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I hope everyone connected with Chalford Football Club had a very enjoyable Christmas, and I'd like to wish you all a happy new year on behalf of everyone at the club.

It's been a couple of weeks since our last First Team outing, which saw us pick up an excellent 4-1 home win against Hannam. Goals from Andy Maryon (2), Adam Hazel and an unfortunate own goal secured all three points and rounded off a strong performance before the break.

Our Second and Third Teams were without fixtures on 20th December, but both are back in action today and will be looking to get their respective campaigns moving again after the festive pause.

The Fourth Team continued their fine season form in their most recent match, recording a very good 3-1 victory against a well-organised Horsley side. Goals came from Ben Newman, Beau Taylor – scoring his first goal in senior football – and Tom Buxton-Blyth. That result sees the lads sitting proudly at the top of their league, which is a real credit to everyone involved.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone who donated to the Salvation Army Toy Appeal. Your generosity was fantastic, and I was delighted to be able to drop the donations off before Christmas.

We are still on the lookout for a permanent Third Team manager, so if anyone is interested or would like an informal chat about the role, please do get in touch.

Enjoy the game today, and thank you as always for your continued support.

Up the Chalf 

CHAIRMAN

Founded in 1891 Chalford joined the Mid-Glos League in 1894 playing their games at the Pleasure Ground whilst changing in the YMCA hut. As with many clubs during this time membership of more than one league was normal and in 1898, they also joined the newly formed Dursley & District League, winning the league in 1900-01. 1902 saw the formation of the Stroud & District League with again Chalford being founder members.

In 1922 the club were founding members of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and in fact took part in the first ever league game when the club visited Broadwell. Despite taking a 2-0 lead they eventually lost 3-2. The club continued membership for 5 seasons but withdrew due to financial reasons and entered the newly formed Stroud Premier Division. In 1931 they rejoined the GNSL retaining membership until the outbreak of WWII. By this time the club was now playing at the Sycamores using the local Mechanics Pub as their changing quarters.

After the war they immediately rejoined the GNSL and in 1953 with the formation of two Divisions they found themselves in Division One. In the mid-50s plans were well afoot to have a permanent home at Highfield way and on 31st August 1957 the first game was played on the new ground with Chalford beating Bream 6-1. This game was actually a division 2 fixture with the club having been relegated the season before. By strange coincidence the club finished Runners-Up in 1958-59 behind Bream regaining their Division One status. By 1962-63 they were back in Division 2. In 1975-76 they finished Runners-Up in Division 2 behind local rivals Forest Green Rovers Reserves.

1977-78 saw the zenith of the club's success with the lifting of the GNSL Championship. The title race went down to the wire with Championship rivals Lydney Town the visitors to Highfield on the last game of the season. In front of a large crowd Lydney had a goal disallowed and then a penalty saved before goals from Paul Tester and Nick Rock (penalty) secured a 2-0 win and that first Championship win. Sadly, the club were relegated back to Division 2 in 1981-82 and even worse followed with their relegation from the league in 1987.

After 15 seasons in the doldrums the club finally regained their GNSL membership in 2002 immediately gaining promotion after finishing third behind Warden Hill United and Whitecroft. Relegation in 2006 saw them flounder in Division 2 for 11 seasons before winning the Division in 2016-17 following an unbeaten campaign. They then finished runners up to Sharpness in 2018-19 season.

Despite the 2019-20 season being void due to covid the club did secure the Reg Davis Trophy, something they managed to defend on the 2021-22 beating the eventual league champions Cheltenham Civil Service 4-3 in an exhilarating final at Lydney that went right to the wire. The 2022-23 season saw Chalford finally break their record of finishing runners up 3 times and secure the GNSL Division 1 title following an unbeaten league campaign, the side also made it a hat-trick of Reg Davis Trophy's beating Dursley Town 3-2 in front of a record crowd. Unfortunately, Chalford were cruelly denied County League football after losing in the playoffs.

The club didn't have to wait as long for the next Championship as in the season 2023/24 the lads bounced back from the previous season disappointment, with the first team lying in 9th position at Christmas, we went on a 18 game unbeaten run, beating Tredworth 2 - 1 in a title deciding game the last day of the season with Luke Brunson scoring an 89th minute winner.

It then meant the play offs again, this time faced Filton Athletic. A Brad Moore goal setting us on our way, and an own goal meant we won the game 2 - 0. This victory finally secured County League football for the first time in our 133-year history.

Chalford has had 4 teams playing week in week out for the last 4 seasons, with teams playing in the County League, Stroud League Division 1, Stroud League Division 3 and Stroud League Division 5 North It's a testament for all involved that we manage to get 4 sides out week in week out.

HISTORY

I HOPE EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THE CLUB ENJOYED A GOOD CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. AND I'D LIKE TO PASS ON BEST WISHES FOR 2026 FROM EVERYONE AT CHALFORD.

WITH ONLY ONE GAME PLAYED IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS. IT WILL BE GOOD TO GET PROPERLY UP AND RUNNING AGAIN AS WE MOVE INTO THE NEW YEAR. WEATHER PERMITTING. IT'S ALWAYS FRUSTRATING WHEN MATCHES ARE POSTPONED. ESPECIALLY WHEN MOMENTUM IS BUILDING. BUT THE FLIP SIDE IS THAT IT HAS ALLOWED US TO WELCOME BACK A FEW KEY PLAYERS WHO HAVE BEEN SIDELINED FOR VARIOUS REASONS. THAT DEPTH WILL BE IMPORTANT AS WE HEAD INTO A BUSY PERIOD.

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WE WELCOMED HANHAM TO CHALFORD. TO THEIR CREDIT. THEY COMPETED WELL IN THE FIRST HALF. BUT COULDN'T QUITE LIVE WITH THE PACE IN THE SECOND. WHERE OUR DOMINANCE SHOWED AND RESULTED IN A DESERVED VICTORY. THAT RESULT MADE IT FIVE WINS FROM OUR LAST SIX LEAGUE GAMES - A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AND FULL CREDIT TO THE PLAYERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT. THERE ARE NO EASY GAMES AT THIS LEVEL. & THAT RUN HASN'T COME WITHOUT REAL EFFORT.

TODAY WE WELCOME BISHOP'S CLEEVE TO CHALFORD. THEIR RECENT FORM SUGGESTS ANOTHER TOUGH TEST. AND WE'RE EXPECTING A HARD. COMPETITIVE GAME. WE WISH THEM WELL FOR THE MATCH AND LOOK FORWARD TO A GOOD CONTEST.

I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE GAME TODAY. WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE'RE HOPEFUL OF SECURING THREE POINTS TO SET US UP WELL FOR WHAT WILL BE A DEMANDING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

MIKE

MIKE FINNAN

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PLAYERS

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	<u>Sharpness</u>	13	11	2	0	35	14	21	35
2	<u>Tewkesbury Town</u>	15	11	1	3	47	15	32	34
3	<u>Filton Athletic</u>	13	8	4	1	31	10	21	28
4	<u>Quedgeley Wanderers</u>	13	8	1	4	25	18	7	25
5	<u>Frampton United</u>	12	7	3	2	20	11	9	24
6	<u>Broadwell Amateurs</u>	13	7	2	4	19	14	5	23
7	<u>Bromley Heath United</u>	13	7	2	4	23	19	4	23
8	<u>Bishops Cleeve Development</u>	15	6	3	6	32	36	-4	21
9	<u>Stoke Gifford SGS United</u>	15	7	0	8	29	33	-4	21
10	<u>Wick</u>	14	6	2	6	31	29	2	20
11	<u>Henbury & Rockleaze</u>	13	5	2	6	18	14	4	17
12	<u>Chalford</u>	11	5	0	6	17	20	-3	15
13	<u>Tytherington Rocks</u>	12	4	2	6	18	18	0	14
14	<u>Ruardean Hill Rangers</u>	13	2	2	9	16	28	-12	8
15	<u>Totterdown United</u>	14	2	2	10	15	34	-19	8
16	<u>Hanham Athletic</u>	15	1	2	12	14	41	-27	5
17	<u>Cribbs Reserves</u>	14	1	2	11	7	43	-36	5

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