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WELCOME TO
BLACKWELL MEADOWS



THE HOME OF
DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Darlington Football Club is back in town!

INSIDE COVER

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After circumstances forced us out of Darlington in 2012, we've been groundsharing twelve miles away at Bishop Auckland, with the ultimate aim from the very first game there of returning home.

The road homewards hasn't exactly been smooth, but thanks to the diligence and unwavering support of so many fans and influential people, we have managed to secure a new home in the town, and we look forward to a long, mutually-beneficial and fruitful partnership with our landlords, Darlington Rugby Club.

Today's home game against Halifax is the start of a brand new era for Quakers. Regardless of the result, today's game at Blackwell Meadows will always be remembered for the day our football club returned to the town.

That's right, our football club. The one that was cast adrift by the actions of one man to perish in January 2012, only to be rescued by a loyal bunch of fans just as the obituary only needed the last full stop.

Since then, we have gone from

strength to strength. The learning curve has had one or two painful sharp spikes along the way, but the fantastic achievements of Martin Gray and his team by winning three promotions in four seasons, coupled with the sheer determination and never-say-die attitude of the club's volunteers to build sound foundations and bring the club home, have been major factors.

Before 2003 when the club moved to the Arena, many Darlington fans watched games from the Tin Shed, their spiritual home for over 40 years, and there were a few tears of sadness when it was demolished to make way for a housing estate.

Today, there will be tears of pride and joy when the Tin Shed returns. There will be new playing heroes for the fans to worship and appreciate, and there will be the usual wide range of opinions about a certain player's performance, the quality of the pies and the queue for a half time drink. But to every Darlo fan, only one thing matters today – **our** football club is back in town.

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FROM THE
dugout

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the game. I hope that you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas.

It was a great honour for me when I was appointed manager of Darlington Football Club back in 2012, and like everyone else, I couldn't wait for the day to come when this football club would be playing in Darlington again.

That day has finally arrived thanks to the hard work of several people, none more so than Richard Cook, John Tempest and Malcolm Cundick over the last few months. They have spent a lot of time carrying this project over the line, and I'm sure they were both very relieved when the FA passed the ground at its inspection on Monday. It is an even bigger honour now for me to be the proud manager of this football club. We have come a long way since we played our first game at Bishop Auckland in August 2012, but we are only halfway there as far as I'm concerned.

My aim is to take this club on towards the Football League, and I'm sure that the players and management team can count on your magnificent support for a long time yet.

Everyone has really been looking forward to playing at Blackwell Meadows. It might seem a little strange playing a home game here, but I'm sure that the togetherness that we have shown as a club for the last four years or so will come to the fore once again, and we will achieve our aim.

In the meantime, enjoy today's game and spread the word that Darlington Football Club is back in town!

Martin



V FC HALIFAX TOWN

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Coming to town...

There are some similarities between ourselves and FC Halifax Town!

Following the demise of Halifax Town AFC at the end of the 2007-2008 season, a new club was born and re-formed just in time for the 2008-2009 season. The new football club was placed in Level Four of the Non-League pyramid, taking a place in the Northern Premier League, in the First Division North and called FC Halifax Town. Time was short and the new club was faced with appointing a new manager and bringing a team together in only five weeks from scratch. Jim Vince, who was previously in the Crewe Alexandra Football Academy and a former manager of Witton Albion in the Unibond Premier Division, achieving two consecutive second places in the previous two seasons, was appointed. Pre-season friendlies were hastily arranged and the first ever game by the club was played at Tamworth, when 22 trialists made appearances for the club. The first ever official game for FC Halifax Town was a home game against Bamber Bridge at the Shay Stadium. For the Halifax fans, it was an emotionally charged game; as they were so relieved to see their beloved 'Shaymen' play a real game of football again, after all the heartache of previous. Over 1,500 fans attended the game, watching a team that barely knew one another. Disappointingly, the team had a mediocre first season and for whatever reason, Jim Vince struggled to get things going with any real conviction on the pitch, culminating in a far from satisfactory

8th place, even missing out on a play-off place. A new Club and striving for stability and continuity, reluctantly the Board had to make a change, with Jim Vince leaving the position prior to the end of the season and player Nigel Jemson taking the club through to the end of the season.

An early appointment was made for the 2009-2010 season, with former Darlington defender Neil Aspin joining from Conference North side, Harrogate Town. A mixture of new recruits, players known to him and some already involved with the club from the previous season, he set about trying to establish a successful team. At one stage in to the second half of the season, Lancaster City held a twelve point lead over the Shaymen, although Halifax had lost a lot of games through postponement due to the weather. Fighting their way through the backlog, the ultimate period in the second season was an eventful three match period spread over six days.

They won 4-3 at Garforth after being 3-1 down with just two minutes remaining. Despite Lancaster winning on the same night, they were told the Shaymen had lost, so what a shock when they got back on their coach, only to find Halifax had won so late in the game. A real night of drama!

The next game was at home to Lancaster City, and in front of over three thousand fans, the afternoon was electric and

FC Halifax Town



BILLY HEATH



JORDAN SINNOTT



STEVE DRENCH

Halifax won the game comfortably 4-0 and took over the leadership of the division. The following Monday evening was a tough away game at Curzon Ashton who were also in the play-off places and Halifax recorded a stunning 5-0 away win. From then on, momentum carried the team to its first promotion as Champions, with 100 points and over 100 goals.

That meant a step up to the newly sponsored EvoStik Premier division. Again, the Club achieved promotion and the Championship, with five games to spare, missing the 100 points by just two and again scoring over 100 goals. A nice recognition for

/ The Squad

Managers Manager Billy Heath
Assistant Manager Mark Carroll

Goalkeepers Steven Drench, Tom Nicholson

Defenders Scott McManus, Kevin Roberts, Matty Brown, Josh Wilde, Scott Garner, Danny Hone, Cliff Moyo, Jack Bradley, Ross Barrows

Midfielders Jake Hibbs, Josh MacDonald, Liam King, Nathan Hotte, Jordan Sinnott, Shiraz Khan Elliot Harrison, Danny Clarke

Forwards Richard Peniket, Jordan Burrow, Tom Denton, Matty Kosylo, Alex Simmons

Finishing Positions in the last five years

2015/16 National Premier Played 46 Points 48 Position 21st

2014/15 National Premier Played 46 Points 66 Position 9th

2013/14 National Premier Played 46 Points 77 Position 5th

2012/13 National North Played 42 Points 75 Position 5th

2011/12 National North Played 42 Points 74 Position 3rd

Last six results

December 17th v AFC Telford United (home) drew 1-1. Wilde

December 13th FA cup 2nd round replay v Eastleigh (home) lost 0-2

December 4th FA Cup 2nd round v Eastleigh (away) drew 3-3 Sinnott, Garner, Peniket

November 29th FA Trophy 3QR replay v Matlock (home) lost 2-3 Hibbs, Kosylo

November 26th FA Trophy 3QR v Matlock (away) drew 1-1 Simmons

November 19th v Curzon Ashton (away) lost 2-4 Moyo, og

Coming to town...

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the Club was goalkeeper Jonathan Hedge being called in to the England 'C' squad as he had also been chosen in the previous season.

2011-2012 saw the arrival in the Football Conference and the Blue Square Bet North division. Another tough challenge, made all the harder with the departure of star striker Jamie Vardy, after only four games of the new season. Jamie making a move to then Conference Premier, Fleetwood Town and soon to be Champions, making their way in to the Football League for the first time in their history.

Despite that set-back on the pitch, the Shaymen battled their way to a play-off position, to meet Gainsborough Trinity. They were 2-0 down away from home in the first leg, but two Lee Gregory goals, one just before half time and one midway through the second half brought the Shaymen back in to the tie for the second leg. In front of over three thousand fans in the second leg, Town could not turn their superiority in to goals and lost to a set piece, one nil. Understanding the league a little more, Neil Aspin brought in one or two fresh faces for the 2012-2013 campaign. This season in particular was the hardest for the Club since reformation, only due to the number of match cancellations, both home and away for a variety of reasons, but mainly the incredible amount of rain. The fixture backlog and numerous re-arrangements took their toll. They finished in the play

offs and faced Guiseley in the semis, who were in the play-offs for the third consecutive season. After a 1-1 draw at the Shay Stadium, Halifax managed a 2-0 deserved win away at Nethermoor, with Gregory and Johnson getting the goals. In the final at Brackley, Lee Gregory scored the only goal of the game to send the fans in to raptures and earn a place in the Conference Premier division, for the first time in their history.

The following season FC Halifax Town finished 5th in the Skrill Premier and the play-offs beckoned again, this time with the chance of a Wembley final and promotion to the Football League. However despite a 1-0 home win over Cambridge United at the Shay, a 2-0 defeat at the Abbey Stadium saw Cambridge head to Wembley.

In the 2014/15 season, Town had a great start to the campaign and got to the quarter finals of the FA Trophy. However after defeat to Wrexham in the quarter finals, the season petered out.

Last season however, Halifax struggled and were relegated from the National Premier on the final day of the season as they finished fourth bottom. Despite this they won the FA Trophy at Wembley beating Grimsby Town in the final.

However, their hold on the Trophy was broken when they lost at home to Matlock in a replay, and they also lost in an FA cup replay to Eastleigh.



Josh MacDonald

MacDonald signed for Halifax in the summer of 2015, from Northern League side Marske United. A former Middlesbrough trainee, he grew into his first season at the Shay and was a key attacking outlet by the end of it. He made his 50th appearance for the club in last season's victorious FA Trophy final at Wembley and was one of only a few players already contracted for the 2016/17 season. Macdonald is the son of former Quaker Garry MacDonald who was part of Quakers' promotion winning side in 1985.



Josh's dad Garry



Danny Hone

A defender who also made the trip from North Ferriby United with manager Billy Heath, Hone was a product of the Lincoln City youth set up. He was born in Croydon, London and his former clubs include Gainsborough Trinity and Barrow. Hone was a part of the North Ferriby United side which won the 2015 FA Trophy and the 2015/16 Vanarama National League North Play-Offs. Hone played for Darlington during the 2010/11 season when he was on loan from Lincoln.



Tom Denton

Denton is a striker who started out playing for Wakefield FC and signed for Huddersfield Town for £60,000 in 2008. He had a series of loan moves, to Woking and Cheltenham Town as well as twice back to Wakefield, as he struggled to break into the Terriers' first team squad.

Permanent moves to Alfreton Town and Worksop followed until the huge striker inked up with manager Billy Heath at North Ferriby United in 2014. He won the FA Trophy with them in 2015 and then scored 21 league goals in the Vanarama National League North last season. He signed for the Shaymen in the summer of 2016, on a two year contract for an undisclosed fee.

HEAD TO HEAD *against* HALIFAX

Darlington and Halifax aren't exactly strangers to each other, having met over 100 times in the past, but this is the first time we've met below the Football League.

MITCH COOK



The Despatch said; "The 675 souls who bothered to trek down to Feethams on a cold and wet Sunday were treated to a marvellous soccer spectacle. The 7-0 victory matched anything seen at Feethams in recent years."

Cyril Knowles said; "I told the players

The teams met in the early days of the Football League Trophy in the 1984-85 season. The early games in the competition were played over two legs in those days, but we didn't play each other until February 14th 1985, when Halifax beat us 4-1 at the Shay in front of a crowd of just 403.

Three weeks later in the return leg at Feethams, on Sunday 3rd March, the crowd was only 675, and they were served a treat as Quakers won 7-0 to go through to the next round.

John McMahon, released by Middlesbrough the week before, scored a first half hat trick on his debut for the club, with David McLean (2) and Steve Tupling (2) getting the others.

that if we're going out of the competition, to go out of it with pride. They went and scored seven, I couldn't believe it."

Team: Barber, C Smith, Sanderson, Aldred, MacDonald, Lloyd, McMahon, Tupling, Forster, Airey, Shute.

Halifax came to Feethams again in the old Fourth Division on March 9th, and they finished with just eight men on the field, having two men sent off and another taken off injured after using their only substitute. Quakers won the game 2-0, but should have had a few more goals.

Mark Forster crossed for Mitch Cook to clip home from ten yards – Cook's first goal in 27 matches – and David

McLean converted a penalty awarded for handball.

Halifax had Ces Podd and Alan Knill sent off, while keeper Paddy Roche was carried off after they'd used their sub. Quakers went on to win promotion at the end of the season.

Team: Barber, Atkinson, Johnson, Tupling, Lloyd, MacDonald, Haire, Forster, Airey, Cook, McLean

Quakers stunned Halifax in the FA Cup in season 1989-90 when we were in the Conference and they were in the old Fourth Division.

A crowd of 4,041 turned up to see Quakers win 3-0, and a teenager called Drew Coverdale made a name for himself.

The Shaymen, managed by former Bishop Auckland and Hartlepool player Billy Ayre, were swept aside in a one-sided game. "Total humiliation" said one newspaper. "Once Darlington got their noses in front after half an hour, they were always going to win," said another.

Drew Coverdale opened the scoring when he picked up Andy Toman's short free



kick, dribbled through and scored, which provided some excellent copy for the media, as Coverdale was studying to be a physio.

Les McJannet scored the second goal with a cheeky backheel after a mix up in the Halifax defence, then Coverdale dribbled past three defenders and crossed for John Borthwick to score the third.

Drew remembers the day well, and he recalled the day in the "Farewell to Feethams" book. "I was in the team because Frank Gray was out injured, and in my spare time I was studying for the FA Diploma of Management of Physiotherapy. "The goal I scored was from a free kick, but it wasn't much. I didn't really hit it, but the ball took a deflection off the wall and went in past their keeper. "I think it was the second goal which got everybody going. I ran from the halfway line and beat two or three defenders, and squared the ball for John Borthwick to score.

"It was a giantkilling act by us,

and we were covered on Match of the Day on the evening. I had to do an interview, because it was pretty unique that a physio was called up and then put Halifax out of the Cup."

Team: Prudhoe, McJannet, Coverdale, Willis, Smith, Corner, Hine, Toman, Borthwick, Cork, Emson.

We last played Halifax in a Football League game on April 2nd 2002, and beat them 5-0, which sadly relegated Halifax to the Conference.

Ian Clark scored twice for us in the first 15 minutes, the second of them a penalty for deliberate handball by Halifax defender Chris Clarke, who was red carded.

Barry Conlon headed the third from a Mark Convery corner in the second half, Mark Ford fired the fourth, and Mark Sheeran headed the fifth.

Team; Porter, McGurk, Liddle, Reed, Heckingbottom, Hodgson (sub Convery), Ford, Atkinson, Naylor (sub Rundle), Clark, Conlon (sub Sheeran).

Subs not used: Brumwell, Maddison



Darlington v Halifax over the years.

Football League: played 100, Darlington wins 42, draws 22, Halifax wins 36

FA Cup: played 4, Darlington wins 3, draws 1, Halifax wins 0

League Cup: played 8, Darlington wins 5, draws 3, Halifax wins 0

Sherpa Van: played 2, Darlington wins 1, Halifax wins 1

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FROM THE *Boardroom:*

**We hope first and foremost you have all had a very happy Christmas
and we can rightfully say that Santa Claus really delivered for all
Darlo fans the world over.**

As the directors of Darlington Football Club, we are delighted to welcome old and new fans to the new home of Darlo fans at Blackwell Meadows. This is a special time for all at the club; directors, volunteers, management team, players and fans alike and perhaps one of the proudest moments for many of us involved in the club. We have finally returned home to Darlington!

It has certainly been a long and sometimes bumpy road over the last four years but through serious hard work over the last nine months in particular we have finally got there. The current directors are at the end of a long line of people who have been involved in the project, so a huge thank you goes to our predecessors Dave Mills,

Martin Jesper, Laura Drew, Denis Pinnegar and Ian Wilkinson who with many others have played a part in the survival of this great club. Funding has been provided from a number of sources including the Football Stadia Improvement Fund to whom as a club we are exceptionally grateful. As the budget came under immense pressure in the spring when the work was finally tendered the FSIF supported a second application which has allowed us to complete the initial works at our new home. A huge thank you goes to the fans who supported the creation of the 500 Club and those fans that bought an extension to that club for another year. At the time of the launch and with no certainty of return the

founder members of the 500 club backed the club with five years of income to ensure we could match the requirements of the FSIF grant funding.

Under the stewardship of Neil Raper a significant event in more recent times was the galvanisation and alignment of the CIC, Trust and Supporters Club into the Darlington Football Club Supporters Group (DFCSG). Their share issue was managed extremely well and raised over £100,000 towards development costs here at Blackwell Meadows. With further funding of the dug outs and membership income the input of the DFCSG has and will continue to be the bedrock of funding of the club into the future. This close working relationship with DFCSG and the football club

allows for full representation of the views and interests of the fans with the club's Board of Directors at every stage of the club's development, particularly as the Blackwell Meadows project moved forward.

Wherever we stand or sit in the ground today and in the future, we should all thank our landlords Darlington Rugby Club, without them and their support we would not be here. Our move to Blackwell Meadows works for both parties on and off the field and it is important that we respect the fact that Blackwell Meadows is the rugby club's home and they have made us welcome here. Both parties have invested considerable time and money to make this happen and we want to especially thank their chairman Michael Wilkinson and his committee, without whose commitment we wouldn't be here. Thanks also go to Darlington Borough Council who through Sport England has facilitated the construction of the new car park, a key component in enabling this move.

Behind the construction are Malcolm Cundick and his team of architects and engineers who designed this fantastic stadium that has room for expansion for our future trip back to the Football League already on the drawing board. Darlington based J&RM Richardson have done a

magnificent job in safely delivering our construction on time and their help over the last few weeks has been greatly received. For those of you standing in the Tin Shed today we should thank Tony Ward from TM Ward group who has been the custodian of the Tin Shed steelwork from the day of demolition at Feethams to the erection here at Blackwell. Tony will be as pleased as everybody else to see the crowd of fans in Tin Shed literally suck the ball into the back of the net with the noise that will be created.

Not wanting to forget many others who have got us this far, our heartfelt thanks go to our management staff especially Jo Cameron, Jonathan Jowett, Dave Watson and Ray Simpson who have sat through many a planning session about Blackwell Meadows on a Friday night or Sunday morning in a café or hotel lobby; and to our army of volunteers, who have continued to work tirelessly during a very exciting period for the club, and give their time so willingly. It is greatly appreciated by the board of directors of your club. It is important to remember that everyone on the non-playing side of the club including the Directors, are volunteers, who do not ask for and do not expect anything in return other than to see their club be successful, on and off the pitch. We cannot praise all the volunteers of the football

club enough.

To those of you whom we have forgotten to mention, whatever part you have played, we thank you and you should be very proud.

We would also like to thank Mike Tattersall from the Vanarama National League. I have had several long conversations with Mike in recent months, and his support for us hasn't wavered. We are very grateful to him.

Finally a massive thank you to the fans without whom we would have no club at all. Your generous support, donations, fund raising and loyalty over the last four years whilst we played at Bishop Auckland have been magnificent. With Martin Gray as our manager – and we are all grateful to him, his management team and playing staff -- we know we are going places.

Today is a piece of history for our club. We welcome FC Halifax Town, their directors and fans to Blackwell Meadows, we hope they enjoy the day and atmosphere and most of all everyone should remember that football is a sport for all ages and families. Let's make today an amazing day to remember for all the right reasons and three points to Darlo!

Enjoy the day

Richard and John



Kev Burgess writes for the
Quaker programme.

CAPTAIN Kev

GOOD AFTERNOON, AND WELCOME TO WHAT PROMISES TO BE A FANTASTIC DAY FOR THE CLUB, OUR FIRST EVER GAME AT OUR NEW HOME IN BLACKWELL MEADOWS.

We were devastated after Saturday's defeat at Kidderminster, who must have been wondering how they managed to come away with all three points from the game.

I thought we did very well to stop them from playing, and they were getting more and more frustrated while the score remained at 1-1.

One lapse in concentration cost us the winning goal, and at the moment it feels as if nothing is going for us. In recent seasons if we've switched off at setplays, then maybe the ball has gone wide or over the top, but this season we've certainly been punished more. That's the biggest difference between the EvoStik League and the National League North I've noticed this season – make a mistake and you're more than likely to be punished. The difference in quality is clear.

We were all pretty disappointed at the final whistle, and I'm sure the fans who travelled down there would agree that we were worth a point.

The ball isn't quite falling for us in both boxes at the moment, and hopefully we'll put that right today in what is probably the biggest game in the club's recent history.

But we're up against a top quality team in Halifax, who aren't too far behind us in the league and won the FA Trophy last season.

As we've proved in the past though, we're more than capable of stepping up to the big occasion!

Many thanks again for your support, it really is appreciated. All the lads are really looking forward to savouring the atmosphere at today's game.

Kev



"AS WE'VE PROVED IN THE PAST THOUGH, WE'RE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF STEPPING UP TO THE BIG OCCASION!"

HALF CENTURY FOR

Tez!

Terry Galbraith scored his 50th goal for Quakers in the 2-2 draw against Marine in the third qualifying round of the FA Buildbase Trophy at Heritage Park.

Tez signed for us in December 2012 and made his debut against Newton Aycliffe.

It was in his first season with us that he scored what he thinks was his best ever goal. Maybe we all guessed anyway, that terrific left foot shot against Spennymoor in the Northern League that flew like an arrow into the bottom left hand corner of the net! "The goal brought us back into the game and we dominated the rest of it," he said.

Many thought it one of the most significant goals in the club's history, as it turned the title race in Quakers' favour during that formative season.



TERRY SCORES AT MARSKE



TERRY SCORES AT HEBBURN



TERRY SCORES FROM THE SPOT V BOSTON

TERRY CELEBRATES AFTER SCORING AT SPENNYMOOR



TERRY SCORES AGAINST CLITHEROE



TERRY SCORES FROM THE PENALTY SPOT V WHITBY



TERRY SCORES HIS SECOND PENALTY V GAINSBOROUGH

Memory Match

Simon Weatherill continues his Memory Match series with a 4-2 home win over Burnley on 28th December 1987.

The summer of 1987 saw David Booth take over as Darlington manager. The former Grimsby boss had been out of the game for a couple of years but was chosen as the man to get Darlington back on track. The club were preparing for life back in Division 4 after two seasons in the Third Division under Cyril Knowles who had been sacked in the March and replaced by Paul Ward as player manager until the end of the season. Ward hadn't been able to save the club from relegation, so the new season would kick off with the Quakers back in more familiar surroundings.

Booth's team made an inconsistent start to the new Division 4 campaign. There were some excellent wins (for example, a memorable 5-2 win at Hartlepool) mixed in with some poor defeats (such as 4-1 at home by Scunthorpe) and the side never really put any kind of run together to drag themselves away from mid table obscurity. By the time Burnley visited Feethams on December 28th, Darlington sat in 12th place in the table with 32 points from their 22 games so far. Burnley were two points better off but had played one game more. They would be making their first ever visit to Feethams. The two clubs had met twice in the previous four years, both games taking place in the Freight Rover Trophy, both games at Turf Moor and

amazingly both games being played on March 13th. (Burnley won 2-1 in 1984 and the sides played out a 1-1 draw in 1986.)

This would be the first ever league encounter between the two clubs and would mean that Burnley had completed the set, so to speak, as Darlington would be the last of the other 91 clubs that they would face in league competition. Both sides had played two days previously, on Boxing Day. Burnley, unsurprisingly, would name an unchanged team after a thumping 4-0 home win over Rochdale. The Quakers had been beaten 1-0 at Scunthorpe, but also stuck with the same eleven for the fourth game in a row, after two home wins in the run up to Christmas.

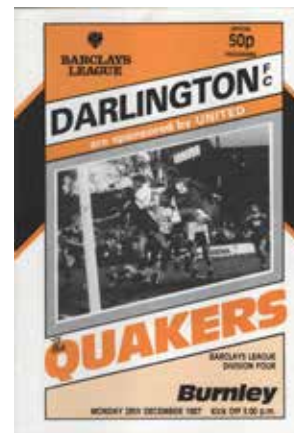
A crowd of 3325 turned out at Feethams for the Burnley clash. They saw the home side begin the game in nervous fashion and fall a goal behind as early as the second minute. A Neil Grewcock corner was flicked on at the near post by Paul Comstive and forced home from close range by David Reeves, with the Quakers' marking almost non-existent.

The visitors made all the running in a one sided first half with Darlington struggling to hang on. Reeves was only inches away from a second goal after being set up by good work from Comstive and George

Oghani, while at the other end, with their only real opening in the early exchanges, skipper Paul Ward hit a powerful drive that was comfortably saved by Clarets keeper Chris Pearce.

Things got tougher for the home side in the 21st minute when Gary MacDonald fell awkwardly and had to limp off, to be replaced by Gary Worthington. Burnley continued to control the game but couldn't turn their superiority into more goals and they were made to pay in the last minute of the half when Darlington equalised, completely against the run of play. David Currie seized upon an under hit back pass by Steve Gardner to calmly round Pearce and roll the ball into the net from an acute angle. After being second best for virtually the whole of the 45 minutes, somehow the Quakers went in at half time level at 1-1.

The second half was a completely different story as the home side took control with Ward running the midfield and Currie and Worthington always looking dangerous with their direct running at the Burnley defence. They deservedly took the lead in the 54th minute. There seemed to be little danger when Mark Outterside whipped in a long cross from the right flank, but Kevin Stonehouse met it at the far post and volleyed home superbly.



A crowd of 3325 turned out at Feethams for the Burnley clash. They saw the home side begin the game in nervous fashion and fall a goal behind as early as the second minute.

Burnley hit back and equalised five minutes later when an Ian Britton shot was blocked, but it fell perfectly for Reeves, who made no mistake from close range. Substitute Worthington made it 3-2 in the 70th minute when he connected with an inch perfect Ward pass and swept it under Pearce and into the net from the inside left position. The scoring was completed in the 85th minute when Currie grabbed his second of the afternoon. Gary Morgan and Worthington combined in a delightful move down the left and set up the striker who coolly slotted home from ten yards out.

The 4-2 win meant that the Quakers leapfrogged their opponents in the table and climbed into 10th place. It proved to be Jeremy Roberts' last ever game in a Darlington shirt. The keeper had been

carrying an injury for several games and played against Burnley whilst in considerable pain. After the game he sought medical advice and found that he had a cracked bone in his right hand. It was immediately put into plaster and finished his season. Booth seemed to see Roberts' behaviour as disloyal and vowed that he would never play for the club again!

The Quakers began the new year with a decent run of results (3 wins and 2 draws from the next 6 games) that pushed them towards the top of the league and hopes were high that the club could get involved in a promotion fight with a consistent run towards the end of the season. Those hopes were cruelly dashed when star man Currie was sold to Barnsley for £150,000 at the end of February. When Currie was sold, the Quakers sat in

sixth place in the table, which in 1988 was the last of the play off places. They fell away badly after Currie's departure though, winning four out of their last fifteen games and finishing the season back in mid table, in 13th place with 65 points. Currie left the club with impressive figures for the season of 31 league appearances and 21 goals.

The programme for the 87/88 season consisted of 16 pages, cost 50p and was designed and printed by Mawers. The front cover was printed in orange and black and either featured an action photo from a previous game or an advert for the match sponsors. The inside featured a column by manager David Booth, two pages on our visitors, past encounters, fixtures, results and appearances, Focus on Four (with what was going on elsewhere in the division), and Quaker Action (with photos from a previous game). The team line-ups were on the back cover.

Team v Burnley :

1 Jeremy Roberts 2 Mark Outterside 3 Gary Morgan 4 Mark Hine 5 Peter Robinson 6 Phil Bonnyman 7 Alan Roberts 8 Paul Ward 9 Gary MacDonald 10 David Currie 11 Kevin Stonehouse Subs 12 Gary Worthington (replaced MacDonald, 21 mins) 14 Andy O'Dell (not used).

Craig Stoddart and Ray Simpson have been keeping an eye on the activities of former Darlo players.

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DEAN WINDASS

DEAN WINDASS has been made bankrupt over a £150,000 tax debt.

A judge made the bankruptcy order against the 47-year-old Hull City legend at a hearing in London following an application from HM Revenue and Customs.

He was not at the hearing and was not represented by a lawyer.

Windass made more than 600 appearances and scored more than 200 goals in an 18-year career.

The Hull-born striker played for more than half a dozen clubs, including Bradford City, Middlesbrough, Sheffield United and Aberdeen.

In 2008 he scored the winning goal in the Wembley play-off final which saw Hull City

promoted to the top flight for the first time in their history, then just over a year later joined Quakers as assistant manager to Colin Todd for a short lived spell.

DANNY MELLANBY has been appointed joint manager of Newton Aycliffe along with former Norton boss Deano Browne.

Mellanby had two spells with Quakers in between playing for Newton Aycliffe, and helping them climb through the Durham Alliance, Wearside League and Northern League second division.

He has had one previous spell in charge of the club, and answered an SOS when previous manager Peter Dixon was sacked following some unsavoury altercations between Newton Aycliffe and Morpeth



AMAR PUREWAL

players at the end of their FA Vase tie.

Browne, who coaches with the Martin Gray Football Academy, was manager of Norton when the club's chairman, Mick Mulligan, suddenly pulled the plug in November.

JOHN CAMPBELL, who played for us in the 2011 FA Trophy final, has left Newton Aycliffe and joined one of his previous clubs, Newcastle Benfield, who are managed by another former Darlington player, **MARK CONVERY**. Campbell had scored 22 league goals for Aycliffe.

MARK COOPER has taken his son Charlie, 19, on loan from Birmingham to Forest Green for a month. Charlie made his debut in Forest Green's draw with Truro in the first round of the FA Trophy.

CRAIG GOTT



DAVID DOWSON and **ADAM MITCHELL** were both on target for Spennymoor in their 3-0 home win over Mickleover Sports in the EvoStik League **NATHAN FISHER** scored for Spennymoor in their defeat by Chester-le-Street in the Durham Challenge Cup ... **DALE HOPSON** scored for Whitby in their 3-1 home defeat by Nantwich in the EvoStik League... **SHAUN REAY** scored for West Allotment in their 3-2 home defeat by Washington in the EBAC Northern League

... **CHRIS MOORE** scored Whitley Bay's goal in their 3-1 home defeat by Shildon in the EBAC Northern League....

LEE GASKELL scored for Ashton United in their 4-1 defeat at Mickleover Sports in the EvoStik League last weekend..... **JAMES WALSHAW** scored for Farsley in their 3-1 home victory over Burscough last weekend.

AMAR PUREWAL has made a good start to life at Shildon in the Northern League. He

scored for them in their 2-1 away win at North Shields in the FA Vase on December 3rd, then last Saturday scored the opening goal against Newcastle Benfield.

Two former Darlington players, **JEFF SMITH** and **ANDY JOHNSON**, scored in Bishop Auckland's 3-2 away defeat at Consett last Saturday. Up to that point, Johnson had scored 22 league goals this season.

CRAIG GOTT has moved back to Marske United after just over a season at Spennymoor. After winning a Northern League championship medal with Quakers, he moved to Marske where he won a title medal with Marske in 2015.

Moors manager Jason Ainsley said; "We have agreed a fee with Marske for Craig to return there after it was determined that he could not commit to the commitments that EvoStik football demands due to personal reasons.

"Craig is a fantastic player and person and will be a massive loss to the football club, but family circumstances override any decision to keep hold of a player and we wish Craig the very best."

Gott has recently become a father, and there has also been a change in his work circumstances.



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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING



Chris Sykes rounds up the action in the Vanarama National League North

AFC Fylde are seven points clear heading into the festive fixtures after only one defeat in the league all season. Their 5-1 win at Gloucester made it five matches unbeaten for the Coasters.

Kidderminster Harriers lead the chasing pack after four straight wins, the most recent being a 2-1 home win over Darlington last weekend.

Two points further back are Chorley, who've lost only once in the league since August. They're unbeaten in their last six games, including a 1-1 draw with fellow promotion chasers Tamworth last weekend.

That result maintained the one point gap between them and the Lambs who are fourth and on a run of eight league matches without a loss.

With Darlington in the final play-off spot, Salford are three points further back. They've overcome a run of seven games without a win during September and October, and are now unbeaten in their last six.

The Ammies are ahead of 7th-placed Stockport County on goal difference. The Hatters have lost just one of their last six.

Today's opponents FC Halifax are in striking distance of the play-offs, sitting four points behind Darlington with two games in hand. The Shaymen have won one of their last four.

A point behind Halifax are Brackley Town, who've got three games in hand on the play-off places. They surprisingly lost 2-1 at struggling Bradford Park Avenue last weekend, ending a run of six games unbeaten.

With only one win in their last nine, Harrogate Town have slipped from promotion contention to lie seven points behind the play-offs.

11th-placed Gloucester's play-off charge has faltered in recent weeks, after losing five league games on the bounce.

And FC United, who started the season slowly, have moved into the relative security of mid-

table by taking ten points from their last four games.

Worcester City may be 13th in the table, but after taking only one point from their last three games, they're only four points above the relegation zone.

Level on points with the Blues are Curzon Ashton who've won three straight games to move away from the bottom three.

Nuneaton Town, who are a point worse off, have won back-to-back games against Alfreton and Stalybridge Celtic, ending a run of seven games without victory.

AFC Telford have slipped back into the relegation battle after taking only four points from their previous six games.

Level with Nuneaton and Telford are Boston United, who could only draw at FC United to extend their poor run of form to just one win in nine.

After a positive start, Alfreton Town have dropped into the relegation battle after only one win from their last six games. The Reds are only two points above the drop zone.

Gainsborough Trinity ended a run of four straight defeats with a draw at home to Worcester last weekend. Trinity are only a point above the relegation zone.

Four wins from their last five have given Bradford Park Avenue hope of avoiding relegation. They sit just a point from safety.

Stalybridge Celtic continue to struggle, having won just once in the league since September, a run stretching back 12 games. Celtic are 10 points away from safety.

And with seven straight defeats, Altrincham remain marooned at the bottom of the division having picked up just seven points all season.

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Here are our the thoughts of our very own roving reporter Matty Charlton

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BOXING DAY FOOTBALL

There's something quite ideal about Boxing Day football. Winding down after a Christmas, and most of all, the main present for us fans, and all involved with the club, is the return to Darlo, here at Blackwell Meadows. The work that has gone on to get us here and back in the town is simply marvellous, and will be nice to have somewhere that we call home again... A Boxing Day victory, in the new stadium would be lovely, but would also be a perfect birthday present for me too, with turning 19 today. Weather can often ruin football this time of year, but we've been rather lucky so far, and long may it stay that way, (let's hope I've not jinxed it, eyyy!!) But while we're in the festive spirit, and it's the season to be jolly, let's make Blackwell Meadows a fortress, and get behind the lads, sing our hearts out, and give this place the opening it's looking for!

Hope you've a very Merry Christmas, and all the very best for 2017, to all associated with Darlington Football Club.



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TODAY'S GAME HERALDS THE CLUB'S RETURN TO THE TOWN, OUR FIRST LEAGUE GAME IN DARLINGTON SINCE APRIL 2012 WHEN KETTERING TOWN VISITED THE NORTHERN ECHO ARENA.

QUAKERS' RELEGATION WAS ALREADY ASSURED BY THE FINAL GAME OF WHAT HAD BEEN A TORRID SEASON TORN APART BY ADMINISTRATION, LEAVING ROOKIE MANAGER CRAIG LIDDLE PUTTING TOGETHER A PATCHED-UP TEAM INCLUDING TEENAGERS AND JOURNEYMEN IN ORDER TO FULFIL FIXTURES.

BY THE 46TH AND FINAL LEAGUE FIXTURE DARLINGTON HAD NOT WON SINCE THE PREVIOUS DECEMBER – A CLUB RECORD RUN OF 20 GAMES – BUT THEY SALVAGED A MODICUM OF PRIDE WITH A 3-1 WIN OVER KETTERING WITH GOALS BY RYAN BOWMAN (PICTURED SCORING THE FIRST OF A DOUBLE) AND AN OWN GOAL BY BEN FORD.

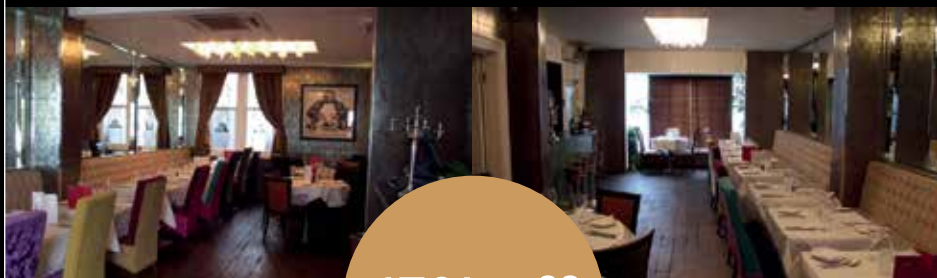
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Memories
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Arthur Thompson

For me the best game was the very first one against our hosts Bishop Auckland, it will live with me forever due to the fact Darlington FC didn't die, the togetherness of the fans and manager made the impossible happen. We started with one player on the books. MG assembled a team and won against our hosts 3-1, a game we never thought would happen only a few months before, truly an amazing time, for our club and manager, if Martin Gray had turned us down I think it just might have been the end.

However we now look forward. I am hopeful of a stable secure club moving through to attain the highest possible playing position within the football pyramid. Who would have believed we would be playing back in Darlington in 2016. Truly an amazing time to be a Darlington FC supporter.

Ruth Hetherington

I remember going to Heritage Park for the first time not knowing what to expect or how I'd feel about seeing my first non league game. I fell in love with non league football that day and haven't looked back since. Winning our first promotion in our first season will always stand out for me. The atmosphere and the buzz that night were unreal. The togetherness of the fans and players was like a big family.



QUAKERS COME ON TO THE FIELD FOR THEIR FIRST GAME IN THE NORTHERN LEAGUE AGAINST BISHOP AUCKLAND

Craig Stevens

My best memory of playing out of the town was standing in a packed Tin Shed watching the play off semi final against Spennymoor with my dad singing our hearts out for the lads and hoping they would win. Also the atmosphere was one of the best I had been in away from the town then when that goal came the place erupting when we scored that winner right at the death. Unbelievable will never forget it.

Andrew Park

My best memories are winning the Northern League in such emphatic fashion, and beating Spennymoor in a tense encounter in the EvoStik Play Offs.

The best game I saw was Spennymoor at home in the play-offs, end to end stuff.

Great atmosphere created and the finished product by winning 3-2. Absolutely brilliant, couldn't have scripted it any better.

My favourite players were Gary Brown and Stephen Thompson. Basically they've been with us through it all from Northern League to National League North and they haven't been fazed by the step-up at all.



VIEW OF HERITAGE PARK



SPOT YOURSELF AT HERITAGE PARK



ON TWO OCCASIONS, WE LIFTED SILVERWARE AT HERITAGE PARK -- THE NORTHERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE NPL FIRST DIVISION NORTH PLAY OFFS.

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29TH OCTOBER 2016

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Many fans thought that this was one of Quakers' best away performances for several years as we moved to just a point behind National League North leaders AFC Fylde.

Quakers had too much determination, strength and craft for the full timers, with Josh Gillies running them ragged in the first half. No wonder he was later named the league's player of the month the following week.

Quakers took command right from the start. The dangerous Gillies made a 60 yard run and finished with a shot that was touched on to the post by Harrogate keeper Peter Crook. Quakers scored from the following corner. The ball was curled in by Gillies into the near post where it was cleared back to him, and he coolly controlled the ball and curled it into the top right corner for his fifth goal of the season.

Harrogate levelled on 31 minutes when former Darlington player Joe Colbeck chased a long ball down the right and crossed for Reece Webb-Foster to beat Jameson with a looping header from ten yards.

Darlington: Jameson, Marrs (sub Watson 62), Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Thompson, Falkingham, Beck, Cartman (sub Hardy 70), Gillies (sub Syers 55) Subs not used: Bell, Davie
Goals: Gillies (4 mins, 0-1), Webb-Foster (31 mins, 1-1), Beck (32 mins, 1-2), Thompson (45 mins, 1-3), Syers (57 mins, 1-4) Booking: Burgess

Harrogate Town: Crook, Colbeck, Turner, Platt, Ainge, Ellis, Brooksby (sub Chilaka 51), Thanoj, Day (sub Leesly 51), Burrell, Webb-Foster (sub Purkiss 63) Subs not used: Gascoigne, Elliott Sending off: Ainge

THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

- 1 – Quakers were one point behind the leaders after this game
- 8 – the number of games Quakers were unbeaten away from home up to this point
- 18 – the number of goals that Quakers had scored away up to this point
- 1500 – the estimated number of Darlo fans in the crowd of 2172

But Quakers were back in front a minute later. Gary Brown headed the ball out of his own penalty area for Gillies to go racing up the left again, and after a 70 yard run pulled the ball back for Nathan Cartman to have a shot blocked, but the ball ran loose for Mark Beck to tap in his 7th goal of the season.

Quakers went 3-1 up on 45 minutes. Gillies again broke clear and sent Cartman up the left. Cartman held the ball up well and laid it back for Thompson, who drilled a right foot shot from 30 yards that beat Crook all ends up.

Harrogate were reduced to ten men after 47 minutes when Cartman beat Simon Ainge for pace and was pulled back by the defender, who was instantly shown a red card by referee Stuart Copeland.

And it was all over on 57 minutes. Kevin Burgess won the ball on the halfway line, then Stephen Thompson laid the ball off for sub David Syers, who had only been on the field a few minutes, to drive past Crook.



DAVID SYERS ABOUT TO SCORE AT HARROGATE



JOSH GILLIES CELEBRATES AFTER SCORING AT HARROGATE



STEPHEN THOMPSON AT HARROGATE



Blackwell Meadows

IN PROGRESS

Nick, our photographer, has been to Blackwell Meadows on several occasions to record the progress of the work. Here's the story of the construction in pictures.



We asked for the best memories of Heritage Park, and we got some great contributions!

Memories of HERITAGE PARK

Andrew Foulds

There have been so many memorable matches at HP it is difficult to pick a favourite.

The first away game against Bishop Auckland was special, as I only went to away games that season, until the last home game where we got the trophy.

With all the razzamatazz surrounding Salford City (class of '92) and the defeats to them in season 14/15, the game/performance/result against them at HP last season, (following the tremendous game at Salford), was a stand out for me.

I am an eternal optimist, and always think DFC are going to win, so I was disappointed with the results at Heritage Park against Alfreton and Kidderminster this season.

2013/14 season

Before the start of the 2013/14 season, my flagging enthusiasm was reinvigorated at seeing Alan White warming up for a pre-season friendly, and his subsequent signing for the club.

Paul Weldon had played quite a few games for the club, but his cruciate ligament injury v Mossley was a sickener, and having had knee surgery myself, I made a point of speaking to and encouraging him at every opportunity.

The play off semi final defeat to Ramsbottom, after all we had achieved, was hard to take.



JOSH GILLIES PREPARES TO SCORE FROM A FREE KICK AGAINST ALFRETON THIS SEASON

2014/15 season

The abandoned game v. Warrington was a total farce, and Sean Reid a disgrace to football.

Signing Nathan Cartman was a great bit of business - the way he bullies much taller defenders is a joy to behold, and his ability to outjump them to score - superb.

Play-off semi and final wins against Spennymoor and Bamber Bridge ("I was there" moments) but the sickening injury to Graeme Armstrong was particularly galling, when the seriousness became apparent.

2015/16 season

Gary Brown leaving was a shock, but his return was very welcome.

Travelling to away games, I saw some impressive goals scored by Lee Gaskell, but who could forget his twinkle-

toed footwork when scoring the goal of the season against Matlock, amazing !!

The two 'home games' played at Spennymoor's Brewery Field were unique, and continued our impressive winning streak at the venue.

Credit has to go to Brad Groves (Moors' Chairman) for his offer to host the games, and at no cost - what a hero.

In an effort to repay him in some small way, I joined the stewards to litter pick at the end of the games, to leave the ground as we found it.

2016/17 season

The introduction of some quality (Josh Gillies, Mark Beck, Josh Falkingham and David Syers) has produced some memorable performances to date.

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BY ANTH
MCMASTER

Good afternoon and a very Merry Christmas to everyone.

I hope you all had a great day yesterday and I am sure you were all sat having your turkey looking forward to our first game at Blackwell Meadows here on Boxing Day (I write this the day before inspection so I hope so!) It has been a remarkable journey on the pitch over the years, and now off the pitch has caught up with what is an excellent facility for our club to be back in the town. Seeing Blackwell Meadows full today will be unbelievable.

As far as I'm concerned, my stats show when being involved with Club staff, - four Chairmen, three administrations, three home grounds! Everyone should be immensely proud of how we have kept going, where we have come back from, and are now competitively seeking to be back in the National League Premier.

Today's match sponsor is Drew Clarkson and Guests. Drew grew up near Bishop Auckland and moved to the USA aged 8, and always kept a close interest in Darlington Football Club. He has been mesmerised with our journey since 2012. We welcome him and his guests and hope you all have a great day.

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Hospitality is booming today, like the good old days! Long may it continue. There are only three games left to sponsor this season so please get in touch if you are interested.

I will be doing more features on companies that support the club, but I would firstly like to thank all of the businesses that have so far taken either a board in the stands, or a pitch side board. These are listed below. All of the boards may not be quite up yet and there will be more to come in the coming weeks.

Also, a big thanks to David Robinson at Screentech for doing a great job with the signage and boards around the stadium.

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Enjoy the game today and the very best for 2017!

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QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our first home game at Blackwell Meadows against our friends from Halifax.

A NEW BEGINNING

Well we are at Blackwell Meadows at last and well done to everyone who made it happen. Home at last. It's taken longer than we thought but we've had four wonderful years at Bishop and we must say a big thank you to them for their hospitality at Heritage Park. I hope Blackwell Meadows will prove to be as lucky a ground as Bishop's has been for us.



AS THE YEAR ENDS

We would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year from everyone at Quaker Retail -- that's Glen, Mary, Lynne, Linda, Margaret, Angela, Dave, Terry, Hilary and me. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Let's hope it's a great one for Darlington Football Club.

A BIG THANK YOU

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who works in Quaker Retail for their hard work and giving up their time so freely all year round but especially over the last few weeks when everyone has put in extra hours on Thursday evenings, Sundays and weekday evenings too. What a brilliant team! (And a big thank you as well from the club! -- Ed)

QUAKER RETAIL SHOP

Our Quaker Retail shop will be open over the Christmas period on the 29th and 30th December and then reopen in the New Year on the 3rd January. Our usual opening hours remain 10 - 1.

We won't be having our pop up shop for the first couple of home games at Blackwell Meadows until we have a place allocated to us but when we find a home we will be bringing all of our stock to matches as normal. Another big shout out here to Terry, Lynne and Hilary who help me with the pop up shop on match days and also to the stewards who help me to load and unload my car and to Peter who helps me set up at matches.

SHIRT SALES



At the last count, not including Christmas week sales we had sold 1251 shirts. What a great effort by the fans! It's great to see so many people wearing both the home and away shirts. The shirt numbers were ordered in January 2016 and unfortunately Avec are unable to obtain anymore bespoke home shirts so when the current batch sell out we won't be able to replace them. We will have away shirts and other leisurewear shirts - pique poloshirts, technical poloshirts and training jerseys which are also worn by the team as part of their kit.

HATS AND SCARVES

If you want to keep warm at Blackwell Meadows then why not buy a hat and a scarf- £8 each and also a good way to show your support for the lads.

Well that's all from me today so let's get behind the lads, make plenty of noise and finish 2016 on a winning note. Come on Darlo!



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WELCOME BACK TO THE TIN SHED!



Today is the day that many Darlington fans have been eagerly looking forward to since the club announced that the Tin Shed would be rebuilt at Blackwell Meadows.

The original Tin Shed was built in 1960 at Feethams and became the spiritual home for several generations of Darlington fans until the club left for the Arena in 2003.

The Tin Shed had its own special atmosphere which characterised dear old Feethams – it had a heart and a soul that was embraced by everyone who stood under its tin roof for over forty years. There was a special camaraderie that spread to the players when the team kicked towards the Tin Shed, especially in night matches.

It witnessed some great moments, like the play off semi final wins over Hereford and Hartlepool in 1996 and 2000, the victory over Rochdale to clinch the Fourth Division title in 1990, the League Cup win over Swindon



in 1965, the promotion draw against Torquay in 1966 – every Darlo fan has their favourite memory.

The club owes a huge debt of thanks to Tony Ward who very kindly looked after the structure in his yard after it was demolished, and J and RM Richardson for the reconstruction of the Tin Shed

using some of the original steelwork.

So as we settle down for life under the new Tin Shed, let's hope that the club continues to grow and enjoys plenty of success – and let's also remember those no longer with us who would thoroughly enjoy this special day.

The club owes a huge debt of thanks to Tony Ward



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DFCSG Notes

BY WAYNE RAPER



Merry Christmas and a warm welcome to **Blackwell Meadows** to everyone connected with Halifax Town for this Boxing Day Vanarama National League North match.



I can't tell you how good it feels to be writing those two words Blackwell Meadows in place of Heritage Park - with the festive season upon us I don't think many of us will have had a better Christmas present than the return home. To that end I think it's only fitting that the column today is dedicated to those people that have made today a possibility.

Huge credit must be given to the Football Club Directors John Tempest, who was responsible for bringing the Rugby Club back to the table after talks had totally broken down, and Richard Cook who has overseen the build with architect Malcolm Cundick himself spending the last four years on the project. I'm sure that Malcolm will feel like a proud father today as he watches the ground fill up. General Manager Dave Watson has also been instrumental dealing with governing bodies and red tape during the last four months as the return has gathered pace. I imagine the blood pressure of all concerned in what has been a very tense last four weeks might now be able to drop a little, well once today's game is over anyway....

I couldn't comment on the move to Blackwell without mentioning our landlords Darlington Rugby Football Club who, led by Chair Mike Williamson have made our move home possible. Ultimately whatever side of the fence you sit on, the development is a fantastic facility for Darlington as a town and this is just the beginning. A huge thank you to Mike, the committee and the members who voted to allow us to share the site where we have a 20 year license to play football - here's to a long and harmonious partnership.

And no thank you would be complete without thanking you, the fans, without you there would be no Football Club, it's as simple as that. From that fateful day in 2012 when the club was saved at the 13th hour by way of a hastily delivered briefcase of cash handed over by Doug Embleton and Shaun Campbell the determination to build the club back up has been astonishing. Over £300,000 has been raised for Blackwell Meadows alone with additional hundreds of thousands invested to buy

assets and provide working capital for the Club whilst playing outside of Darlington. I still have to pinch

myself at times when I think of how far we've come in a little over four seasons and contrast that with the feeling I had that day away at Barrow's Holker Street ground when it seemed as though that would be the end. The Barrow fans unfurled a banner that day in support of our plight and today marks a watershed in returning the club to the community of Darlington.

That rise has been even more meteoric when you consider it's been done with a largely volunteer run off-field operation. By volunteering their time these people have undoubtedly saved the Club yet more hundreds of thousands in wages that would otherwise be payable and have severely limited our chances of progression. Many of these volunteers have full-time jobs in addition to their roles at the Football Club. With that in mind I'd like to appeal for patience from all supporters today, whilst the club's volunteers have done everything in their power to make the experience a great one there will no doubt be some small teething troubles, I'd ask people to feed any issues back in a constructive manner to the appropriate persons, or to myself or any of the other DFCSG Board Members - we're here to help. I've been amazed at the acceptance of having to travel to Bishop Auckland and share facilities and I hope you will show that same level of understanding at Blackwell Meadows.

Today will be a proud moment for us all that have stood by the Club since 2012, but this is not the end, this is just the beginning.....

I'd like to finish by wishing you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

All the best.

Wayne Raper

Chair, Darlington FC Supporters' Group



The last time

Steve Hume has been doing some research for The Quaker about "The Last Time"

LAST TIME WE WON AT HOME – 22ND OCTOBER 2016, 5-1 V WORCESTER CITY

LAST TIME WE DREW AT HOME – 3RD DECEMBER 2016, 2-2 V SALFORD CITY

LAST TIME WE LOST AT HOME – 2ND SEPTEMBER 2016, 0-1 V KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

LAST TIME WE WON AWAY – 29TH OCTOBER 2016, 4-1 AT HARROGATE TOWN

LAST TIME WE DREW AWAY – 8TH OCTOBER 2016, 2-2 AT BRACKLEY TOWN

LAST TIME WE LOST AWAY – 17TH DECEMBER 2016, 1-2 AT KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

LAST TIME WE KEPT A CLEAN SHEET AT HOME – 24TH AUGUST 2016, 2-0 V CHORLEY

LAST TIME WE KEPT A CLEAN SHEET AWAY – 9TH APRIL 2016, 2-0 AT GRANTHAM TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED 5 OR MORE IN A HOME GAME – 22ND OCTOBER 2016, 5-1 V WORCESTER CITY

LAST TIME WE SCORED 4 TIMES IN A HOME GAME – 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016, 4-1 V STALYBRIDGE CELTIC

LAST TIME WE SCORED 3 TIMES IN A HOME GAME – 27TH AUGUST 2016, 3-4 V ALFRETON TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED TWICE IN A HOME GAME – 3RD DECEMBER 2016, 2-2 V SALFORD CITY

LAST TIME WE SCORED ONCE IN A HOME GAME – 12TH NOVEMBER 2016, 1-1 V AFC FYLDE

LAST TIME WE FAILED TO SCORE AT HOME – 2ND SEPTEMBER 2016, 0-1 V KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

LAST TIME WE SCORED 5 OR MORE IN AN AWAY GAME – 19TH APRIL 2016, 7-1 AT WHITBY TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED 4 TIMES IN AN AWAY GAME – 29TH OCTOBER 2016, 4-1 AT HARROGATE TOWN

LAST TIME WE SCORED 3 TIMES IN AN AWAY GAME – 29TH AUGUST 2016, 3-2 AT FC UNITED OF MANCHESTER

LAST TIME WE SCORED TWICE IN AN AWAY GAME – 6TH DECEMBER 2016, 2-3 AT MARINE

LAST TIME WE SCORED ONCE IN AN AWAY GAME – 17TH DECEMBER 2016, 1-2 AT KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

LAST TIME WE FAILED TO SCORE IN AN AWAY GAME – 19TH NOVEMBER 2016, 0-2 AT AFC TELFORD UNITED

LAST TIME A DARLO PLAYER SCORED A HAT TRICK IN A HOME GAME – 21ST MARCH 2015, ADAM MITCHELL V PRESCOT CABLES

LAST TIME A DARLO PLAYER SCORED A HAT TRICK IN AN AWAY GAME – 19TH APRIL 2016, GRAEME ARMSTRONG (IN 11 MINUTES!) AT WHITBY TOWN

LAST TIME AN OPPOSING PLAYER SCORED A HAT TRICK AGAINST DARLO – 19TH SEPTEMBER 2015, SCOTT SPENCER FOR HYDE UNITED

LAST TIME A DARLO PLAYER SCORED A BRACE IN A HOME GAME – 22ND OCTOBER 2016, GARY BROWN AND MARK BECK V WORCESTER CITY

LAST TIME A DARLO PLAYER SCORED A BRACE IN AN AWAY GAME – 22ND MARCH 2016, NATHAN CARTMAN AND TERRY GALBRAITH AT NANTWICH TOWN

LAST TIME A SUBSTITUTE SCORED FOR DARLO – 29TH OCTOBER 2016, DAVE SYERS AT HARROGATE TOWN

LAST TIME DARLO CAME FROM BEHIND TO WIN – 15TH OCTOBER 2016, 5-2 V GAINSBOROUGH TRINITY

LAST TIME DARLO LOST AFTER TAKING THE LEAD – 17TH DECEMBER 2016, 1-2 AT KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS



We asked for the best memories of Heritage Park, and we got some great contributions!

Memories of HERITAGE PARK

Mark Oliver

The best memory was at home to Team Northumbria. This was the start of the journey back we were leading 2-1 playing nervously when Amar broke free as he was running towards goal. I looked to the sky and said please god let him score he had missed a few one on ones. When the ball went in, the roof lifted off the Tin Shed -- we had won promotion and the journey back had started!

The best game was the play off semi versus Spennymoor. It had drama, emotions, everything -- I felt like I had played 90 minutes at the end of it.

My favourite player was Amar Purewal for his contribution in that first season and for scoring the goal that clinched promotion.

Steve Rees

The most significant thing for me was that, as the final whistle blew against Team Northumbria on that sun-kissed Saturday in 2013, not only had we deservedly become League Champions, but that Darlington Football Club was back! All the hard work put in by everyone connected with the club and the loyalty of its hard-core supporters had been rewarded with an outstanding performance on the pitch by Martin Gray and his squad throughout the season. The first steps of our journey up the



THE PROMOTION CELEBRATIONS BEGIN AFTER THE FINAL WHISTLE AGAINST TEAM NORTHUMBRIA

leagues had been successfully taken.

The joyful celebrations of that day were even surpassed the following Wednesday after the Guisborough game when the Northern League Championship trophy was presented – albeit by a Spennymoor supporter!!! My outstanding memory will always be seeing the players jointly celebrating with the fans on the pitch and absolutely loving it. Surely this represents what a community club is all about! It was also a nice touch to present the medals to each player one at a time, giving them all their 30 seconds of fame and accompanied by their own song or chant. Everywhere you looked there were happy, smiling faces and indeed a few tears, though not of sadness but of joy and pride in their

club. A truly memorable experience for everybody present!

Simon Hahn

Some games at Heritage Park will never be forgotten, Spennymoor, Bamber Bridge, Blyth and Salford, to name a few, but for me my best memory will always be against Team Northumbria.

Having never seen us gain promotion, that moment when Amar raced clear in the final minutes of the game to seal the match and the title will be remembered forever. Fantastic celebrations followed, our first step back up the football pyramid.

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QUAKERS TO SET UP A

ladies' team!

There has been great interest in the news that Darlington FC will be forming a ladies' football team with the view of competing in a league next season.

Phoebe Townsend, a qualified coach, has already organised two coaching sessions for ladies of any age and ability on the new 3G at Eastbourne, and has organised another session on **3rd January between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, free of charge.**

Phoebe, who has plenty of experience of ladies football, says; "The response to our coaching sessions has been great so far, with 18 people coming over the two weeks. We're always looking for more people to come along and learn more about the game.

"The interest in the game has improved since the Olympics and the World Cup."

Phoebe will also organize a separate coaching session in the future for year 11 girls who intend to study the BTEC sports course at Darlington College next year.



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Memories of HERITAGE PARK

Theresa Mason

We all hold many fond memories of Heritage Park. Mostly of all, it has always felt like we are back at Feethams again and the good old Tin Shed days. We will miss this, along with many memories from The March Hare prior to the game and the pub being decorated out in black and white balloons on many occasions.

One of my special memories was when Karen Jesper approached my son Liam Mason a few years ago to ask him for his Darlington shirt as the mascot had turned up without one. Liam gave up his shirt for the match and went topless for the game. Karen presented Liam with a signed football from the lads at the end of the match.

Most of all, we remember when we gained promotion at Heritage Park and the tense play off semi final which was nail biting.

Stockport's game this season was outstanding and made myself and my family proud to be part of the 'Darlo family'. The noise made in the Tin Shed that day was electrifying, it took the fans to a different level. Drummer Pete led the way in style at this match.

Leon Atkins

I've got three great memories.

The 3-2 victory over Spennymoor to clinch the playoff semi...the late winner by David Dowson.

The 3-2 win over Salford last season...a barnstormer of a game. It was a massive win over a good team and it made me really believe we'd win the league.

The play-off final win over Bamber Bridge to ensure promotion.



THE LADS CELEBRATE THE WINNER AGAINST SALFORD



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Memories of HERITAGE PARK



LIAM HARDY CELEBRATES THE WINNER AGAINST SALFORD

Anth McMaster

It's difficult to pick out certain events of our time at Heritage Park, as I feel we made the best of it, and it was homely. It's been quite a fortress. Behind that goal at Heritage Park, our fans have managed to almost replicate the look and noise of the old Tin Shed, and thankfully it's seen some winning goals. To see a packed stand roaring in a winning goal at our current level is pretty special. The main things that stick out for me are Gaskell's curler, Thompson's volley, then I wonder if Dowson's winner against Spennymoor be topped.



NICK'S FIRST PIC AS CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER

However, the goal I seemed to celebrate most, is Hardy's winner against Salford. Just the manner in which we had beaten them previously, then to be behind and come back and do it again late on was amazing. It was an important goal that goal to me portrayed what the club has been about for the last five years – resilient, gritty, determined, and capable of bigger things. Most of all though, I will remember Heritage Park for being our home in one of, if not the, most important and notable periods of the club's long history. I thank everyone that has been a part of it.

Nick Burton

My best memory of Heritage Park would have to be my first game as official photographer for the club which was against Colwyn Bay back on the 23rd January this year, which Darlo won 3-0. As an amateur photographer, this has to be my proudest day being able to step foot onto the pitch alongside a football team I have supported for most of my life. Many thanks to Ray Simpson and Dave Mills for making this possible.

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LOOKING *Back*

In our matchday programme, we feature the Looking Back series which was originally done by our club historian, Frank Tweddle, in previous years. *This is his feature in the matchday programme for the home game against Grimsby on 17th December 2005, a game that we drew 0-0 in front of 3,924 fans.*



1995-96

DARLINGTON 1
BARNET 1

Division 3 Attendance 1717

After the bitter disappointment of losing our second round FA Cup replay at home to Rochdale mid week (which would have seen us travel to face Liverpool at Anfield in round three) we were looking to return to winning ways against lowly Barnet. Two loan players were making their Darlington debuts with striker Steve Guinan coming from Nottingham Forest and 18 year old England Youth keeper Dave Lucas from Preston North End. In the opposite goal was Paul Newell who was to join the Quakers within a month and play out the rest of the season as first choice culminating with a Wembley play-off appearance against Plymouth Argyle in May. It took young Steve Guinan just seventeen minutes to score his first (and only) Darlington goal but ten minutes from the end the 'Bees' stung us with an equaliser from Sean Devine to return to North London with a share of the spoils.

Team: Lucas, Shaw, Barnard, Appleby, Crosby, Brumwell, Himsworth, Olsson, Worboys (sub Painter), Guinan (sub Gaughan), Bannister.

1985-86

DARLINGTON 3
GILLINGHAM 2

Division 3 Attendance 2075

This game was played on the Friday night of the week before Christmas in an attempt to attract a better crowd who might be expected to be Christmas shopping the following day. At least we attracted over two thousand which was better than a couple of games towards the end of the season where we fell below that. The 'Gills' were riding high in fourth place in Division Three, while we languished down in twentieth spot with only five wins in twenty games played so far. The game turned out to be a five-goal thriller with former Middlesbrough striker David Shearer putting the visitors ahead after only twenty eight seconds before Carl Airey equalised on sixteen minutes. Tony Cascarino restored Gillingham's lead after forty minutes but within three minutes we were level again this time through Gary Macdonald to go in all square at half-time. Gary Morgan put us in front for the first time in the game two minutes into the second-half and we managed to hang on for a deserved if unexpected victory.

Team: Barber, Evans, Morgan, Tupling, Green, Lloyd, Roberts, Ward, Airey, Macdonald, Mclean

1975-76

DARLINGTON 1
CAMBRIDGE UNITED 1

Division 4 Attendance 1184

Our last home visitors before Christmas 1975 were Cambridge United in only their sixth season in the Football League. John Peachey, signed on loan from Barnsley, made his home debut for the Quakers after coming on as substitute at Newport County the previous week while David Crosson replaced Steve Holbrook on the right flank. New man Peachey hit the bar in the thirty-seventh minute but went one better in the fiftieth when he squeezed in Colin Blant's lob over the defence to put the Quakers ahead. However the 'U's' were level on seventy-eight minutes when the diminutive Steve Spriggs (reminiscent of Anthony Peacock) crossed for David Simmons to head past the stranded Alan Ogley in the Darlington goal. Although John Peachey shot narrowly wide in the last minute we had to settle for a point in a game we should have won easily.

Team: Ogley, Nattress, Cochrane, Cattrell, Craig, Noble, Crosson, Sinclair, Peachey, Lowery (sub Webb), Blant.



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Stacey Fletcher has been looking at the reaction from Facebook and Twitter to our last two matches

Social media REACTS

MALCOLM CUNDICK GAVE US AN UPDATE ON BLACKWELL MEADOWS.

NOEL HOLLIS WELL DONE OUR FANS, BOARD, PLAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS. AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO US. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE SHED BOUNCING!

ROB HODGSON THE PROGRESS IS LOOKING GREAT. SOMEWHERE WE CAN SOON BE VERY PROUD OF. GETTING BACK ON OUR FEET IS NOT JUST ABOUT THINGS ON THE PITCH BUT IS A MUCH BIGGER PICTURE. STEADY SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS AND A HAPPY CLUB.

SOPHIEE PARKER HOPEFULLY WE GET BETTER ATTENDANCES! & MORE PEOPLE TURNING UP TO WATCH US! RETURNING HOME IS MASSIVE FOR THE CLUB AND TOWN! I CANNOT WAIT FOR THIS! UP THE DARLO!

JIM COYNE LOOKING GOOD! WILL BE FANTASTIC FOR ALL FANS WHEN WE'RE BACK TO DARLINGTON. AS FOR BLACKWELL MEADOWS THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT, AS AND WHEN WE HAVE THE MONEY!

PAUL BROGDEN GREAT WORK TEAM. RETURNING TO THE TOWN IS GOING TO DOUBLE OUR ATTENDANCES

SEAN BROWN DARLINGTON COMING HOME GET IN ITS ABOUT TIME THIS CLUB RETURNS HOME AND THAT IS COMING FROM A NEWCASTLE UNITED FAN

MICHAEL BARRASS GREAT TO THINK HOW FAR WE HAVE COME IN LAST FOUR YEARS

JAY ROBERTS I AM SO EXCITED TO FINALLY GO BACK TO DARLO THIS IS LOOKING AMAZING #DTID

JAMES WALSHAW IT'S COMING HOME, IT'S COMING HOME, IT'S COMING, FOOTBALLS COMING HOME

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We asked for the best memories of Heritage Park, and we got some great contributions!



Gary Brown

My best memory is walking up the steps to receive the Northern League championship trophy after the Guisborough game. I can remember the game before against Team Northumbria when I saw Amar running away one-on-one against their keeper, and I kept running after him. I knew that if he put it away, that would be the league tied up.

The players were introduced to the crowd one by one on the PA system, and Brian Atkinson told me to take it all in because we wouldn't get many nights like that.

I took the trophy home that night – it was just standing on the end of the bar. Nobody else wanted to pick it up. I dropped it getting into Adam Nicholls' car!

For as long as I've been at the club, I think the Spennymoor play off win was the most important, because both sides felt that whoever won that game, would go on and beat Bamber Bridge in the final. But I can also remember the long distance lob by their full back Kallum Griffiths, that went over Peter Jameson and hit the bar. When the ball came back out, I just hit it into Sainsbury's petrol station through sheer relief!

The Bamber Bridge play off game and the Salford game were also very good memories. There have been some very important goals. Stevie Johnson's winner against



STEVE JOHNSON



ACTION FROM THE PENRITH GAME

South Shields in the Northern League, just after they had a goal disallowed at the other end. We were poor that night. Tez Galbraith's penalty at home to Penrith for the winner, that was another big pressure moment. Thommo's volley from long

range that went in off the bar against Clitheroe in the season we won the play offs. Tom Portas's long range goal against Bamber Bridge in the league. And my goal against Sunderland in a pre season friendly!

12TH NOVEMBER 2016

DARLINGTON 1 AFC FYLDE 1

Quakers were very unlucky not to beat the league leaders in their top of the table clash in the Vanarama National League North at Heritage Park.

Quakers had three chances in the first 20 minutes, the best of them falling to David Syers, whose header from a left wing cross by Josh Gillies from six yards out bounced down and then over the bar.

Fylde went in front with their first real attack on 27 minutes, when Danny Rowe received the ball on the corner of the box, turned, and hit a left foot shot over Peter Jameson into the top corner.

Quakers kept battling away, and nearly levelled on 39 minutes. Beck was fouled 10 yards outside the box, and Gillies, who was presented with his October player of the month award

before the game, curled the ball towards the top right corner, where Rhys Taylor pushed the ball out for a corner.

Quakers levelled just on half time with a route one goal. Peter Jameson cleared the ball downfield, where it went straight through the heart of the Fylde defence for Gillies to control and slip past the advancing keeper for his sixth goal of the season.

Quakers were all over Fylde in the second half, but couldn't convert our chances. Syers was unlucky to miss a couple of chances, but he thought his luck had changed in the last minute when he scored from a Galbraith free kick, but the goal was harshly disallowed for offside, even though Kev's tv pictures suggested otherwise.

Darlington: Jameson, Marrs, Galbraith, Watson (sub Scott 68), Turnbull, Burgess, Watson, Thompson (sub Cartman 84), Falkingham, Beck, Syers, Gillies

Subs not used: Bell, Hunter, Hardy

Booking: Syers.

AFC Fylde: Taylor, Wilson, Kennedy, Langley, Williams, Bond, Hardy (sub Blinkhorn 73), Finley, Rowe, Bradley, Daniels (sub Dixon 57)

Subs not used: Collins, Baker, Hughes

Booking: Daniels, Wilson, Kennedy

Goals: Rowe (27 mins, 0-1), Gillies (44 mins, 1-1)

Attendance: 2001

THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

2 – Quakers position in the league after the game

6 -- the number of goals that Josh Gillies has scored this season.

26 – the number of goals that Quakers have scored at home this season up to this point.

1,547 – Quakers average crowd taking this attendance into account.



JOSH GILLIES V FYLDE



JORDAN WATSON
V FYLDE



AUF WIEDERSEHEN, HERITAGE PARK ... UND DANKE!

*After four and a half seasons of footballing success
at Heritage Park we have finally come home!*

Here are 25 questions about Darlo which cover our time in Bishop Auckland, how much can you remember about our rollercoaster ride since 2012? (The questions can relate to both home and away games)

NORTHERN LEAGUE

1. Which team did we face in the very first game of our Northern League experience?
2. And which Quaker scored our first League goal in that match?
3. Who finished top goal-scorer that season?
4. At which "grandly-named" club did Quakers play in front of their lowest attendance for that season (304)?
5. Which club knocked us out of that season's FA Cup?
6. These four players only played for us in the Northern League. Name them from their initials. Here's a clue: Three of them scored double figures that season) a) SJ b) CG c) CE d) SR
7. From which NL club did we sign our dead-ball expert, Terry Galbraith?
8. Which colour was Darlo's second strip in the Northern League?
9. Which member of the playing squad described himself as being "a hairy-arsed gas fitter who loves the club"?
10. Which amazing record "triple" did Quakers achieve by the end of that season?

EVO-STIK LEAGUES ONE & PREMIER

11. Since 2012, Darlo have won only one FA Cup tie. Which club did they defeat?
12. In each of our seasons in Evo-Stik Div One Darlo played the opening game against the same club. Which one?
13. The Giant Axe has never been a lucky ground for us. Which club plays its home games there?
14. Which Quaker finished top goal-scorer in our Evo-Stik Premier season?
15. Which former FA Premier League star turned out against us for Padiham in Div One North?
16. In what way did Paul Kettlewell ensure Quakers would not be celebrating a Happy New Year in 2014?
17. Which player suffered a nasty facial injury against Prescot Cables that kept him out for many weeks?
18. Which nickname did the players give him on his return to the team due to his appearance?
19. From which clubs did we sign a) Frenchman Nelson Mota b) Graeme Armstrong c) Liam Hatch?
20. Whose wife officiated at two of our Evo-Stik Premier matches this season and impressed on both occasions?



Quiz

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE (NORTH)

21. Earlier this season Quakers played at St James' Park, against which club? (Clue: It wasn't Newcastle Utd)
22. Darlo have played League matches on two artificial pitches so far this season – at which clubs?
23. Up to and including the Telford Utd match, who is Quakers' leading goal-scorer this season?
24. Which former FA Premier League forward played against us in October for Worcester City?

And a general question to finish with

25. Since 2012, who has scored the most League goals in total for Darlington Football Club (up to and including Telford Utd game)?

And now here are twenty general knowledge questions just to finish you off!

They are not restricted to the last five years.

1. What is the capital city of Lithuania?
2. Name the two presenters of the BBC2 quiz Eggheads.
3. In a Shakespeare play, how are Proteus and Valentine more commonly known?
4. Susannah Hoffs was the lead vocalist of which US girl group of the 1980s?
5. Which soup's name is derived from a part of the animal's anatomy with which it is made?
6. Geography: Of which US state is Columbus the capital?
7. What was the first programme to be broadcast on BBC2 in 1964?
8. Who sang the theme song for the James Bond film You Only Live Twice?
9. What is Cockney rhyming slang for a mate?
10. Who was the first Briton in Space?
11. Which London mainline railway station serves Hampshire and Dorset?
12. Name the only two horse racing tracks in the UK whose names end in '.....ow'.
13. What was the name of the wicked schoolmaster in Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby?
14. Who was the founder of the Tamla Motown recording company?
15. Which fictitious school was created by Ronald Searle?
16. Apart from Emma Peel, name either of John Steed's other female assistants (character names).
17. Who was the hostess on The Generation Game, helping Larry Grayson to "shut that door"?
18. Which fruit is a cross between a raspberry and a blackberry?
19. To which island was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at Waterloo – he died there?
20. What was the name given to the storm which, in November, battered southern and western areas of the UK and Wales? Could it have been a Poolie perhaps?

ANSWERS
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RESULTS YEAR ON YEAR

Over the next five pages, Simon Hahn has given us the details of every league, FA Cup and FA Trophy game at Heritage Park over the last five years – plus the two games we played at Spennymoor last season.

Which games can you remember?



2012/13 Season – Northern League

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers	Attendance
21-08-12	Marske	Won 3-0	Emms, Reay, Johnson	1,202
31-08-12	Dunston UTS	Won 4-0	Reay 2, A Purewal 2	1513
08-09-12	Consett	Won 5-0	Dowson 2, A Purewal, Reay, Emms	1287
12-09-12	Newton Aycliffe	Won 1-0	Dowson	1389
15-09-12	Billingham Town	Won 3-2	Reay 2, A Purewal	1278
26-09-12	Durham City	Won 3-1	Johnson, A Purewal, Scott	911
29-09-12	Newcastle Benfield	Won 5-2	A Purewal 2, Tait, Scott, Johnson	1256
10-10-12	South Shields	Won 2-1	Johnson, Scott	1064
13-10-12	Ashington	Won 6-1	Scott 2, Thompson 2, A Purewal, Emms	1498
20-10-12	Bedlington	Won 3-1	Tait, Scott, Dowson	1481
03-11-12	Whitley Bay	Won 3-1	A Purewal, Dowson, Harrison	1439
14-11-12	Spennymoor League Cup	Lost 0-2		682
21-11-12	Billingham Synthonia	Won 4-1	Gott, Thompson, A Purewal, Own goal	929
19-12-12	Spennymoor Town	Draw 0-0		1832
06-02-13	Hebburn	Won 1-0	Dowson	789
20-02-13	Penrith	Won 1-0	Galbraith	1004
06-03-13	Norton	Won 6-1	A Purewal 2 Harrison, Nicholls, Dowson, Johnson	963
13-03-13	Sildon	Won 4-0	Emms 3, Scott	953
30-03-13	Sunderland RCA	Won 7-2	Thompson 3, Johnson, Hedley Dowson, A Purewal	1275
13-04-13	West Auckland	Won 2-0	Galbraith 2	1736
15-04-13	Celtic Nation	Won 1-0	Thompson	1007
17-04-13	Bishop Auckland	Draw 2-2	Emms, Galbraith	1542
27-04-13	Team Northumbria	Won 3-1	A Purewal 2, Emms	1986
01-05-13	Guisborough	Won 3-0	A Purewal, Johnson, Galbraith	2001



2013/14 Season – Evo-Stik Division One North

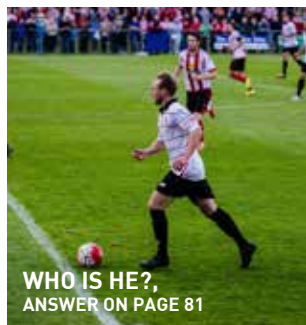
Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers	Attendance
17-08-13	Warrington	Won 2-0	Davis, A Johnson	1,176
26-08-13	Kendal	Won 3-1	Purewal 2, A Johnson	1356
14-09-13	Mossley	Won 4-0	Thompson, Purewal, Dowson, Moore	1133
21-09-13	Harrogate RA	Draw 0-0		1253
02-10-13	Ossett Albion	Won 7-0	Purewal 2, Dowson 2, Scott, S Johnson, Thompson	947
12-10-13	Prescot Cables	Draw 2-2	Galbraith, Thompson	1379
23-10-13	Buxton FA Trophy preliminary replay	Draw 3-3 lost on pens	Thompson 2, Dowson	766
30-10-13	Sunderland RCA DCC	Won 3-1	Moore, S Johnson, Turner	
06-11-13	Ramsbottom	Lost 0-1		899
09-11-13	Northwich Victoria	Lost 0-1		1046
13-11-13	Blyth Spartans League Cup	Won 5-1	Dowson, Purewal, Own goal, Fisher, Turner	
23-11-13	Ossett Town	Won 4-1	Thompson, Galbraith, Davis, Purewal	868
04-12-13	Ossett Town League Cup	Lost 1-3	White	
14-12-13	Bamber Bridge	Won 1-0	Dowson	973
28-12-13	Salford	Draw 2-2	Thompson, Dowson	1514
04-01-14	Clitheroe	Won 6-0	Purewal 2, Thompson 2, Fisher, Dowson	1016
26-02-14	Lancaster City	Lost 0-2		956
08-03-14	New Mills	Won 2-0	Galbraith 2	1116
12-03-14	Cammell Laird	Won 3-1	Thompson, Dowson, Galbraith	879
19-03-14	Curzon Ashton	Lost 0-4		1429
26-03-14	Wakefield	Won 5-1	Thompson 3, Fisher, Mitchell	697
05-04-14	Radcliffe Borough	Won 3-0	Fisher, Ward, Dowson	1041
12-04-14	Padiham	Won 3-0	Purewal 2, Thompson	1012
19-04-14	Farsley	Won 3-0	Purewal, Scott, Ward	1136
26-04-14	Burscough	Lost 1-2	Hopson	1215
30-04-14	Ramsbottom playoff semi-final	Lost 0-2		1926

**2014/15 season Evo-Stik Division One North**

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers	Attendance
16-08-14	Warrington Town	Won 2-0	Mitchell, Purewal	1,045
25-08-14	Kendal Town	Won 7-0	Galbraith 2, Hatch, Dowson, Scott, Fisher, Armstrong	1186
03-09-14	West Auckland FA Cup EP R	Won 3-1	Armstrong, Hatch, Own Goal	932
10-09-14	Farsley FC	Draw 1-1	Galbraith	871
14-09-14	Blyth Spartans FA Cup Q1	Draw 0-0		1051
20-09-14	Salford City	Lost 0-1		1013
01-10-14	Harrogate RA	Won 7-1	Purewal 3, Hatch 2, Armstrong, Thompson	768
04-10-14	Padiham	Won 1-0	Purewal	932
15-10-14	Ossett Albion	Won 2-0	White, Purewal	788
25-10-15	Burscough	Won 3-0	Armstrong, Purewal, Thompson	941
05-11-15	Spennymoor Town	Won 1-0	Armstrong	1637
12-02-14	Whitby Town League Cup	Draw 3-3	Lost 1-3 Penalties	
22-11-14	Clitheroe	Draw 1-1	Galbraith	1032
20-12-14	Radcliffe Borough	Draw 2-2	Armstrong 2	887
26-12-14	Scarborough Athletic	Won 3-0	Armstrong 2, Mitchell	1382
03-01-15	Brighouse Town	Won 2-0	Brown, Dowson	842
07-01-15	Ossett Town	Won 5-0	Brown 2, Portas, Galbraith, Cartman	959
28-02-15	Bamber Bridge	Won 2-1	Scott, Portas	1050
11-03-15	Lancaster City	Won 3-0	Scott, Portas, Dowson	896
14-03-15	Northwich Victoria	Lost 0-1		1112
21-03-15	Prescot Cables	Won 4-2	White, Mitchell 3	927
04-04-15	Droylsden	Won 5-2	Cartman 2, White, Mitchell, Armstrong	1236
11-04-15	Mossley	Won 3-1	Mitchell 2, Armstrong	1233
25-04-15	New Mills	Won 3-1	Mota, Pennal, Walton	1112
29-04-15	Spennymoor Town PO semi	Won 3-2	Armstrong, Hatch, Dowson	1987
02-05-15	Bamber Bridge PO final	Won 2-0	Cartman, Armstrong	1876

2015/16 season - Evo-Stik North Premier

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers	Attendance
18-08-15	Frickley Athletic	Won 3-0	Portas, Cartman, Burgess	908
22-08-15	Barwell	Won 3-1	Armstrong, Cartman, Portas	1243
31-08-15	Blyth Spartans	Won 2-1	Thompson, White	1767
08-09-15	Ramsbottom United	Won 2-1	Cartman, White	1063
12-09-15	Hyde United FA Cup Q1	Lost 1-3	Thompson	902
19-09-15	Hyde United	Lost 2-3	Cartman, Dowson	1047
03-10-15	Marine	Lost 0-1		1171
17-10-15	Stourbridge	Draw 1-1	Thompson	1141
20-10-15	Workington	Won 4-0	Gaskell 2, Cartman, Scott	1051
24-10-15	Mickleover Sports	Won 2-1	Cartman, Mitchell	1010
31-10-15	Mossley FA Trophy Q1	Won 3-2	Nowakowski, Walton, Cartman	635
19-01-16	Whitby Town	Draw 2-2	Thompson, Galbraith	940
23-01-16	Colwyn Bay	Won 3-0	Burgess 2, Galbraith	1077
02-02-16	Buxton	Won 3-1	Gaskell, Cartman, Galbraith	857
09-02-16	Matlock Town	Won 3-0	Brown, Gaskell, Galbraith	916
23-02-16	Ashton United	Draw 1-1	Portas	961
01-03-16	Salford City	Won 3-2	Galbraith, Scott, Hardy	1587
08-03-16	Ilkeston FC	Won 3-1	Cartman, Gaskell, Brown	1021
19-03-16	Rushall Olympic	Won 1-0	Burgess	1223
26-03-16	Halesowen Town	Won 2-1	Galbraith, Armstrong	1416
02-04-16	Sutton Coldfield	Won 2-0	Cartman, Own Goal	1307
07-04-16	Nantwich Town	Won 2-1	Thompson, Portas	1268
19-04-16	Grantham Town	Won 2-0	Scott, Purewal	1734



Season 16/17- Vanarama National North

Date	Opponents	Result	Scorers	Attendance
13-08-16	Boston United	Won 4-1	Galbraith, Hardy, Own Goal, Beck	1445
24-08-16	Chorley	Won 2-1	Galbraith 2	1543
27-08-16	Alfreton	Lost 3-4	Gillies 2, Purewal	1349
03-09-16	Kidderminster Harriers	Lost 0-1		1729
07-09-16	Stockport County	Won 2-1	Beck, Mitchell	1730
24-09-16	Stalybridge Celtic	Won 4-1	Hardy 2, Gillies, Thompson	1231
15-10-16	Gainsborough Trinity	Won 5-2	Galbraith 2, Brown, Cartman, Syers	1424
22-10-16	Worcester City	Won 5-1	Brown 2, Beck 2, Syers	1479
12-11-16	AFC Fylde	Draw 1-1	Gillies	2001
27-11-16	Marine FA Trophy Q1	Draw 2-2	Galbraith, Thompson	743
03-12-16	Salford City	Draw 2-2	Beck 2	1996



We asked for the best memories of Heritage Park, and we got some great contributions!

Memories of HERITAGE PARK



Tom Portas

I have a few great memories from Heritage Park. One has got to be the goal I scored against Bamber Bridge in the league, but the play off final against Bamber Bridge just tips it off I think!

I think the best goals were Thommo's volley against Whitby, and Lee Gaskell's at the Tin Shed End. And I'm always going to say mine against Bamber!



Terry Galbraith

My best memories will have to be winning the play offs against Bamber Bridge, winning promotion from the Northern League, and the last minute winner against Salford.

The best goals are a volley that Thommo scored from the edge of the box against Whitby, that was great technique.

The one that stands out for importance was Liam Hardy's against Salford, I think we all enjoyed that one.

AUF WIEDERSEHEN, HERITAGE PARK ... UND DANKE **ANSWERS (Page 60-61)**

NORTHERN LEAGUE 1. Bishop Auckland 2. Arjun Purewal 3. Amar Purewal 4. Celtic Nation 5. None – FA wouldn't let us enter
6. a) Steve Johnson b) Craig Gott c) Chris Emms d) Sean Reay 7. Dunston UTS 8. All red
9. Gary Brown 10. Amassing 100+ League goals (145)/Points (122)/Goal difference (110)
EVO-STIK LEAGUES ONE & PREMIER 11. West Auckland 12. Warrington Town 13. Lancaster City 14. Nathan Cartman 15. Brett Ormerod 16. He was the ref who started the match at Kendal in appalling conditions only to abandon it after 25 minutes 17. Jordan Robinson 18. Zorro 19. Ramsbottom Utd/Whitby Town/Gateshead 20. Premier League ref, Michael Oliver
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE (NORTH) 21. Brackley Town 22. Harrogate Town/Tamworth 23. Terry Galbraith 24. Lee Hughes 25. Stephen Thompson with 63 goals (Amar was second)
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Vilnius 2. Dermot Murnaghan/Jeremy Vine 3. The Two Gentlemen of Verona 4. The Bangles
5. Oxtail 6. Ohio 7. Play School 8. Nancy Sinatra 9. China (plate) 10. Helen Sharman 11. Waterloo
12. Chepstow/Ludlow 13. Wackford Squeers 14. Berry Gordy 15. St Trinians 16. Cathy Gale or Tara King (not Purdey who was in The New Avengers) 17. Isla St Clair 18. Loganberry 19. St Helena 20. Storm Angus (H'Angus the Monkey)

THE 10 MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES

AT HERITAGE PARK



*As we return to Darlington and say farewell to Heritage Park after four and a half seasons as Bishop Auckland's guests, **Craig Stoddart** looks back on ten of Quakers' most memorable matches at the venue.*



← 3-1 v BISHOP AUCKLAND

Northern League

August 2012

Scorers: Arjun Purewal, Shaun Reay, David Dowson

Attendance: 2,004

ALTHOUGH not classified as a home game, Darlington's first Heritage Park experience was a sell-out with most of the fans present seeing the tenants overcome the landlords by marking their first fixture of a new era with a win.

The Football Association had demoted Darlington to the Northern League and the first match did not start well as Andy Johnson – who signed for Quakers a year later – put Bishop Auckland ahead in the first-half.

Bishop were already down to ten men at that stage, Chris Renshaw having been sent off on 34 minutes, but Arjun Purewal levelled after the break before goals by Shaun Reay and David Dowson secured Darlington's first win on a sunny afternoon at HP.



← 2-0 v WEST AUCKLAND

Northern League

April 2013

Scorers: Terry Galbraith (2)

Attendance: 1,736

THERE was some level of friction attached to the fixture due to West having doubled admission

prices when the sides met earlier in the season at Darlington Road. As a consequence, many Quakers fans had boycotted the game, but one of the highest crowds of the season were in attendance for the return fixture at Heritage Park to see a dramatic encounter.

Terry Galbraith scored twice, once in each half, his first a curling free-kick, the second a spectacular blast from 30 yards to clinch the points 13 minutes from time.

In keeping with West's notorious reputation of the time, three of their players were dismissed, including former Quakers striker John Campbell, while manager Peter Dixon was also sent to the stand on an enjoyable day for Darlington.

3-1 v TEAM NORTHUMBRIA→

Northern League

April 2013

Scorers: Chris Emms, Amar Purewal (2)

Attendance: 1,986

DARLINGTON'S 39th win of the season in their penultimate match sealed the Northern League title, sparking joyous scenes at the final whistle.

After goals from Chris Emms and Amar Purewal's brace sealed a nervy win at a tense Heritage Park, supporters raced onto the pitch, the players sprayed champagne and, memorably, Martin Gray was crowd surfing.

"We started this journey on the May 5 last year, when we didn't have a club. It was gone," said Gray. "But now we've won a really high-standard league. To put a team together from nothing to where we are today is outstanding."

Four days later the champagne corks popped again at the culmination of Darlington's fantastic season as they were presented with the silverware after seeing off Guisborough Town 3-0.



↓ 0-2 v RAMSBOTTOM UNITED

Evo-Stik First Division North play-off semi-final

April 2014 Attendance: 1,926

Having finished second to Curzon, Quakers had home advantage in the play-offs, but nothing went right for them from the first minute on an incident-packed night.

After only ten seconds a crunching challenge by left-back Owen Roberts put Leon Scott in hospital and set the tone for a hugely frustrating night.

Scott's exit left Quakers with defensive pair Gary Brown and Jordan Robinson in the centre of midfield, while referee Kevin Mulraine, who allowed Roberts to escape with a yellow, was all too often in the spotlight.

However, Ramsbottom were the better side on the night and deserved their victory having kept Quakers at bay.

Darlington ended the game with nine men as Robinson and Stephen Thompson saw red.

It was Ramsbottom's second of the season at Heritage Park – only they and Northwich Victoria won games as a visiting team at the venue.



10 MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES



↑ 2-0 v WARRINGTON TOWN

Evo-Stik First Division North

August 2014

Scorers: Adam Mitchell, Amar Purewal

Attendance: 1,045

THE game that would not have been if Shaun Reid had his way.

The volatile Warrington manager ordered his players off the pitch amid remarkable scenes on the opening day of the season after referee Danny Markham was unable to continue due to injury.

Quakers were 2-0 up thanks to goals by Adam Mitchell, a smart free-kick by the winger, and Amar Purewal, and several weeks later league officials decided the result should stand.

Warrington were found guilty of two charges and the decision of the disciplinary panel was to fine them £1,500 with £500 suspended until the end of the season.

↓ 3-2 v SPENNYMOOR TOWN

Evo-Stik First Division North play-off semi-final

April 2015

Scorers: Graeme Armstrong, Liam Hatch, David Dowson

Attendance: 1,987

THE most dramatic conclusion to any match Darlington have had since Wembley in 2011.

There was much at stake in this play-off semi, not least local pride, but Quakers trailed 2-1 with ten minutes to go at a packed Heritage Park, second half goals by Joe Tait and Michael Roberts had given Spennymoor the advantage after Graeme Armstrong had put Darlington ahead just before the break.

But two super subs came to the rescue for Quakers.

With 12 minutes to go Liam Hatch headed home an equaliser with his first touch after coming on, and with the match heading for extra-time Armstrong set up David Dowson, another substitute, who squeezed the ball home with only a minute of normal time remaining.

It could easily have been a different outcome, however. When it was 2-2 Moors right-back Kallum Griffiths saw a 40-yard effort cannon back off the crossbar, leaving Dowson to nab the winner.

The remarkable comeback sparked huge celebrations, manager Martin Gray racing onto the pitch at full-time, his substitutions having saved the day.



10 MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES

2-0 v BAMBER BRIDGE→

Evo-Stik First Division North
play-off final

May 2015

Scorers: Nathan Cartman,
Graeme Armstrong

Attendance: 1,876

This did not quite match the drama of the semi-final with Spennymoor three days earlier, doing so would have been almost impossible, but it represented a second promotion in three seasons and Darlington's first ever play-off final win.

They had finished second in the table behind Salford City, and, after navigating the semis, Brig headed to Heritage Park where they had lost 2-1 in the league the previous February, this time unable to get on the scoresheet at all in a one-sided contest.

The visitors had former Man City striker Jon Macken in their line-up, but his impact was negligible, Quakers scoring twice in four second-half minutes to put the game to bed.

Nathan Cartman tapped in a long throw from six yards and then Graeme Armstrong headed in on the line after another throw.

In stoppage time, Brig goalkeeper Lee Dovey was sent off after clattering into Armstrong, who would spend the next month in hospital and needed surgery to remove some of his pancreas.



↓ 2-1 v BLYTH SPARTANS

Evo-Stik Premier League Premier Division

August 2015

Scorers: Stephen Thompson, Alan White Attendance: 1,767

A result that felt important at the time and by the end of the season proved crucial.

The August Bank Holiday Monday encounter saw veteran defender Alan White grab the winner with a sublime finish using his weaker left foot, following up his double-strike in a 4-2 win at Colwyn Bay two days previously.

As Quakers were without the long-time injured Amar Purewal and Graeme Armstrong, manager Martin Gray asked 39-year-old White to play as a striker and he came off the bench to complete Quakers' fightback.

Stephen Thompson had equalised following a first half own goal by Chris Hunter.

The win was the first half of a league double over Blyth, and at the season's end title winners Darlington finished five points ahead of Spartans.



↑ 3-2 v SALFORD CITY

Evo-Stik Premier League Premier Division

March 2016

Scorers: Terry Galbraith, Leon Scott, Liam Hardy

Attendance: 1,587

Perhaps the most satisfying of all of Darlington's wins at Heritage Park.

Late on Leon Scott's equaliser made it 2-2 with a rising drive after two goals from Salford turned the game on its head, Terry Galbraith's opener having given Quakers a half-time lead direct from a wind-assisted corner.

It was one of those blustery nights at HP, and a tense occasion too given the rivalry which had built between the clubs. A two-horse race the previous season saw Salford pip Quakers to the Evo-Stik First Division North title, while they held the upper hand in meetings between the clubs until a thrilling 4-3 Darlington win at Moor Lane two weeks before this meeting.

That game saw Nathan Cartman score an 86th minute winner, and when the sides met again on the first evening of March 2016, with the scores locked at 2-2, Liam Hardy grabbed the glory in the first minute of injury time, poking home from a tight angle to delight Darlington.

The six-point haul from wins over Salford helped Quakers go on to win the Evo-Stik Premier League Premier Division title.

↓ 1-1 v AFC FYLDE

National League North

November 2016

Scorer: Josh Gillies

Attendance: 2,001

A game billed as Darlington's last at Heritage Park proved not to be the final fling, but the compelling nature of a contest between the top two teams means it deserved to be looked back on as one last hurrah.

Leaders AFC Fylde were fortunate not to leave the North-East with a second defeat of the season on their record, Dave Syers' 88th minute header having been ruled out for offside in front of a packed HP.

Syers' dramatic 'goal' came at the end of a one-sided second half in which second-placed Darlington forced the pace, recovering well after Fylde took the lead against the run of play midway through the first half, Danny Rowe snapping up a half chance to rifle the ball beyond Peter Jameson for his 24th goal of the season.

After Liam Marrs cleared off the line, Darlington levelled when Jameson's punt was flicked on by Mark Beck and Josh Gillies kept his composure to tuck home, and in the second period Quakers had all of the possession against their big-spending promotion, pinning Fylde back.

Midfielder Syers was on the end of most scoring opportunities but he was unable to find the target until his effort in the dying moments which was greeted with a huge roar from the Tin Shed, before a linesman raised his flag.



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We asked for the best memories of Heritage Park, and we got some great contributions!

Memories of HERITAGE PARK



KEVIN BURGESS SCORES ON HIS
HOME DEBUT V FRICKLEY

Kevin Burgess

My best memories were my debut walking out as captain for the first time in the league and scoring in a 3-1 win.

My other was the comeback at Salford last season, what a night and atmosphere it was and made it a place where other teams hate to come.

Probably playing against Sunderland's first team at Heritage Park. That was the first time that the fans had seen me. We won the half I played in by 2-1 and I was marking Jermaine Defoe and other first team players. It was a great experience and one I'll never forget.

I can't remember the teams, but two of Lee Gaskell's long rangers were unbelievable. Thommo has scored a few thunderbolts, like the volley against my old club Whitby and the one against Sunderland. Josh Gillies has stamped his mark as a great free kick taker, whipping some great goals in.



KEVIN BURGESS, WITH HIS HEAD BANDAGED BECAUSE
OF INJURY, LEADS THE TEAM OUT AGAINST GRANTHAM

Mark Bell

Without question winning the Northern League and standing up on the balcony with all the fans covering the pitch signing everyone's names. I'll never forget that.



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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S GROUND REGULATIONS

In home games last season, there were incidents involving a flare, some coin throwing and fans encroaching on to the field of play. Accordingly, we have been requested to remind fans about our ground regulations.

These regrettable incidents are contrary to our ground regulations, as published on our official website on 12th October last year, and again last week.

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

"The following articles must not be brought within the Ground – knives, fireworks or any other pyrotechnics, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, any articles that are prohibited by the Rules and Regulations, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to (or ejected from) the Ground."

And

"Under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (as amended) the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended): The list is non-exhaustive.

"The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;

"The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse."

We should be very clear. Those responsible for such incidents simply do not care about our club, our reputation or the safety of our fans and we do not want them at our matches. The club will work with the stewards and police to ensure that these matters are addressed and the individuals will be banned from future matches.

Ensuring the safety of our supporters and staff is always of paramount importance to Darlington FC 1883. If such behaviour was to continue, the reality is it would only be a matter of time before serious injury is caused and the club in turn would be punished by the league and/or the FA. We will not allow safety to be compromised of the well-behaved and sensible majority by the actions of a tiny minority.

We would also like to draw attention to the possession of pyrotechnics

As a member Club participating in The National League we have been directed to take the strongest action available against anyone found in possession of a Flare, Smoke Bomb or any other such pyrotechnic article(s).

Spectators are warned that we and The National League apply a zero tolerance approach to anyone attempting to bring such article(s) into our Ground/Stadium.

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In order to protect you, the spectator, we reserve the right to search your person and/or effects and we further reserve the right to pursue legal action, civil or criminal, against any person who contravenes current legislation or our Ground/Stadium regulations.

To further safeguard all who attend any event at this Ground/Stadium, we welcome the receipt of any information which will assist us to deter, apprehend/detain and where appropriate prosecute, anyone in possession of; or found discharging or being a party to the discharge of, such an article(s).

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Memories of HERITAGE PARK



**LEON SCOTT IS CONGRATULATED
AFTER SCORING V SALFORD**



**NATHAN CARTMAN SCORES THE FIRST GOAL
V BAMBER BRIDGE IN PLAY OFF FINAL**

Phil Turnbull

The best memory for me was the comeback against Salford. We knew from the first game at their place that if we were getting beat, the game wouldn't be over until the referee blew his final whistle.

Leon got us level, then Liam Hardy nicked the winner late on, scoring at the Tin Shed end. I think both games were the turning point in the season when we thought that we could win the league!

Nathan Cartman

Without fail, the play off final and scoring against Bamber Bridge, but also the semi final when Liam Hatch and David Dowson completed the comeback against Spennymoor.

Leon Scott

Beating Guisborough Town to win the league, beating Bamber Bridge to win the play offs, beating Spennymoor in the play offs, scoring the equaliser against Salford in the 88th minute, and Liam Hardy scoring the winner in the 92nd against Salford.

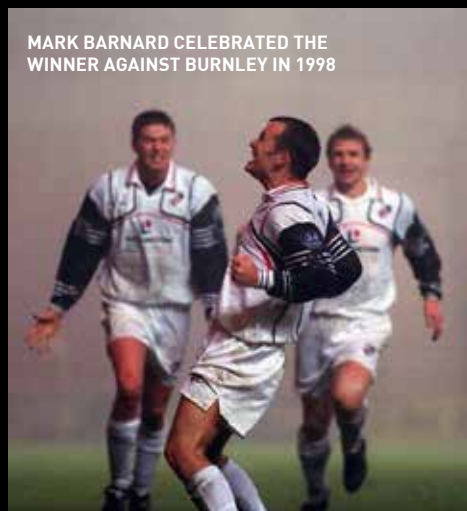


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We look back at three previous occasions when Quakers have played their first home games on a "new" ground.



MARK BARNARD CELEBRATED THE WINNER AGAINST BURNLEY IN 1998

Our first game at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium – the FA Cup first round tie against Burnley.

November 17th 1998

DARLINGTON 3 BURNLEY 2

FA Cup first round

Mark Barnard's first goal for over two years crowned a sensational comeback by Quakers in front of 5,059 fans at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium.

The ten-man visitors led 2-0 with ten minutes left but a penalty by Brian

Atkinson sparked the recovery which booked Quakers a second round tie at home to Manchester City.

The Second Division side broke the deadlock after 37 minutes. Steve Tutill, who had just recovered from a head injury, lost the ball on the halfway line. Phil Eastwood played the ball into the gap for the former Middlesbrough player Andy Payton to run through and beat David Preece.

Quakers started the second half in determined fashion but Burnley went two up with a controversial penalty after 55 minutes. Payton, who moments earlier had a goal disallowed for offside, went down under a challenge from Craig Liddle just inside the area. At first referee Brian Coddington waved play on, but then noticed his assistant was flagging and awarded a penalty, which Payton converted.

The match finally turned in Quakers favour after 73 minutes when Payton went in late on Preece as the keeper tried to dribble clear and the referee showed the former Boro striker his second yellow card.

Quakers got back into the game when Glenn Naylor was pushed in the back by Brian Reid as he went for a Mark Barnard cross, and Brian Atkinson tucked away Quakers' first penalty of the season.

The Riverside erupted four minutes from time. Marco Gabbiadini crossed from the right, Steve Gaughan nodded the ball and Mario Dorner scored.

But the game took another dramatic twist in stoppage time. After Adam Reed had a header cleared off the line, Gaughan set up Barnard who fired a low left foot shot past the helpless keeper into the net.

Darlington: Preece, Reed, Barnard, Liddle, Tutill, Bennett, Gaughan, Naylor, Roberts (sub Dorner), Gabbiadini, Atkinson



ADAM NICHOLLS IN ACTION AGAINST MARSKE IN 2012

Our first home game at Bishop Auckland's Heritage Park was against Marske United.

August 23rd 2012

Northern League Division One

DARLINGTON 3 MARSKE UNITED 0

Att 1,202

Not since season 2006-07 when we beat Macclesfield and Accrington Stanley have we won our opening two league games, and it's even longer since there was such a strong feelgood factor rippling around the club.

The team have played some good football in the opening two games, and the fans have settled in quite nicely to their new home. Many fans have remarked that being close to the field of play with the opportunity to move around and change ends at half time has helped to create a better experience. There's a smile on everyone's face that we hope will be there for a long time to come.

Shaun Reay and David Dowson were both denied from close range, before Quakers took the lead just before the break when right winger Chris Emms picked up a clearance from the Darlo defence and ran 50 yards up the middle, played a one-two with Dowson, and slotted the ball neatly past the Marske keeper.

Darlo were so much on top that a second goal wasn't long in coming. Dowson worked his way down the right side, took on a defender, and squared the ball for Reay to fire past the keeper from ten yards, his second goal in two league games.

There's no better sight than seeing the opposition net bulge, and that prompted the loudest cheer of the night when sub Steve Johnson, who offered to play for his hometown club for nothing when it was in administration last season, turned quickly inside the box and lashed the ball into the roof of the net past the helpless keeper.

Darlington: Norton, Harrison, Brown, Arjun Purewal, Smith, Emms, Scott, Ellison, Nicholls (sub Amar Purewal 61), Dowson (sub Johnson 68), Reay (sub Clarke 68).



CELEBRATIONS AGAINST SKELMERSDALE IN 2016

Near the end of the 2015-16 season, we had to switch two home games in the EvoStik League Premier Division to Spennymoor's Brewery Field

April 12th 2016

DARLINGTON 3 SKELMERSDALE 0

Att 1,296

Darlington went top of the table with a one-sided home win over Skelmersdale, and they could easily have scored more.

Quakers took the lead on 28 minutes. Terry Galbraith played a short corner to Adam Mitchell, who ran along the bye line and pulled the ball back for Leon Scott who mishit his shot, but Kevin Burgess was there to turn to the ball home for his ninth of the season.

Quakers made it 2-0 on 41 minutes. A long clearance by Peter Jameson was missed by a defender, Stephen Thompson got away up the left and squared for Nathan Cartman to sidefoot home his 19th of the season.

Quakers were awarded a penalty two minutes later when Thompson was upended by Martin Fearon and the ref pointed to the spot, but Fearon, who was booked for the challenge, superbly saved Galbraith's spot kick, the keeper's sixth penalty save this season.

Quakers deservedly scored the third on 58 minutes, when Thompson put Cartman in, but even though the striker's shot was blocked, Thompson was there to drive the ball home.

Quakers stayed in control after that. Thompson fired over from the edge of the box, and Cartman was just wide with a right foot shot.

Darlington

Jameson, Hunter (sub Gaskell 69 mins), Galbraith, Portas (sub Nowakowski 24 mins), Burgess, Brown, Mitchell, Scott, Armstrong (sub Hardy 60 mins), Cartman, Thompson

Subs: Provatt, Weldon

Vanarama National League North 2016-17

	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1	AFC Fylde	21	15	5	1	66	28	50	+38
2	Kidderminster	21	13	4	4	41	18	43	+23
3	Chorley	21	11	8	2	33	17	41	+16
4	Tamworth	21	12	4	5	40	34	40	+6
5	Darlington	21	11	5	5	48	31	38	+17
6	Salford City	21	9	8	4	38	23	35	+15
7	Stockport County	21	10	5	6	31	26	35	+5
8	FC Halifax Town	19	10	4	5	41	25	34	+16
9	Brackley	18	9	6	3	30	21	33	+9
10	Harrogate Town	21	9	4	8	34	30	31	+4
11	Gloucester City	21	9	3	9	38	37	30	+1
12	FC United of Manchester	22	7	6	9	36	36	27	0
13	Worcester City	20	6	5	9	31	32	23	-1
14	Curzon Ashton	19	6	5	8	27	37	23	-10
15	Nuneaton	21	5	7	9	31	32	22	-1
16	AFC Telford United	21	5	7	9	19	24	22	-5
17	Boston United	21	5	7	9	30	45	22	-15
18	Alfreton	20	6	3	11	42	53	21	-11
19	Gainsborough Trinity	21	5	5	11	29	45	20	-16
20	Bradford Park Avenue	22	5	4	13	24	48	19	-24
21	Stalybridge Celtic	21	3	1	17	19	54	10	-35
22	Altrincham	19	1	4	14	20	50	7	-30

League	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals
Mark Bell		1				
Mark Beck	20		2	1	9	
Gary Brown	16	1	3		3	
Kevin Burgess	15	1			2	
Nathan Cartman	6	12	3		2	1
Tom Davie		3				
Ben Dudzinski	1		2			
Josh Falkingham	9		3			
Terry Galbraith	21		3		8	1
Josh Gillies	17	1	2		6	
Liam Hardy	12	8	2	1	7	1
Chris Hunter	4	2	2	1		
Peter Jameson	17					
Matty Lovegreen						
Liam Marrs	20		3			
Jack McClaren						
Adam Mitchell	5	6			1	
Lewis Nightingale		1				
Adam Nowakowski	2	4				
Tom Portas	8	2	1			
Amar Purewal	1	5		1	1	1
Harvey Saunders						
Leon Scott	7	6	2	1		
David Syers	3	5	1	1	4	
Stephen Thompson	18	1	1	2	3	1
Phil Turnbull	19		1	1		
Jordan Watson	7	1	1			
Arran Wearmouth						
Paul Woolston	3		1			
own goals					1	

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Scorers Names in **BOLD**

Coloured names are players who featured in substitutions. (Players involved have matching colours)

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2016/17

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2016	VERSUS			R	S	ATT																		
Sat Aug 6th	Altrincham	A	3.00	2-2	1,506	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Scott	Purewal	Cartman	Gillies	Now'ski	Portas	Hardy	Bell	Night'le			
Sat Aug 13th	Boston United	H	3.00	4-1	1,435	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Mitchell	Bell	Now'ski			
Mon Aug 15th	Curzon Ashton	A	7.45	2-1	482	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Scott	Purewal	Night'le	Bell	Cartman			
Sun Aug 21st	Gloucester City	A	3.00	2-1	665	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Cartman	Scott	Bell	Mitchell			
Wed Aug 24th	Chorley	H	7.45	2-0	1,543	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Thomp'n	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski			
Sat Aug 27th	Alfreton	H	3.00	3-4	1,349	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies2	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Purewal	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski			
Mon Aug 29th	FC United of Manchester	A	7.45	3-2	2,731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Bell			
Fri Sep 2nd	Kidderminster Harriers	H	7.45	0-1	1,731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Hunter	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Portas	Now'ski	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Purewal			
Wed Sep 7th	Stockport County	H	7.45	2-1	1,730	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Cartman	Bell	Purewal			
Sat Sep 10th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-1	655	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Gillies	Now'ski	Brown	Cartman	Bell			
Wed Sep 14th	Bradford Park Avenue	A	7.45	2-1	611	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Now'ski	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Cartman	Mitchell	Hardy	Scott	Purewal	H Scott	Robi'son			
Sat Sep 17th	FA Cup 2QR Lancaster City	A	3.00	1-2	580	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Purewal	Thomp'n	Hunter	Mitchell	Now'ski			
Sat Sep 24th	Stalybridge Celtic	H	3.00	4-1	1,231	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Now'ski	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy2	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Mitchell	Jameson	Purewal			
Sat Oct 8th	Brackley Town	A	3.00	2-2	642	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Mitchell	Cartman	Davey	Jameson	Smith			
Sat Oct 15th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	3.00	5-2	1,424	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Burgess	Syers	Cartman	Bell	Davie			
Sat Oct 22nd	Worcester City	H	3.00	5-1	1479	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown2	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson			
Sat Oct 29th	Harrogate Town	A	3.00	4-1	2172	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Davie			
Sat Nov 5th	Tamworth	A	3.00	1-2	914	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson			
Sat Nov 12th	AFC Fylde	H	3.00	1-1	2001	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Watson	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Hardy			
Sat Nov 19th	AFC Telford United	A	3.00	0-2	1136	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Scott			
Sun Nov 27th	Marine FATrophy 3r	H	3.00	2-2	743	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Hunter	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Watson			
Sat Dec 3rd	Salford City	H	3.00	2-2	1996	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Hunter			
Tues Dec 6th	Marine FA Trophy 3r replay A		7.45	2-3	308	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Syers	Hunter	Brown	Scott	Falk'ham	Hardy	Cartman	Gillies	Beck	Thomp'n	Turnbull	Bell	Milburn			
Sat Dec 17th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	1-2	1710	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Bell	Hunter	Cartman	Falk'ham			
Mon Dec 26th	FC Halifax Town	H																						
Sun Jan 1st	FC Halifax Town	A																						
Sat Jan 7th	Nuneaton Town	H																						
Sat Jan 14th	Gloucester City	H																						
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AWAY TRAVEL

DFCSG IS RUNNING COACHES TO ALL AWAY MATCHES. THE COACHES LEAVE FROM PARK PLACE, DARLINGTON AND ARRIVE AT THEIR DESTINATION AROUND 90 MINUTES BEFORE KICK-OFF.

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED AWAY TRIP IS TO AFC HALIFAX TOWN ON SUNDAY 1 JANUARY DEPARTING AT 11.30AM. THE FARE WILL BE £15 BUT THERE WILL BE A DISCOUNT OF £5 FOR ANYONE UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. TO BOOK A SEAT RING GLEN ON 07951 434731.

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TODAY'S MASCOTS

We've got several mascots for today's big game!



Mason Burgess (3) and Brooke Burgess (8)

Mason and Brooke are the children of our skipper Kev, and of course, he is their favourite player.



Alex Brown is age 7 and attends Framwellgate Moor School. His favourite player is Stephen Thompson



Twins Lucas and Louie Cooke aged 3 who attend St Marks Elmtree in Stockton. This will be their first Darlington game and hopefully they follow their father's and grandfather's love affair with the club! Lucas & Louie have appeared on ITV's Secret Lives of Twins Apart.



Kenan Clarkson is age 9 from North Carolina in the USA. His favourite player is Gary Brown.



Lily Davison is 10 years old and attends Middleton St George School. Her favourite player is Gary Brown.



Spencer Davison is 6 and attends Middleton St George School. His favourite player is Stephen Thompson.

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