Pleshey with its castle mound, Stock with its windmill or the quiet appeal of Great Waltham and Writtle. If nature is your thing, Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre is well worth a visit, as is Lingwood Common, Blake's Wood and Galleywood Common. You could even go on an organised Wildlife Walk with Chelmsford Museum's Keeper of Natural History.

Situated on the River Can and the River Chelmer, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the beautiful countryside from the water. There is also an abundance of angling locations, including fishing lakes and Hanningfield Reservoir. Whether you prefer to explore the area on two feet or two wheels, there is an abundance of cycleways and footpaths, including parts of the Essex Way, to discover.

### Go sport mad

Whether you like watching or playing, Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers have a huge variety of first-class sport and leisure facilities to choose from.

Enjoy a traditional game of cricket at the Ford County Cricket Ground, home of Essex County Cricket Club, or shout from the stands at a Chelmsford City football match. Riverside Ice and Leisure Centre boasts the only ice skating rink in Essex and is home to the Chelmsford Chieftains, while South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre offers an award-winning swimming pool and brand new climbing wall. You could even relax with a round or two at one of Chelmsford's golf courses. Chelmsford also has a huge variety of sports clubs, including angling, athletics, boxing, canoeing, martial arts, roller-skating and sailing.

In the surrounding countryside and villages, there are plenty of other activities to keep you on the go, including kayaking at Paper Mill Lock, horse-riding, hiking, clay pigeon shooting and cycling.

### Chelmsford for children

While there are plenty of things to keep the adults busy, Chelmsford also offers a wide variety of activities to appeal to little people too.

Chelmsford even has its own special festival designed especially for the under fives, the 3foot People Festival, with an enchanted garden, singing, dancing, puppet shows, strolling entertainers, giant sand pit and mini zoo to enchant them.

## FRIENDS OF CITY: FRIENDS OF YOURS

*the Clarets*



The Friends of City Club is made up of local businesses that are proud to be associated with Chelmsford City Football Club. As well as promoting their business between themselves at monthly business meetings they also aim to promote themselves to the Chelmsford City support base. You can be sure of a warm welcome when you contact them, so please remember to call a friend first when you need a helping hand or advice.

Friends of City can also be found on the front page of our web site. Those who join the Friends of City club benefit from a listing of their business in the programme directory and website as well as monthly networking meetings, all for £30 per month.

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Enjoy the great outdoors.



Other great places to visit with children include Marsh Farm Country Park, Tropical Wings World of Wildlife, Riverside Ice & Leisure Centre, Ten Pin bowling alley or any of Chelmsford's award-winning parks.

To keep children active and healthy, the Council's four sports centres run a wide range of fun and energetic term-time, after school and holiday courses. These include dance, trampolining, ice-skating, swimming, climbing, go-karts, football, gymnastics and athletics. There is also a regular programme of workshops and activity days for children held at Hylands Estate and Chelmsford Museum covering everything from art and crafts to becoming a magician.

## Shop 'til you drop

With a huge range of shops, arcades and boutiques, Chelmsford is the perfect place for some retail therapy.

Just off the pedestrianised High Street, both The Meadows and High Chelmer shopping centres are packed with well known high street names. For something a little more individual, the boutiques and specialist stores of Moulsham Street and Baddow Road offer luxury labels, jewellery, interiors, art and gifts. Chelmsford originated as a market town and keeps this tradition thriving with both the indoor Retail Market off Market Square, and with regular Farmers' Markets, Continental Markets and Gourmet Food Fayres in the High Street.

If you're looking for the perfect gift, head to Moul-

sham Mill Craft & Business Centre off Parkway, offering a broad selection of gifts and handicrafts including pottery, lace, glass, hand painted T-shirts, ethnic clothing and dolls houses. The new Stables Centre at Hylands Estate features resident artists and craftsmen such as glass work, painting, silver jewellery and textiles. There is also a large gift shop and information and interpretation rooms. After all that shopping, why not relax with a cup of tea at Huttons Courtyard Café?

## Wining & dining

Chelmsford has an enormous array of places to eat and drink, from country pubs to cosmopolitan bars and cafés. The town centre also offers a vibrant nightlife, with dozens of bars and clubs to choose from.

There are over 100 places to eat in the town centre alone, offering the best of British, to cuisines from all around the world. Whether it's three-course à la carte dining at a riverside restaurant you're after, a Sunday roast and a pint at a thatched country pub, or a quick snack on the hoof, there is something to suit everyone's tastes. If you enjoy making your own delicacies, Chelmsford boasts a huge range of local specialist food producers and suppliers. Scattered around the Borough, a wide variety of farm shops and traditional butchers and bakers can be found. Closer to town, the High Street Farmers' Markets, Continental Markets and Gourmet Food Fayres offer local and national delicacies including game, olives, seafood, fruit and



Great places to eat and drink, day and night.



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vegetables, patisserie, speciality sausages and hand-made confectionery.

### Getting about

Situated in the heart of Essex just 30 miles north east of London, Chelmsford is easy to get to by plane, train and car. Once here, getting about could not be easier.

**By car:** Chelmsford is within a 15 minute drive of junction 28 of the M25 giving excellent access to the national road network. The A12, which links London with the east coast of England, is within easy reach. There are over 5000 parking spaces available in Chelmsford's many car parks.

**By bus:** Chelmsford's Park and Ride site at the A12/A414 road junction provides quick and easy access into Chelmsford town centre. First Bus operates an extensive service around the area. For more information on services contact 0870 6082608 or call into the Travel & Visitor Information Centre at the bus station on Duke Street. National Express also provides routes to the rest of the UK and Europe. For more information call 01245 283400 or 01245 263859. There are also seven public transport information kiosks located around the town, including outside the train station and inside County Hall.

**By rail:** Chelmsford has excellent rail links with London and the rest of the East of England. Up to six trains an hour connect Chelmsford to London Liverpool Street with a journey time of about 35 minutes. In 2012, Chelmsford will be only 25 minutes from the London Olympic Games site. Chelmsford's rail station is located in the heart of the town centre. For more information on rail services call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950.

**By air:** Stansted Airport is within 30 minutes of Chelmsford. From the airport, Chelmsford can be reached by the regular X30 Bus Service, by taxi or by road on the A120 and A130.

**Cycling:** Chelmsford has over 30km of designated cycle routes to explore. To pick up a free cycle map, either pop into the Chelmsford Travel & Visitor Information Centre at the bus station, or call Essex County Council on 01245 437238.

**Taxis:** There are approximately eight taxi ranks around Chelmsford. Location maps are available free, at the Travel & Visitor Information Centre. Taxi phone numbers are available at one of seven touch screen information kiosks located around the town. ■



### Worldwide in its appeal, football captures the imagination in a way no other sport does.

We spoke to Lord Herman Ouseley, founder of the game's equality and inclusion campaign, Kick It Out, on how it's used the game's mass appeal to educate and inform fans for generations to come.

Football. Soccer. The Beautiful Game. A game with its roots in Victorian England that has gone on to captivate the world. Matches from the English Premier League are watched by tens of millions of fans every week on television screens across the globe. Clubs and their players are household names thousands of miles away from cities such as Manchester and Liverpool. Superb stadia showcase many of the world's finest professional players, attracted by some of the best conditions in the sporting world.

How different to the 1970s? Then, club games were rarely televised and football stories were as much about hooliganism as performances on the pitch. Shabby venues and lacklustre playing styles led to reduced crowds, and a general malaise hung over the professional game. As the sons of immigrant families began to show their ability on the field, another element entered the game. Racism.

The overt racism on the terraces was easily identified, though rarely spoken about. Less obvious racism, for example in the selection of football apprentices, was harder to detect, but present nonetheless. Football had fallen from grace from the post-War glory years. But if the 70s were bad, the 1980s were even worse. A series of disasters, where many fans were tragically killed or seriously injured led to a ban on English clubs competing in Europe, and left many people wondering if there was any future for the game. If professional football was to survive and thrive, it needed to take a good long look at itself, and change many of the ways it did things. The Hillsborough stadium disaster in 1989, where 96 lives were lost, was the final straw. The Taylor report that followed proposed sweeping changes to enhance safety on the terraces, and most grounds were rebuilt or replaced over the next few years.

Developments in the game began to gather pace, and with the formation of the FA Premier League, increased funding was available, mainly through

television rights deals. Football was moving centre stage, the Premier League was attracting players from around the world, and crowds flocked to see the exciting matches now on offer.

However, racist chanting could often be heard in certain grounds, and black players were still verbally abused by some so-called fans. The football authorities recognised that something needed to be done to improve attitudes and behaviour on the terraces. In 1993 'Kick It Out' was founded by Ouseley.

"My experiences at football matches, in local government service and as Chair and Chief Executive of the Commission for Racial Equality, meant I was able to introduce practical ways of raising awareness of racial discrimination and injustice, and enhancing the anti-racist message. From day one the support from fans and the Professional Footballers Association was positive. It did, however, take a little longer to get an overwhelming 'buy-in' from the professional clubs and governing bodies on setting up a group specifically designed to tackle racism."

The Professional Footballers Association,

The FA Premier League, the Football Foundation and the Football Association continue to fund the project, which was given a broad remit to challenge racism and promote positive change throughout the football, educational and community sectors.

"Over the past 15 years we've worked on several different strategies to tackle racism," continues Ouseley. "One of the most prominent is our 'One Game, One Community' weeks of action, which take place every October. This is a 12 day period where professional football links up with society at large, from schools and universities to community groups and local authorities in a united stand for equality in the game."

The initiative recorded an unprecedented 1,000 activities last year making the 'weeks' the largest campaign of its kind in the world.

"Many of the models pioneered at Kick It Out are being successfully exported to other countries. We now head up the FARE (Football Against Racism in Europe) network working with anti-racist organisations on ways to stamp out discrimination on a European scale. Certain parts of the continent

still suffer from the reconstructed ignorant attitudes once prevalent in the UK. It's here where we can draw from the experiences of yesteryear to offer advice and guidance to our European counterparts."

And although there's work to be done on these shores; the scourge of islamaphobia, anti-semitism and homophobia are just three examples of problematic areas that continue to blight the game both at professional and grassroots level, Ouseley concludes that England's footballing landscape is in better health than in 1993, the year Kick It Out was founded.

"Collectively, we've been able to move the game on in England significantly to a point where support structures are in place to look after not just homegrown players but nurture the talent that comes from overseas. The past decade has seen over 250 nationalities represented in the Premier League, from tiny African islands and principalities to the Far East. Its still an aspiration for a great many of the world's young footballers to one day play professionally in this country. Its something everyone connected to the game should be very proud of."

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	Woking	Tuesday 11th August	Away	Blue Square South
	Basingstoke Town	Saturday 15th August	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Dover Athletic</b>	Monday 17th August	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Newport County	Saturday 22nd August	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Bromley</b>	Saturday 29th August	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Braintree Town	Monday 31st August	Away	Blue Square South
Sept	<b>St. Alban's City</b>	Saturday 5th September	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	<b>Lewes</b>	Monday 7th September	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Staines Town	Saturday 12th September	Away	Blue Square South
	Eastleigh	Saturday 19th September	Away	Blue Square South
Oct	<b>Woking</b>	Saturday 3rd October	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	<b>Welling United</b>	Saturday 17th October	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Worcester City	Saturday 24th October	Away	Blue Square South
	Bishop's Stortford	Tuesday 27th October	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Havant &amp; Waterlooville</b>	Saturday 31st October	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
Nov	<b>Maidenhead United</b>	Saturday 7th November	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Bath City	Saturday 14th November	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Weston-super-Mare</b>	Saturday 28th November	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
Dec	Welling United	Tuesday 1st December	Away	Blue Square South
	St. Alban's City	Saturday 5th December	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Dorchester Town</b>	Saturday 19th December	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	<b>Thurrock</b>	Saturday 26th December	Home	Blue Square South
	Dover Athletic	Monday 28th December	<b>Away</b>	Blue Square South
Jan	Thurrock	Friday 1st January	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Staines Town</b>	Saturday 9th January	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Weymouth	Saturday 16th January	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Basingstoke Town</b>	Saturday 23rd January	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Hampton & Richmond Borough	Saturday 30th January	Away	Blue Square South
Feb	<b>Eastleigh</b>	Saturday 6th February	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	<b>Newport County</b>	Saturday 13th February	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Lewes	Saturday 20th February	Away	Blue Square South
	Maidenhead United	Saturday 27th February	Away	Blue Square South
Mar	<b>Bishop's Stortford</b>	Saturday 6th March	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Weston-super-Mare	Saturday 13th March	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Weymouth</b>	Saturday 20th March	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	<b>Hampton &amp; Richmond Borough</b>	Saturday 27th March	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
Apr	Bromley	Saturday 3rd April	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Braintree Town</b>	Monday 5th April	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Dorchester Town	Saturday 10th April	Away	Blue Square South
	<b>Worcester City</b>	Saturday 17th April	<b>Home</b>	Blue Square South
	Havant & Waterlooville	Saturday 24th April	Away	Blue Square South

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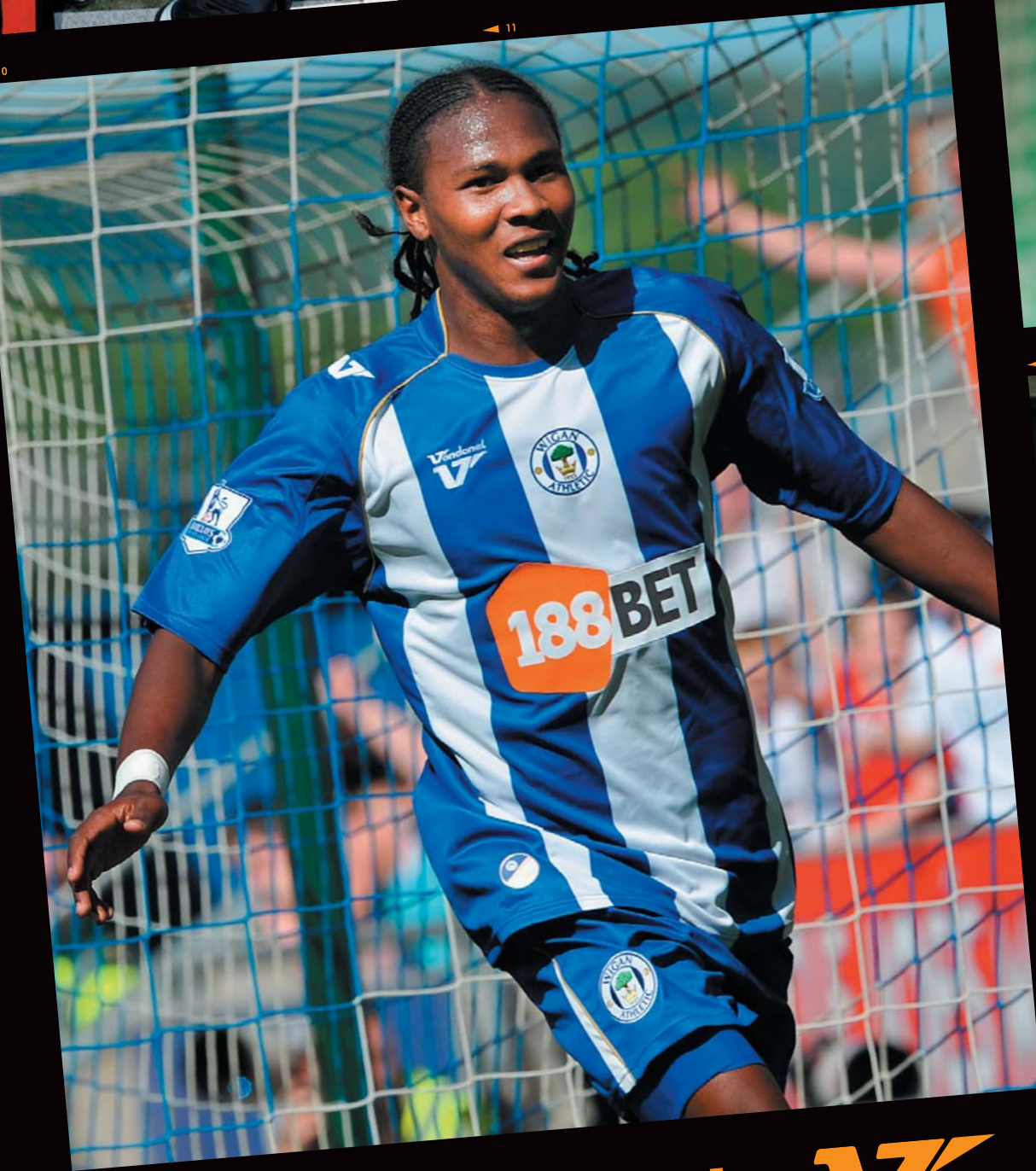
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