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LIP THE BEARS KEN MEAD | CLUB SECRETARY

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone at the Cleric Stadium today and particularly to the players, officials and supporters of Newcastle Town who have made the trip for this afternoon's Pitching In Northern Premier League Division One West match.

The two teams today sit 5th and 7th in the league table so an interesting, even contest looks very much n the cards. The Bears will look at their performances so far this season with some good signs that they are not out of place following promotion last season. Indeed, over the last 5 league games the Bears have won 4 and drawn one and during that period, they have only suffered defeats in cup competitions – namely away at Halesowen Town in the FA Trophy and on last Tuesday away at Crewe Alexandra in the Cheshire Senior Cup. Crewe fielded as ide with good first team experience and the Bears were 4-0 down with every Crewe goal coming from slick and decisive moves. The Bears kept going and were rewarded with 2 late consolation goals from Lewis Porter and Ethan Hartshorn.

Dur last league game here was against a strong Hednesford Town side, and the Bears ran out I-O winners thanks to an unusual situation in first half stoppage time. A corner fired in at the near post saw the Hednesford centre forward panic and handle the ball above his head. The result was a yellow card for him and a penalty conversion by Pete Williams. That was followed by the trip to Mossley that proved the proverbial game of two halves. The Bears had the better of the fist half and deservedly led I-O thanks to Kieran Knapper's accurate finish. Mossley really pushed from the start of the second half and equalised with a close-range finish on 64 minutes. That shook the Bears into being a bit more adventurous and were rewarded with a second goal from Kieran Knapper on 75 minutes only for Mossley to grab a second equaliser on 86 minutes. The Bears looked to have won the game in stoppage time when Richard Duffy headed home form a corner only for the referee to disallow it for an apparent infringement. Most felt a draw was a fair result

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Newcastle Town have been bit like the Bears so far this season. They have produced some creditable results against good sides and have struggled produce the same high standards against some of the 'struggling' sides. It will be good to welcome Neil Baker as their manager. We have known Neil for many a year after his great service for Leek Town.

Despite being in different league for a good while, we did meet Newcastle Town in the FA Cup 2nd Qualifying Round on 20th September 2022. That was a replay after having drawn away 1-1 with Newcastle Town equalising in the second half. They looked sharper in the replay and were leading 2-O with a quarter of an hour left in front of a good crowd of 563. The game changed completely when the Bears scored 3 times in the remaining time with Arron Johns scoring twice and Richard Duffy poaching after a hesitant piece of defending. That win set up the Bears for a TV appearance in the FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round at home to AFC Fylde – a match the Bears were winning until 2 minutes from time and a sound defeat in the replay.

Looking forward to upcoming games on Tuesday 19th November ko 7.45pm, we entertain Clitheroe. Then on Saturday 23rd November ko 3pm we face a tough challenge away at Wythenshawe Town (12 Churchstoke Walk, Manchester M23 9AD). We return to the Cleric Stadium on Saturday 30th November ko 3pm when Hanley Town are the visitors.

We hope everyone here enjoys the match and importantly, stays safe and has a safe journey home.



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MIDFIELDERS:

Callum Stringer Daniel Needham Dorian Jedrzejczyk Ethan Hartshorn George Sankey Kieran Garner-Knapper Peter Williams Thomas Allen William Arnold

STRIKERS:

Brian Barton Max McCarthy Thomas Hampton Lewis Porter



NEWCASTLE TOWN History



Newcastle Town FC emerged in its current format from a merger with Parkway Clayton in 1986.

The Stadium, deep in the Lyme Valley Parkway in Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire has a capacity of 4,000, covered accommodation for 1000, seating for 300, a clubhouse and £85,000 floodlighting system. The playing surface is surrounded by one of the few recognised cycling tracks in the north of the country which hosts many competitions and previously used by the Great British Cycling Team.

In the season immediately after the merger, Newcastle Town enjoyed much success ending runners up in the Mid Cheshire League and moving into the North West Counties League as a limited company in 1987.

After promotion from Division Two in the early 1990's the club enjoyed a lot of success in Division One winning the Tennants Floodlit Trophy, the Walsall Senior Cup and the NWCL Floodlit Trophy although constantly just missing out on promotion at the death. In the 96/97 season the club enjoyed a tremendous run in the FA Cup defeating Winsford United, Frickley and Bamber Town from the Unibond League on their way to the first round proper where they narrowly lost to Notts County, the oldest league club in the world, at what was to be one of the last cup ties at Stoke City's famous Victoria Ground.

Following the turn of the century promotion continued to escape the clutches of Newcastle although playing extremely entertaining football under the likes of managers Ray Walker before his move to Crewe Alexandria and Nigel Gleghorn formerly with Stoke City. In the season 2006/07, Town form fell away after a very promising start and management duo Greg Clowes and Dorian Garner took over the reins after a successful period with Unibond side Alsager Town. Results picked up and new players arrived with Castle only losing 4 of their last 18 games in the new duos first season in charge. Paul Ratcliffe also took over as Chairman of the club at this time.

The next couple of years saw the management continue to build a side that would challenge for promotion although both proved disappointing with Castle again narrowly missing out mainly due to key players injuries. Despite the disappointment of no promotion Newcastle players Simon Eldershaw (Player of the Month) Jon Ritchie (Safe Hands) and Richard Minor (Division! Player of the Season) brought success with their awards.

Finally, in Season 2009/10 Newcastle Town achieved their dream of promotion. They led the Vodkat League from day 1 and by the time they dropped their first points having won the first 28 games, the title was almost secure.

Best start, most League wins in a season and most points were three of the records that the club broke. They also lifted the Staffs Senior Cup for the first time with an amazing G-1 victory over Port Vale at Vale Park.

Handly had the team's success sunk in when Newcastle Town were rocked in the close season with both Manager Greg Clowes and Assistant Dorian Garner leaving for Stafford Rangers taking the whole squad with them.



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Undaunted the club followed current policy and appointed from within with John Diskin, Dave Sutton and Ivan Lodge being promoted from their respective roles with both the second Team and the Youth Team. Their brief was to rebuild a First Team squad capable of confirming their position within the Evo Stik First Division. Castle achieved their immediate goal sitting mid table with notable results against teams challenging for promotion this season as well as winning performances in competitions against teams from higher divisions.

Castle ended the 2011-12 season in a respectable position but with higher hopes as there was a great deal of success from the younger players coming through at the club. Town's Under 16s secured a Sentinel Shield win after a gap of 25 years since they last won the trophy in 1987.

Town continued to build for the future in 2012-13 in a season which saw an influx of their successful Youth Team into the First Team Squad as the season progressed. The Sentinel Cup was won for the first time since 1995 beating Alsager Town by a record 8-1 victory. During and after the season, many of Towns talented players eventually went onto play professional football with Tom Conlon signing for Peterborough United, Josh Gordon eventually going to Leicester City and Rai Simons going to Chesterfield FC.

Season 2013-14 saw Castle's young side improve throughout the season and finish a very respectable eighth in the League. With the Young Reserve side reaching the final of the Leek Cup and the Youth Team winning the County Youth Floodlit Cup, it was good season for Town. Jeff Harrall took over as Chairman as Paul Ratcliffe stepped down.

Further improvement came in 2014-15 with Castle reaching the play-offs where they were defeated by Sutton Coldfield Town, who were promoted to the Premier Division. Town's policy of developing youngsters looks to be paying dividends as more trophies were forthcoming. Newcastle also won awards for Fair Play and their lack of dissent as they build a reputation of playing the game in the right manner with good football.

A Sentinel Cup win against Meir KA in extra time saw our Under 17s, which included Love Island and Celebrity saw Wes Nelson play, claim the trophy with the Under 16s also claiming the Sentinel Shield, also after extra time.

The season saw Town struggle with injuries culminating with Manager Ivan Lodge suffering a stroke. Ivan decided to step down to concentrate on his recovery and at the end of the season his brother-in-law and former Norton and Witton Manager Scott Dundas was appointed to the role to take the Club forward.

The 2016 Sentinel Cup saw more competition history as Newcastle had both their Under 18s and Under 17s competing in the final, which was held at Vale Park. It was the Under 17s who eventually won the competition with a 3-2 win.

The Under 16s won the Midland Junior Premier League Trophy as well, the first in the clubs history.

PARTNERS WITH

Amajor development for the club happened in July 2016 when the Youth Section moved to a new home. The Roe Lane Playing Fields site is a 20-acre football centre, with 14 well sized changing rooms, a club shop, offices, and community room, located in Newcastleunder Lyne, just 1 mile away from the 1st Teams Lyme Valley home.

Further developments following in September 2016 when Club Director Gavin Appleby set up the "Newcastle Town Football & Education Academy" allowing 16-19 year olds to study for a BTEC Sports qualification while continuing their football journey under the guidance of ex-professional footballer Robin van der Laan.



ANDYSMANCLUB #ITSOKAYTOTALK

WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 guestions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS ITP

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night. No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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NEWCASTLE TOWN History



The 1st Team had a strong season, being in contention throughout for a play-off position but narrowly missed out on the last day of the season.

The club saw plenty of success in the youth ranks with the Floodlit Under 18s team finishing second place in the Midland Floodlit League and winning the Midweek Staffordshire Floodlit Cup. The Under 17s won the Sentinel Cup and the Under 16s won the Sentinel Shield again.

At the end of the 2017-2018 season, Manager Scott Dundas resigned and was replaced by Bob Askey, and after a promising start Castle dropped down the table towards relegation danger. Striker Jordan Cole was sold to Nantwich Town and Bob Askey was replaced by Robin Van Der Laan, with Town eventually staying up on the last day of the season with a win against Belper Town FC. The Sentinel Cup and Sentinel Shield was once again secured by the Under 18s and Under 16s, with Castle becoming a formidable force in these historic competitions.

The 2018-2019 season saw big changes behind the scenes with former Chairman Paul Ratcliffe returning to a restructured board, which saw youth stalwart Gavin Appleby become Vice Chairman and former Chair Jeff Harrall move to Finance Director. A major sponsorship deal was agreed, seeing the stadium renamed The Red Industries Stadium and over the course of the season, the home, away and changing rooms were completed refurbished now hosting some of the best changing facilities in the league. Unfortunately, in March (2019) the club mourned the passing of club legend Colin Spencer, after 44 years' service. On the pitch, the 1st Team produced a mixed bag of results however secured their place in the league easily, with one of the youngest teams in the Division. Another Town striker, Aaron Bott was sold to neighbours Leek Town FC in September and at the end of the season, popular midfielder James Steele also left, sold to Widnes FC.

There was more success from the youth set up as the Under 18s retained the Sentinel Cup for a record breaking 5th time in a row, the Under 17s won the Staffordshire County Cup and the Under 16s achieved a 3rd in a row Sentinel Shield win.

The 2019-2020 season saw even more improvements at the club, with an extensive pitch renovation supported by local contractor Campeys which saw visitors from across Europe to see the work being undertaken, and the club office was replaced also. The young team had spells of inconsistency and despite being bottom of the table for three consecutive weeks, Town pulled themselves safely away from the from the relegation area.

Town had more success with their continued youth policy with Josh Williams transferring to Crystal Palace. Sadly, the season was cut short due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The 2020-2021 season saw Town enter the season with restricted attendances due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, however Castle started the season in excellent form and as the second national lockdown hit in December, we sat 3rd in the table having lost just I game away against Chasetown FC.

As the national lockdown proceeded, Ryan Mclean, who had been the clubs star of the season so far, was transferred on loan to Hereford FG until May, with a view to a permanent transfer. In February the news came that the 1st Teams season would not resume.

In better news, the Under 18s won a 6th consecutive Sentinel Cup beating Abbey Hulton United in a re-run of the 2019 final by a score line of 3-1. The record sees Town continue to make history in the historic competition.

The redevelopment of the Lyme Valley and Stadium continued with a brand-new café being built, the directors lounge upgraded, and a new club shap located by the away stand installed.











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Ryan Mclean and James Melhado were transferred from the 1st Team to Hereford FC and Salford City respectively during the 2021-2022 pre season.

The youth side of the club took on a long-term lease in September for the running of The Wammy playing fields, to continue with the expansion of the clubs activities in the community.

On 28th February 2022, Town were dealt the devasting news that Chairman Paul Ratcliffe had passed away after a short illness. The club duly announced that his Wife was to become Life President of the Club in honour of Paul's memory and on Saturday 26th March 2022, we held a Memorial Day on the national Non-League Day. Gavin Appleby stepped up to become Chairman following a board meeting.

Further success followed for the Youth side of the club, when the Under 18s managed to win the Midweek Floodlit County Cup against Haughmond, coming out 5-4 winners on penalties.

The first team's season saw a struggle towards the bottom of the table, a serious long term injury to star player Nathan Morley in December saw the teams form plumate, however a late run towards the end of the season saw Town safe for another season.

In July 2022, the club further honoured former Club Stalwart Colin Spencer by renaming the boardroom, The Colin Spencer Boardroom, which was officially open by his daughter Lynne and her family.

After a fine start to the season Castle started to slide down the table and following three heavy defeats Manager Robin Van Der Laan and his team were replaced by new manager Paul Moore and coach Paul McKeirnon and Reserve coaches Dean Gillick and Chris Broad for the last three games. Impressive victories against Leek Town and Trafford saw Town retain their League status.

Developments off the pitch continued with the opening of the Paul Ratcliffe Suite at the ground and by far the biggest and most important for the Club was the opening of the floodlit 4G pitch at the Roe Lane Playing Facility. With the facility being used for some games, training, the Academy, the Juniors and the Community the club is in the process of overhauling its Staff and the way in which it is run. The future is certainly looking blue.

Season 2023-24 proved to be an eventful year with Manager Paul Moore losing his job after a poor run of results and being replaced by former Leek Town Manager and Crewe assistant Manager Neil Baker supported by Paul Wright and Dean Gillick. Despite a few ups and downs Neil started to put together a squad which looks to be going in the right direction. With both the Reserves and the Youth Team being promoted the club is looking forward to the coming season.



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Danny Wilks

Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

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Danny Wilks

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Joe SLINN : (GDALKEEPER)

Highly rated young keeper. Formally with Port Vale he will be looking to make a big name for himself and has a big future with the club.

George LEWIS: (DEFENDER/MIDFIELD)

Young defender who was on loan from Stoke City two seasons agoRecently returned to the club from Leek Town. Equally at home in midfield or as a defender.

Jack VAN DER LAAN : (MIDFIELD)

One of Town's newer generation who has already become a regular in the team. A hard-working midfielder who can pull the strings. Son of former Derby player Robin Van Der Laan so comes from a good pedigree.

Tommy VAN DER LAAN (MIDFIELD)

Captain. Made his debut at Runcorn Linnets three seasons ago and went on to make 6 appearances. Defensive midfielder with good passing ability. Has established himself in the heart of midfield and is dangerous from set pieces.

Ethan VALE : (MIDFIELD)

Another highly rated youngster signed from Burton Albion following a successful . Now signed full-time on his release from Burton Albion. Midfield player with a good range of passing and good from dead ball situations. Will be looking to develop into one of the top midfield players in the League.

Oliver RITCHIE (MIDFIELD/DEFENDER)

Joined in the close season from Uttoxeter Town for his second stay at the club having made his debut as a youngster at left back. Equally at home anywhere down the left side. Supporters Player of the Year last season.

Kyle STUBBS (DEFENDER)

Back at the club for his third spell having recently signed from Hanley Town. Equally at home as a full back or central defender. Dangerous when going forward and at set pieces.

Jack DERBYSHIRE (DEFENDER)

Joined the club from local rivals Kidsgrove Athletic. He will be looking to establish himself in the team. Equally at home on either









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Jack SHERRATT (MIDFIELD)

New signing last season from Witton Albion Hard working box to box player who also adds experience to the midfield. Previous club Nantwich Town.

Tom JONES (FORWARD)

Young forward on dual registration from Altrincham to gain experience at this level. Now a permanent member of the club Quick striker with an eye for goal. Looking to establish himself at this level.

Jake AVERY (FORWARD)

Signed from Leek Town Jake is a quick forward who is equally at home in the middle or out wide. Already making a big impression.

Jake TWYFORD (MIDFIELD)

Recently signed from Hanley Town Jake is an attacking midfielder who was their top scorer last season. Already making a big impression.

Nathan BARRY (FORWARD)

Big strong forward who was signed towards the end of last season from Step 7 AFC Alsager. Has made the step up look easy. Links up play well and has a real eye for goal. Big things are expected. At present on loan at Kidsgrove Athletic.

Isaac GRAHAM (MIDFIELD)

Big strong midfield player signed last season from Wythenshawe. Ball winner but also links up with the rest to get the team going. Has a big influence.

Tom THORLEY (DEFENDER)

Big strong central defender who is equally at home both in the air and on the deck. Now in his second spell with the club having signed from Uttoxeter Town in the close season having starred in both the Youth Team and Reserves.

CALLUM BESFORD (MIDFIELD)

Callum is another young player who can play either wide or in midfield. Previously with Port Vale Callum will be looking to establish himself in the squad.



NEWCASTLE TOWN



FINLEY KNIGHT (GOALKEEPER)

Highly-rated Reserve team goalkeeper looking to gain experience around the the first team and establish himself in the team.

ANDRE ROBINSON (DEFENDER)

Experienced full-back or central defender signed from Bromsgrove sporting. Settling in well. Other clubs include Hednesford Town and Evesham United.

CARLOS DOS SANTOS (MIDFIELD)

Young Portuguese midfielder already making a big impression. Tricky on the ball with an eye for a telling pass. Links up well with the rest of the team.

TY WEBSTER (MIDFIELD)

Young player recently signed from Leek Town. Tricky player already making a big impression. Has settled in well and is full of running.

ETHAN MORGAN (FORWARD)

Young forward recently signed from Stafford Rangers looking to establish himself in the squad. Previously with Newport County.

ANDRE ROBINSON (DEFENDER)

Signed at the start of the season from Hednesford Town. A strong defender who is equally at home in the centre or at full-back. Previously with Evesham United.





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