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EDITION TWO



WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2nd edition of our Summer newsletter. This is the place to keep up to date with everything that is going on at the Lamb during the close season. We had some great feedback following the first edition, with people pleased to see that we are providing insights about what is going on behind the scenes at the club, as well as the first team.

In this edition we have some great news about 4 current squad members who have recommitted for the new season, as well as the Lamb enhancing its status as a Centre for Learning with a potential new Blended Degree course on offer. Last week we announced the new Kappa kits for next season, and we have a little more information to share about when they will be available for sale.

Enjoy the read.....



New Season - New Kits

Our new home and away **Kappa** designed kits were released last week on our website and social media channels. To say we are pleased with the response would be an understatement!

Now that the designs have been signed off, they are moving into production. In our next edition we hope to confirm pricing and how you can buy the kits. However, just to let you know there will be a dedicated **online Kappa store** for you to purchase your new Lambs shirts together with other clothing, as well as the **onsite club shop**. We are aware that sizing can sometimes be an issue with different brands, so we will endeavor to get some samples into the club so that you can try before you buy. Many thanks to our shirt and shorts sponsors **Bradley Scott Windows, J. Carke Transport, Turpins Bar and Grill, Classic Roofing, Graphic Wizard and Wilkins Estate Agents**





From the Manager

Manager Andy Peaks has been busy putting his squad together for next season and over the coming weeks we will bring you all the news of those that are re-committing to the club and new players that are joining.

"I am really pleased with the response of the players who are currently at the club. "We have had detailed individual conversations, made offers and we will see over the coming weeks those who will be signing on for the new season. "I am also having some really positive discussions with players who I would like to bring into the club, and I am sure supporters will be really excited if I can get those deals over the line. "It's great that we already have **Hursty** and **Lucas** who had already signed longer term deals, and with the 4 other lads we are announcing this week, who are signing contracts for the new season, we are already starting to look strong.

Andy admitted to some surprise with the constitution of the league line up for next season following the FA announcement. "Yes, I was surprised with the league line up for next season and it may be that we may see some appeals before the final line up is signed off. "There has been talk about some clubs moving leagues for a number of seasons, so we will have to see what pans out."

The Lambs will face some new and old hunting grounds next season including **Bedford Town, Basford United, Mickleover, Ilkeston Town and Kings Langley** (who were formerly in the league until they switched to the Southern Division last season).

So let us look at 4 more names that will be in the Tamworth squad next season



Eoin McKeon

A recent addition to the club was Eoin McKeown who finally got a chance to show his capabilities towards the end of the season. He signed from Braintree Town in February, having formerly been with Colchester United making his professional debut in an EFL Trophy game in 2017. However, he picked up an injury in his first start for the club at home to Alvechurch. Eoin played in the final few games of the season and scored 5 goals in 11 appearance, including a first half hattrick against Biggleswade Town.

Commenting on his signing Andy Peaks said, "Eoin was desperate to get fit when I came in and after we used him from the bench, he really started to show what he could do and bang the goals in. "He is a different option up front for us, he holds the ball well and has great pace. "We had an option on him for next season and I was very keen to take it up. "Eoin has good experience, and he was keen to be with us as he likes what the club is all about."



Gift Mussa

Gift Mussa has proved to be a real asset in midfield, and he is delighted to sign a contract for the club. He was brought to the Lamb by Andy Peaks from Nuneaton Borough and his reputation went before him having starred in midfield for Bromsgrove Sporting prior to his move to Borough. Gift has played 13 times for the Lambs and his stunning goal at Hednesford Town will live in the memories for a long time! Commenting on the signing manager Andy Peaks said "Gift has been absolutely outstanding.

"When I came in it was the one area I felt we needed something different, and he has not let the club down. "I was eager to get him tied up for next season as I know other clubs were after him, but he believes in the ambition of the club. "I came up against Gift several times when I was at Rushden and knew what a quality player he is. "To get him to commit for 12 months is really important as we build the squad. "He is another one the fans enjoy seeing play. "Gift wears his heart on his sleeve and will sweat blood and tears for the club next season."



Jas Singh

Jas signed for the Lambs from AFC Telford United in May 2018 and has established himself as a firm fans favourite with his commanding performances in goal. Last season saw him pass the milestone of 100 appearances in the number 1 shirt and pick up the 'Players Player of the Year' award. Jas began his professional career playing for Shrewsbury Town. Following his release from the Shrews he signed for Kidderminster Harriers, before moving to Solihull Moors in May 2010. He moved back to Kidderminster after 4 seasons, before playing for Gloucester City and Telford.

On signing Jas for the forthcoming season manager Andy Peaks said, "You know, he's been absolutely top drawer since I have been here. "I'm delighted to sort things out with him so quickly. "He has been exceptional and has made a lot of key saves to keep the unbeaten run going. "Jas was one of the ones I wanted to get sorted pretty much straight away. "We had a chat before the Hednesford game, so it was clear it was going to happen." I'm delighted for him, especially with his end of season award and playing over 100 games for the club."



Jordan Clement

Another player who has been at the Lamb for a number of seasons is Jordan Clement. Although he spent a season away at Redditch United, Clem has proved to be a popular player in midfield and has notched up 86 appearances and 10 goals in his two spells. Jordan started his career at Wolverhampton Wanderers and initially signed for the Lambs U21 side from Coleshill Town in 2018. He made his debut for the club away at Lowestoft Town.

"I'm really looking forward to working with Clem next season." Andy peaks told Lambs Media. "He was really keen to stay, and I am delighted we have him on a contract for another 12 months. "I knew Clem from the season he had at Redditch where he played really well. "He brings something different, and he scores goals. "I was really keen to see him play when I arrived, but he got a little knock, however, he has so much potential. "He is another one who really wants to be at the club which is so important."

The McBean Cup final

Tuesday 31 May, KO 2.00pm

The Lamb

All welcome - admission free with
clubhouse open.

11th (Royal School of Signals) Signal Regiment V 216 (Parachute) Signal Squadron



We are delighted to be hosting this prestigious cup final. The annual Royal Signals football competition, the McBean Trophy, is without doubt a sporting highlight in the Corps' calendar. It is named after Major Tony McBean, a brave and gifted goalkeeper who was an influential member of the Corps team for over 20 years, first as a player, then goalkeeping coach and finally Assistant Coach. This role he embraced with enthusiasm, passion and pride right up until he tragically lost his life to motor neurone disease in 2016.

New Blended Degree set to Transform Education at Tamworth FC

A new partnership between Tamworth FC and Loughborough College is set to enhance the education provision for 18 - 21-year-olds at the Lamb and ultimately have an impact on the first team too. The scholarship programme for 16 - 18-year-olds has already proved successful in developing talented young footballers who have played for the first team, as well as providing the students with a BTEC qualification. However, we are going a step further with the launch in September of a new Blended Degree course, with 4 options available to study at Tamworth FC.

- HND in Sport and Exercise Science (Sports Coaching)
- HND in Sport and Exercise Science
- HND in Business
- BA (Hons) in Sports Management

Besides benefiting the students with a high-quality qualification, this potentially improves the pathway to first team football, and once contracts have been signed with Loughborough College, recruitment will begin, and an application will be made for a new Tamworth FC side to play in the Midland Football League. Academy and General Manager Scott Rickards said of the new opportunity, “This is fantastic news for the club as we are now able to provide a pathway for a young person from the age of 6 right through to 21, to develop their football talent. “It also offers a new blended degree to study, with football training and distance learning in partnership with one of the top-rated Colleges in the country. “I have had a long chat with Andy Peaks, and he will use these lads as a feeder for first team development.”





Summer Ground Works



Can You Spare a few Hours (or less!)?

Summer is the best time to get a number of jobs done around the Lamb, which we can't really do when the weather is bad. This includes getting the paint brushes and gardening tools out. Can you help us by giving a few hours of your time please? In return we will provide you with drinks and snacks to keep you going, and all equipment is provided. Any time you can spare will be gratefully received. Please contact Andy Jones (Club Secretary) at the ground (01827 65798) to arrange a time to pop down and lend a hand. Any help will be greatly appreciated.



Looking for a Venue?

Then why not take a look at our brand-new refurbished Clubhouse

Our newly refurbished Clubhouse is the ideal venue for a variety of celebrations including Weddings, Birthdays and Retirement parties, to name but a few! The facility can be dressed for the occasion and with a stage, a fully stocked bar and the ability to provide food, then it is perfect for any event.

To find out more, please email office@thelambs.co.uk





Other News

As announced in the last newsletter, a special game is being planned featuring a host of former Lambs players in aid of raising funds for **TEAMBUILDER**. For those keeping an eye on social media you will have spotted that the date for the game is Sunday 17 July. We will provide more details as and when they are released.

Tamworth Women have had a very up and down season, and with managerial changes, it didn't prove to be as successful a season as some had hoped for. However, with a lot of hard work behind the scenes, the Women start next season with a clean slate and under new management. Recruitment has already begun and with the club waiting to hear which league they will be playing in, hopes are high for the First and Development teams. However, the First team have one game left to play, which is on Sunday 22 May away at City of Stoke Women.

In our next newsletter we will introduce our new Women's management team to supporters.



In our Next Issue

- ✓ News from Andy Peaks
- ✓ New Signings
- ✓ Season Ticket News
- ✓ Academy and Scholars News
- ✓ Pre-Season Update
- ✓ Tamworth Women Management Announcement

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