

Caldicot Town AFC.....A Brief History

Caldicot Town AFC was formed in 1953. With voluntary help from the community the necessary funds were raised and after much hard work two pitches were laid at King George V playing fields. The 'green wooden hut' was erected to serve as changing rooms with a small shower area. The club then entered the East Gwent League. The 1963/64 Season saw a 2nd side formed and they took their place in the East Gwent 2nd Division. Throughout the 60's the club was successful in winning the East Gwent Division 1 and 2 along with the Watkins Shield, the Benevolent Cup, the Gill Cup and the Argus Shield. In 1966 the senior side joined the Monmouthshire Senior League Division, now known as the Gwent County League. During the late 70's and early 80's the club won the Gwent Senior League Division 1, on two occasions, as well as winning the Senior Cup and Amateur Cup.

In December 1975 the original Clubhouse was built in Jubilee Way. This incorporated a small bar, a lounge, changing rooms and shower facilities. Since then the clubhouse has been modified and upgraded and now boasts four players changing rooms, a referees room, shower and toilet facilities, a large function room, a new lounge, a well equipped kitchen and outside patio areas complete with bench seats.

1979 saw the formation of Caldicot Town Junior Section. This gave local boys the opportunity to play competitive football at both Local and County Level. It is also a source of future players' for the senior teams. In 1986 the club achieved its ambition of election into the Welsh Football League. A lot of hard work by many people had to be done to achieve this goal. The ground had to be enclosed with a high perimeter fence and a barrier had to be put up around the pitch. Also the changing facilities had to reach the high standards set by the League. The playing fields are not forgotten and are re-seeded and maintained each year. We also have covered spectator accommodation, with vandal proof shuttering plus excellent floodlights. As a result of these facilities the club is regularly requested to hold representative games at Local and County Level.

We have now enjoyed 29 continuous seasons in the Welsh League, winning the Division 2 Championship in 1989/90 and, as runners up in Division 1, gained promotion to the top Division in 1990/91. Since then we have spent time in both the 1st and 2nd Divisions. We again won the Gwent Senior Cup in 2012/13 season with a 1 – 0 win over Monmouth Town.

2014/15 season: After a shaky start to the 2014/15 season, where Caldicot only won 2 out of the first 6 league games and also being knocked out of 2 cup competitions, we suddenly hit some form. In the period late September through to mid March we won 14 of the 18 league games played, drawing 3 and losing only 1 (away at eventual champions Barry Town). This resulted in Caldicot being well placed for promotion, lying 2nd behind Barry Town with only 6 games to go. Caldicot went into these final 6 games needing 6 points to be assured of promotion to Division 1. Unfortunately only 4 points were gained and with both Aberbargoed Buds and Risca United having games in hand and relatively easy run-ins they were able to overhaul the point's difference. Caldicot will look back at missed opportunities in those final 6 games, most notably the away defeat at Dinas Powys and the two draws away at Undy and Chepstow respectively. Ultimately we ended the season in 4th place and, on a positive note, an improvement on both the 2012/13 and 2013/14 season where we finished 10th and 6th respectively.

We have had another busy closed season; we decided to spruce up the clubhouse area with repairs being made to the roof. Once the roof is completed we can continue with the on-going refurbishment of the lounge bar area, toilets and porches. A number of other improvements have been made to the clubhouse, these include; new tables and chairs in the lounge, hanging baskets and wall planters have been installed outside the front of the club, and painting of the grandstand, various railings and drain pipes, to improve the image of the club to its customers.

Manager Mark Williams and Assistant John Burrows have added to our young side and hope to improve on last season's 4th placed finish.