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Southill Alexander withdraw their membership

Wednesday January 11th saw Southill Alexander given notice to the Bedfordshire County Football League that with immediate effect they were withdrawing their membership from the league.

Club chairman Gordon Parham citing their very considerable difficulties on the player front which as severely hampered their efforts to field a competitive being the major reason, alongside the logistics of himself and club secretary Sally Fletcher administering the club from their Norfolk home.

In accordance with league rules their seasons record is now expunged from record leaving Shefford Town & Campton FC as the new league leaders.

The club however to benefit the most are Caldecote, the only one of the leading title contenders to drop points to The Alexander this season.

Revised Premier Division Supported by Sportsform League Table

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	12	8	3	1	37	17	20	27
2	Wilshamstead	12	8	3	1	44	27	17	27
3	Renhold United	12	7	3	2	26	20	6	24
4	Blunham	10	7	2	1	46	19	27	23
5	Caldecote	10	7	1	2	32	17	15	22
6	Leighton United	13	5	3	5	39	30	9	18
7	Flitwick Town	11	5	1	5	17	21	-4	16
8	Dunton	12	5	0	7	23	32	-9	15
9	Woburn	12	4	2	6	22	32	-10	14
10	Oakley Sports	11	4	1	6	18	24	-6	13
11	Sharnbrook	11	4	0	7	23	28	-5	12
12	Arlesey Town Reserves	11	2	3	6	26	33	-7	9
13	AFC Kempston Town	12	2	2	8	14	34	-20	8
14	Biggleswade United Reserves	15	2	0	13	16	49	-33	6

Harpur FC pull out of the league

Division Two is now down to 15 teams for the remainder of the 2010-11 season following the withdrawal of Harpur FC.

Their seasons record as now be expunged from the league tables, leaving Arleseey Social Galacticos as the new league leaders, a point clear of second spot Clifton and third place Queens Park Crescents.

Revised Division Two League Table following Harpur FC departute.

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Arleseey Social Galacticos	13	8	3	2	42	28	14	27
2	Clifton	13	7	5	1	36	26	10	26
3	Queens Park Crescents	14	8	2	4	35	31	4	26
4	Bromham United	13	7	2	4	32	27	5	23
5	Lea Sports PSG	10	7	1	2	32	15	17	22
6	Elstow Abbey 06	11	6	1	4	37	18	19	19
7	Westoning Recreation Club	14	5	3	6	36	28	8	18
8	Lidlington United Sports	12	5	2	5	28	24	4	17
9	Kings AFC	11	5	0	6	29	33	-4	15
10	Great Barford	11	5	0	6	22	28	-6	15
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	12	3	3	6	25	35	-10	12
12	Stopsley Park	12	3	2	7	34	36	-2	11
13	Marabese Ceramics	9	3	2	4	10	14	-4	11
14	Stevington	13	3	0	10	24	44	-20	9
15	Kempston Hammers Sports	10	1	0	9	11	46	-35	3

Action Round-Up Saturday 15th January 2011

Premier Division supported by Sportsform

In was not a good day for the leading two clubs at the head of Premier Division supported by Sportsform league table after they both went down to away defeats. Leaders Shefford Town & Campton having their nine game unbeaten run ended with a 3-1 defeat at Blunham, who now sit menacingly in fourth spot just a point behind their victims but with two games in hand. Steve Thomas, Matty McMahon and Ben Flatters goals retaining their clubs unbeaten home way for the campaign and taking their own unbeaten run up to nine games, Andy Hayday netted the visitors reply.

For start of play second place Wilshamstead, it was a 8-2 defeat at Renhold United who now swap places with them in the league standings. Jason Allison and Tommy Foyle on target twice alongside an own goal plus strikes from Sheldon Washington, Anish Khinda and Jason Thompson. The visitors replies coming in the form of a Paul Jones brace.

The defeat of the top two clubs was also good news for Caldecote, they like Blunham have played two games less than the leading three clubs and now only trail them by

two points following their 2-0 home win over Dunton. Dave Lenton and Paul Lawrence netting the first half goals that did the damage.

Down at the other end of the table, it was a good day for AFC Kempston Town, they climbed out of the relegation zone after they produced their first home win of the season in a 3-1 victory over bottom of the table Biggleswade United Reserves. Lyndon Ingerson, Sundip Gill and Jamie Wodd all netting in the first half before Edo Dangi replied for United.

Now back in the drop zone are Arlesey Town Reserves after they were beaten 3-0 at Oakley Sports. Mark Smith, Jamie Endersby and David Miljkovic netting the goals that took The Sportsmen to their first victory in six outings to leave Town still looking for their first away win of the season.

The scheduled game at Crawley Road: between Woburn and Sharnbrook being postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

Premier Division supported by Sportsform League Table at 15th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Shefford Town & Campton	13	8	3	2	38	20	18	27
2	Renhold United	13	8	3	2	34	22	12	27
3	Wilshamstead	13	8	3	2	46	35	11	27
4	Blunham	11	8	2	1	49	20	29	26
5	Caldecote	11	8	1	2	34	17	17	25
6	Leighton United	13	5	3	5	39	30	9	18
7	Oakley Sports	12	5	1	6	21	24	-3	16
8	Flitwick Town	11	5	1	5	17	21	-4	16
9	Dunton	13	5	0	8	23	34	-11	15
10	Woburn	12	4	2	6	22	32	-10	14
11	Sharnbrook	11	4	0	7	23	28	-5	12
12	AFC Kempston Town	13	3	2	8	17	35	-18	11
13	Arlesey Town Reserves	12	2	3	7	26	36	-10	9
14	Biggleswade United Reserves	16	2	0	14	17	52	-35	6

Division One

Potton Wanderers took their winning ways to six games to remain three points clear at the head of the Division One table with a 3-0 win at Bedford Sports Athletic. Danny Fox, James Hearson and Antony Schurek the goalscorers.

For second place Marston Shelton Rovers, it was a 4-1 home win over Caldecote Reserves. Givran Pirbhai, Dean Clark, Jamie Cerminara and Tom Wyldes all finding the back of the net against a lone reply from Terry Lawrence.

Third place Bedford Hatters meantime were losing ground in being held to a 2-2 draw at Sandy. Rob Tapley giving the home side the lead just five minutes into the contest before strikes from Richard Cook and Simon Pixley saw The Hatters into a 2-1 lead, a

late goal from Ben Wilkes ensuring the points would be shared to leave Sandy now unbeaten in their last six outings.

Over at Miller Road it took just a single goal from Simon Jakes to earn Meltis Albion a 1-0 win over Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves to leave them in fourth spot, just three points clear of Henlow, who ran out 2-1 home winners over Blunham Reserves. Joe Fallano and Bryan Seago on target against a Blunham reply from Callum McGlynn.

Down at the bottom end of the table it was a red letter day for basement club Luton Old Boys who came up with their first away win of the season when winning 4-0 at AFC Kempston Town Reserves. Ashley Wadhams netting twice alongside Stephen Odell and Dennis Mpinganjira.

Division One League Table at 15th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Potton Wanderers	13	11	0	2	57	11	46	33
2	Marston Shelton Rovers	12	10	0	2	35	17	18	30
3	Bedford Hatters	10	8	1	1	37	7	30	25
4	Meltis Albion	13	7	1	5	29	27	2	22
5	Henlow	13	5	4	4	30	30	0	19
6	FC Meppershall	11	5	2	4	25	27	-2	17
7	Bedford S.A.	13	5	2	6	30	35	-5	17
8	Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves	12	4	3	5	20	20	0	15
9	Sandy	14	4	3	7	28	38	-10	15
10	Blunham Reserves	13	3	3	7	16	26	-10	12
11	AFC Kempston Town Reserves	13	3	1	9	13	42	-29	10
12	Caldecote Reserves	11	2	1	8	13	22	-9	7
13	Luton Old Boys [Saturday]	12	2	1	9	17	48	-31	7

Division Two

With league leaders Arlesey Social Galacticos under league suspension for non payment of fines, both Clifton and Queens Park Crescents missed the opportunity to climb to the top of the standings by going down to away defeats. Second place Clifton having just a Tony Norman goal to show for their 2-1 defeat at Bromham United who, with goals from Antony Farr and Phill Kempself now just trail their victims on goal difference in third spot.

United in turn are just goal difference ahead of Queens Park Crescents who were beaten at now fifth place Lea Sports PSG 5-1. James Owofisan and Martin Collins both netting twice alongside Haji Conteh, the visitors reply coming via Shezad Satter.

Also still very much in the promotion race are sixth place Elstow Abbey, they took their winning ways to five games with a 6-0 home win over Stevington. Tom Pitts and Ed L'Erario shooting them 2-0 ahead before Stevington's cause was not helped by a red card for Darren King just before the interval, after which a Martisse Clarke penalty plus strikes from Jason Harrison, Harry Ellis and Bradley Head completed the rout.

Another club under league suspension for non payment of fines are Stopsley Park whose game at home against Kempston Hammers Sports was postponed. The Hammers however were in action in a quickly arranged fixture away at Great Barford, who had been the intended hosts for Arlesey Social Galacticos. The game ending all square at 1-1. The home goal being an own goal against a Hammers reply from Kevin Simcoe.

Elsewhere, Kings AFC made it three home wins on the bounce with a 2-0 win over Marabese Ceramics, Josh Clements netting both goals. But for Shefford Town & Campton Reserves its now eight games without a win after losing 1-2 at home against Westoning Recreation Club. Ian Buckingham and Alex Barnwell on target for the winners against a home reply from Jordan Robbins.

Division Two League Table at 15th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Arlesey Social Galacticos	13	8	3	2	42	28	14	27
2	Clifton	14	7	5	2	37	28	9	26
3	Bromham United	14	8	2	4	34	28	6	26
4	Queens Park Crescents	15	8	2	5	36	36	0	26
5	Lea Sports PSG	11	8	1	2	37	16	21	25
6	Elstow Abbey 06	12	7	1	4	43	18	25	22
7	Westoning Recreation Club	15	6	3	6	38	29	9	21
8	Kings AFC	12	6	0	6	31	33	-2	18
9	Lidlington United Sports	12	5	2	5	28	24	4	17
10	Great Barford	12	5	1	6	23	29	-6	16
11	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves	13	3	3	7	26	37	-11	12
12	Stopsley Park	12	3	2	7	34	36	-2	11
13	Marabese Ceramics	10	3	2	5	10	16	-6	11
14	Stevington	14	3	0	11	24	50	-26	9
15	Kempston Hammers Sports	11	1	1	9	12	47	-35	4

Division Three

On a day when league leaders Pavenham were to lose their seasons 100% record when held to a 2-2 home draw by Co-op Sports, the blow was lessened by the news that second place Sharnbrook Rovers had been beaten 1-0 at Wilshamstead Reserves thus increasing their lead at the head of the league table to four points.

Pavenham trailed The Co-op boys to a first half goal from Robbie Cusack until Will McNally levelled matters 10 minutes from time, but with four minutes to go James McMulkin shot the visitors back in front only to see Pavenham maintain at least their unbeaten ways for the season with a goal from Daniel Doyle right on the final whistle.

Meantime, Rani Thierra netted the Wilshamstead Reserves goal to take them too their third win on the bounce and thus duly ending Sharnbrook Reserves six game winning run.

Following six straight defeats, Royal Oak Kempston returned to winning ways with a 1-0 home win over Renhold Village thanks to a strike from Gareth Arzu, whilst Cranfield United Reserves retained their seasons unbeaten ways on the road with a 2-1 victory at Riseley Sports. Adam Constable netting both goals against a home reply from Jimmy Grandidge who later missed from the penalty spot to square the game up.

For Dunton Reserves, it was a 3-2 home win over Caldecote A in a game switched to their victims home ground. Paul Beith plus an own goal and a Nicky Albone penalty outweighing a brace in reply from Dan Fennell.

The other two scheduled games: Flitwick Town Reserves v Sundon Park Rangers and Westoning Recreation Club Reserves v Shefford Town & Campton A waterlogged off.

Division Three League Table at 15th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pavenham	13	12	1	0	52	9	43	37
2	Sharnbrook Reserves	14	11	0	3	39	21	18	33
3	M & DH Oakley	11	8	1	2	39	10	29	25
4	Co-op Sports	14	7	3	4	35	22	13	24
5	Sundon Park Rangers [Saturday]	13	6	4	3	46	26	20	22
6	Riseley Sports	13	5	2	6	31	31	0	17
7	Cranfield United Reserves	10	5	2	3	19	19	0	17
8	Renhold Village	11	4	2	5	26	21	5	14
9	Flitwick Town Reserves	11	4	1	6	19	28	-9	13
10	Dunton Reserves	13	4	1	8	21	37	-16	13
11	Caldecote 'A'	13	4	0	9	26	44	-18	12
12	Wilshamstead Reserves	11	3	2	6	19	41	-22	11
13	Westoning Recreation Club Reserves	11	3	1	7	26	38	-12	10
14	Royal Oak Kempston	13	3	1	9	20	36	-16	10
15	Shefford Town & Campton 'A'	11	1	1	9	12	47	-35	4

Division Four

AFC Turvey are now seven points clear at the head of the Division Four league table after maintaining their 100% ways for the season by running out 5-1 winners at Dinamo Flitwick. Saimir Guri on target twice alongside an own goal plus strikes from Andrew Wren and Daniel Bailey against a home reply from Dale Goldie.

With Thurleigh home game with Stewartby Village waterlogged off, Eastcotts took full advantage to leapfrog them into second spot by winning 5-1 at Kempston Athletic. Ben Eagles twice plus Ciaran Alexander, Michael Sexton and Adam Jacques all finding the back of the net against a home reply from Adam Maloney.

Up now into fourth spot are Goldington, they ran out 8-0 home winners over arch rivals Goldington Hammers. Robert Brown with a hat-trick, Karl Anderson with a brace plus an own goal and strikes from Johnny Hutchinson and Damien Quigley doing the damage.

For Bedford Park Rangers, it was a first win in seven outings via a 3-0 home success over Lea Sports PSG Reserves. Richard Patterson, Shaun Finlay and Roger Goff netting the vital goals.

Over at Whiston Crescent, Clifton Reserves climbed into the top six of the standings thanks to a 4-1 home win over Sandy Reserves. Greg King twice plus Robert Haradine and David Dice on the scoresheet against a Sandy reply from Marcus Tait. Perhaps it was no surprise the home side had such a majestic win, their line-up included four Kings, Barry (the uncle) plus his three nephews Greg, George and Michael. That's what you call a "royal win"

The other scheduled game between Potton Town and Wootton Village being waterlogged off.

Division Four League Table at 15th January 2011

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Turvey	12	12	0	0	68	15	53	36
2	Eastcotts AFC	13	9	2	2	45	15	30	29
3	Thurleigh	11	9	1	1	42	16	26	28
4	Goldington	12	9	0	3	65	20	45	27
5	Dinamo Flitwick	14	8	1	5	37	35	2	25
6	Clifton Reserves	15	6	2	7	48	56	-8	20
7	Potton Town	11	6	1	4	21	18	3	19
8	Goldington Hammers	14	5	0	9	25	57	-32	15
9	Bedford Park Rangers	15	4	2	9	39	51	-12	14
10	Stewartby Village	13	4	1	8	27	44	-17	13
11	Lea Sports PSG Reserves	12	3	2	7	15	31	-16	11
12	Sandy Reserves	12	3	1	8	17	33	-16	10
13	Kempston Athletic	11	1	2	8	17	43	-26	5
14	Wootton Village	11	1	1	9	13	45	-32	4

Preview Saturday 22nd January 2011

The action this weekend in the Bedfordshire County Football League brings about opening round games in the various league cup competitions that were postponed when the snow arrived just before the holiday break.

For Premier Division supported by Sportsform clubs, that of course means The Britannia Cup, the current holders are Caldecote, and they have been favoured with a home tie at Harvey Close against Arlesey Town Reserves. With the holders having been beaten just once on home soil this term and the visitors yet to win on the road this season, one would be most surprised if Caldecote's name was not in the hat for the last eight draw come the final whistle.

Last seasons beaten finalists Woburn also have a home tie at Crawley Road against Dunton. The Safari Boys have been beaten just three times at home this season to suggest home advantage might pay off, however one of those defeats came 0-4 at the hands of Dunton thus this tie is far from a home banker.

The tie of the round however looks to be the Renhold Playing Fields clash between hosts Renhold United and their visitors Blunham. These two clubs met in league action in late October with the game finishing in a 2-2 draw. Another close game looks on the cards which might yet stretch to extra time and penalties before the winners emerge.

Over at Stanbridge Road, Leighton United last seasons Centenary Cup winners, get their first taste of Britannia Cup action at home to Flitwick Town. United still unbeaten on home soil this term perhaps the favourites to progress to the last eight but the Town who held them to a 2-2 league draw in mid-November will be no pushovers.

Another tie too close to call comes at Houghton Conquest Playing Fields between hosts Wilshamstead and Shefford Town & Campton. The hosts going into the game still unbeaten on home soil this term yet you would perhaps favour the league leading visitors to emerge the winners.

It's local derby action at Lodge Road between hosts Sharnbrook and near neighbours Oakley Sports. A league meeting between the clubs on the opening day of the season went 5-3 in favour of The Sportsman but on current league form revenge could well be on the cards.

The final opening round tie being delayed until Wednesday January 26th when Biggleswade United Reserves will entertain AFC Kempston Town at Second Meadow. One of the Town's only two wins of the season so far this campaign came back in September at Second Meadow and they will be hoping a return visit will help kick start their season.

In The Centenary Cup, it should have been home action for last seasons beaten finalists Blunham Reserves at Moggerhanger Playing Fields against Brache Sparta Community Reserves, but with the visitors now withdrawn from the league, they will travel instead to Hillgrounds to face FC Meppershall in league action.

One home side who will feel confident of progressing into the last eight are Marston Shelton Rovers, they entertain Luton Old Boys at their Playing Field headquarters, despite The Old Boys having broken their away duck for the season at AFC Kempston Town Reserves last weekend.

Over at Groveside, Henlow have suffered just one home defeat all season, alas that was against Potton Wanderers who revisit just two months after they dished out a 6-0 beating the firm favourites for a last eight place.

It's local derby action at Bedford Road Recreation Ground between hosts Sandy and visitors Ickwell & Old Warden Reserves. The clubs have already met twice in league action this term with honours even at one apiece, both achieved on each others ground by the same 2-0 scoreline.

Cople Playing Fields is the venue for Bedford Sports Athletics' home tie with Meltis Albion. Again they have already met twice in league action, both winning on home soil by three goal margins and with home advantage Athletic could well be the name going into the last eight draw hat.

The final tie coming at Hillgrounds between AFC Kempston Town and Caldecote Reserves. Town's lone home league win of the campaign came over their visitors 1-0 back in early October and with Caldecote now without a win in their last seven games, Town could just sneak this tie.

For Division Two sides it's action in The Jubilee Cup. The tie of the round looking to be the Arleseey Playing Fields clash between hosts Arleseey Social Galacticos and their visitors Elstow Abbey. The Abbey now on a five game winning run perhaps the favourites to prevail.

Over in Mowsbury Park, Queens Park Crescent beaten just once on home soil this season will start the firm favourites to advance to the last eight at the expense of visitors Westoning Recreation Club. Whilst Lea Sports PSG put their seasons 100% home record on the line at Pirton Recreation Ground when they host a Bromham United side that has only been beaten once away from home this season.

In the other four ties perhaps it will be the visitors who will start the favourites in two of those ties to make it into the hat for the second round draw. Great Barford winners of the cup in season 2007-08, should travel with confidence as they make their way to Cutler Hammer to face bottom of the league Kempston Hammers Sports. However they failed to beat them on home soil in league action last weekend and perhaps, just perhaps, The Hammers might come up a shock win.

Whilst it's local derby action at Rectory Road between Shefford Town & Campton Reserves who host Clifton. The visitors who have lost just twice on their travels this season will no doubt fancy their chances of turning over a Town side that has failed to win any of its last eight games.

Other action comes at King George VI Playing Fields, Kings AFC having recorded their first home win this season over Liddington United Sports in early December now take them on in cup action unbeaten since that day. Whilst Stopsley Park go into Luton Regional Sports Centre action against Stevington who are yet to win on the road this season.

The Watson Shield this season will be competed for by all Division Three and Four sides thus today's tie is only for a place in the last 16. At Hillgrounds, runaway Division Three league leaders Pavenham defend their seasons unbeaten ways in home action against a Riseley Sports side that has yet to be beaten on its travels this season and come in search of revenge for an early season league defeat on their own Gold Street patch.

At the same venue, Division Four Eastcotts who are still unbeaten at home this season will fancy their chances of overturning Division Three Wilshamstead Reserves. Whilst on neighbouring pitches there is an all Division Four clash between hosts Kempston Athletic and Stewartby Village. Plus The Royal Oak Kempston of Division three host Division Four Goldington Hammers.

The tie of the round however belongs to Oakley Playing Fields which stages a repeat of last seasons final, hosts and current Shield holders M& DH Oakley taking on

Renhold Village in a game that could go either way. The home side looking to revenge a defeat by The Village in The Beds FA Junior Cup just 14 days ago.

Over at Harvey Close, Division Three Caldecote A should make home advantage pay off when they host Division Four Lea Sports PSG Reserves and perhaps Division Four Clifton Reserves will be thinking the same when they host Division Three Westoning Recreation Club Reserves at Whiston Crescent, The Rec Boys with just one away victory to their name this season.

At Horseshoes Close, things will not be easy for Division Three hosts Dunton Reserves who are visited by Division Four side Thurleigh who are currently enjoying an eight game unbeaten run.

Mowsbury Park will stage two ties, Goldington of Division Four perhaps the favourites to overturn Division Three visitors Flitwick Town Reserves, but it will be a major shock if Division Four hosts Bedford Park Rangers find enough in the locker to overcome runaway Division Four league leaders AFC Turvey.

Down at Sunderland Road Playing Fields in Sandy, Potton Town will have to be at their very best if they are to progress at the expense of Division Three Co-op Sports who have already won five times on the road this term.

A tie perhaps too close to call comes with an all Division Three clash in Stockwood Park between hosts Sundon Park Rangers and Sharnbrook Reserves. Whilst Digswell Playing Fields is the venue for Division Three Shefford Town & Campton A's home tie with Division Four Wootton Village, the hosts looking for their first home win of the campaign against a Village side that has won just once on the road this season.