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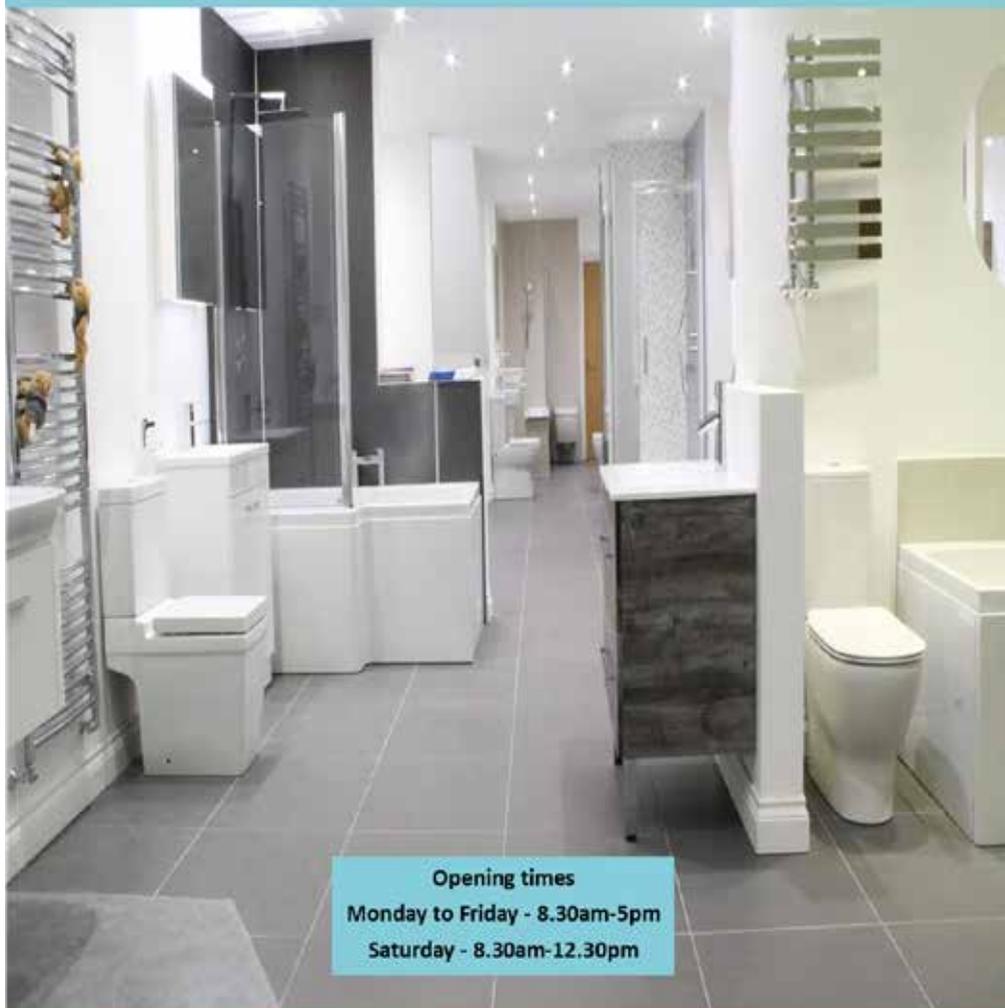
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## MATCH REPORTS

At Northway Rec. Tewkesbury Town hosted **Broadwell Amateurs** in bright weather which unfortunately led to a rather flat home performance throughout. The first half was a dull affair which lacked both quality and goal mouth action. Broadwell took the lead on the stroke of half-time when a simple throw in down the line was not dealt with and the ball into the box pinballed around before Dan Brain put it into an empty net. If half time was to serve as a wake-up call for Town then all concerned were left disappointed as Broadwell should have doubled their lead from the spot after a ball over the top led to a coming together leaving the Referee no alternative but to point to the spot but Joe Poole stood tall and made a great save. Town huffed and puffed but never really tested Jack Watkins but with ten minutes to go all caution was thrown to the wind in an attempt to level and the goal duly came when Scott Nicholls flicked the ball through to Jamie Goodwin to slot past Watkins. There was more drama to come when a back pass was picked up by Watkins and the resulting free kick directly into the net was disallowed. But, a frustrating day for Tewkesbury and a fully deserved point for Broadwell.

# HISTORY OF HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE

Henbury and Rockleaze Football Club were formed on the 1st of June 2024 following the merger of Henbury FC and Rockleaze Rangers FC adult sections. The club will play it's matches and be based at Arnall Drive in Henbury. Both clubs have a rich history which we will strive to bring together in addition to creating our own.

## Henbury FC

Henbury Old Boys was formed in 1962 playing in Division 4 of The Bristol Downs Association Football League. Founder members included Chairman Bill Williams, Secretary Ron Excell, Treasurer Ron Crocombe and committee members Cliff Griffin, Jack Fisk, Fred Jones and Arnold Rogers, all of whom served the club for a great number of years.

While the first team remained playing on the Downs, the second and third teams, along with their youth teams played on pitches at Arnall Drive Playing Fields. Players changed in the scout's hut in Satchfield Crescent and walked the two hundred meters to the pitch.

The committee decided to leave The Downs League after four seasons and joined The Bristol & District League. The dressing rooms were positioned in the Blaise Castle estate across the road to Arnall Drive Playing Fields. The single-story changing rooms was an old R.A.F. concrete hut. All the work to erect this building and associated works was carried out by players and volunteers connected to the club.

The first team finished in fourth position and the following season in 1968-69 played in Division 2 of the Premier Combination until the end of season 1985-86. After several failed attempts to progress through the Football League Pyramid System to join the Gloucestershire County League, the club realised this was only possible with a new clubhouse and changing rooms alongside their pitch.

This overcame the problem of crossing the road and the new changing rooms meeting the approval of the management committee. The club was voted into the County League in 1987 and only one club Patchway Town has since played more seasons in the County League. That being one more season than ourselves.

Of the many seasons in the Gloucestershire County League, the most noticeable came in the season of 1994-1995 in which we claimed our one and only Gloucestershire County League title under the captaincy of Bob Pritchard who later became club chairman.

Henbury then endured a long 15-year drought in which there was minimal success, until the season of 2010-2011 becoming the winners of the Les James league Cup. Since the title winning season in 1994-1995 Henbury claimed the runners up spot on four occasions, these coming in the season of 1997/98, 2002/03, 2011-2012 and 2015-2016 (also in 1988/89).

This ambition took a backward step after a thirty-five-year spell playing in the Gloucester County League, when the club was unable to avoid relegation at the end of the 2022-23 season.

## Rockleaze Rangers FC

Rockleaze Rangers Football Club was established in 1976 as a Sunday team under the name of Nat West Court FC. After a couple of seasons, the club expanded into Saturday football and joined the Bristol and Suburban League in 1979. Thereafter followed a number of years during which the club progressed through the divisions, with the highlight being GFA Minor Cup winners in 1986. The club were now known as Avonside Court, and this progression culminated in being crowned Premier 2 Division Champions in 1989.

After finishing the following season in 4th place in Prem 1, the early 90's marked a transitional period for the club, establishing closer ties with Bristol and West and, as by then the club had moved grounds to play at the Bristol and West Sports Club then on the Portway. Under the management of Geoff Bryant and latterly Paul Smith, the club attracted a core of young players. During this period the club enjoyed its most consistent performances, finishing in the top 6 in 4 consecutive seasons and narrowly missing out on the Prem 1 Championship in 1999 season, having to settle for the Runners-up spot.

Another difficult period for the Club followed, with the club now known as B&W Avonside having to find a new home at the University Ground at Coombe Dingle, following the closure of the Bristol and West Sports Ground, and losing a number of key players to Gloucestershire and Somerset County League Clubs. This resulted in relegation back to Suburban Prem 2 in 2004, however, this was a turning point in the club's fortunes, with the appointment of Andrew Myland as 1st Team Manager, many of the clubs past players returned coupled with the recruitment of a number of new faces and the team bounced back to Prem 1 in 2005 as Prem 2 runners up.

The appointment of Carmelo Micciche as Manager saw season 2007-08 start with much optimism. This optimism was not unfounded, and the 1st team ended as GFA Senior Amateur Cup Champions, runners up in the Suburban League Premier 1 and promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

During the summer of 2009 B&W Avonside amalgamated with a junior football club known as Rockleaze Rangers who were also based at the University Ground in Coombe Dingle to form a new Club known as Rockleaze Avonside FC. At the end of the 2009-10 season the decision was made to augment the merger fully by playing under a single banner, that being Rockleaze Rangers F.C. Since 2009 the senior section of the club expanded from 2 Saturday sides to 5 Saturday sides, 2 Sunday sides and two Under 18's.

At the end of 2012/13 Carmelo Micciche stepped down after 6 successful seasons in charge of the 1st team, Dave Johnson was appointed however, things didn't work out for Johnson who was replaced by player Neil Simons in March with the team sitting second from bottom, however, the team ultimately finished ninth and reached the Les James League Cup where they lost to an exceptional Longlevens side.

The 2015/16 season saw ex Almondsbury UWE duo Rich Thomas and Lee Roberts given the responsibility of making the club a regular top 6 Gloucestershire County league side. The team achieved the clubs' initial goals by finishing 5th in the league and were once again runners up in the Les James League Cup and for the 4th time in 5 seasons won the Respect Fair Play League Award. A 6th place in 16/17 saw the club become a regular top 6 side. The Reserve team were also promoted to Prem 1 as Runners up in both the league and GFA Senior Amateur Cup. After 3 seasons in charge Rich and Lee stood down at the end of the 2017/18 season.

The 2018-19 season saw the club finally move into our new ground at the University of the West of England (UWE) to play at their Hillside Gardens facility. At the start of the 2018-19 season our successful Reserve team management duo of Peter Bradbury and Lee Douglas were appointed and despite two interrupted seasons due to the global pandemic, the duo orchestrated three top 4 finishes in their time in charge.

# HENBURY & ROCKLEAZE PROFILES



**HARRY TRETT – GOALKEEPER** - Former Newport County stopper, Trett brings a commanding presence to the side, blending pin-point distribution with excellent shot-stopping. Following an injury to long standing 'keeper Jordan Dunning midway through the 2024/25, Trett stepped up and put in a number of outstanding performances to cement his place in the side.

**NICK JONES – FULL BACK** - Former Cribbs winger, Nick brings pace, experience and a winning mentality to the side. Nick loves to get forwards with his mazy runs, but is equally adept defensively, making him a real asset on the left.

**JORDAN BUCKETT (CAPTAIN) – CENTRE BACK** - A natural leader on and off the pitch, Jordan has matured well into the captaincy, leading by example through consistently putting in strong performances.

**GEORGE JAMES – CENTRE BACK** - George alternates between centre back and centre forward, both positions he has become adept at. Despite a questionable decision to don white boots this season, George has good feet, excellent vision and passing range, making him a real asset to the side.

**MARCUS WILLIAMS (VICE CAPTAIN) – MIDFIELD** - Club stalwart, after starting at Under 6's with Rockleaze Marcus is equally adept at fullback or midfield. A tenacious player, Marcus is a nightmare to play against, winning a lot of ball, and whose low centre of gravity makes him very hard to dispossess. Known to shoot (and occasionally score) from corners.

**DREW SAWDON – MIDFIELD** - Hard hitting midfielder hailing from the North, 2024-25 Player's Player of the Season, Drew enjoyed another outstanding season in the 1sts, ending up as joint top goal scorer (11) as well as being a dominating presence in the midfield.

**TOMMY COLLINS – MIDFIELD** - Tommy rejoins the club after a year travelling. Outstanding technician, Tommy rarely misplaces a pass, and has now added physicality to his game to make an all round box to box midfielder.

**HARVEY MORAN – WINGER** - Harvey rejoined the club from Stoke Gifford midway through the 2024/25 season. Incredibly athletic, Harvey is a nightmare for opposition defenders as he has no 'off switch' and is unlikely to give them a moment's peace.

**TATE SHAW – WINGER** - He might be built like p!@#, but Tate brings extreme pace to the side, and is an excellent finisher, as demonstrated by his crucial and well taken goals against Bromley Heath and Wick last season.

**KAI ELLIOTT – WINGER** - Kai is a tenacious and hard-working winger who steps up from the Reserves after a strong 2024/25 season and impressing over preseason.

**PETER BRADBURY – MANAGER** - Long serving manager, into his 15th season having managed the Club's Reserves, A team and B team previously. Now into an 8th season with the 1st team, Bradders is looking for improvement following last season's 9th place finish.

**LEE DOUGLAS – ASSISTANT MANAGER**

Long suffering assistant manager to Bradders, Lee has been signed up for another season. Lee is a generous man who is well loved and respected by everyone in the Club. Known to be quite loud, from time to time, avoid standing directly in his path.

**JASON TARR – ASSISTANT MANAGER** - Jason is an excellent coach, but also a calm head with a wealth of experience on matchday.

**SID BASS – PHYSIO** - Sid rejoins the club as Team Physio after graduating from university.

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Cribbs Reserves v Sharpness

Filton Athletic v Bromley Heath United

Hanham Athletic v Quedgeley Wanderers

Ruardean Hill Rangers v Tewkesbury Town

Tytherington Rocks v Chalford

Wick v Totterdown United

## COUNTY LEAGUE 2025/26

Sharpness	19	16	2	1	55	23	32	50
Tewkesbury Town	24	16	3	5	69	27	42	48*
Filton Athletic	19	14	4	1	51	16	35	46
Bishops Cleeve Development	25	13	4	8	60	48	12	43
Frampton United	21	12	4	5	35	18	17	40
Quedgeley Wanderers	21	11	3	7	45	32	13	36
<b>Broadwell Amateurs</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>30</b>
Stoke Gifford SGS United	26	9	3	14	46	62	-16	30
Chalford	18	9	1	8	28	34	-6	28
Wick	19	8	3	8	39	37	2	27
Bromley Heath United	18	8	3	7	29	32	-3	27
Henbury & Rockleaze	20	7	2	11	26	28	-2	23
Ruardean Hill Rangers	20	5	3	12	29	41	-12	18
Totterdown United	22	4	5	13	27	47	-20	17
Cribbs Reserves	23	4	3	16	18	67	-49	15
Tytherington Rocks	16	4	2	10	19	31	-12	14
Hanham Athletic	22	3	2	17	28	60	-32	11

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**BROADWELL AFC**

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JORDI LOCKE

AID CREIGHTON - C

HARRY KNIGHT

KIAN SKIDMORE

BEN FISHWICK

JAMIE BELF

JACK KNIGHT

NATHAN DAVIES

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LIAM BRAIN

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Kirk Imm, Chris Brain

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**Referee**

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HARRY TRETT

JORDAN BUCKETT

NICK JONES

GEORGE JAMES

AIDAN HALL

JENSON NELMES

MARCUS WILLIAMS

DREW SAWDON

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**BAR MANAGER** TBC

**FIRST TEAM MANAGER** GUY JONES

**FIRST TEAM ASSISTANTS** KIRK IMM & CHRIS BRAIN

**SECOND TEAM MANAGER** JASON ROONEY

**THIRD TEAM MANAGER** BRANDON LEACH

**PROGRAMME EDITOR** MARK GABRIEL

Broadwell welcome Henbury & Rockleaze to the Hawthorns today. We wish them a pleasant stay and safe journey home.

We came away with a well earned point at high flying Tewkesbury Town last week, Dan Brain with our goal from short range. Could've been even better but a good point on the road nevertheless.

Today is Sponsors Day and the club would like to thank all of you for your continued support. The club cannot survive without you, no matter the size of sponsorship it all helps the club keep tick along.

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**Dave Watkins, Broadwell AFC Chairman**

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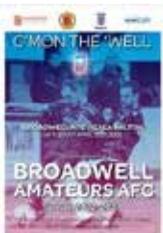
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# BROADWELL AFC PEN PICS



## **Jack Watkins – Goalkeeper**

One from the youth production line now starting his 5th Season in senior football. Great shot stopper who very rarely misses a game.



## **Jack Knight – Defender**

Former Harrow Hill, right back or Right Midfield Jack can play both carries the ball well and has a very long throw in his locker. Loves a moan though.



## **Harry Knight – Defender**

Younger brother of Jack and the better footballer (sorry Jack). Centre Half or Right Back, strong as an Ox and never shirks a challenge.



## **Jordi Locke – Defender**

Ex Centre Mid who played Left Back last season due to lack of numbers. Mr dependable who adapted very quickly to his new role. Voted Players Player of the season last year.



## **Aidan Creighton – Defender (Captain)**

El Capitano or Mr Angry whichever you like. First name on the team sheet and can play anywhere along the back line. Another Mr dependable who we couldn't do without.



## **Ethan Dunscombe – Defender**

Ex Viney Hill Midfielder who joined start of last season. Mr Utility who played Defence, Midfield and Striker for us. Never moans or lets us down wherever we play him.



## **Kian Skidmore – Defender**

Kian 22 is also back at the club after playing at a higher level for Cinderford and Lydney. Can play Left Back or wide in midfield, loves a tackle and has a wand of a left foot sometimes.



## **Kris Burnard – Defender**

Missed far too many games in recent seasons through injury and suspension but if we can keep fit is one of the best Centre Half's in the County. Also thinks he's a striker but scoring record isn't the best.



## **Nath Davies – Midfielder**

Nath who played Cinderford Town 18s when he was younger joined us 3 seasons ago from Harrow Hill. Work horse midfielder who gets around the pitch so well. Chips in with the odd goal but really should get more.



## **Ben Fishwick – Midfielder**

Senior statesman of the squad, Mr calm on the ball, rarely gives it away. Just what you need in Centre Mid, his experience will be valuable with such a young squad.



## **Kieran Pearce – Midfielder**

New to the squad this season better known as KP who loves a tackle and a header. Played at a higher level with Melksham when he was younger maybe just what we need in the Centre of the Park.



## **Sam Porter – Midfielder**

Sam is a tough tackling midfielder who joined us mid-way through last season from Monmouth. Very calm on the ball and rarely gives it away.



## **Harry Malcom – Midfielder**

Another young tough tackling Midfielder who joined early last season from Malvern. Such a great engine and does so much work that goes unnoticed. Got a good future ahead of him.



## **Jamie Belfitt – Midfielder**

Young Mr Belf definitely gets his footballing ability from his Mum. Played wide last couple of seasons and also as a makeshift Striker. Will look to Cement a place in Centre Mid this season as it's his preferred position.



## **Dan Brain – Midfielder**

Dan is now back at the club after a few years away playing higher at Cinderford and Lydney. One of our most creative players and still only 22, always looking to create and pops up now and again with a goal.



## **Connor Smith – Defender**

A young Right back who never lets us down, tenacious and has a great engine. This season will want to push on and try and cement a position in the first team



## **Liam Brain – Midfielder**

Younger brother to Dan and goes by the nickname of Snowman. Baby of the group at 16 but will be in and around the squad this season. Can pick a pass and has bags of energy, one for the future.



## **Rhys Childs – Defender**

Rhys is a young quick defender who played reserve and A Team football last season. Bags of energy and doesn't mind getting stuck in for his age. Another one Guy will be keeping a close eye on.



## **Rhys Macpherson – Striker**

Rhys is a young quick striker who also played reserve and A Team football last season, been with the 1st team pre-season and had some good performances. Will look to make an impression when selected.



## **Guy Jones – Manager**

Mr Broadwell ... Now his 3rd season in charge but 5th overall being involved with the first team. Hoping to push on and have a good season with probably the strongest ever squad he's had available.



## **Kirk Imm – Coach**

Kirk loves being on the training pitch with the lads delivering sessions. Good job his sessions are better than his time keeping. Loves his Tactic Board.



## **Chris Brain – Coach**

Persuaded to come out of retirement by Guy after taking a 2-year break. Last time at the Hawthorns led the team to their highest ever finish in the County League, also winning the Les James League Cup their first ever piece of silverware at Step 7.

# BROADWELL AFC HISTORY

Broadwell Football Club was formed in 1905 by the local working men and originally played at "The Purples" Coalway. In the 1930s Broadwell moved to play at "Wynols Hill" where they stayed until 1947, when they moved again to what is now known as "The Hawthorns". This was done with the help of the two late trustees, Mr Bert Ruck, and Mr Frank Haviland.

Over the years various facilities were used such as "the Rising Sun ", church hall, and the local working men's club. However, in 1963 with the help of the chairperson, Mr Rube Kibble, Secretary William Smith and committee man Mr Cyril Hamblin, a new changing quarter was officially opened by FA referee Mr Tom Finney, these new changing quarters were totally funded by the club's own money after refusal of a grant by both the G.F.A. and F.A.

In 1982, a bar facility was opened by the late president Mr. Hubert Smith and Chairman Martin Nicholls and seven years later a new bar, skittles alley, kitchen, and referees changing room were added by a dedicated bunch of Broadwell supporters and sponsors.

In winning the Gloucester Northern Senior League in 1993/94 under the late chairman Melvin Hale the club gained promotion to the Gloucestershire County League for the first time in its history and remained until 1999/00 season. Probably Broadwell's greatest achievement off the pitch but on the pitch, when under the stewardship of President Colin O'Dell and then Chairman and former secretary Glyn Barnes in 1998 the pitch was levelled. Co-ordination and close cooperation with the leagues at the time was crucial for fulfilment of 1997/98 fixtures to be played at Coleford and for the work to be completed in such a short space of time. The ground works and levelling started in the spring, grass seed was sown on FA Cup final day, stone clearing, slit drainage, erection of perimeter barrier and dugouts was to follow before the first County league home game 1998/99 season in September. What an achievement by all those involved!

2014-15 Season saw the first team win the Northern Senior league title, the Reg Davies memorial league cup, and come runners up to Brockworth Albion in the senior north county cup, and a return to the County league after being relegated in the 1999/2000 season.

Further improvements were committed too by the chairman Pat Sargeant and committee in April 2015 and without any funding built new away changing rooms along with referee and assistants changing rooms.

Gary Powell as chairman carried on the improvement of facilities at the club when in 2019 the car park was extended and hardstanding was installed around the perimeter of the pitch and was officially opened on 31st August.

Over the past couple of years Broadwell Club have benefited from some dedicated and enthusiastic club members who work tirelessly to improve the facilities, look after the grounds and keep everything tip top. They are fondly known as "The Wednesday Crew" and they are very much appreciated by all involved at Broadwell AFC, so much so they were awarded Clubman/s of the year at the club's annual presentation in 2024 by chairman Dave Watkins. Their current project funded by the club is the refurbishment of the old referees changing facilities in to a new gent's toilet and then to complete a new kitchen area and disabled toilet facilities with funding approved by the FA in conjunction with Howdens.

The Broadwell Youth section was set up in the mid-nineties and started with a couple of teams, but really came in to its own in 2013 when Chris Brain became Chairman. Chris was chairman for 10 years till 2023 when Jason Rooney was elected chairman and has gone from strength to strength over the last 11 years to have 14 teams ranging from U6 up to u15s. Some age groups have 2 or 3 teams in them due to the number of kids in that age group.

The club is an affiliated member of the Severn Valley Youth League and the Mid-Gloucestershire Mini Soccer League and play at King George V playing fields in Coleford, Five Acres School and the old College Pitches in Berry Hill.

The teams are coached by FA qualified volunteers and are of mixed ability and gender and try not to turn to many children away as the clubs philosophy is everyone can play football and should play football and the next focus is to start an all-girls' team in the future.

In May the youth section hold an Annual festival of football over the bank holiday weekend at "The Hawthorns" for age groups U7's - U14's which attracts around 90 teams, and also includes a BBQ, sweets stalls, bouncy castle, beat the keeper and bar and is a fun day out for the family.

The aim of the Youth section is to make sure all the children have fun, learn life skills as well as football skills and to supply the 1st, 2nd & A teams in the senior leagues with players so that the players can have a good career at a family club and play a good standard of football.

The club also run an annual music festival "BROADFEST" on the August bank holiday Sunday which features up and coming local bands, food stalls, a bar and an Annual fireworks night and both are a great family entertainment.

Broadwell also has a strong golf society which plays twice a year and is open to all club members regardless of gender, age or ability.

With some new faces at the club this season, along with some very loyal and trusty existing players it's looking to be a great season **UP THE WELL!**

The background features several bingo cards and balls. A green card is in the top left, a pink one in the top right, and another pink one in the bottom left. A green ball with the number 7 is in the top right, a red ball with 21 is in the top left, and a purple ball with 38 is in the bottom right. A central teal circle contains the text.

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