# TAMWORTH

FOOTBALL CLUB

VS. AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021 PITCHING IN SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER CENTRAL







































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### **WELCOME**

MATCH DAY THIRTY

**W**e welcome you all to the CR MOT Centre Community Stadium at the Lamb this evening for this Pitching In Southern League Premier Central fixture. In particular we extend our welcome to the players, supporters and officials of AFC Rushden and Diamonds and trust they have a safe journey home following tonight's game.

The Club only played their first games in the 2011-12 season when they entered a team in the Northants Senior Youth League, with a senior team starting out life in the United Counties League the

following

season. The club has come a long way in such a short period of time since supporters formed the club after the demise of former club Rushden and Diamonds.

In this formation of the club, Tamworth and AFC
Rushden and Diamonds have met each other on just 3 occasions with 2 ending in draws and 1 win for the Lambs. The last game was on Tue 15
October 2019 which Tamworth won 3 - 0, with the goals scored by Jordan Gough, Ryan Beswick and Tyrell Waite.

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Following tonight's game we travel to play Hitchin Town on Saturday. A Supporters Club Coach is scheduled to run to the game and if you wish to book a place please contact Dave Brown tonight or call him on 07971 001078. Please note that to attend games at Hitchin Town you must purchase your match tickets in advance of the game from the club's website. There is no facility to buy a ticket at the ground.

Our game at Hitchin is scheduled to be the last game before Christmas. The next game will be the local derby at Nuneaton Borough on Boxing Day (Mon 27 Dec, KO 3.00pm) and tickets can be purchased from Borough's website in advance of the Girls Lead Coacing Conrad Carrollan.

We would like to wish all our supporter and their families a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everybody back here at the Lamb on New Year's Day for our game against Hednesford Town (KO 3.00pm)

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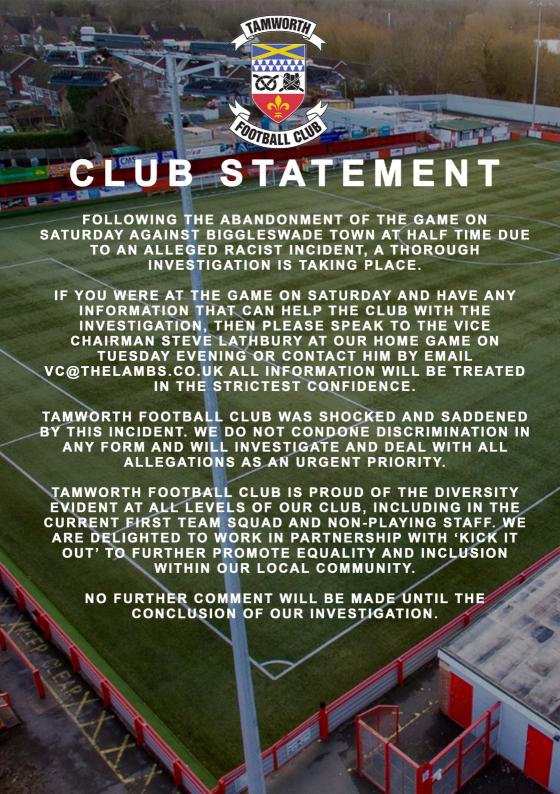
Academy Therapist - Niamh McLaughlin

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#### THE CHANGING FACE OF THE LAMB



Since the start of last season there have been some big changes at the Lamb which you can't help but spot. The 9 ageing and second hand floodlight columns have been replaced by 4 brand new state of the art LED floodlight towers. The lights are brighter and cheaper to run, and with the facility to dim them, they are suitable for use in a number of different situations.

Another major change is the investment in the clubhouse, identifiable by the refurbished roof and a redeveloped internal space following considerable damage caused by the winter weather. All in all just over £250,000 has been invested in the ground with a substantial amount provided by grants from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund and the generosity of supporters and backers of the club.



Since 2016 the Lamb has moved from a facility that was used two nights a week and a Saturday afternoon to a seven-days-a-week all year-round operation. The club has grown from one competitive team to 25 teams ranging from under-7s to the first team. There is also a full-time scholarship programme for 60 students aged 16-19. A women's section has been introduced with junior and adult teams. As a result, Tamworth FC is now the largest multi-team football club in the area with our academy in a partnership with Derby County.

The Football Stadia Improvement Fund (FSIF) is the largest funder of non-league football in the country. The FSIF is the sister organisation of the Football Foundation and is solely funded by the Premier League. It is the country's largest provider of grants towards projects that help improve the comfort and safety of lower-league football grounds in both the professional and amateur game. These improvements range from new football stands and turnstiles to flood-lighting and improved provision for disabled supporters.

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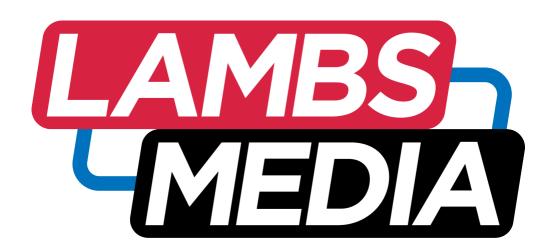


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#### **AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS**

AFC Rushden & Diamonds was formed in 2011 following the demise of Rushden & Diamonds FC as a supporter-owned, supporter-run football club. After a season in youth football in 2011-12 they were allocated a place in the United Counties League Division One for 2012-13 (Step 6 of Non-League Football). They gained promotion in second spot in that league at the end of their first season, and followed that with third place in the UCL

Premier Division before winning the title in the 2014-15 season, backed up with the League Cup. This meant they won promotion to the Southern Football League Division One Central. In 2015-16 they finished fifth in the SL1C, reaching the playoff final and winning their County Cup. They were transferred to the Northern Premier League First Division South for the 2016-17 season where they again reached the end of season playoffs. For 2017-18 they returned to the Southern League to play in Division One East, known as EVO-Stik League South, East, winning promotion at the end of that season to Step 3 of Non-League Football. They now play in the Southern League Premier Division Central.



## AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMOND PLAYERS:

RICHARD WALTON

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WILFONES

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### TAMWORTH WOMEN

Tamworth Women play Lye Town Women in the West Midlands Regional League Premier on Sunday 19th December 2021 in their last game of 2021.

Tamworth Women played against Lichfield City Ladies on Sunday and lost 2-1. Lauren Wiggins made her second apperance and was the only goal scorer.

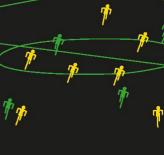


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# NON LEAGUE ROUND UP WITH MARK MAYBURY

Banbury United returned to winning ways as they moved into second place after beating League leaders Coalville Town and then returned to the dressing room to discover that Peterborough Sports had also lost. A crowd of 701 at the Plant Hire Community Stadium on a wet afternoon saw Andy Whing's side triumph 3-1 against Adam Stevens' Coalville. Jack Stevens gave the hosts a 10th-minute lead after Connor Roberts' initial effort had been saved by Coalville 'keeper Tomasz Bukowski. But the visitors pulled back on level terms on the half-hour mark with a similar effort from Tim Berridge after Luke Shaw's shot had been saved by Ben Taylor. It was all-square at half-time, but within 2 minutes of the restart, Banbury were back in front with a neat backheel from Ben Acquaye. With 12 minutes remaining, Stevens bagged his second of the game at the second attempt after his initial effort had been blocked.

Peterborough Sports were beaten by the same scoreline at Lye Meadow by an Alvechurch side who are now fourth. It was the visitors who took a 27th-minute lead with a fine strike from Josh Moreman. The hosts were level a minute before half-time when Tyrell Hamilton fired a low shot past Sports` keeper Paul White. Then, a minute into the second half, Alvechurch were in front when a half-cleared corner was eventually finished off by Zak Brown. Ian Long`s side made sure of the points 9 minutes from time when White could only parry a Brad Burton effort and Danny Waldron slid home the loose ball.

Rushall Olympic completed the top five picture as they won 4-2 at Victory Road against sixth-placed Leiston. Callum Coyle gave the Pics a 9th minute lead in off a post and doubled the visitors' advantage 5 minutes later. Will Davies reduced the deficit after 37 minutes but the visitors held on to their lead at the break, despite coming under pressure near the end of the half. 8 minutes after the restart, Davies pulled the Suffolk side back on level terms, only for Coyle to complete his hat-trick to put Rushall back in front 5 minutes later. With 12 minutes remaining, Danny Glover made sure the points went to Liam McDonald's men with a fourth. At the other end of the table, Hitchin Town enjoyed a shock win at the War Memorial Athletic Ground against Stourbridge. Mark Burke's bottom-markers secured a 4-0 win to move level on points with second-from-bottom Nuneaton Borough, who lost, and just three away from the safety-mark. In front of a crowd of 550, the Canaries had a terrific opening 45 minutes when new loan signing from Colchester United, Jake Hutchinson, netted a hat-trick in the 6th, 24th and 35th minutes. Josh Coldicott-Stevens added a fourth for the visitors with a minute of normal time remaining.

Nuneaton were beaten 2-0 at Liberty Way by seventh-placed Royston Town. After a goalless first half, it was slightly against the run of play when the Crows broke the deadlock in the 70th minute when Adam Murray headed a free-kick past Tony Breeden. 9 minutes later, Boro were caught on the break and Murray added his second of the game after Breeden had saved his initial effort.

It turned out to be a vital win for Hitchin as they were the only team in the bottom half to win, with Lowestoft Town's game against Hednesford Town being postponed and Redditch United also being without a game. St Ives Town, in 17th, lost 1-0 at the Victoria Ground to Bromsgrove Sporting, who are now 12th. In front of a crowd of 563, what turned out to be the only goal of the game arrived on 26 minutes when a ball into the box by Jamie Molyneux was bundled past his own keeper by Callum Milne.

Barwell were beaten by the odd goal in five at home to Needham Market, who moved above them into 13th place. Callum Sturgess gave the Marketmen a 39th-minute lead which Ben Fowkes doubled 4 minutes later to send the visitors into half-time holding a 2-0 lead. Luke Ingram then put the visitors three-up on 68 minutes. However, a quickfire double from Ben Stephens after 74 minutes and then Harry Bower 5 minutes later gave Barwell hope, but the Marketmen held on for three important points.

Stratford Town moved up to 11th in the table after winning 3-1 at Hayden Road against tonight's visitors AFC Rushden & Diamonds, who had won their previous three matches.

The Diamonds led at the break, courtesy of a Nathan Tshikuna free-kick. However, the Bards enjoyed a much better second period, equalising 10 minutes after the restart through Jack Storer, who then put his team 2-1 ahead after 69 minutes. Ashley Sammons made sure with a third with 4 minutes to go.

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MANY football supporters hope their favourite Christmas present arrives on Boxing Day – in the shape of three points.

Two Non-League sides Sheffield FC and Hallam FC – the world's oldest and second oldest clubs – are the reason the game is played over the festive period.

Hallam hosted their neighbours in the first ever inter-club match on Boxing Day 1860, also known as St Stephen's Day.

The Football League helped continue the tradition in their inaugural 22-game season in 1888-89 when Preston North End defeated Derby County 5-0 on December 26th.

The ceasefires during World War I, particularly on Christmas Day in 1914 when British and German troops played football together, are also said to have strengthened the game's festive legacy.

Matches were even played on December 25th until 1965 when Blackburn beat Blackpool 1-0 in the First Division and Coventry beat Wrexham 5-3 in the Third.

In 1913, Liverpool beat Manchester City 4-2 on Christmas Day, lost the return game 1-0 on Boxing Day, before drawing 3-3 at home with Blackburn Rovers the next day!

In Europe, it is common to have a winter break over the festive period. The Premier League has recently introduced a winter break which this season takes place in January.

The top-flight has maintained its Boxing Day fixture schedule as has the Football League but the picture is slightly different within Non-League.

The National League, North and South will play on Sunday, December 26th this year and then on Tuesday 28th before playing again on Sunday, January 2nd.

The Isthmian League, Northern Premier League and Southern League – at Steps 3 and 4 will not play on Boxing Day, competing on Monday, December 27th instead.

They will, however, play on New Year's Day and then on the Bank Holiday Monday, January 3rd.

With the majority of clubs at Steps 3 and 4 part-time, and given the difficulties faced over the past two seasons, having a Boxing Day off seems a sensible decision.

Clubs at these levels and below rely on volunteers with players and managers balancing their playing commitments with full-time work.

The differing schedules across the National League System will be welcome news to groundhoppers too, who will almost be able to watch a match-a-day during the winter period, while crowd sizes are likely to receive the usual boost with matches taking place on Bank Holidays.

It wouldn't feel right if Boxing Day football was completely abandoned but it's a good move from leagues to be looking after those who keep the game going.

The Non-League Paper will be published as usual throughout the Christmas period.



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TOTAL NUMBER OF MATCHES - 24

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STENSON	Matthew	2		0		0	2	0	2	2		0	2
TAIT- MORAN	Michael	4		3		8	0	1	1	7		8	1
THOMAS	Jack	20		2		4	1	0	1	25		6	1
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#### **LEAGUE TABLE**

#### FROM SATURDAY

CLUB	P	W	D	L	PTS
COALVILLE TOWN	20	14	4	2	46
BANBURY UNITED	18	14	3	1	45
PETERBOROUGH SPORTS	19	14	0	5	42
ALVECHURCH	21	12	4	5	40
RUSHALL OLYMPIC	20	11	6	3	39
LEISTON	20	10	1	9	31
ROYSTON TOWN	21	8	6	7	30
AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	20	8	4	8	28
HEDNESFORD TOWN	19	7	6	6	27
TAMWORTH	18	7	4	7	25
STRATFORD TOWN	17	8	0	10	24
BROMSGROVE SPORTING	19	6	6	7	24
NEEDHAM MARKET	18	5	7	6	22
BIGGLESWADE TOWN	18	5	6	7	21
BARWELL	21	5	6	10	21
STOURBRIDGE	20	5	5	10	20
ST IVES TOWN	22	5	5	12	20
REDDITCH UNITED	19	4	7	8	19
LOWESTOFT TOWN	21	5	4	12	19
NUNEATON BOROUGH	21	4	4	13	16
HITCHIN TOWN	21	4	4	13	16

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**TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021** 

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