

THE VILLAGER



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STONEYLANDS

LONG MELFORD **vs WOODBRIDGE TOWN**

Thurlow Nunn Premier Division
7.45pm, Wednesday 1 September 2021

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WELCOME TO STONEYLANDS

Good evening everyone, let's start by welcoming the players, officials and supporters from Woodbridge Town and hope they enjoy their short stay with us. We also extend a warm welcome to tonight's three match officials.

Looking back on Saturday's match here at Stoneylands, the visitors from Norfolk were good value for their 2-0 win. Thetford took the lead after 24 minutes and doubled their advantage in the 31st minute. In the second half the Villagers came close on a couple of occasions but couldn't make a breakthrough.

Moving on to tonight's match we can expect another tough encounter against a Woodbridge team with plenty of experience and quality in their ranks. The Woodpeckers were 4-1 winners at home to Lakenheath on Saturday, a result that lifts them to 8th in the table with 7 points from 5 matches.

Hopefully it will be an entertaining match this evening. A reminder we are back in action on Saturday with another home game against Swaffham Town. AC

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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

Long Melford 0 - 2 Thetford Town **Thurlow Nunn Premier Division, 28 August**

The Villagers approached their third game of the season with points required as a big factor, with the visitors in much the same position in the table.

Again Melford were hit by the holiday weekend being minus in the region of eight regulars, it will be a champagne moment when Melford have a full complement of players available!

The visitors monopolised the first half with Joao Varela the ideal outlet on the wide right, veteran Sam Bond playing a key defensive role, whilst in midfield Ross Bailey was dominant. The home team by comparison were not at the races in the first half.

After a series of clearances in the Melford box, ROSS BAILEY prodded the ball home after 24 minutes to put Thetford ahead.

This seemed to inspire the visitors and after 31 minutes with the Melford defence in a static and square formation ELLIOTT SMITH ran through to fire home.

There was a little revival from Melford in the second half, with a George Day free kick forcing keeper Frank Gammon to push the ball over the bar. From the resultant corner Ross Waugh headed narrowly over the bar. In another attack Hassan Ally's shot was cleared off the line.

Still Thetford looked the more likely to score with Varela firing against the bar, and Ross Bailey clearing the bar with a free kick. CHENOBERET

LONG MELFORD: Matt Walker, Charlie Coy, Dan Smith, Jake Jackson, Ross Waugh, George Day, Hassan Ally, Jacob Brown, James Dormady (85), Alfie Parnell (66) Kyle Hurley (66) Subs: Elliot Walker (66), Kyran Quelch (66), Perry Newman (85)

Attendance: 77

AROUND STONEYLANDS

Under-18s In FA Youth Cup Action

The Under-18s face their first home game of the season tomorrow night (Thursday) as they go up against Dereham Town in the FA Youth Cup preliminary round.

New boss Nathan Bartlett's reign started last week with a tough match-up with neighbours AFC Sudbury, who took a 6-1 win, adding to their two previous league defeats. However, there were positive signs that the young team - most whom are playing at this level for the first time - are making great strides.

They head into tomorrow's tie as underdogs, but will relish the opportunity of taking part in the national competition that has seen some famous names including George Best, Paul Gascoigne, David Beckham and Michael Owen lift the trophy.

Kick off at Stoneylands is at 7.45pm tomorrow night. If you are looking for some football action, get yourself to the match and show your support for the lads.



Reserves Ready For Kick-Off

After a long pre-season and a delayed start to their league campaign, Dave Hennessey's reserve team get the real business under way on Saturday when they travel to Diss Town for their Thurlow Nunn Reserve League opener.

Having wrapped up their friendly fixtures with a 2-1 win away at Clare Town, Dave's boys - featuring a number of new faces for the season - can't wait to start playing for points again.

After the trip to Diss, they are again on the road the week after when they go to Saffron Walden Town, before returning to Stoneylands for their first home league game against Hadleigh United on 18 September.

With the first team away at Mildenhall that day, if you are looking for your local football fix, pop along and give the boys a cheer.



FROM THE DUGOUT



It's fair to say Saturday was a disappointing return to league football here at Stoneylands.

After so long without a weekend home game here, we really did under-perform as a side, particularly in the first half, which cost us three points against Thetford, a team we need to be beating.

The second period was better, but we never really looked like pulling it back and saw the game drift away from us.

It's easy to use player absences as an excuse, but all teams suffer that. Everyone knows that Saturday's first half simply wasn't good enough. From a positive point of view, though, we have two more home games in the next four days where we can try to put things right. It's early days in the season, and we notoriously start slowly, but we need to start putting some points on the board, and hopefully that can begin today.

Woodbridge have always been a top side and always play very good football, so it's going to be a tough game for us. We will need to be at our best but we know after two below-par displays this season, we owe the Stoneylands fans a performance.

Once again, we'd like to thank you all for your support today, whether you are following the Villagers or the Woodpeckers. 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, wish you all a safe journey home after and maybe see you here again on Saturday, or for tomorrow's FA Youth Cup tie.

**Have a good night!
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.

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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.

TONIGHT'S OPPOSITION



Alfie Stronge - A young keeper starting his 4th season as number 1. He's a fantastic shot stopper with excellent distribution skills.

Sean Rea - Sean is the club captain with a brilliant attitude on and off the pitch. A great leader with a natural desire to win.

Dale Hammond - A versatile defender who wears his heart on his sleeve. Dale adds energy and enthusiasm both in attack and defence.

Aaron Churchyard - 'Azza' has made over 440 appearances for the club, playing in every position, including goalkeeper, in that time. A consistent performer who pops up with important goals.

Ellis Murrell - Now at his 3rd spell with the club; Ellis is a technically gifted, versatile player who rarely wastes the ball. He also has a decent long range strike in his locker.

Liam Scopes - Excellent as both a natural defender but also able to bring the ball out with his feet. A real all round footballer with over 330 club appearances.

Luke Taylor - Luke is a strong, robust, old fashioned, no nonsense centre back. He stepped up from Debenham, to play at this level, with ease.

Rhys Barber - Rhys is an experienced signing who is a born winner and leader. He has captained Needham Market, Felixstowe and Ipswich Wanderers. A great defender with a sweet left foot.

Luke Mallett - A real character with great enthusiasm and energy. An all-round footballer who really loves the game.

Ben Garnham - A top drawer defensive midfielder who wants to take the ball all the time. Ben adds a calmness to the team and can help control the tempo of the match.

Jack Newman - Jack is a solid midfielder that communicates well on the pitch whilst consistently being neat and tidy with the ball.

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Taylor Southgate - Excellent with and without the ball, Taylor has risen through the youth ranks at Woodbridge Town. He's comfortable at centre back or in midfield.

George Bowman - George has the ability to split open a defence with a pin point pass. He's also a dead ball specialist with a great left foot.

Callum Sinclair - A fast, direct, hard working player with so much energy. Such a consistent player who was massively missed through injury last season.

Ryan Keeble - 'Keebs' is a quick, skilful winger who can often be a matchwinner by scoring and creating chances. He's best described as a real 'edge of your seat' player.

Scott McCarthy - A former Middlesbrough pro who moved to the area through work and was immediately on the Woodbridge radar. Excellent movement and eye for goal.

Mark Ray - A natural goal scorer who is adding to other aspects of his game all the time. Mark loves scoring goals and whilst he's a real poacher he scores all types of goals.

Gabe Pateman - A young keeper who has impressed during his short time with Woodbridge. A great shot stopper who will keep Alfie on his toes. He has a bright future ahead of him.

Marco Makris - Marco returns to the club and adds balance as a natural left footed full back. Strong in the tackle and energetic he's been a popular player at Woodbridge Town.

Callum Vincent - A product of the Sudbury academy and more recently with Halstead Callum has set the supporters expectations high after an amazing, volleyed goal from outside the area in pre-season. Fans will be looking for more of the same from this exciting midfielder.

Andrew Crowe - Big heart and a big engine. He works his socks off and is strong in the tackle. Always puts the team first.



Woodbridge Town Fact File

Founded: 1885 **Nickname:** The Woodpeckers

Club colours: Black & white **Ground:** Notcutts Park

Record home attendance: 3,000 v Arsenal (1990)

Selected honours: Eastern Counties League Div One,
Suffolk Senior Cup, Eastern Counties League Cup

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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	7:45 pm	Woodbridge	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
04/09/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Swaffham	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Stoneylands
07/09/2021	Hadleigh	7:45 pm	Long Melford	Thurlow Nunn Premier Division	Millfield
11/09/2021	Long Melford	3:00 pm	Little Oakley	The Buildbase FA Vase	Stoneylands

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1	Wroxham	7	7	0	0	32	4	28	21
2	Gorleston	5	5	0	0	18	3	15	15
3	Newmarket Town	5	5	0	0	10	2	8	15
4	Mulbarton Wanderers	5	3	2	0	15	7	8	11
5	Hadleigh United	6	3	2	1	10	4	6	11
6	Mildenhall Town	5	3	1	1	11	8	3	10
7	Brantham Athletic	5	2	2	1	6	7	-1	8
8	Woodbridge Town	5	2	1	2	7	6	1	7
9	Walsham Le Willows	5	2	1	2	6	5	1	7
10	Whitton United	3	2	0	1	5	5	0	6
11	Kirkley & Pakefield	5	1	2	2	9	8	1	5
12	Norwich United	4	1	1	2	6	8	-2	4
13	Ely City	5	1	1	3	7	10	-3	4
14	Haverhill Rovers	5	1	1	3	7	12	-5	4
15	Thetford Town	5	1	1	3	8	14	-6	4
16	Lakenheath	5	1	1	3	8	16	-8	4
17	Fakenham Town	5	1	0	4	5	15	-10	3
18	March Town United	5	0	0	5	4	14	-10	0
19	Long Melford	3	0	0	3	1	12	-11	0
20	Swaffham Town	5	0	0	5	2	17	-15	0



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Do you love football? Are you keen to work within the game? Are you interested in digital media? Would you love to help out on matchday?

If so, Long Melford wants you...

We're on the lookout to add to our team off the pitch to support the club in a number of different capacities.

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.

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Will Wingfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Mills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ross Waugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ant Waugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charlie Coy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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