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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

NEXT WEEKEND!

Check out our social media for more details during the days ahead for more information

WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHARITY CUP

SATURDAY 25 JULY

AFC STONEHAM VS HAMBLE CLUB

STONEHAM LANE, SO16 2PA

KO 15:00

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WESSEX LEAGUE FOOTBALL SHOW



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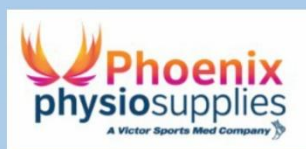
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PROGRAMME ADVERTS

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 are now available. That for the "Wessex League Football Show" (on page 2) and the "Kick it Out" campaign poster (on page 3), must be included in these club programmes, half page size is fine. Page 4 shows our Partners for 2026/27, this **must** be a full page and must also be in all programmes issued.

FORTY UP

The Wessex League commenced in 1986/87 with just seventeen Clubs so it may be interesting to see their progress over the ensuing seasons *writes John Gorman*. The original seventeen are listed in alphabetical order and the number following the name is the League position in which they finished in that inaugural season,

AFC TOTTON (3) Came into the League as the Hampshire League runners-up and over the years have climbed the footballing pyramid to be members of the National League South. They reached the FA Vase final in 2006/07 - the first Vase final in the new Wembley Stadium losing 3-1 to Truro City. They have also moved to a new stadium, but many will fondly remember the previous ground at Testwood Park and the tendency at evening games for the floodlights to be switched off the instant the referee blew the final whistle.

BASHLEY (1) Made the step up from the Hampshire League Division Two and dominated the Wessex League in the early years. They won the inaugural Title, beating RS Southampton by two points, and claimed the crown in the next two years as well. They have since had spells in both the Southern and Isthmian Leagues but generally struggled at that higher level. This season their pleasant Bashley Road ground will be hosting Wessex League Football again.

BOURNEMOUTH (15) The "Poppies" came into the League from the Hampshire League Division Three and have the proud record of competing in every season of the League to date, still remain at the same Victoria Park ground, which the writer, perhaps along with others, finds difficult to locate.

BROCKENHURST (17) Can almost match Bournemouth's record but have had two seasons in Wessex One. A smart well-maintained ground and a thriving and welcoming club that will be remembered for Pat McManus spending so many years in the managerial chair.

EASTLEIGH (8) Joining the Wessex League was the start of a long and successful journey that has taken the Club to within touching distance of the Football League. It is difficult to equate their present ground with Ten Acres, as it was in 1987, but progress has led to an impressive stadium on Stoneham Lane.

HAVANT TOWN (5) Came from Hampshire League Division One and were Wessex League Champions in 1990/91. They merged with Waterlooville in 1998 and have progressed to the National League and enjoyed some impressive Cup runs which included a game at Anfield. Still playing at Westleigh Park the pitch has been updated to a 3G surface in recent times.

HORNDEN (14) Another from the Hampshire League Division One. After finishing at the foot of the table in 1994/95 they returned to the Hampshire League for nine seasons before regaining Wessex League status when the League's merged in 2004/05. Winning the Championship in 2022/23 led to three seasons in the Isthmian League but relegation last season will see Wessex League football at Five Heads Park again.

LYMINGTON (10) Came from Hampshire League Division One and they have had a chequered time since with changes to the club's name but always remaining at the Sports Ground in the town. Two seasons in the Southern League were far from successful and saw a return to the Wessex League in 2007/08.

NEWPORT (IOW) (4) Made a successful transition from the Hampshire League. They progressed to the Southern and Isthmian Leagues but financial problems and more recently the loss of St Georges Park saw them back in the Wessex League for 2008/09.

PORTALS ATHLETIC (12) A works side based between Whitchurch and Overton, they only had the one season in the Wessex League before the Company withdrew their financial support. The ground has not hosted football for many years and is currently used by an Archery club.

PORTSMOUTH ROYAL NAVY (13) Another Club from Hampshire League Division One which initially relied entirely on service personnel. Under the guidance of long time Secretary, Bob Brady, they became United

Services Portsmouth in 2004/05 but their spell in the League, during which they reached the FA Vase Semi Finals in 2020/21, ended last season when beset by problems at the Stadium, they suffered relegation.

RS SOUTHAMPTON (2) Universally known as Road Sea they resigned from the Southern League to become Wessex founder members and finished second in what was to be their only season as the Club folded. Always a well-run Club, in some respects ahead of their time, their smart ground at Marchwood, became part of the Saints training complex.

ROMSEY TOWN (16) Stepped up from the Hampshire League but after a promising start returned to their Hampshire roots in 1998 for nine seasons. This is their third stay as members having since held their place in the Wessex League and always at the By-Pass ground.

SHOLING SPORTS (9) Always a leading light in the Hampshire League – they were Champions in 1982/83 and 1983/84, and they enjoyed seven seasons at their Birch Lawn ground in the Wessex League before the Club was disbanded over problems with the ground.

STEYNING TOWN (11) Came as the Sussex League champions where they carried all before them but only stayed for two seasons and with the players beginning to depart, they returned to the Sussex League via five seasons in the Combined Counties. Forty years on, last season they won the Southern Combination (formerly the Sussex League).

THATCHAM TOWN (6) Moved from the London Spartan League and more than made their mark in the Wessex League. Originally played elsewhere in the Town- at Lancaster Drive, before moving to their present home and have since played in the Southern, Hellenic and Combined Counties Leagues and were FA Vase winners in 2017/18 beating Stockton Town 1-0.

WELLWORTHY ATHLETIC (7) A works side based in Lymington with their ground inside the works complex. They came up from Hants Three but at the end of their second season the Company and ground were sold and the club merged with Lymington to become AFC Lymington.

What will the League look like in another forty years?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU - ROGER ALLEN

First of an occasional series by John Gorman



A few weeks ago I met up with our new President, Roger Allen, and we discussed what I might do to contribute news items to the Newsletter. One of the ideas was a “Getting to Know You” feature and where better to start than with Roger himself.

Roger was born in Manchester in 1945 and was brought up in the northern suburb of Prestwich. One of his earliest memories was being taken by his dad to watch Prestwich Heys who are currently a member of the North West Counties and feature year to year in the FA Vase. During those early years he was a regular visitor to Old Trafford where he saw the Busby Babes and to Gigg Lane to watch Bury who, at the time, would be a Championship team of today. He still has the first United programme after the Munich

Disaster and a full season of Bury programmes from the Fifties.

Roger married Sandra in 1969 by which time he was Secretary of a South East Lancashire League team called Prestwich St Margarets in what today would be Step 7. Later he played for Old Standians and Walshaw Old Boys. Living in Bury at the time it was there that he started refereeing. Being a referee teaches you life lessons match after match and he recalls his first game in the Bury Amateur League on the local recreation ground. Changing with the players (no separate facilities) after what he considered to be a great performance, he shared with the home striker that he thought it was a good game. To which the striker replied, “It wasn’t a bad game but I thought you were crap”. Lesson 1 - don’t talk to the players about the game.

Sadly Sandra passed away in 2023 - an annus horribilis for several reasons but Roger is supported by his two sons and Sara his daughter who some will remember as our reluctant website designer for a couple of seasons until Simon took over.

Going back Roger progressed quickly through the ranks and by 1978 when he and Sandra moved down South he was running the line on the Lancashire Combination which in refereeing terms was one level below the Football League. Virtually all Roger’s working life was spent with Texaco where initially he was a Regional Property Surveyor and, after a spell as a Regional Sales Manager, he ended his working career as Texaco’s Property Manager covering the whole of the U.K.

But his passion has always been football though he also played cricket in North Manchester for Unsworth, Prestwich and Higher Blackley as a batsman and occasional wicket keeper.

Continuing his refereeing career down South he was placed on the Hampshire League. He recalls that the first game assigned to him by Jim Jenkinson was a local derby between Moneyfields and Waterlooille and he was warned it was as difficult as it gets. He also officiated on the Midweek League and recalls being a referee on a game at Hurn Bridge between AFC Bournemouth and Brentford when the respective captains were David Webb and Ron Harris - both of whom were perfect gentlemen on the day. He also recalls running a line in a testimonial game at Dean Court with Derek Nippard (cup final referee) and John Carter (Football League referee). The visitors were Spurs who featured Ozzie Ardiles and Steve Perryman in their line-up. During this time he became a Licensed Referee Instructor and held various posts in the Bournemouth Referees Society and within the Hampshire F.A. referee training set up.

On finishing work he became the Fixtures Secretary for the Hampshire League for several seasons and all was going smoothly until the Wessex League decided it wanted a second division. Ultimately it was decided that the two Leagues would merge in 2004 and Roger became the Assistant Fixtures Secretary to Malcolm Watts. Several years later he left the Wessex League briefly to become Chairman and later Secretary of the Hampshire Premier League where he worked closely with such dedicated League Officers as George Mason and Derek Hawkins.

Roger returned to the Wessex League in 2016 as Fixtures Secretary, a post he held until 3 years ago. He describes this as the job he always wanted. He is also a member of the Hampshire F.A. Cup Committee.

Throughout all of his time in football, he considers his major achievement to being a founder member of the Wyvern Combination in 2011 with Ray Murphy, John Stimpson, Ian Craig and Stuart Solly and developing that League to what it is today. Initially the League had 25 reserve teams but today it has developed a clear player pathway from Under 18 level through Under 23s to Open age and this season the Hampshire Combination will start the season with approximately 90 teams. All achieved without a penny of external funding or sponsorship.

Roger remarks that football has given him some lifelong friendships with the likes of Dennis Challis, Ian Craig (who he describes as the best football administrator he has known) and, dare I say it, myself. He is honoured to have become President after the sad passing of Bob Purkiss being only the 8th person to have held that post in the Wessex League's 40 year history. Hopefully, there's a few more years left in the old dog yet!

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 these games, nor as to whether any games are changed or called off at short notice.

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



Tuesday 21 July

AFC Stoneham v Havant & Waterlooville	-	-
Alresford Town v Petersfield Town	-	-
Andover New Street v Whitchurch United	-	-
Bournemouth v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	<i>[Jack Bellows Trophy]</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 AFC Totton	-	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 AFC 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 Recreation v Badshot Lea	<i>Cockrams</i>	15:00
Hamworthy United v Fleetlands	-	15:00
Hedge End Rangers v Downton	<i>Deer Park</i>	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
Petersfield Town v Alresford Town	-	19:45
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	-	-
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Amesbury Town	<i>[Salisbury Hospital Cup Semi Final 2025/26]</i>	-
Colden Common v Alresford Town	<i>[Barry Small Trophy]</i>	-
Downton v AFC Stoneham	-	-
Fawley AFC v Crofton Saints	-	19:45
Liss Athletic v Cove	-	-
New Milton Town v Laverstock & Ford	-	19:45
Poole Town v Petersfield Town	-	-
United Services Portsmouth v Hayling United	<i>HMS Temeraire</i>	-
Verwood Town v Christchurch	-	19:30
Willand v Sherborne Town	-	-
Wednesday 29 July		
Whitecroft & Barton Sports v Newport IOW	<i>Gatcombe</i>	19:30
Saturday 1 August		
Portland United v Poole Town U23	-	-

PRE-SEASON RESULTS



Monday 13 July

Blandford United 2-0 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves
 Sherborne Town 3-1 Westland Sports *[Mike Murley Memorial Cup]*
 Swanage Town & Herston 3-0 Christchurch

Tuesday 14 July

AFC Aldermaston 1-1 Maidenhead Town
 AFC Stoneham 1-0 Midhurst & Easebourne
 Alresford Town 5-2 Overton United
 Bridport 1-2 Wincanton Town
 Colden Common 9-2 Infinity
 Fleetlands 0-1 Hedge End Rangers

Hamworthy Recreation 2-2 Shaftesbury
Hamworthy United 1-3 Bashley
Hanworth Villa 2-0 Fareham Town
Horndean 2-1 Gosport Borough
Hythe & Dibden 2-1 Crofton Saints
Laverstock & Ford 4-2 Winchester City
Odd Down 1-2 Sturminster Newton United
Portland United 7-0 Christchurch
Romsey Town 3-2 Cowes Sports
United Services Portsmouth 1-5 Newport IOW

Thursday 16 July

Frimley Green 4-3 Camberley Town
Ringwood Town 3-2 Wareham Rangers

Friday 17 July

Calne Town 0-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Clanfield 3-1 Denmead
Fawley AFC 5-2 Nursling & Shirley
Hamworthy Recreation Reserves 1-1 Christchurch
Kintbury Rangers 2-2 Royal Wootton Bassett Town

Saturday 18 July

AFC Netley 2-5 Colden Common
AFC Stoneham 0-0 Badshot Lea
Alton 1-3 Petersfield Town
Andover New Street 2-2 Midhurst & Easebourne
Ash United 4-1 Banstead Athletic
Binfield 1-1 AFC Aldermaston
Blandford United 0-5 Downton
Bosham 0-3 Clanfield
Bournemouth Electric 1-2 Bashley [*Clive Saunders Memorial Trophy*]
Brockenhurst 2-2 New Milton Town
Chichester City 1-0 Baffins Milton Rovers
Cove 2-1 Tadley Calleva
Dorchester Town 3-1 East Cowes Victoria
Fleetlands 2-3 Winchester City
Folland Sports 0-1 Bournemouth
Hamble Club 2-1 Hedge End Rangers
Hamworthy United 1-2 Holt United
Longwell Green 3-3 Sturminster Newton United
Lymington Town 0-8 Millbrook
Metropolitan Police 0-0 Fareham Town
Pewsey Vale 0-3 Hamworthy Recreation
Reading City v Romsey Town [*result not provided- not known if actually played*]
Selsey 0-4 Horndean
Sherborne Town 2-0 Portland United
Staines & Lammas 1-0 Sandhurst Town
Torridgeside 5-2 Wincanton Town
Totton & Eling 1-1 Whiteley Wanderers
United Services Portsmouth 3-0 Mob Albion



FIXTURES 2026/27

A general reminder that fixtures are subject to alteration and or cancellation at short notice.



Saturday 25 July

Wessex League Charity Cup

AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club

Tuesday 28 July

Premier Division

Hamble Club v Andover New Street

Friday 31 July

Division One

Fawley AFC v Lymington Town

Saturday 1 August

Premier Division

Bashley v Hamble Club

Bournemouth Poppies 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

Division One

Alresford Town v Blandford United

Amesbury Town v Folland Sports

Frimley Green v Totton & Eling

Hamworthy United v Newport (IOW)

Kintbury Rangers v Sandhurst Town

New Milton Town v Cove

Ringwood Town v AFC Aldermaston

Whitchurch United v Colden Common

Tuesday 4 August

Hampshire Senior Cup Preliminary Round

Cowes Sports v New Milton Town [19:30]

Folland Sports v Hythe & Dibden

Hamble Club v Brockenhurst

Petersfield Town v Romsey Town

Ringwood Town v Newport (IOW)

Premier Division

Downton v Baffins Milton Rovers

Andover New Street v Bashley

Fareham Town v East Cowes Victoria

Sturminster Newton United v Christchurch

Division One

Amesbury Town v Blandford United

Ash United v Frimley Green

Hamworthy United v Fawley AFC

Kintbury Rangers v Lymington Town

Wednesday 5 August

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Hamworthy Recreation

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Totton & Eling

Hedge End Rangers v Alresford Town

Whitchurch United v Sandhurst Town

Saturday 8 August

Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round

Andover New Street v Christchurch

Badshot Lea v Brockenhurst

Bournemouth Poppies 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 Mallett AFC v Bashley

Sherborne Town v Baffins Milton Rovers

Tadley Calleva v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Westbury United v Hythe & Dibden

Tuesday 11 August

Wessex League Cup Second Round

Alresford Town v Whitchurch United

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Horndean

Bashley v Sturminster Newton United

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Sherborne Town

Bournemouth Poppies 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 15 August

FA Vase First Round Qualifying

Andover New St 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 First
Hamble Club v Cowes Sports

Horndean v Totton & Eling
Kintbury Rangers v Mangotsfield United
Newport (IOW) v Colden Common
Pagham v Millbrook
Sandhurst Town v Wokingham Town
Selsey v Hamworthy United
Wessex League Cup First Round
Ash United v Hamworthy Recreation
Premier Division
Brockenhurst v Christchurch
East Cowes Victoria v Bournemouth Poppies
Sherborne Town v Petersfield Town
Sturminster Newton United v Hythe & Dibden

It looks like Division One fixtures are appearing on Full Time as we go to press, but I have not got a definitive list as yet. Check our social media for news as and when we hear.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The First Round and Second Round draw has been made for the John Stimpson Memorial Shield and is as follows:

First Round

AFC Totton U23 v Bishops Waltham Dynamos A
Alresford Town v Baffins Milton Rovers U23
Andover New Street U23 v Liphook United
Andover Town U23 v Nursling & Shirley
Brockenhurst v Meon Milton
Fleetlands U23 v Clanfield
Folland Sports U23 v Winchester City U23
Laverstock & Ford v Totton & Eling U23
New Milton Town U23 v Downton
Ringwood Town U23 v Southsea Sports

As in previous seasons, all games involving Under 23 sides will be played in midweek and will be arranged by the Under 23 Fixtures Secretary. If necessary these games will be reversed to ensure they are played under floodlights.

All games which are between Open Age teams will be arranged by the Open Age Fixtures Secretary. Where possible these games will be scheduled on a Saturday though the League reserve the right to arrange midweek if fixtures pile up.

Second Round

AFC Stoneham v Lymington Town U23
AFC Totton U23 or Bishops Waltham Dynamos A v Fleetlands U23 or Clanfield
Alresford Town or Baffins Milton Rovers U23 v Liss Athletic
Bashley U23 v Andover New Street U23 or Liphook United
Clanfield Development v Denmead
Dorchester Town U23 v AFC Netley
Fawley AFC v Ringwood Town or Southsea Sports
Folland Sports U23 or Winchester City U23 v New Milton Town U23 or Downton
Hedge End Rangers v Fareham Town U23
Hythe & Dibden v Crofton Saints
Laverstock & Ford or Totton & Eling U23 v Hayling United U23
Petersfield Town v Brockenhurst or Meon Milton
Romsey Town U23 v Hamble Club U23
Select Generation U23 v Whiteley Wanderers U23
U.S. Portsmouth U23 v Pagham
Verwood Town U23 v Andover Town U23 or Nursling & Shirley

LEAGUE NEWS

The Wessex League have appointed Dean Button as League Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (ED&I) Officer. Dean brings with him a wealth of experience in this subject having undertaken a similar role in the Royal Navy and will be responsible for ensuring that our League remains an environment where players, officials, volunteers and supporters can enjoy the game and be treated with respect and dignity. Should you have any issues, enquiries or require information regarding this aspect of the game please contact Dean at respect.wessexleague@gmail.com

THE LAST WORD

Whilst we have yet to get 2026/27 properly under way, we know that this seasons Non-League Day will cover the Easter weekend- note it in your diaries. Something to look forward to, other than chocolate!



PHOTO FINISH



Midweek action from Days Park, the home of Swanage Town & Herston, where visitors Christchurch (blue) fell to three late goals in their 3-0 defeat.



Midweek action from Magna Road where Shaftesbury (red and white) were the visitors, Four goals shared here with the Rockies having a two goal advantage at one time.



Action today from a baking County Ground, where Hamworthy United went down by the odd goal of three against Holt United (white)

