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It's almost as though nothing has changed right? And yet from a football administration point of view EVERYTHING has changed.

New leagues, new divisions, new players, new managers and importantly a lot of refreshed and refurbished facilities.

One thing is for sure, while the pandemic and two curtailed seasons closed things down on the pitch, off the pitch a serious amount of hard work has gone on.

Whether it's entirely rebuilt grounds, new and improved facilities or just a lick of paint and pitch work, you can bet all the volunteers at your club have barely stopped for breath, making most of the time to get things done.

As well as the physical work, online, clubs have pushed hard to improve their digital offerings. From Twitter across to fancy graphics and YouTube channels, redesigned and updated websites and the ability to pay by card at the gate. If we want to see crowds continue to increase then those are the spaces we have to be working in.

Many will see the smart work online, on social media, and think about heading down, and with facilities ever improving, they will, I hope, keep coming back.

So enjoy the season, let's hope it's a ful one!

**Tom Canning**  
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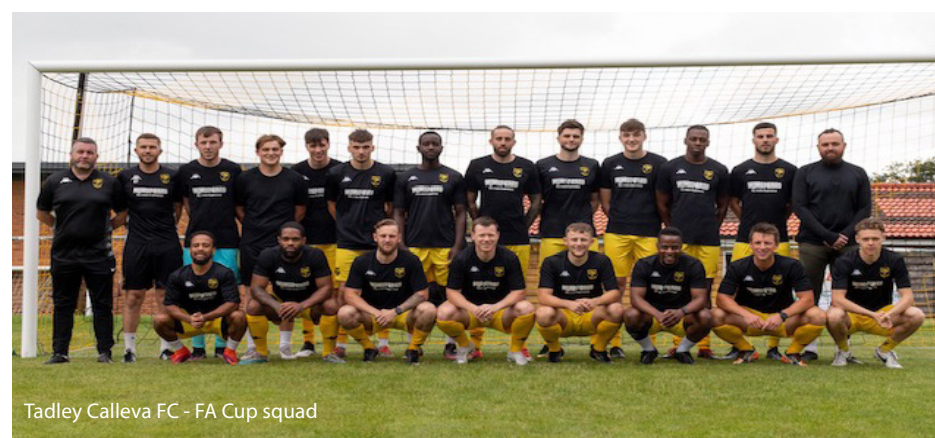


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# Abbey Rangers



## Today's Visitors

We welcome Abbey Rangers today in our first ever league match in the Combined Counties League after spending 17 years in the Wessex League. It will also be the first ever meeting between the two clubs having missed each other in several FA Cup and FA Vase draws in recent years.

They have played two competitive matches so far this season and have won both matches. They defeated Glebe 3-2 in the FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round last Saturday and defeated CB Howslow by 2-0 at home on Tuesday evening - Tom Neale scoring both goals.

Abbey Rangers were established in 1976, initially as a youth club for boys aged 7-16, and taking its name from the historic Chertsey Abbey. Having played in both Chertsey and Addlestone they became members of the Surrey & Hants Border League, winning Division 1 in 2004-05. After finishing as runners-up the following season, they left the league joining the Guildford & Woking Alliance League winning Division 2 in the first season.

In 2015, the club invested in the ground with the view of entering the Combined Counties League. After finishing in 4th position in the Surrey Elite League they were eventually accepted for the 2015-16 season

which also allowed entry into the FA Vase. They reached the 2nd round proper before losing out to Wessex League side Newport (IOW) after extra time.

Season 2018-19 saw the club reach new levels by reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase before losing out to Cray Valley. They also finished in 3rd position in the Combined Counties League Premier Division - their highest ever league position.

In 2019-20 Abbey Rangers reached the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup defeating two Step 4 clubs on the way in East Grinstead and Whitehawk respectively before going out to Whyteleafe.

The club play their home matches at Addlestone Moor in Addlestone, KT15 2QH.

Off the field the club is also making good progress. Last summer the club opened a new 3G facility to aid to youth development.

Last season Abbey Rangers were sitting in 9th position of the Combined Counties League Premier Division before the league season was curtailed by the FA. Luke Robertson and Daryl Cooper-Smith were the joint top scorers with 11 goals each.

# The journey begins...



Gareth Thomas

## Message from the Gaffer...

A very warm welcome to everyone (new and old) who are attending the game today. An extended warm welcome to all Abbey Rangers management, players, committee and travelling fans.

I hope you all enjoy your visit and the wonderful facilities here at Barlow's Park. We look forward to visiting Addlestone Moor for the return fixture whenever that may be.

After starting our new journey in the FA Cup last week, we finally get our Combined Counties League season underway in the Premier Division (North). This, after our scheduled midweek fixture against Wokingham & Emmbrook got postponed due to their FA Cup replay.

A new era and a new league, the day has finally come, and we are facing an experienced, hard working Abbey Rangers side who, I expect, will be there or thereabouts at the end of the season next April.

We will be looking to make our own impression this season in a new environment, not only by holding our own, but by trying to make people

around us stand up and take notice of our little village side. Our work ethic and abundance of talent will hopefully stand us in good stead.

Unfortunately, we didn't get the start to my management career at Tadley off to the flier I had hoped for last weekend. Although we were competitive in the match at times and valiant to the end, a few moments of madness and indiscipline succumbed us to a defeat.

However, there is no need for us to dwell on these moments. They happen for us to react to, learn and to grow as a team. As I have said previously, this will be a squad season with many players making their mark throughout the season when given the opportunity.

I hope you all enjoy the new facilities and the family atmosphere we're trying to create. And finally, please get behind the side in our first ever fixture in this league.

All the best  
*Gareth Thomas (Gaffer)*

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Combined Counties League - Premier Division (North)

*Barlow's Park, Tadley, RG26 3BQ - 7.45pm kick-off*



# League Table

FULL TABLE DETAIL >

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	North Greenford United	1	1	0	0	3	3
2	Egham Town	1	1	0	0	3	3
3	St Panteleimon	1	1	0	0	3	3
4	Abbey Rangers	1	1	0	0	2	3
5	Reading City	2	1	0	1	1	3
6	Windsor	1	1	0	0	1	3
7	Southall	3	1	0	2	-3	3
8	Ascot United	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Burnham	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Edgware Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Hanworth Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Tadley Calleva	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Virginia Water	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Wokingham & Emmbrook	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	CB Hounslow United	1	0	0	1	-2	0
16	Spelthorne Sports	1	0	0	1	-2	0
17	Holyport	1	0	0	1	-3	0
18	Wembley	1	0	0	1	-3	0

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Connor Thorne doing his pre-match warm up  
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Aiden Harris makes his return to the squad



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# We exit the FA Cup...

Tadley Calleva 0 Baffins Milton Rovers 2  
*FA Cup - Extra Preliminary Round*  
*Saturday 7th August 2021*

We were disappointed to exit the FA Cup at the first hurdle after reaching the first qualifying round last year. A host of new faces were added to the squad over the summer by new first team manager Gareth Thomas and, although we knew former Wessex League rivals Baffins Milton Rovers would be formidable opponents, he and the team went into the match in a positive frame of mind.

However, a couple of key refereeing decisions midway through the first half resulted in the visitors gaining an edge from which they eventually took full advantage. Midfielder Jordan Goater received his marching orders for two innocuous looking fouls.

Tadley started the game well with new additions Sanchez Parkes, Lamin Sankoh and Sonny Haynes linking up well. Both Haynes and Parkes testing visiting keeper Konrad Syzmaniak in the opening 10 minutes. Baffins first real chance fell to winger Rudi Blankson, but he saw his driven cross slip past James Oram's right hand post.

Goater's first booking came on 25 minutes as he and George Burgess went up to contest a header. The referee eventually brandishing a yellow card after protests from several of the Baffins players. Tadley then had a decent shout for a penalty on the half hour mark as Haynes was pulled back by Ed Sanders as he went up to meet a Goater free-kick. The turning point came on 42 minutes after a scrappy period of play. Goater was shown a second yellow for, ironically enough, a tug of a shirt.

The second half started with Callum Cleary replacing Parkes in midfield and to be fair the home side were more than holding their own although a man light. The breakthrough for the visitors came on 65 minutes after a short period of good possession. Alex Przespolewski keeping his composure after a good ball from Scutt to slot the ball past James Oram in the Tadley goal.

Tadley threw everything forward in the final 25 minutes in an attempt to get the equaliser with Thorne and Denham added to the attack. It was only down to some very clever defending by Lee Molyneux that prevented Luke Williams from making it 1-1 with a well taken free-kick. The tie was eventually put to bed on the 88th minute when substitute Billy Connor was in the right place to guide the ball home from the original deflected shot. A disappointing day was capped off when a second yellow card for Andrew Charsley saw Tadley having to see out the final few minutes with 9 men.

Manager Gareth Thomas said after the match "We were competitive for most of the match, even when down to 10 men, but some indiscipline and a degree of naivety played a major factor on us losing out today".

Team; Oram, Bovell, Walsh, Charsley, Smith, Darboe, Goater, Williams (Denham), Haynes, Parkes (Cleary), Sankoh (Thorne)  
Subs (not used); Whittaker, Nicholas, Gundry, Barham  
(Attendance 106)





# The History

Tadley has had a football team since the early 1900's. In the modern era the team was re-formed in 1989 and played in the Basingstoke and North Hants Leagues before winning promotion to the Hampshire League. The club was formed as Tadley F.C. in 1989. They joined the Hampshire League Division Three in 1994, finishing runners-up in 1995-96, gaining promotion to Division Two.

The club changed its name to Tadley Town F.C. in 1999 and joined Division One upon re-organisation. In 2004, they changed their name to their present name and entered the Wessex Football League Division Three.

Division Three was re-named Division Two in 2006, and the club finished runners-up in 2007. In the 2007-08 season, they won the Wessex League Division One title but were denied promotion as their ground did not meet the requirements for the Premier Division. The Reserve side was also very successful in the same season by taking the Wessex Combination League title.

Since then the team has remained in Division One and has steadily been making progress on and off the field year on year. They narrowly missed out on promotion in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively by finishing in 3rd position in both seasons.

In the 2010-11 campaign they reached the final of the Basingstoke Senior Cup losing to Thatcham Town 4-1. The club then went on to win the same cup in 2013-14 beating local rivals AFC Aldermaston 3-2 (aet) in the final. In September 2014, the club recorded probably the best result of its modern history, defeating Conference South Basingstoke Town on penalties in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup at The Camrose after a 2-2 draw in 90 minutes.

The club had its best run in the FA Vase in season 2015-16 reaching the 3rd round proper before eventually being knocked out 4-2 after a replay and extra-time against Newport (IoW) from the Wessex Premier Division.

They have also reached the final of the North Hants Senior Cup in the last two seasons; losing out 3-1 to local rivals Whitchurch United in 2016-17, again at The Camrose, and then 5-4 on penalties to Andover New Street in 2017-18 at Longmeadow after a 3-3 draw in normal time.

The club achieved its ambition of gaining promotion to the Wessex League Premier Division last season - the highest level (Step 5) that the club has competed at. The goal is to consolidate its position on the field and to make significant progress with the infrastructure off the field.



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# Tadley Calleva



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AIDEN HARRIS  
CALLUM CLEARY  
JORDAN GOATER  
CONNOR THORNE  
CARL SELF  
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*Manager*  
*Gareth Thomas*

*Assistant Manager*  
*Mike Aspell*

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*Physio*  
*Carolyn Tuttle*

*Referee*  
*Shaheem Kamaldian*

*Assistants*  
*Nicholas Arbuckle*  
*Garry Collins*

# Abbey Rangers



## Squad

DEASE KERRISON  
ANTHONY KOZAKIS  
LUKE ROBERTSON  
DARYL COOPER-SMITH  
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TOM NEALE  
BEN KERSLEY  
MO DIAKETE  
MARCUS WILLIAMS  
GEORGE CHANDLER  
FORTUNE MSMALA  
GEORGE ROWLEY  
HARRY LAL  
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