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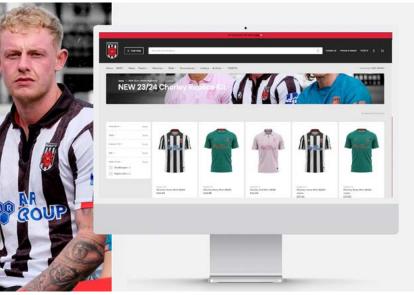


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PREECY'S PIECE

Welcome to the players, staff supporters and directors of Curzon Ashton football club.

Curzon Ashton have had a really good season so far. They are inside the top 7 and have had a good FA Cup run.

Craig has done a fantastic job carrying on and arguably improving on Adam's previous good work.

We have had two really close games this season with both teams coming away with hard fought victories.

I expect nothing different today with two evenly matched teams going toe to toe for the 3 points

Depending on results from Tuesday night this could be a top of the table clash. Credit to both clubs being in such a fantastic position considering their resources.

We hove been on a fantastic unbeaten run stretching back to the start of November.

This takes an incredible amount of focus and togetherness.

Strength in depth has helped us massively being able to rotate players as much as possible.

Although our squad is small all players are capable of starting regularly.

At some points we will and have been stretched with injuries and suspensions.

Getting through these periods will be key to our final position in the league.

We are starting one of those periods now with a few

players out injured meaning extra strain on those fit and available.

Robbie and Christian are doing a fantastic job keeping these injuries to a minimum.

We are not in a position to bring in players although with Josh going out and us progressing in the FA Trophy enabled us to bring Marco back.

Marco was superb in his first spell and already shown his quality in his first couple of appearances.

Jack Hazelhurst and Joe Nolan have both signed new contracts which is massive boost for everyone. Both players have been excellent this season and have the potential to play higher which hopefully will be with us.

Increased crowds and continuing in the FA Trophy will help us strengthen.

We are doing everything we can to get more people through the gate. 5 wins on the spin at home, entertainment in club and great hospitality all reasons crowds should increase.

Scunthorpe was a big test for us last Saturday and first half we more than matched them. A couple of key moments going our way could have seen a different result

Second half Scunthorpe showed their quality and we found it difficult to create too many opportunities.

Our fans were superb a following of over 100 staying behind to clap the players off was really appreciated and we came over and thanked every one of you.

Today we will need that same support to get the 3 points.

Thanks for your support.

Enjoy the game.

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Dene Field

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FAN ZONE AREA

FULL INFORMATION

Introducing the Exciting New Fan Zone at Chorley FC!

We are delighted to announce that for the 2023/24 season, Chorley FC will be unveiling a brand-new Fan Zone, offering an incredible space for our devoted fans to enhance their matchday experience like never before.

Located within the vicinity of the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium, the Fan Zone is designed to provide a vibrant and engaging environment for supporters to gather, socialize, and immerse themselves in the excitement of the game.

What to Expect in the Fan Zone

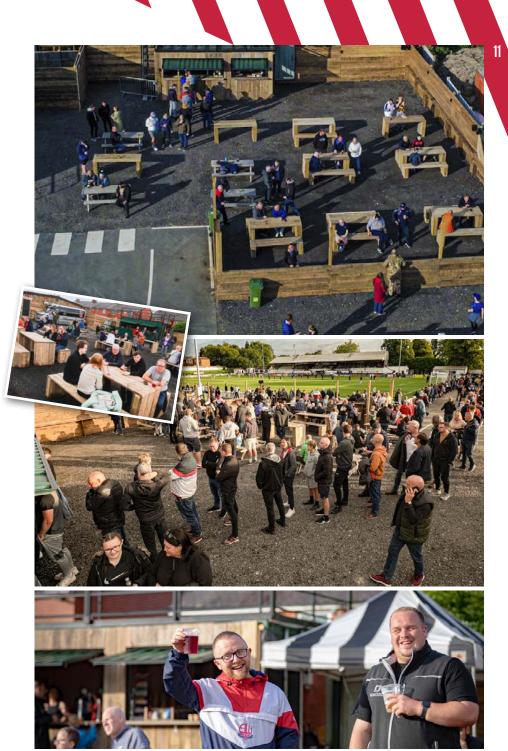
Entertainment and Activities: Get ready for a wide range of entertainment and activities tailored specifically for our passionate fans. From live music performances by local talents to interactive games and competitions, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Test your football skills, challenge your friends to a game of table football, or simply soak in the lively atmosphere as you connect with fellow supporters. Family-Friendly Environment: The Fan Zone aims to create a welcoming and familyfriendly atmosphere, ensuring that fans of all ages can have a memorable time. Bring your little ones along and enjoy a range of activities specially designed for children, including face painting, mini-games, and other exciting surprises. Create lasting memories as you introduce the next generation of Magpies fans to the joys of matchday.

We invite you to join us in the all-new Fan Zone, where camaraderie, excitement, and the spirit of Chorley FC thrive. Immerse yourself in the vibrant pre-match buzz, connect with fellow supporters, and experience the thrill of cheering on our beloved team in an atmosphere tailored to enhance your matchday enjoyment.

Please note that specific details and additional attractions within the Fan Zone will be announced closer to the start of the season. Stay tuned to our official website and social media channels for updates on the Fan Zone and its exciting offerings.

Up the Magpies!











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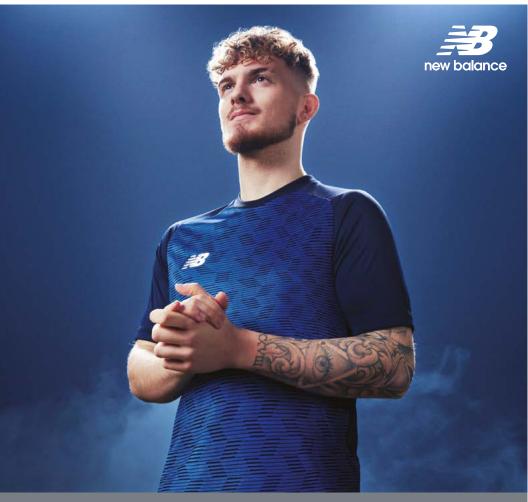
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JAMIE VERMIGLIO

A warm welcome to The Curzon contingency for today's top of the table clash!

We are delighted to be performing the way we are and I'm sure Wayne, Jim and other members of the board at Curzon will be the same. Despite, Adam Lakeland leaving to join the 'full time' King's Lynn during the season, their results haven't really been impacted, in fact, they've been brilliant. Craig Mahon, who is still playing (very well!), and his coaching staff have been able to ensure standards and expectations amongst the team remain high! Once again Curzon are performing above their means and have put themselves in a good postion heading into Christmas.

Since promotion to the National League, Curzon have always competed well, particularly in the first half of season. Their challenge again is to mirror the first 22 games and if they do, they'll put themselves in the play off places!

As for us, well, what a superb first 22 games! Since coming back to Chorley I've watched some really strong performances and a team which is consistently competing, again, against the odds. Preece and Ando have established a team capable of mixing it at the top against full time opposition such as Scunthorpe and South Shields. This is a special group of players who embody the values we've always tried to instil at Chorley hard work, togetherness and a desire to win!

It's great to see players such as Joe and Jack be recognised for their contributions and sign longer deals at the club. Preecy is also in conversation with others too as he continues to build a team not just for this season, but for the future. Tuesday night's away win at Banbury was one of the strongest performances I've watched this season from our team. Even without the consistently performing Henners, Sampo and Jack, the lads put in a performance which involved hard graft, quality and some very good team goals! It was witnessed by a dedicated, small group of supporters who spoke about their appreciation of the team and their efforts this season - thank you!

It's a shame we couldn't put on a show at Scunthorpe as over a hundred of you travelled! You will though, have witnessed us on the receiving end of a harsh penalty decision and unfortunately we weren't awarded what looked like a clear and obvious penalty. We have been on the wrong end of some unfortunate refereeing decisions recently. We are aware that over the course of a season, you win some, you lose some but last week, Sampo's red card was hard to stomach. As a club we have appealed a case of mistaken identify as Sampo wasn't involved on the altercation in front of the dug out. Unfortunately the appeal's board didn't over turn their decision. We move on!

Today though, we enter into this game in good form. We are hoping our supporters will turn out in numbers and support our brilliant team team. With the management team, they continue to make us all proud to be Chorley supporters. Get behind the lads, bang that drum and make some noise!

Enjoy the game,

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FROM THE OWNERS WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Exciting Changes to Enhance Your Matchday Experience! We are thrilled to announce that, as part of our new ownership's commitment to improving and modernising the matchday experience, we have made some significant changes for the 2023/24 season. These changes coincide with the implementation of our new integrated ticketing system, which will go live for our first game of the season!

Online Tickets

In a change from previous seasons, we are now offering discounted ticket prices to everyone who purchases their tickets online for matches at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. To secure the best price on single match tickets, simply visit our new ticket site and purchase your tickets. Online ticket sales will be available until shortly before kick-off (online ticket sales will close 2 hours prior). Then, on matchday, all you need to do is show up at the turnstiles, have your e-ticket scanned on your phone, and you're in! It's that simple.

In-person Tickets

We will continue to offer on-the-day in-person ticket sales for the 2023/24 season. However, the price of these tickets will be slightly higher compared to our online option. Please note that payment at the turnstiles will no longer be available. Instead, on-the-day in-person ticket purchases will be facilitated through our new ticket booth at the Chorley Group Victory Park Stadium. The ticket booth will accept both cash and card payments. Once you've obtained your ticket, you can proceed to the turnstiles as usual for ticket scanning and entry.

WELCOME TO CHORLEY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

In addition to the ticket purchasing changes, we have revised our admission categories for the first time since 2019. To address instances where individuals deliberately attempted to purchase tickets incorrectly to gain access to cheaper admission prices, we have simplified the process to ensure fairness for all supporters. From now on, anyone aged 18 to 64 will be classified as an adult and will be required to purchase an adult admission ticket.

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CALLUM'S



Good afternoon, Magpie fans. The games are coming thick and fast for us at home across what is going to be an extremely busy period for myself. the players, staff and those involved within the football club.

We saw extremely high levels of rain throughout the month of November, far higher than we initially anticipated and more than managed to fulfil all of our home matches, including three on the trot – staying unbeaten and scoring so many goals with great results was equally pleasing too.

Our game against Buxton unfortunately fell victim to the bitterly cold weather last weekend despite

all of our efforts to get the game on with covers, several heaters and equipment in place to give ourselves the best chance. The temperatures dropped below -4 celsius going into Saturday and it was still -2 when the pitch inspection was taking place, where ultimately the pitch was frozen solid and unplayable.

Hopefully we can continue to perform on the pitch, the lads have done fantastically well to put us where we are at the moment in fifth place in the league table and we need all of the support we can get over Christmas and through to the New Year.

COMMERCIAL COLUMN JEFF'S UPDATE

I would like to wish all our fans and sponsors a very merry Christmas and a happy new year from everyone at CFC. Next year we will be doing more things around the club to make it better for everyone, I am also in talks with more companies and businesses for new sponsorships for new year .So from me and all the magpie family all the very best



MAGPIES COLUMN

Today's piece in the programme will contain a section of personal musings following our away game last weekend mixed in with the usual Trust information that we want to get out to our members and the wider supporters of Chorley FC.

As Chair of Magpies Trust I have been representing the Trust away from Victory Park along with our vicechair and Supporter Director, Pete Thompson.

The majority of this article was written on the journey home after we had succumbed to a 3-0 defeat at Scunthorpe United but who thought we would ever be saying "away", "Scunthorpe" and "league" in the same sentence? We've not reached the dizzy heights of the football league (yet) and it is Scunthorpe who have had the misfortune of falling from graces under some dreadful leadership. This season sees them playing at their lowest level in their 124 year history but they are taking it in their stride, respecting their opponents and the league itself. More recently, there is a buzz amongst the terraces around Glanford Park.

Prior to the game the hosts were able to proudly announce that it was their first game at Glanford Park after purchasing the ground they have called home since 1988. After the troubles they have gone through recently, a huge kudos must go to the faithful fans, board and sponsors for staying behind the historic club.

On this away journey we were joined by Chorley FC Community Foundation Chair, Darren Jenkinson which allowed us an uninterrupted hour and a half discussion whilst travelling on how the Trust and Foundation can further strengthen their ties together and help the Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the travelling faithful last Saturday. Ending this personal section of our page by saying the Magpies Trust board would like to wish our members, supporters and everyone associated with Chorley Football Club a very Merry Christmas.

Julian

Membership Update

We are slowly increasing the size of the Trust membership as it now stands at 91 members with 27 of those registered as 'Super Fans'. Thank you to each and every one of you for joining the Trust this season. Membership applications never close, and we welcome you to join at any point during the season.

How much does it cost? £10 per year, or £5 per month to be a 'Super Fan'

How do I register? On our website, at Trust HQ on matchdays or speak with a Trust board member – Look out for our lanyards to identify us.

Do I need to do anything else? You can be as active or inactive as you like. We are always looking for volunteers but if you can't commit the time, your membership is commitment enough.

We hope you all enjoy the match today. If you have anything you wish the Trust to discuss with the Club then please visit Trust HQ near the halfway line – There you can also purchase Golden Goals, 50/50 half time draw tickets and match day programmes. There may be the odd piece of merchandise for sale too.

Please visit our website for further news and updates – www.magpiestrust.org

CARLTON UBAEZUONU - Q&A

1. FULL NAME - CARLTON UBAEZUONU 2. PREVIOUS CLUBS - DUNDALK FC, GALWAY UNITED FC, ATHLONE TOWN FC, FARSLEY CELTIC. 3. ⊠ SINGLE □ MARRIED □ IN A RELATIONSHIP 4. FAVOURITE FOOTBALL MOMENT? - FIRST PRO CONTRACT AT DUNDALK FC. 5. BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL? - DEGREE. 6. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED WITH? - PADDY MCCOURT. 7. BEST PLAYER YOU HAVE PLAYED AGAINST? - JACK BYRNE. 8. DO YOU HAVE ANY PRE-GAME RITUALS OR SUPERSTITIONS? - PRAYER BEFORE KICK-OFF. 9. DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO CONTINUE YOUR CAREER AFTER YOU RETIRE FROM FOOTBALL? - NOT AT THE MOMENT, MAYBE MANAGE. 10. IF YOU COULDN'T BE A FOOTBALL PLAYER, WHAT WOULD YOU DO INSTEAD? - BOXING 11. BEST FRIEND IN THE TEAM? - JJ. 12. TEAM YOU SUPPORT NOW / AS A YOUNGSTER - MAN UNITED. 13. WHERE DO YOU TRAVEL TO CHORLEY FROM? - LEEDS. 14. ANY ADVICE TO OUR YOUNGER SUPPORTERS? - KICK THE BALL OFF THE WALL AND PRACTICE MY TOUCH EVERYDAY. **15. WORST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL? - MY FIRST SERIOUS INJURY.**

16. CLEVEREST PLAYER AT THE CLUB? - ADAM BLAKEMAN.

17. YOU HAVE FIRST PICK, WHICH CHORLEY PLAYER DO YOU PICK IN YOUR TEAM FIRST? WHY? - JOE NOLAN,

QUALITY.

18. YOU ARE GOING ON A NIGHT OUT BUT CAN ONLY TAKE ONE CHORLEY PLAYER WITH YOU, WHO DO YOU TAKE AND WHY? - JJ, SIMILAR TASTE IN MUSIC.

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WE'VE MET BEFORE...1980

Saturday 25th October 1980 – Curzon Ashton 1-1 Chorley

Come the close season following the 1979-80 campaign, things were looking up for the Magpies. A third place finish in the Cheshire County League had been an improvement on seventh in the previous season, and a 4-0 victory in the Lancashire Junior Cup final against South Liverpool had been the crowning glory. Yet by the time Chorley came to visit Tameside in October 1980 they were languishing in mid-table.

The month had begun brightly with progression to the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup on October 4, Larry Garrity with the only goal of the game to defeat Bootle away 0-1. A fortnight later however, on the cusp of the first round proper, the Magpies were out of the cup at the hands of an old foe, losing 0-3 at home to Marine.

On October 8, British Leyland launched the Austin Mini Metro which gave the company a much needed boost as the car would go on to be one of the most popular cars of the decade. The disappointing results would continue for Chorley though, a 2-2 draw away at Winsford United could not improve their mid-table berth.

In the week following Chorley's FA Cup exit, British Leyland were dealt a blow themselves as the last MGB roadster, in continuous production since 1962, rolled off the production line on the Monday, and the plant was closed on the Friday.

A day later, Chorley made the trip to Tameside and National Park to take on Curzon Ashton in a Cheshire County League fixture. In the programme notes the hosts stated "...with all of their resources and facilities...we shall see a determined side today." Yet the lads could only manage a share of the spoils against a Nash side sitting third from bottom of the table, a goal from Garrity again, overshadowed by the loss of skipper John Birchall to injury in the first half.



WE'VE MET BEFORE...1980

Saturday 20th December 1980 – Chorley 1-1 Curzon Ashton

Chorley welcomed Curzon Ashton to Victory Park in the final game before Christmas 1980. Since last facing the Nash, the Magpies had played an unbroken calendar of eight league fixtures, losing just twice, 3-0 at Ashton United and 2-1 away at Nantwich Town.

Along the way, Chorley had managed victories against Kirkby Town, New Mills, St Helens Town, and Stalybridge Celtic, improving their league position marginally to sit ninth but still ten points adrift of Hyde United leading the pack.

It was a bombshell period in music. Two days before Chorley's excellent 1-2 victory away at Stalybridge Celtic, Led Zeppelin announced their disbandment following the death of their drummer John Bonham at the end of September. Two days following the game, John Lennon was murdered in New York City by Mark Chapman outside the Dakota apartment building.

With the visit of the Nash it was a case of the song remains the same as another 1-1 draw was played out but it was O'Connor this time on the scoresheet, and as fans ventured off to their Christmas parties that evening, John Lennon's (Just Like) Starting Over went to the top of the charts.

Martin Ramsbotham









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COMPETITION VENUE BANBURY PLANT HIRE VANARAMA NATIONAL COMMUNITY STADIUM LEAGUE NORTH

BANBURY UNITED 1 4 CHORLEY FC CHARLES (40')

CHORLEY got themselves back to winning ways on Tuesday evening, with a comfortable 1-4 win away at Banbury United.

The Magpies came out of the blocks quickly at the Banbury Plant Hire Stadium, an early sighter from 25-yards out was a sign of things to come from Justin Johnson.

Marco Rus had a chance to get Andy Preece's side in-front but couldn't convert the one-versusone opportunity - though the visitors wouldn't have to wait much longer to break the deadlock, BILLY WHITEHOUSE tapping home from close range after some excellent initial play from Johnson.

Chorley continued to assert their dominance on the night and would double their advantage before the break, Carlton Ubaezuonu brought down inside the box and JOHNSON slotted away the spot-kick with aplomb into the far corner.

Banbury did get one back before half-time through KEN CHARLES, who were clinical in finishing off their first real attack of the opening 45' with a fortuitous header that deflected in past Matt Urwin in goal.

WHITEHOUSE (26'), JOHNSON (35'), SMITH (52'), RUS (78')

ATTENDAN

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The second-half started very much in the same pattern of the first-half and the Magpies were unfortunate not to have a third barely a minute into it. Rus firing an effort wide after an perfectly timed initial turn to send him through.

HARVEY SMITH then went on to extend the advantage back to two goals, heading in smartly from Johnson's cross that was recycled from an initial corner.

Chorley continued to be on top throughout the remainder of the match and RUS did eventually get a deserved goal for himself, spinning his way through on the half-turn after an excellent ball to put him through by Mike Calveley.

Banbury United: Harding, Davies, Maye, Waller, Fleming, Charles, Hewitt, Yussuf, Kelly-Evans, Hall, Maja.

Chorley: Urwin, Moore, H. Smith, Ellis, Blakeman, Nolan, Rus, Calveley, Whitehouse, Ubaezuonu, Johnson.

Cautions: Rus (35'), Waller (36').



STURDAY DECEMBER & 2028 MAICHAGION

COMPETITION VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH VENUE REFEREE GLANFORD PARK DANE MCCARRICK

SCUNTHORPE U 3 Whitehall (25', 63'), C. Smith (52')

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CHORLEY fell to a 3-0 away defeat to Scunthorpe United on Saturday afternoon at Glanford Park, bringing their eight-match unbeaten run to an end.

Chorley were dealt a big blow shortly after the restart and were left with a mountain to climb, **CONNOR SMITH** slotting the ball into the far corner after the ball fell kindly into his path from an earlier free-kick.

The Iron continued to assert their dominance on the game and were rewarded once more shortly after the hour mark, **WHITEHALL** tapping home the rebound from point-blank range.

Chorley's only real chance from there fell to substitute David Moyo who could only direct his header straight to Fitzsimons after a smart cross in from Billy Whitehouse. **Scunthorpe United:** Fitzsimons, Ogle, Evans, Boyce, Clunan, Roberts, Butterfield, Scales (Kelly, 79'), C. Smith (Law, 74'), Denton, Whitehall (Elliott, 74'). **Unused:** Kouogun, Shrimpton.

Chorley: Urwin, Moore, H. Smith, Ellis, Henley (Wilson, 45'), Nolan, Rus (Shenton, 79'), Calveley (Moyo, 64'), Whitehouse, Ubaezuonu, Johnson. **Unused:** Blakeman, Doumbouya.

Caution: Scales (24'), Henley (25'), Nolan (29'), Calveley (42'), Butterfield (71').





CHORLEY ACADEMY

In the dedicated Youth Academy Updates section, brace yourself for an insider's journey into our thriving youth ranks. From U13 to U21, we'll shine a spotlight on our budding talents, their meteoric rise, and league progress.

Explore in-depth features on each age group, offering a closer look at their journey, challenges, and achievements. Our coaching team will share insights into their development strategies, imparting a glimpse of the meticulous training that shapes these young contenders.

Discover thrilling tales of triumph as we unveil stories of players who've graduated from our Academy to clinch first-team contracts. Witness the transformation of raw potential into on-pitch prowess and feel the pride of nurturing future stars.

Amidst the updates, don't miss the BTEC programme's impact, showcasing how this specialised training path is moulding players for success both on and off the field.

Join us on this remarkable voyage through our Youth Academy's progress. With each update, you become a part of the legacy being forged at Chorley FC.

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WHATS A CLUB OR OUR CLUB ABOUT

There are many areas of the club which not a lots known about. The ground at Victory Park I've been told was a Clay pit which was then used as a tip for the clinker from the mills. (clinker burnt coke and coal from mill boilers).

It's said it's a natural drainage but I'm not sure, we had a guy with a scope and camera who went up a drain and said it was definitely a drain which was blocked. Why does this matter? Well our groundsman has to determine his plans to ensure that games are on. We know Victory Park holds water then drains quickly, we know that the area in front of the stand is shaded and doesn't react like the rest of the pitch, we know we have a area that when it's rained heavily takes a lot longer to dry out. This is all taken in to account by the groundsman.

Then there's the problem of frost and an iced pitch. We lost the Buxton Game to a frost covered pitch. We had been working on the area under the stand with frost sheets which only go to minus one and need to be on early another conundrum for the groundsman. The club hired blowers to try to get the game the game on but in the end in common with most of northern non league clubs the game was off.

Now it's not as simple as that .sponsors need telling, the food needed for the Mariners Suite has to be salvaged or disposed of, The Magpies Nest was due to launch with a grand menu and new Management probably a few burgers needed to be disposed of. Staff need telling, the manager had at short notice to find a training Venue, players need telling, officials notifying, unhappy fans need placating. Then onwards from that the secretariat have to rearrange the fixture. No wonder we weren't happy with the cancellation and even more difficult the clubs cash flow takes a hit. Let's hope we have no more cancellations unless it's through winning Trophy games but non of our supporters won't realise there's a major difference in income from a Tuesday game and a Saturday game. Just an explanation on training pitches unfortunately we are nomads as far as training facilities are concerned so a major part of the secretariat is finding and booking training facilities for the first team. As they say, just another day at the club.

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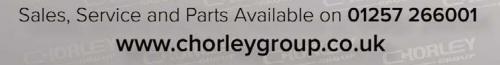


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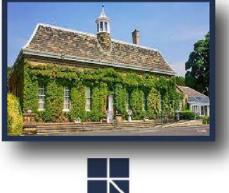
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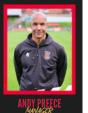
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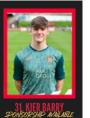












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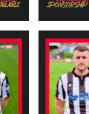


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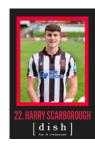
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