



THE WESSEX POST

Official newsletter of the Wessex Football League

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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your Newsletter, if you have any contribution, be it Match Reports, player news or photos please get in touch at - newsletter.wessexleague@gmail.com.

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You are more than welcome to use any material (excluding attributed photographs) but it would be appreciated if any material used is acknowledged. It is hoped you enjoy reading this each week. With readership quite widespread, not only within our own competition, but across the three counties and beyond- if ANY club has anything they would like to have published in here, whether that be a request for helpers, promotion of forthcoming events, items required or available for sale please do get in touch.

The Wessex Post will be published each Saturday night. Please would all contributors note that the deadline for anything is 22:00 on the Saturday and this includes match reports- all home clubs are reminded to get their reports in before then, although if an away side does the report that will also be welcome. It should also be noted that whilst all contributions are welcome, they are subject to editorial scrutiny.

KICK OFF

WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHARITY CUP



SATURDAY 25 JULY
AFC STONEHAM VS HAMBLE CLUB

STONEHAM LANE, SO16 2PA

KO 15:00

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Just a quick reminder that all Clubs must include the advertisements indicated by the League in every Match Programme they produce- in either the PRINTED or ON-LINE version. **New ones for 2026/27 will be available soon- programme editors are requested to wait before updating their work for the new season.** That for the Wessex League Football Show is already available, see page 2- this does not have to be a full page advert. The "Kick it Out" campaign poster is on page 3, and must be included as a full page in the club programme..

CLUB NEWS

If you have any items- stories, initiatives etc., you wish to include please do send them in to the Editor.

PRE-SEASON 2026/27

Clubs are requested to send in details of their schedule for 2026/27.

Please do NOT forget that the HOST team also MUST obtain sanction from their County FA before the game is played and to ensure that all teams are correctly affiliated and covered with the correct level of Personal Accident Insurance. Games are subject to change at little or no notice and are listed in GOOD FAITH, but please note that the League have no control over the proposed schedules, nor as to whether any games are changed or called off at short notice. Your editor is fairly certain that unless rules have changed clubs are **not permitted** to arrange or play normal friendly games in the month of **June** - clubs will need to consult their County FA.

Spectators are strongly recommended to check nearer the time if making a special journey.

NOTES:

- [1] Gerry Page Trophy
- [2] Clive Saunders Memorial Trophy
- [3] Barry Small Trophy
- [4] Hanna Cup
- [5] Jack Bellows Trophy
- [6] Steve Bernard Trophy
- [7] Salisbury Hospital Cup 2025/26

Tomorrow, Sunday 5 July- Aldermaston Invitational Trophy, teams have been drawn in two groups of four-

Group A-AFC Aldermaston, Abingdon United, Tadley Calleva and Whitchurch United

Group B- Harefield United, Marlow, Reading City and Woodley United. Competition kicks off at 11:00 at the Aldermaston Recreational Society ground (RG7 4PR).

Tuesday 7 July

AFC Stoneham v Bashley	-	-
Baffins Milton Rovers v Infinity	Moneyfields	-
Bedfont Sports v Yateley United	Bedfont Sports Club	-
Fawley AFC v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	19:45
Fleetlands v Locks Heath	-	19:45
Folland Sports v Winchester City	-	19:45
Hamworthy United Reserves v Bournemouth	-	-
Holt United v Totton & Eling	-	-
Lymington Town v United Services Portsmouth	-	-
Millbrook v Colden Common	-	-
Molesey v Cove	[Neutral venue]	-
Petersfield Town v Horndean	[4]	-
Romsey Town v Overton United	Wide Lane	19:00
Shrewton United v Wincanton Town	-	-
Wimborne Town v Christchurch	[1] New Cuthbury 3G	19:30

Wednesday 8 July

Bognor Regis Town v Fareham Town	-	-
Hedge End Rangers v Crofton Saints	Deer Park	-
Swanage Town & Herston v Blandford United	Days Park	19:30

Thursday 9 July

Corsham Town v Andover New Street	-	-
Ringwood Town v Hamworthy Recreation	-	-
Sandhurst Town v Wokingham Town	<i>SB Stadium</i>	-

Friday 10 July

Bognor Regis Town v Hamble Club	-	-
Colden Common v Fareham Town	<i>Sholing</i>	19:45
Cowes Sports v Newport IOW	-	19:00
Dorchester Sports v Downton	-	-
Shaftesbury v Sturminster Newton United	-	-

Saturday 11 July

Amesbury Town v Andover New Street	-	-
Ash United v Guildford City	<i>Alderwood School</i>	14:00
Blandford United v AFC Totton U23	<i>Blandford School 3G</i>	15:00
Chichester City v Christchurch	<i>[6]</i>	14:00
Fleetlands v New Milton Town	-	15:00
Frimley Green v Yateley United	<i>[Neutral venue]</i>	-
Gosport Borough v Brockenhurst	-	-
Hedge End Rangers v Hythe & Dibden	<i>Deer Park</i>	-
Holt United v Bournemouth	-	-
Horndean United v United Services Portsmouth	-	-
Horndean v Meon Milton	-	13:00
Liss Athletic v Baffins Milton Rovers	-	-
Locks Heath v Folland Sports	-	12:00
Maidenhead Town v Kintbury Rangers	-	-
Midhurst & Easebourne v Hamworthy Recreation	-	-
Petersfield Town v Crofton Saints	-	-
Reading City v Cove	-	-
Saltash United v Portland United	-	13:00
Sandhurst Town v Wargrave	<i>SB Stadium</i>	-
Stockbridge v East Cowes Victoria	-	-
Totton & Eling v Clanfield	<i>Redbridge School 3G</i>	13:30
Waterlooville v Whitchurch United	<i>Cowplain School</i>	14:30
Whitecroft & Barton Sports v Romsey Town	-	14:00
Wimborne Town Reserves v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	-

Monday 13 July

Blandford United v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	<i>Blandford School 3G</i>	-
Sherborne Town v Westland Sports	-	-
Swanage Town & Herston v Christchurch	<i>Days Park</i>	19:30

Tuesday 14 July

AFC Stoneham v Midhurst & Easebourne	-	-
Bournemouth Electric v Brockenhurst	-	19:15
Bridport v Wincanton Town	-	-
Colden Common v Infinity	-	-
Fleetlands v Hedge End Rangers	-	-
Hamworthy Recreation v Shaftesbury	-	-
Hamworthy United v Bashley	-	-
Hanworth Villa v Fareham Town	-	-
Horndean v Gosport Borough	-	-
Laverstock & Ford v Winchester City	-	-
Odd Down v Sturminster Newton United	-	-
Romsey Town v Cowes Sports	<i>Wide Lane</i>	-
Sheerwater v Cove	-	-
Totton & Eling v Hamble Club	<i>Redbridge School 3G</i>	19:30

Whitchurch United v Tadley Calleva	-	-
Wednesday 15 July		
Bridport v Hamworthy Recreation	-	-
Sandhurst Town v Yateley United	<i>SB Stadium</i>	-
Thursday 16 July		
Andover New Street v Lymington Town	-	-
Friday 17 July		
Calne Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	-
Clanfield v Denmead	-	-
Fawley AFC v Nursling & Shirley	-	19:45
Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Christchurch	-	-
Kintbury Rangers v Royal Wootton Bassett Town	-	-
Saturday 18 July		
AFC Netley v Colden Common	-	-
AFC Shirley v East Cowes Victoria	<i>Wyvern College</i>	14:00
AFC Stoneham v Badshot Lea	-	-
Alton v Petersfield Town	-	-
Ash United v Banstead Athletic	<i>Alderwood School</i>	14:00
Baffins Milton Rovers v Chichester City	-	-
Berks County v Yateley United	<i>[Neutral venue]</i>	-
Blandford United v Downton	<i>Blandford School 3G</i>	12:30
Bosham v Clanfield	<i>TBA</i>	-
Bournemouth Electric v Bashley	<i>[2]</i>	15:00
Brockenhurst v New Milton Town	-	15:00
Cove v Tadley Calleva	<i>[Neutral venue]</i>	-
Cowes Sports v Blackfield & Langley	-	-
Fleetlands v Camberley Town	-	15:00
Folland Sports v Bournemouth	-	15:00
Hamble Club v Hedge End Rangers	-	-
Hamble v Hedge End Rangers	-	-
Hamworthy United v Holt United	-	-
Metropolitan Police v Fareham Town	-	-
Reading City v Romsey Town	-	14:00
Saltash United v Sturminster Newton United	-	13:00
Selsey v Horndean	-	-
Sherborne Town v Portland United	-	12:00
Tadley Calleva v Cove	<i>[Neutral venue]</i>	-
Torridgeside v Wincanton Town	-	-
Totton & Eling v Whiteley Wanderers	<i>Redbridge School 3G</i>	11:30
United Services Portsmouth v Mob Albion	<i>HMS Temeraire</i>	-
Whitchurch United v Hartley Wintney	-	13:00
Tuesday 21 July		
AFC Stoneham v Havant & Waterlooville	-	-
Alresford Town v Petersfield Town	-	-
Andover New Street v Whitchurch United	-	13:00
Bournemouth v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	<i>[5]</i>	-
Bradford Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	-
Brockenhurst v Dorchester Town	-	-
Clanfield v Horndean	-	-
Downton v Weymouth	-	-
East Cowes Victoria v Newport IOW	<i>Beatrice Avenue</i>	19:30
Fareham Town v Poole Town	<i>Cams Alders</i>	-
Fawley AFC v Stockbridge	-	19:45
Holt United v Sturminster Newton United	<i>[Neutral venue]</i>	-

Hythe & Dibden v New Milton Town	-	19:45
Laverstock & Ford v Ringwood Town	-	-
Midhurst & Easebourne v Hamble Club	-	-
Moneyfields Reserves v Folland Sports	-	19:45
Portland United v Bashley	-	-
Sandhurst Town v Berks County	<i>SB Stadium</i>	-
Swanage Town & Herston v Hamworthy United	-	-
Totton & Eling v Hedge End Town	<i>Redbridge School 3G</i>	19:30
United Services Portsmouth v Infinity	<i>Moneyfields</i>	-
Whitehill & Bordon v Cove	<i>[Neutral venue]</i>	19:30
Wincanton Town v Balti Sports	-	-

Wednesday 22 July

Bournemouth Electric v Christchurch	-	19:00
Dorchester Sports v Romsey Town	-	19:45
Hedge End Rangers v AFC Netley	<i>Deer Park</i>	-
Sherborne Town v Middlezoy Rovers	-	-
Waterlooville v Colden Common	<i>Gosport Borough</i>	19:30

Thursday 23 July

Folland Sports v Baffins Milton Rovers	-	19:45
Hamworthy Recreation v New Milton Town	-	19:45

Friday 24 July

Dorchester Sports v Christchurch	-	-
Fareham Town v AFC Portchester	-	-
Fawley AFC v AFC Netley	-	19:45
Ilminster Town v Wincanton Town	-	-
Laverstock & Ford v Shaftesbury	-	-
Warminster Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-	-
West Wight v Newport IOW	<i>Camp Road</i>	19:30

Saturday 25 July

Amesbury Town v Down Ampney	-	-
Andover New Street v Colden Common	-	-
Baffins Milton Rovers v Portsmouth Academy	-	-
Bashley v Dorchester Town	-	-
Blandford United v Sturminster Newton United	<i>Blandford School 3G</i>	-
Bournemouth v Civil Service FC	-	15:00
Bridport v Portland United	-	-
Brockenhurst v Folland Sports	-	15:00
Cheddar v Wincanton Town	-	-
Cowes Sports v Wick	-	-
Dial Square v Cove	<i>[Neutral venue]</i>	-
East Cowes Victoria v Infinity	-	-
Hamworthy United v Fleetlands	-	15:00
Hythe & Dibden v Newport IOW	-	-
Kintbury Rangers v Clanfield 85	-	13:00
Meon Milton v Clanfield	<i>Cockleshell Community Ground</i>	-
New Milton Town v Verwood Town	-	15:00
Sandhurst Town v Whitehill & Bordon	-	15:00
United Services Portsmouth v Paulsgrove	<i>HMS Temeraire</i>	-
Whitchurch United v Hart United	-	13:00
Yateley United v Ashford Town Middlesex	<i>Sean Devereux Park</i>	-

Tuesday 28 July

Ash United v Tongham	-	-
Bashley v Poole Town	-	-
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Amesbury Town	<i>[7]</i>	-

Colden Common v Alresford Town	[3]	-
Downton v AFC Stoneham	-	-
Fawley AFC v Crofton Saints	-	19:45
Hedge End Rangers v Downton	-	-
Liss Athletic v Cove	-	-
New Milton Town v Laverstock & Ford	-	19:45
United Services Portsmouth v Hayling United	HMS Temeraire	-
Verwood Town v Christchurch	-	19:30
Willand v Sherborne Town	-	-
Wednesday 29 July		
Whitecroft & Barton Sports v Newport IOW	Gatcombe	19:30

PRE-SEASON RESULTS



Thursday 2 July

Alton 1-2 Horndean

Friday 3 July

Clanfield 0-5 Cowes Sports

Fawley AFC 3-1 Hythe & Dibden

Winchester City 2-2 Colden Common

Saturday 4 July

Amesbury Town 0-7 Salisbury

Ash United 2-4 Chipstead

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 3-1 Newport IOW

Blandford United 1-0 Wincanton Town

Bournemouth 2-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Crofton Saints 2-1 Lymington Town

Dial Square 4-3 Frimley Green

Fareham Town 1-0 Midhurst & Easebourne

Fleetlands 1-4 AFC Portchester

Hamble Club 4-1 AFC Netley

Hamworthy United 0-1 Poole Town

Holt United 0-2 Christchurch

Kintbury Rangers 1-2 Abingdon United

Locks Heath v Hedge End Rangers [Result not provided- was it actually played?]

Marlow 4-5 Yateley United

Millbrook 4-2 AFC Shirley

Moneyfields U23 0-5 New Milton Town

Petersfield Town 2-1 Infinity

Pewsey Vale 2-3 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Romsey Town 1-2 Bashley

Sheerwater 3-2 Horndean

Totton & Eling 0-4 Andover New Street

Waterlooville AFC 1-6 Folland Sports

Westbury United 2-1 Sturminster Newton United

Wimborne Town 2-0 Portland United

Wokingham Town 6-3 Cove

FA COMPETITIONS

EMIRATES FA CUP EXTRA PRELIMINARY ROUND

Saturday 8 August

Andover New Street v Christchurch
 Badshot Lea v Brockenhurst
 Bournemouth v Downton
 Cowes Sports v Hamble Club
 Devizes Town v Hamworthy Recreation
 East Cowes Victoria v AFC Stoneham
 Horndean v Hartley Wintney
 Laverstock & Ford v Eversley & California
 Millbrook v Bradford Town
 Paulton Rovers v Fleetlands
 Petersfield Town v Fareham Town
 Portland United v Sturminster Newton United
 Shepton Mallet v Bashley
 Sherborne Town v Baffins Milton Rovers
 Tadley Calleva v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
 Westbury United v Hythe & Dibden

On Friday 3 July 2026, the FA released the below information;

The Emirates FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round and Preliminary Round draws

The FA Trophy – Preliminary Round and First Round Qualifying draws [not reproduced here]

The FA Vase – First Round Qualifying and Second Round Qualifying draws

The FA Youth Cup – Extra Preliminary Round and Preliminary Round draws

Details for our Wessex clubs are shown on pages 9, 10 and 11.

EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Saturday 22 August

AFC Portchester v Westbury United or Hythe & Dibden
 Andover New Street or Christchurch v Shaftesbury
 Bournemouth or Downton v Millbrook or Bradford Town
 Cowes Sports or Hamble Club v Tadley Calleva or Bemerton Heath Harlequins
 Devizes Town or Hamworthy Recreation v Fleet Town or Melksham Town
 East Cowes Victoria or AFC Stoneham v Badshot Lea or Brockenhurst
 Moneyfields v Portland United or Sturminster Newton United
 Paulton Rovers or Fleetlands v Yateley United or Alton
 Petersfield Town or Fareham Town v Laverstock & Ford or Eversley & California
 Sherborne Town or Baffins Milton Rovers v Horndean or Hartley Wintney
 Weymouth v Shepton Mallet or Bashley

ROUND- FA CUP	WIN	LOSE	DATE
Extra Preliminary Round [208]	£1,125.00	£375.00	08-Aug-26
Preliminary Round [136]	£1,444.00	£481.00	22-Aug-26
1st Round Qualifying [112]	£2,250.00	£750.00	05-Sep-26
2nd Round Qualifying [80]	£3,375.00	£1,125.00	19-Sep-26
3rd Round Qualifying [40]	£5,625.00	£1,875.00	03-Oct-26
4th Round Qualifying [32]	£9,375.00	£3,125.00	17-Oct-26
1st Round Proper [40]	£47,750.00	£15,800.00	07-Nov-26
2nd Round Proper [20]	£79,500.00	£21,200.00	05-Dec-26
3rd Round Proper [32]	£121,500.00	£26,500.00	09-Jan-27
4th Round Proper [16]	£127,000.00	N/A	13-Feb-27
5th Round Proper [8]	£238,500.00	N/A	06-Mar-27
Quarter Final [4]	£477,000.00	N/A	03-Apr-27
Semi Final [2]	£1,060,000.00	£530,000.00	24-Apr-27
Final [1]	£2,120,000.00	£1,060,000.00	22-May-27

Hopefully, with everything crossed and a following wind we can improve as a League this season to getting a club in the hat at least for the Third Round Qualifying. The last four seasons has seen AFC Stoneham (2023/24 and 2024/25) and Laverstock & Ford (2022/23 and 2025/26) fall at the Second Round Qualifying.

FA VASE FIRST ROUND QUALIFYING

Exempt to First Round Proper- Amesbury Town, Hamworthy Recreation and new boys Sturminster Newton United, joining at the Second Round Proper stage are Downton and Hythe & Dibden

Saturday 15 August

Andover New Street v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Bashley v Blandford United
Bridport v Folland Sports
Bristol Telephones v AFC Aldermaston
Clanfield v Romsey Town
Cove v Laverstock & Ford
Fareham Town v Baffins Milton Rovers
Fleetlands v Wincanton Town
Hamble Club v Cowes Sports
Horndean v Totton & Eling
Kintbury Rangers v Mangotsfield United
Newport (IOW) v Colden Common
Pagham v Millbrook
Selsey v Hamworthy United

FA VASE SECOND ROUND QUALIFYING

Saturday 12 September

Bridport or Folland Sports v Alton or Badshot Lea
Bristol Telephones or AFC Aldermaston v Newent Town or Almondsbury
Camberley Town v Cove or Laverstock & Ford
Clanfield or Romsey Town v Bournemouth
East Cowes Victoria v Fleetlands or Wincanton Town
Eversley & California or AEK Boco v Kintbury Rangers or Mangotsfield United
Fareham Town or Baffins Milton Rovers v New Milton Town
Fawley AFC v Ash United
Frimley Green v Brockenhurst
Hamble Club or Cowes Sports v Christchurch
Hedge End Rangers v Horndean or Totton & Eling
Pagham or Millbrook v Newport (IOW) or Colden Common
Petersfield Town v Andover New Street or Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Ringwood Town v Selsey or Hamworthy United
Sandhurst Town or Wokingham Town v Carterton or Wells City
Sherborne Town v Bashley or Blandford United
Whitchurch United v Midhurst & Easebourne or Warminster Town

ROUND- FA VASE	WIN	LOSE	DATE
1st Round Qualifying	£550.00	£160.00	15-Aug-26
2nd Round Qualifying	£725.00	£225.00	12-Sep-26
1st Round Proper	£825.00	£250.00	10-Oct-26
2nd Round Proper	£900.00	£275.00	31-Oct-26
3rd Round Proper	£1,125.00	£350.00	28-Nov-26
4th Round Proper	£1,875.00	£600.00	09-Jan-27
5th Round Proper	£2,250.00	£725.00	06-Feb-27
6th Round Proper	£4,125.00	£1,350.00	06-Mar-27
Semi Final First Leg	£5,500.00	£1,725.00	03-Apr-27
Semi Final Second Leg	-	-	10-Apr-27
Final	£30,000.00	£15,000.00	16-May-27

FA YOUTH CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

To be played in week commencing Monday 31 August

Alton v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Bashley v AFC Portchester
Gosport Borough v Fareham Town
Hamworthy Recreation v Millbrook

Portland United v Hamble Club
Shaftesbury v Bournemouth
Weymouth or Sholing v Christchurch
Wimborne Town v Petersfield Town

With apologies to Bemerton Heath Harlequins and Petersfield Town who somehow escaped my net when reading the list of accepted clubs last week.

THE ISLAND AND THE FA CUP

With the draw having been made for the very early stages of the FA Cup, Wessex League Clubs will be considering their first step on the Season's Road to the Wembley Arch *writes John Gorman*. Similarly, Clubs across the Country will be looking at their intended opposition and it is possible that a Club, or Clubs, from outside the Wessex area could face, and no doubt enjoy, a trip across the Solent to the Isle of Wight.

For the Island, despite the small number of Clubs that can qualify for the FA Cup, has a long history of involvement in the Competition. Newport, Cowes Sports and East Cowes Vics are regular entrants whilst Ryde, Ryde Sports, Brading Town and surprisingly Sandown have all graced the Competition over the years. West Wight, on their own or as Mayflower West Wight were always in the Hampshire League so outside qualification.

NEWPORT IOW have played just over 200 games in the Competition though this number does not include Seasons 1931 and 1932 where the results are held under copyright, The first recorded result is in 1935-36 when they defeated Bath City 2-1 before going on to play Yeovil & Petters United, the forerunners of the current Yeovil Town. The Club has reached the First Round Proper on a number of occasions the last two times losing to Aylesbury United in 1994/95 and Enfield, in a replay, in 1995/96. They have met numerous opponents from outside the Wessex League including Thornycroft Athletic, Weston-super-Mare, Aldershot and Hereford United, to name just a few, as well as Wiggmore Athletic who eventually became Worthing United. Currently a Step 6 side means that they cannot compete in the competition.

COWES/COWES SPORTS The Club has played in the FA Cup under both names clocking up 120 games but, as a Wessex club have only reached the Second Qualifying Round on one occasion, back in 1999/00. In the early days, as Cowes, the Competition was heavily regionalised, but since then they have met Dorking, Leatherhead, Margate, Yate and Brislington amongst others, whilst overall prior to their Wessex involvement they have faced Newport on eleven occasions and East Cowes Vics twice. The worst defeat was back in 1976/77 at the hands of Waterlooville 9-0. Going back further, to 1945/46, they were disqualified from the Competition after fielding an ineligible player- against of all teams, Newport IOW!

EAST COWES VICTORIA Between 1945 and 1951 they played twelve games that included Sandown twice and Portsmouth Electricity. In the two games with Sandown, both on their own turf, they scored fifteen goals and conceded two. They returned to the Competition in 1999 and have since added five games to their total, winning just one (against Verwood Town) in 2012/13.

RYDE/RYDE SPORTS An overall total of 50 games dating back as far as 1932 with six games played simply as Ryde. Again, early results are held under copyright with one of the earliest listed opponents shown as London Paper Mills. They beat Wells City 8-1 in a replay back in 1936/37, which was their best win but suffered heavy defeats against both Salisbury and Gosport Borough. Keeping it local, they met Newport on three occasions, without a win. Games were played at both Partlands and Smallbrook, they only made three appearances in the competition whilst a member of the Wessex League.

BRADING TOWN In their relatively short time in the Wessex League they completed a dozen FA Cup ties. One was against Hallen, last season's Vase semi-finalists, whilst their final game was a 2-1 home defeat by Whitchurch United.

SANDOWN With different qualification standards immediately post-World War 2, they played seven games between 1945/1950 whilst in the Hampshire League – Newport, Ryde and Vics each twice and a final game against Thornycroft Athletic, In the course of those games they scored 10 and conceded 32 but belated Credit to the Club for their participation.

WESSEX LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND

Alresford Town	v	Whitchurch United
Andover New Street	v	Brockenhurst or Sandhurst Town
Ash United or Hamworthy Recreation	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Bashley or Romsey Town	v	Ringwood Town
Bournemouth or Kintbury Rangers	v	Sturminster Newton United or Lymington Town
Colden Common	v	Christchurch or Totton & Eling
Downton	v	Fleetlands
Fawley AFC or East Cowes Vics	v	Blandford United or Cowes Sports
Frimley Green or Fareham Town	v	Cove
Hamworthy United	v	New Milton Town
Hedge End Rangers	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Hythe & Dibden	v	Hamble Club [HOLDERS]
Laverstock & Ford	v	Amesbury Town
Millbrook	v	Horndean
Newport (IOW)	v	Folland Sports
Petersfield Town	v	Sherborne Town or AFC Aldermaston

For the First Round see last weeks edition of the Wessex Post

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In the Hampshire Combination & Development League, the draw has been made for the opening rounds of the Challenge Cup and is as follows:

First Round

Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Petersfield Town
 Fawley AFC v Liphook United
 Hythe & Dibden v AFC Stoneham
 Liss Athletic v Clanfield
 Meon Milton v AFC Netley

Second Round

Crofton Saints v Clanfield Development
 Denmead v Hythe & Dibden or AFC Stoneham
 Downton v Alresford Town
 Fawley AFC or Liphook United v Brockenhurst
 Liss Athletic or Clanfield v Bishops Waltham Dynamos or Petersfield Town
 Nursling & Shirley v Hedge End Rangers
 Pagham v Meon Milton or AFC Netley
 Southsea Sports v Laverstock & Ford



THE LAST WORD- PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 28th July

Hamble Club v Andover New Street
 Petersfield Town v Cowes Sports

Saturday 1st August

Baffins Milton Rovers v Bemerton Heath H'quins
 Bashley v Hamble Club
 Bournemouth v Hythe & Dibden
 Cowes Sports v Brockenhurst
 Downton v Petersfield Town
 East Cowes Victoria v Andover New Street
 Fleetlands v Laverstock & Ford

Horndean v Sherborne Town

Millbrook v Hamworthy Recreation
 Sturminster Newton United v Fareham Town

Tuesday 4th August

Andover New Street v Bashley
 Baffins Milton Rovers v Downton
 Brockenhurst v Bournemouth
 Fareham Town v East Cowes Victoria
 Fleetlands v Cowes Sports
 Hamble Club v Millbrook
 Hythe & Dibden v Petersfield Town

Sturminster Newton United v Christchurch

Wednesday 5th August

Sherborne Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Saturday 8th August

EMIRATES FA CUP EXTRA PRELIMINARY ROUND

Tuesday 11th August

Baffins Milton Rovers v Horndean

Bashley v Sturminster Newton United

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Sherborne Town

Bournemouth v Laverstock & Ford

Brockenhurst v Hamworthy Recreation

Downton v Christchurch

Fareham Town v Hythe & Dibden

Fleetlands v Hamble Club

Millbrook v Andover New Street

Petersfield Town v East Cowes Victoria

Saturday 15th August

Brockenhurst v Christchurch

East Cowes Vics v Bournemouth

Sherborne Town v Petersfield Town

Sturminster Newton United v Hythe & Dibden

Tuesday 18th August

Wessex League Cup First Round

Frimley Green v Fareham Town

Bournemouth v Hamworthy Recreation

Cowes Sports v Millbrook

Downton v Bashley

East Cowes Victoria v Horndean

Hythe & Dibden v Baffins Milton Rovers

Laverstock & Ford v Hamble Club

Petersfield Town v Fleetlands

Wednesday 19th August

Sherborne Town v Brockenhurst

Saturday 22nd August

EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

Tuesday 25th August

Wessex League Cup First Round

Bashley v Romsey Town

Andover New Street v Petersfield Town

Baffins Milton Rovers v East Cowes Victoria

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Christchurch

Hamble Club v Downton

Horndean v Cowes Sports

Hythe & Dibden v Sherborne Town

Laverstock & Ford v Sturminster Newton United

Millbrook v Fareham Town

Saturday 29th August

Wessex League Cup First Round

Sturminster Newton United v Lymington Town

Bashley v Brockenhurst

Bournemouth v Christchurch

Downton v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

East Cowes Victoria v Hamble Club

Fareham Town v Cowes Sports

Fleetlands v Baffins Milton Rovers

Millbrook v Hythe & Dibden

Petersfield Town v Horndean

Sherborne Town v Andover New Street

NOTE: Division One fixture to follow in a week or so.

PHOTO FINISH

The first main day for pre-season was today with a number of games played at differing times in very warm conditions- action here is from Holt United, where Christchurch (yellow) ran out as winners, 2-0

