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WELCOME TO STONEYLANDS

Good afternoon everyone, let's start by welcoming the Little Oakley players, officials and supporters and hope they enjoy their short stay with us. We also extend a warm welcome to today's three match officials.

After a difficult start to the season for us here at Stoneylands, back-to-back 5-0 wins against Swaffham and Hadleigh will give everybody connected to the club a welcome boost. The Thurlow Nunn Premier table looks a lot better after those two victories and highlights how quickly things can change in just a few days.

Moving on to today's Buildbase FA Vase tie, we face a tough task against Little Oakley from the Essex Senior League, Step 5 in the non-league pyramid. The Acorns have made a steady start to the new season (7 points from 6 matches) and they are enjoying a very impressive FA Cup run (knocking out St Margaretsbury, Hertford Town and Kirkley & Pakefield). In the next round they are drawn away to Chelmsford City and we wish them the best of luck for that match next weekend. AC

LONG MELFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

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HISTORY

Long Melford Football Club has a long and illustrious history as one of the country's oldest clubs, with records dating back to 1868.

Looking back, history tells us that the first record of the Club that year was a 5-1 victory over Ipswich Rangers in a game that was played on the Church Green.

More than 150 years later, the club is still going strong, and continues to grow.

You can read all about the different stories from the club's history on our website, and if you have any of your own Long Melford tales, have pictures, or artefacts, we'd love to hear from you.

Drop us a line via our website contact form to help us keep Long Melford's history alive...





HONOURS

- Eastern Counties First Division (1)
- Eastern Counties League Challenge Cup (1)
- Suffolk Senior Cup (8)
- Essex & Suffolk Border League (5)
- Essex & Suffolk Border League Cup (3)



LAST TIME OUT

Hadleigh United O - 5 Long Melford Thurlow Nunn Premier Division, 7 September

A whirlwind performance by Melford, two opening goals in the space of four minutes meant that the home team were always chasing the impossible. With last Saturday's hat trick scorer George Day not available, Melford moved Jacob Brown forward as striker and he duly obliged with a fine hat trick.

After two minutes Melford went ahead when a David Lopez throw was flicked on by Alfie Parnell and JACOB BROWN swivelled inside the six yard box to slam into the net.

The second goal came on four minutes an in-swinging DANIEL SWAIN free kick from an angle deceived keeper Nick Punter and found its way inside the far post. Little was seen of Hadleigh with Melford bossing the game all over the pitch. On 28 minutes the tricky Hassan Ally made space down the Melford right wing and his excellent cross was headed home expertly by JACOB BROWN, looping over the keeper's head.

There was little flurry of activity from Hadleigh but Melford remained in control. The hat trick arrived for JACOB BROWN on 38 minutes some excellent work by Alfie Parnell saw his cross from the left flank brought down superbly on the turn by the skipper who smashed into the net.

The home team started to compete in the second half and Melford keeper Matt Walker made a comfortable save from a Matt Paine freekick. The best chance for Hadleigh fell to Joe Yaxley but his shot went straight at keeper Walker.

On 79 minutes Melford increased their lead when Brown chased a Will Wingfield pass down the left flank before whipping in a cross and BEN JUDGE directed the ball into the net to seal a well-earned victory. CHENOBERET

LONG MELFORD: Walker, Mills, Wingfield, Swain, R Waugh, A Waugh, Ally, Parnell, Brown, Lopez, Judge Subs used: Hurley, Griffiths, J Dormady Subs not used: Hemson, Smith

AROUND STONEYLANDS

Reserves Travel To Walden

Dave Hennessey's boys face a tough game this afternoon as they head to Saffron Walden for their second league game of the season.

They kicked-off their campaign last week with a solid 1-0 win away at Diss Town. With seven debutants in the squad, the Villagers started strongly but despite a few good chances, couldn't break the dead-lock in the first half.

It was a similar story in the second period, and they finally opened the scoring on the hour. Isaiah Opara pressured a home defender into a loose pass that was latched onto by Jason Joseph, and he calmly slotted into the bottom corner.

Melford continued to dominate possession without adding to their tally, but took all three points from a relatively comfortable afternoon.

Saffron Walden today will be a much sterner test of their league credentials.



U18s Like To Beat The Seasiders

Nathan Bartlett's Under-18s side wrapped up a perfect week for Long Melford as they made it four out of four for the club with their first win of the season.

Following the first team double and the reserves win, the young Villagers put FC Clacton to the sword with a 5-1 win here at Stoneylands on Thursday night.

Fresh from his first team debut last weekend, Tommy King (right) got on the scoresheet, while James Dormady - a regular with Jamie Bradbury's team this season - bagged a brace.

Defender Joe Southon got in on the act, and skipper Hugo Hertz put the cherry on a convincing victory to post their first three points of the campaign.

They now have a gap in league fixtures, with their next competitive game here against Halstead Town on 7 October. In the meantime, Nathan will be confirming a couple of friendly games, so keep your eyes out on the club website for details.





We've finally got ourselves off the mark in the league with two stylish 5-0 wins, and it's no major surprise as we start to welcome players back from injury, illness and absence.

Although winning both in such emphatic fashion was maybe unexpected, it's certainly no more than the lads deserved.

If you were at either of the matches, you will have seen us dominate against Swaffham here last week, and perhaps should have won by more. Then on Tuesday against an in-form Hadleigh United, the boys flew out of the traps, getting two goals to the good within five minutes of kick-off.

It was the best Hadleigh side we've played for a while, too, and they have some decent players, but the mood our boys were in both in front of goal and in defence, would have caused problems for both sides.

Today is another difficult game against Little Oakley, promoted to the Essex Senior League this summer, who have hit the ground running. Last week they knocked Kirkley out of the FA Cup, who'd beaten us two rounds earlier. We, naturally, wish them well in their next tie at Chelmsford, but hope we can end their interest in the FA Vase today. We'll need to be at the levels of Tuesday's game, though, if we are to progress and move a step closer to Wembley.

Once again, we'd like to thank you all for your support today. It really is great to see supporters back inside the ground and without you and all the volunteers behind the scenes, football just won't happen.

So, we hope you enjoy the game, all have a safe journey home after and maybe see you next week when we welcome Whitton United to Stoneylands.

Have a good afternoon!
The Management

THE VILLAGERS SQUAD

Meet the Long Melford management and players...

Jamie Bradbury (Manager) – Now in his fifth season as manager, Jamie guided the club to its highest ever Step 5 points total in 2017/18 and a League Cup Final victory in 2019.

Steve Chisholm (Player/Assistant Manager) – A former Long Melford Youth player who has also played at AFC Sudbury, now combining playing with a management role.

Jonathan Brown (Coach) – A new addition to the coaching team last season, previously with Mildenhall Town.

Brian Dunster (Physio) – A former Melford player and now a very experienced physio, in his 11th season at the club. Previously with Cornard United and Halstead Town.

Matt Walker (Goalkeeper) – Experienced keeper who signed in September 2019 on a dual registration from Coggeshall Town, has also played for Halstead Town.

Steve Adams (Defence/Forward) - Club Captain for several years who lifted the First Division title in 2015 and League Cup in 2019. Began in the Under 18s and has now played 250 senior matches.

Dan Smith (Defence) – Previously with AFC Sudbury, a regular in the team in recent years approaching 150 appearances for the club.

Sam Mills (Defence) – Signed last summer from Haverhill Rovers in a season cut short due to Covid, has also played for Whitton United and AFC Sudbury.

Ross Waugh (Defence) - Ross is now in his ninth season at the club, making well over 250 appearances and chips in with the occasional goal.

Dan Swain (Defence/Midfield) - Over 150 appearances for the club and is comfortable at left back or in midfield. Previously with Cornard, Sudbury and Whitton.

Jake Jackson (Defence/Midfield) - Jake is in his eighth season with the club since joining from AFC Sudbury, a versatile player comfortable at the back or central midfield.

Callum Hemson (Midfield) – Joined in 2017 from the AFC Sudbury Academy. Callum has impressed over the last couple of seasons at right back or a more advanced wide role.

THE VILLAGERS SQUAD

Elliot Walker (Midfield) - Previously played for Border League side Boxted Lodgers, made a successful step up to this level making 50 appearances. Now on his way back from a serious knee injury.

David Lopez (Midfield) - Returns to the club following a two-year absence at Wivenhoe Town. Helped the Villager reach the League Cup final in 2019.

Jacob Brown (Midfield) - Signed in December 2018, the experienced former AFC Sudbury and Mildenhall Town man was influential in the battle to avoid relegation and win the League Cup in 2019.

Ben Judge (Midfield) - Former AFC Sudbury Academy player with a promising future. Supporters' Player of the Season 2019/20.

Alfie Parnell (Midfield/Forward) – Impressed in the Reserves last season, previously played youth football at Needham Market Academy. Scored his first senior goal in the FA Cup tie at Kirkley.

Kyle Hurley (Forward) - Signed in 2019 from Cornard United. A wide player who likes to run at defenders.

Will Wingfield (Forward) - Stepped up from Under 18s and scored on his debut in the FA Vase win at Woodbridge in 2012, then had spells away at University, has now scored nearly 50 goals.

Jamie Griffiths (Forward) - A welcome return to the club from Needham Market in 2019, a prolific scorer and Supporters' Player twice in 2015 and 2016.

Hassan Ally (Forward) - A regular in recent years apart from a brief spell with Whitton United. Entertaining player who won the Supporters' award in 2018.

James Dormady (Forward) – Under 18s player who has impressed in pre-season while playing for the Reserves and First Team.

George Day (Forward) – Returns to the club this summer. A prolific scorer in local football with Cavendish, has also played Thurlow Nunn football for Stanway and Whitton.

TODAY'S OPPOSITION



Despite evidence of a football club in Little Oakley prior to World War I, the club were founded in 1947 as Little Oakley War Memorial. In 1974, the club changed their name to the current guise of Little Oakley.

The club was promoted as champions of the Essex and Suffolk Border League in 2017, joining the Eastern Counties League. It was the club's fifth Premier Division title.

In 2021 the club were promoted to the Essex Senior League based on their results in the abandoned 2019–20 and 2020–21 seasons.

Following the club's promotion to the Eastern Counties League, the War Memorial Ground required several upgrades.

The ground was enclosed and the pitch surrounded with railing and hardstanding. Floodlights were installed, with a small covered stand built at the clubhouse end.

Little Oakley FC Honours

Essex and Suffolk Border League

- Premier Division champions 1986–87, 1987–88, 1992–93, 1993–94, 2003–04, 2016–17
- Division One champions 1985–86

There will be no replays in the 2021-22 Buildbase FA Vase. Games will go straight to penalties if drawn, with no extra-time played.

TODAY'S OPPOSITION

The previous meeting between Long Melford and Little Oakley was also in the FA Vase in August 2019, with Melford winning 1-0 at Stoneylands.

Within the opening five minutes Melford could have been two goals behind, defensive errors gave Harry Mann a good chance but he fired wide, followed by the outstanding Luke Mayhew, the best Oakley player having his effort blocked in the Melford box.

With the nightmare start behind them Melford scored the only goal after 16 minutes, a great run by the returning from holiday Dan Swain, saw the ball via keeper Dan Joyce come wide to NATHAN ROWE and his delicate chip found the net.

Three times soon after this Melford created opportunities, two crosses from Hassan Ally and one from Kyle Hurley crossed the Oakley area without a Melford player able to convert,

For a large part of the second half Oakley had the Melford defence working hard, Mann saw his header pushed wide by keeper Ben Devlin, then Lewis Wood headed against the Melford cross bar. A further blow for Melford when they were reduced to ten men when Callum Hemson was banished to the ten minute sin bin. This gave impetus to Oakley and sub Harry Miller nearly equalised but shot wide from four yards



Little Oakley Fact File

Founded: 1947 Nickname: The Acorns

Club colours: Blue & black Ground: Memorial Ground

League Form (Essex Senior): L L W L W D

Top scorer (League & Cup): Danny Garrad 6

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Date	Home	KO/RES	Away	League	Ground	
03/08/2021	Newmarket	3-0	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	The Tristell Stadium	
07/08/2021	Kirkley	1-1	Long Melford	The Emirates FA Cup	Walmer Road	
11/08/2021	Long Melford	0 - 4	Kirkley	The Emirates FA Cup	Stoneylands	
14/08/2021	Wroxham	7-1	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Trafford Park	
28/08/2021	Long Melford	0-2	Thetford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
01/09/2021	Long Melford	2-3	Woodbridge	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
04/09/2021	Long Melford	5-0	Swaffham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
07/09/2021	Hadleigh	0-5	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Millfield	
11/09/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Little Oakley	The Buildbase FA Vase	Stoneylands	
18/09/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Whitton	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
25/09/2021	Gorleston	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Emerald Park	
28/09/2021	Walsham	7:45 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Morrish Stadium	
02/10/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Mulbarton	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
09/10/2021	Kirkley	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Walmer Road	
13/10/2021	Long Melford	7:45 pm	Haverhill R	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
16/10/2021	Norwich U	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Plantation Park	
23/10/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Lakenheath	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
27/10/2021	Long Melford	7:45 pm	Brantham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
30/10/2021	Fakenham	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Clipbush Park	
02/11/2021	Ely	7:45 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Demcom Stadium	
06/11/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Hadleigh	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
13/11/2021	Swaffham	3:00 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Shoemakers Lane	
20/11/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Gorleston	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
23/11/2021	Mildenhall	7:45 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Recreation Way	
04/12/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Newmarket	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
18/12/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Kirkley	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	
27/12/2021	Long Melford	11:00 am	Walsham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands	



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As the club continues to grow, these responsibilities are also key in helping the First Team, Reserves and Under-18s sides.

The roles we are currently keen to recruit for are;

- Assistant to the Secretary
- Video Manager
- Social Media, Marketing and Content
- Programme Editor
- Matchday Volunteers

Like everyone at Stoneylands, these positions are voluntary, unpaid roles, but will give you the opportunity to work within the game at Step 5 and play an important part in our growing club.

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please contact us via the contact form on our website at www.longmelfordfc.com

MELFORD MEMORIES



Thank you Keith Slater (of the Long Melford Historical & Archaeological Society) for sharing these Suffolk Free Press newspaper articles about the football club in the 1950s.

24th January, 1950: A record crowd of 2,500 invaded Stoneylands at Melford and saw the long awaited "local derby" between the Village and Sudbury Town who won 7-1, the crowd stood four deep all round the pitch and gate receipts totalled £101 18s 6d. A jet roared over Stoneylands during Saturday's clash and from it Flt Lieut Curtis caught a fleeting glance of the game he had hoped to play in but at the last minute he was detailed flying duties. Another diversion was caused by a goods train chugging past at walking pace with the driver and fireman on top of the coal tender calling for the score.

7th February, 1950: Les Elms the popular Long Melford player has entered the R.A.F. for his period of National service.

4th April, 1950: Ernie Weiser the Long Melford popular right half has played his last game for the club at Friars Street on Saturday, he sailed for Germany yesterday.

2nd May, 1950: It is expected Ernie Weiser will strengthen Melford by returning, he returned to Germany but he says prospects are not good and he will come back to England.

2nd January, 1951: Les Elms the Long Melford player who is 19 years of age who started playing for the Villagers when he was 15 has been asked to sign for Ipswich Town, during the week-end, Les who is at present doing his National Service, declined to say if he has accepted the offer.

Les Elms is pictured above receiving the Suffolk Senior Cup from the Earl of Stradbroke at Portman Road, 1952.

VENUE HIRE



The new clubhouse at Stoneylands, known as The Melford, is set to open in September 2021 and will be available to hire.

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PLAYER STATISTICS

	2021/22	2021/22	Total fo	or Club
	A	G	A	G
Steve Adams			261	39
Hassan Ally	6		147	21
Jacob Brown	8	3	78	16
Charlie Coy	1+1 sub		2	
Evan Culmer	0+1		5	
George Day	7	4	15	4
James Dormady	5+2		7	
Jamie Griffiths	0+1		126	74
Callum Hemson	4		94	10
Kyle Hurley	3+2		28	
Jake Jackson	7		145	1
Jason Joseph	1		4	
Ben Judge	5	2	77	8
Tommy King	0+1		1	
David Lopez	2+1		53	6
Ismail Marshall	0+1		1	
Sam Mills	6		19	
Perry Newman	0+1		2	
Alfie Parnell	7	1	7	1
Archie Pether	İ		40	
Kyran Quelch	0+2		2	
Ashley Skeggs	2		247	46
Cody Skeggs	2		2	
Daniel Smith	1		140	5
Daniel Swain	2	1	165	12
Elliot Walker	0+4		60	
Matt Walker	6		38	
Anthony Waugh	2		249	3
Ross Waugh	7		267	21
Tyrese Williams	0+2		2	
Will Wingfield	4+1	3	243	52

LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	PTS
1	Wroxham	8	8	0	0	36	4	32	24
2	Gorleston	7	6	1	0	22	5	17	19
3	Newmarket Town	6	6	0	0	13	3	10	18
4	Mildenhall Town	6	4	1	1	14	9	5	13
5	Woodbridge Town	7	4	1	2	12	9	3	13
6	Hadleigh United	8	3	3	2	12	11	1	12
7	Mulbarton Wanderers	6	3	2	1	15	9	6	11
8	Walsham Le Willows	7	3	2	2	10	7	3	11
9	Norwich United	6	2	2	2	9	9	0	8
10	Brantham Athletic	6	2	2	2	7	10	-3	8
11	Ely City	7	2	1	4	8	14	-6	7
12	Long Melford	6	2	0	4	13	15	-2	6
13	March Town United	7	2	0	5	12	14	-2	6
14	Whitton United	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	6
15	Lakenheath	7	1	3	3	10	18	-8	6
16	Kirkley & Pakefield	6	1	2	3	9	10	-1	5
17	Haverhill Rovers	6	1	1	4	8	15	-7	4
18	Thetford Town	7	1	1	5	10	19	-9	4
19	Fakenham Town	6	1	0	5	5	16	-11	3
20	Swaffham Town	7	0	0	7	2	28	-26	0

TODAY'S THURLOW NUNN PREMIER FIXTURES

Ely City v Mulbarton Wanderers, Haverhill Rovers v Fakenham Town, Kirkley & Pakefield v Thetford Town, Lakenheath v Gorleston, Norwich United v Newmarket Town, Wroxham v Mildenhall Town



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Jacob Brown
Callum Hemson
Ben Judge
Jamie Griffiths
Hassan Ally
George Day
Kyle Hurley
Tommy King

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Jack Lelliott
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Daniel Rowe
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Tyler Sullivan
Lewis Wood

Manager: Jamie Bradbury

Assistant: Steve Chisholm

Coach: Jon Brown Physio: Brian Dunster Manager: Matt Carmichael

MATCH OFFICIALS

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