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Pontefract Collieries FC would like to extend a very warm welcome to the fans, players and officials of our visitors for this fixture and to all of our Ponte Colls supporters and committee.

We also welcome our match officials and any neutrals who have chosen to come along to watch our game today.

We hope you enjoy your visit to our stadium and would like for you to make use of our facilities that we are proud to offer in particular, our clubhouse The 1958 Bar and Colls Kitchen...

on your right and left as you enter the ground. You can grab cold drinks at the bar and a selection of food and drink from the kitchen.

Whatever the outcome of today's game, we do hope that you will be able to join us for a drink in the clubhouse after the match before wishing you a safe journey home.

We would also like to thank our sponsors and partners for the 2024/25 season.

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ANDYSMANCLUB



WHAT IS ANDYSMANCLUB?

ANDYSMANCLUB is a free peer-to-peer group that provides a place for men to come together in a safe and open environment to talk about the issues or problems that they have faced or are currently facing.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The process is about bringing men together who have been in similar situations, to help each other on a peer to peer basis, sharing how they have dealt with various situations through lived experiences. No matter how big or small your problem feels, we are here to support each other. The 5 questions that are asked each week are designed not only to encourage men to talk, but to start to focus on the positives and on strategies to keep moving forward. There is no pressure to answer any of the questions and it is not uncommon for men to just listen for the first few sessions.

The clubs all run on the same format and adhere to the same guidelines. A key principle of ANDYSMANCLUB is anything that is said in the club, stays within the club.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The club is open to any man 18 or over, who is going through a storm, been through a storm or just wants to meet a good group of people with the aim of improving one another.

WHEN IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUBs meet every Monday at 7pm (excluding Bank Holiday Mondays).

WHERE IS IT?

ANDYSMANCLUB has over 100 locations across the UK. Check our website below for a full list.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just turn up on the night.

No registration or referral is required, all we ask is that you arrive before 7pm. The full list of our locations available on our website.

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The 1958 Bar



The Collieries are proud to unveil the transformation of the once-called "Red Building" into our brand-new clubhouse, now christened the 1958 Bar. This name pays homage to the year of the club's founding, adding a historical touch to what is more than just a new venue—it's a significant improvement on our old, darker clubhouse and a symbol of our ongoing progress.

Matchday Hub of Activity

On matchdays, the 1958 Bar will be buzzing with activity. Whether you're after a cold beverage or something stronger, we've got you covered, from premium lagers and ales to a selection of spirits. Don't forget to sign up for the Colls Members Bar Card, which entitles you to a 10% discount on all drinks orders.

Hospitality and Events

For our visiting teams and hospitality guests, we have a dedicated room to enjoy pre-game and half-time refreshments in comfort. The new space also doubles as an events venue, helping the club generate essential revenue to continue pushing forward.





While you're here, be sure to check out our new plastic re-usable branded cups, available behind the bar. These eco-friendly cups help reduce waste and offer a great memento of your visit. Fans can either return their cups for a £2 deposit or take them home as a souvenir.

Merchandise Central

The clubhouse is also home to Tracey, our Head of Merchandise. Here, you can pick up your season replicas or any club accessories you might need to show your support for the team. With windows overlooking both our Junior Pitches and the First Team pitch, the space is light and welcoming, offering ample seating and two TV screens to catch up on the latest action.

What's Next?

Looking ahead, the 1958 Bar will be open more frequently for events such as presentations, race nights, and our popular monthly quiz nights. Be sure to stay updated on all upcoming events via our website and social media handles. This is just the beginning for our new clubhouse—come and be part of the journey!



The Colls Club History



Pontefract is known to have had a football club as far back as the 1890s when a side, presumably composed mainly of soldiers, competed in the West Yorkshire League as Pontefract Garrison.

Much of the history of the game in the town is still in need of further research, but it is known that a Pontefract Borough club reached the dizzy heights of the Yorkshire League in the late 1920s. They failed to finish the 1929–30 season, though. But by 1935, a club called Tanshelf Gems managed to acquire a ground on Ackworth Road, moved there, and became Pontefract United.

United ruled the roost in local football before the war, but when hostilities ended in Europe, they were rekindled in the town with the appearance of a Pontefract Collieries side, who by the late 1950s had gained slight bragging rights over their town rivals, both playing in the West Yorkshire League.

But in 1960 the old Collieries club became extinct, only for the name to return a couple of years later when United merged with a local youth side and adopted the name for themselves.

The new club quickly gained in stature and found considerable success in the West Yorkshire League, before joining the Yorkshire League in 1979. Progress on the field continued, culminating in a Yorkshire League Division Three Championship win in 1982. This was the last season of the old Yorkshire and Midland Leagues, which then combined to form the Northern Counties East League.

The Colls were founder members of the new league. Successive promotions were gained in the first two seasons; the Runners-Up spot in Division Two (North) being followed rapidly by the Division One (North) Championship. This was the last season of the old Yorkshire and Midland Leagues, which then combined to form the Northern Counties East League.

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This meteoric rise saw the Colls into the top flight of the NCEL, a position they held for a decade. Progress on the field was matched by ground improvements, as floodlights, a new clubhouse, stands, seats, and other major changes took place. Much of the work was done during the miners' strike, cementing further, literally, the club's relationship with the mining industry and local community.

The floodlight opening in 1987 saw the Collieries take on Hull City in a friendly, watched by the record 1,000 crowd for the Skinner Lane ground. More honours came the club's way as the NCEL Floodlit Cup was won twice, and two West Riding County Cup Finals were reached. Another near miss was the appearance in the NCEL Presidents Cup Final in 1994.

Managers Paul Cooper, John Brown, and Ged Elliott had been the main inspirations behind the footballing rise of the club during this sustained period of progress. But when the last of this line, Ged Elliott, left the club during 1994–95, a sudden decline could not be halted and the first relegation for many a year came about.

The appointment of new boss, Jim Kenyon, soon halted the slide, however, and the Colls bounced straight back, taking the Runners-Up spot, and winning the Wilkinson Sword Trophy along the way. The following season saw Pontefract in yet another cup final, when they lost out by 3 –1 to Hucknall Town at Millmoor in the NCEL League Cup Final.

Success could not be sustained, though, and by 1998–99, a disastrous start saw the first 11 games lost, and only 7 points gained by Christmas. New manager, Peter Daniel, came in, and almost turned the fortunes around in an amazing rear-guard battle. The club still lost its Premier Division status, finishing second bottom, but only on goal difference.

Steve Kittrick then took up the challenge with a more locally based squad, and an emphasis on youth development. 1999-00 saw the Under-16's win the West Riding Junior Cup, and the Under-19's reach the Northern Youth Alliance League Cup Final. The senior squad also reached the Wilkinson Sword Trophy Final, which was narrowly lost on a 4–2 aggregate to Goole.

But successes at youth level were ultimately unable to be repeated by the senior squad, and Steve Kittrick left, after a disappointing finish to the 2000–01 campaign. The successful youth coach, Gary Batley, took over for the 2001–02 campaign, but a very young and unsettled side saw a disastrous season end with the Colls rock bot-tom of the NCEL First Division.

2002–03 saw Peter Daniel return, and improve-ments on the field were obvious from the very start. Ironically, despite bringing in a few key players to strengthen the squad, much of the side were graduates from the club's youth policy, which seemingly had not matured quite quickly enough for previous managers.

The season saw the club reach its best ever stage in national competitions, reaching the Second Round Proper of the FA Vase, and with another Cup Final appearance in the Wilkinson Sword Trophy, this time losing out to Mickleover Sports, 3–1 on aggregate. A strong run in the second half of the league season saw the Colls finish in fourth place in Division One.

But optimism for the 2003–04 campaign soon evaporated, and after a poor start, Pete Daniel resigned. Reserve team manager Roly Lanes took over the reins, and the club were pulled off bottom spot, but still needed to apply for re-election. Battles off the field have dominated recent times, with fires destroying seats and parts of the stand, the tea bar, and the closure of the adjacent Prince of Wales Colliery and loss of the electricity supply.



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On the field, Collieries continued to struggle, and only avoided relegation on more than one occasion as a consequence of Pyramid restructuring.

Progress in national competitions was virtually nil. Things reached rock bottom in 2007–08 when, despite winning the first league game, Ponte then failed to win another for the rest of the season, and finished with just 9 points, a staggering 15 adrift of the club above them. Once again, relegation was avoided as the club were saved by the constant restructuring of the Pyramid league system.

Turmoil and bad feeling dominated the summer break, seeing the departure of the management team and most of the Committee as well. But this provided an excellent opportunity for the club to rebuild, and to put in place a plan for the future where none had previously existed.

2008-9 saw a new and enthusiastic, Committee appoint new manager, Simon Houghton, from local Central Midlands League side Kinsley Boys, and after just 4 league games the new team gained the 9 points it won the previous season. For the first part of the season, the club kept pace with eventual champions Scarborough Athletic at the top of the table, but unfortunately, a disastrous spell into the new-year saw the club embark on a run of 1 win in 9, which saw the club finish in ninth place.

2009–10 saw continual improvement from Houghton's players. The side was strengthened and despite a slow start, the side eventually finished the sea-son in fifth place, taking four points off promoted Brighouse Town during the campaign. Despite the team topping the league during the Christmas and New Year period in the 2010–11 Season, the team's results fell away badly in the early months of 2011.

As a result, Simon Houghton left the club, with former Leeds United captain Brendon Ormsby being brought in as manager. During his first dozen games in charge of the club, Ormsby used the remainder of last season to assess the players at his disposal and start to implement changes to the playing style of the team. With several target signings brought in during the closed season to enhance his squad, Ormsby prepared his team for an assault on the NCEL First Division.

Unfortunately, success wasn't forthcoming for the Colls, and a bad spell during the middle of the 2012-2013 season led to Ormsby leaving the club by mutual consent. Player-managers Nick Handley and Duncan Bray stepped into the breach for the club, and with one defeat in the last ten league games, they ended the season with the club in-form.

The 2013-2014 season was one of consolidation as Bray and Handley brought in new players and stamped their style of play on the squad. Ending in a ninth place league finish.

The plan was delivered and 2014/15 turned out to be a successful season for the Colls as they finished as runners up in the NCEL Division 1 and achieved promotion to the NCEL Premier League after an absence of fifteen seasons.

Along the way they achieved the season's records for highest away win, best aggregate score, most goals scored (joint with Louth Town), second best defence and most clean sheets.

Ponte now in the NCEL Premier (in 2015/16) new players arrived to strengthen the promotion winning squad. However struggles saw a new management team announced with manager Craig Parry assisted by Craig Rouse and Nigel Danby. They fought to the bitter end and unfortunately ended up in the third from bottom spot and back into division one.

The 2016/17 season saw many changes in players and staff behind the scenes and on the field, with emphasis on the clubs infrastructure being paramount. The team had a great preseason and that gave the side the building blocks for the year they had. After a great start with 9 wins out of the first 9 games (including friendlies) the Colls had started will in both league and the FA Cup. The latter saw us reach our joint furthest in the competition after wins against Runcorn Town and Bootle who both went on to have good league campaigns in their own right.

We ended up getting knocked out by Tadcaster Albion after a thrilling cup tie going 2-0 down then 3-1 down and after pulling a goal back to make it 3-2 were then harshly not given a late penalty! The league saw us put in some brilliant runs of form which saw us leap from 6th to the top of the league. Fate was in our own hands on the final day requiring a win on the final day away at Worsbrough Bridge to gain promotion, which we did 2-1 to return back to the NCEL Premier Division.

2017/18 saw what can only be described as a spectacular season. The mighty Ponte Colls surprised everyone (probably most at the club too). We started the season brilliantly winning 12 out of our first 13 games scoring 50 goals in the process. By the end of 2017 Ponte had only lost 3 times in league football and were still going strong in the FA Vase. Due to these cup runs we sat third in the league and 18 points behind league leader AFC Mansfield but many games in hand.

But by the time we travelled to Mansfield for the "Title Decider" we were right on their tails, The game was billed to be a close battle yet Ponte took the wheels off the Mansfield title charge and hammered them 3-0 in their back yard!

A win in Ponte's next game would guarantee our historic first promotion to the Evo Stik. Away at Maltby Main saw Ponte do exactly what was needed a 2-0 win and mass celebrations. The Colls followed this up with a midweek win again away, this time at Handsworth Parramore and a 3-1 win and Pickering losing the following night, meant Ponte were CHAMPIONS of the NCEL Premier Division.

After two consecutive promotions the Colls had an extremely successful first ever season at Step Four in 2018-19 in the NPL Division One East finishing as runners- up to Morpeth Town. The Colls narrowly lost out on promotion to the NPL Premier Division at the first time of asking after losing to Brighouse Town in the Play-offs.



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The 19-20 and 20-21 seasons were curtailed early due to the coronavirus pandemic. The 2021/22 season saw Craig Rouse return to the club as First Team Manager, along with a number of former players. We struggled to get started in the league, but history was made in the FA Cup as Ponte reached the fourth qualifying round. FC Halifax Town needed a return leg to beat The Colls, following a draw at home in front of a club record attendance.

With only league games remaining follow exits from other cup competitions, it was time to pick up poor league form. Colls sat second bottom in early November but a string of big wins saw a jump to mid table. A strong bond between players and fans built from the start of 2022 and some big wins followed.

The 2022/23 season was a real rollercoaster ride for The Collieries, our season got off to a flyer with a 4-0 win on the opening day and some strong performances put us in good stead in the early months. Another good FA Cup run saw us get through the first three rounds of the competition, before being knocked out on the road away at Chester FC.

The campaign began to fall away with the squad heavily depleted due to injuries and bad discipline a major factor. The turn of the year proved difficult as we only picked up one win in the month and dropped away from the play off spots. We ended our season in middle table, with a good platform to build on.

The 2023/24 campaign saw The Colls make more history, they claimed their second highest-ever league finish, ending the campaign in fourth place - thanks to a very solid all round campaign. It was however Cup History that was made, The Colls saw off Steeton, Liversedge, Wakefield AFC and finally Knaresborough Town - to become first time West Riding County Champions!

Following the departure of Craig Rouse, it is Jimmy Williams tasked with driving The Colls forward in 2024/25. He has managed to retain a large portion of last year's successful side and will be looking to push on once again!

























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Our Visitors Bridlington Town - History



Bridlington Town AFC was formed in their own right on 11th June 1920. They recruited players from the disbanded Bridlington Discharged Sailors and Soldiers Football Club and formed a second team from The Bridlington Grammar School Old Boys. The first team were entered into the 1st division of the East Riding County League with the second team being entered into the Hull Amateur League 1st Division. In their first season Bridlington Town AFC won the East Riding Senior Cup 2-1 vs. Gilberdyke played at Anlaby Road Hull, and reached fifth place in the League.

Town went on to win the East Riding Cup the following two seasons and won the 1st Division title on three consecutive seasons 1921-22,1922-23 and 1923-24. At the end of the 1924-25 season Bridlington Town were admitted to the Yorkshire League. Bridlington Town the story so far...

After the First World War a group of school leavers, anxious to continue their enjoyment of football, decided to form their own club, which they named Bridlington Centrals. At first they competed in the Driffield & District Minor League and in due course they had to move up to the Driffield & District League. Eventually, they found themselves in the East Riding Amateur League where they enjoyed a fair amount of success which was climaxed by five consecutive championships in the fifties. In the same period Centrals also carried off the East Riding Senior Cup on two occasions and this success encouraged them to join the Yorkshire League in 1959 under the changed name of Bridlington Town.

The club immediately finished runners-up in Division Two and qualified for promotion to the First Division. They also reached the first-round proper of the F.A Cup for the first time where they lost to the then mighty Bishop Auckland. Soon after another F.A Cup tie attracted the record attendance for Queensgate when 2,102 spectators saw Town take on neighbours Scarborough.

In 1967 Bridlington dominated the Yorkshire League but Town had to settle for second best to Bridlington Trinity although some consolation was gained by winning the East Riding Senior Cup again. Town had also won the League Cup in 1960, 1961 and 1966.

In 1982 the Northern Counties (East) League emerged from the amalgamation of the Yorkshire and Midland Leagues. Town were placed in Division One (North) but were elevated to the Premier Division in 1986 following the resignation of a number of clubs to join the Northern Premier League.

In 1988-89 the club achieved their best placing, finishing third and defeating champions Emley in the League Cup Final. Town also recorded their seventh victory in the East Riding Senior Cup beating Hull City 1 - 0.

The following year Town were finalists at Wembley for the first time in the F.A. Vase, in front of a crowd of 7,932, the game finishing 0 - 0, the only ever Wembley final to be goalless, with Yeading winning the replay 1 - 0 at Elland Road 9 days later. During the intervening period between the final and the replay Town had to play Hull City in defence of the East Riding Senior Cup, the League Cup against Ossett Town and a league game.

During this period Ken Richardson had joined the club as President and was instrumental in assisting the club with the necessary finance to develop the ground by building a new stand, clubhouse, turnstiles and floodlights.

Town were now regarded as one of the strongest teams in non-league football and reached Wembley again in 1993, this time in front of a slightly bigger crowd of 9,061, and this time returned the victors one nil over Tiverton Town, thanks to a goal from Alan Radford. Town also won the Northern Premier (Unibond) League First division.

Due to legal wrangles the team moved to play their home games at Doncaster Rovers ground and then folded, leaving Queensgate with no football during 1993 - 94.

Following the disbanding of the Semi-Pro side after the 1993/94 season an ambitious local 'PUB' side, The Greyhound, were inspired to make an approach to the lease-holders with a view to making the Queensgate ground the base for The Greyhound team. A deal was struck with the proviso that the club change their name to Bridlington Town AFC.

A new club crest was designed and a new motto 'Pergere et Eniti', broadly meaning 'Onwards and Upwards', was adopted. The new era began an 10 September 1994 when the new Bridlington Town AFC took to the field for their first league game against Viking Panthers in the Driffield and District League Premier Division in front of 200 spectators.

Many local observers speculated as to how long the club would survive at Queensgate with the obvious financial burden but the team completed that season in their new home finishing fourth in the league and also reached the final of the East Riding Senior Country Cup. Steady Progression saw the club join the East Riding County League Division One, where the League and Cup Double was achieved.

Over the next three seasons in the County Premier Division the club continued to improve and made application to the Northern Counties East League. It was on the third application that Bridlington Town was accepted, having finished runner up in the league but beat the league champions in the league cup final of 1998/99, under manager John Bowman.

A fifth place finish in that first season back in the NCEL was creditable, but at Xmas in 2000 the club had slumped to midtable. Bowman was replaced by Billy Heath and he took the club to a 4th place finish. Towns 3rd season back in the NCEL saw an 18 game unbeaten run lift Town to finish Division One Runners Up and gained promotion to the Premier Division.

The 2002 - 2003 season started with a continuation of the good form and 14 straight wins in all competitions. Town also reached the 4th Qualifying round of the FA Cup, losing away at Conference side Southport, and the 1/4 final of the Vase, losing away at League rivals and eventual Vase winners Brigg Town. Another incredible run of league form saw Town lose only one of the last 26 games and the Club finished as Champions with a fantastic 20 point winning margin to gain promotion to the Unibond League for 2003 - 2004.

Our Visitors Bridlington Town - History



Winter postponements and the cup success saw Town playing three games each week through March and April and the heavy toll caused Town to "sacrifice" the cup success for the league title. To ensure promotion, Gary Wilkinson of Wilkinson Caravans, the main sponsor, also secured the purchase of Bridlington Town AFC Ltd from the former owners thus ensuring the future of the club.

The season in the Unibond Division One saw injuries and suspensions take their toll in the second half of the season but the club finished in 11th place to complete A third successive promotion, this time to the Unibond Premier Division, that was due to the reorganisation of the league and meant the new club had returned to the status held by the former club when they folded, and had achieved this in just ten seasons.

Gary Wilkinson was unable to continue with the club any longer due to financial constraints, and Pete Smurthwaite, of PBS Construction, bought the club. After the resignation of Billy Heath, Pete also had a spell as Town Manager but brought in Paul Marshall - unfortunately things did not work out for Marshall and he was replaced by the management team of Ash Berry and Paul Stoneman. With the help of Coach Grant Crookes who after a year in charge were also replaced by the temporary charge of former Grimsby Town defender Mark Lever with the help of Peter Smurthwaite Town finished bottom of the UniBond league and were relegated back to the Northern counties east league.

2008/09 season Chairman Peter Smurthwaite appoints Tim Hotte and Gary Allanson as joint Managers and the club finishes a respectable 4th position in the league and lost to UniBond Premier side North Ferriby in the East Riding senior cup final at the KC Stadium and within days the Management team had resigned from the club due to personal reasons. But within days and to the delight of the Town supporters Gary Allanson had a change of heart and was back in the hot seat, appointing club Captain Phil Harrison as his assistant and the pair proved to be an instant success as the club went on to win the league by 11 points and scoring 123 league goals along the way 2010/11.

Another good season and Town were in the race to retain their title but just fell short losing out to Farsley with Parkgate being runners up. Town fans were left shocked when Manager Gary Allanson had decided to leave the club at the end of the season and was involved in helping select his successor and that was to be Mitch Cook the former Scarborough Town and Pickering Town Manager. He took charge for the 2011/12 season, in Cook's first season Town finished runners up to Retford missing out on the title by one point but were successful in the East riding cup beating Hall Road reserves 9-2 in the cup final at the KC Stadium in Hull.

2012/13 and Town had another good season under Mitch Cook finishing in third place with a massive 95 points and scoring 137 league goals along the way, this was to be Cook's last season in charge as he announced he would have to stand down due to work commitments.

2013/14 Seasiders fans were delighted to see former Manager Gary Allanson return despite a big rebuilding programme due to players leaving it wasn't a great season with the club finishing 12th in the NCEL and losing 5-2 to North Ferriby in the senior cup final.

2014/15 Another season under Gary Allanson would see an improvement on the previous season with an 8th place finish in the league but some silverware in the East Riding Senior cup after a 4-2 win against Hull United where Craig Hogg scored a hat-trick. 2015/16 the ever improving Seasiders managed a 5th place finish in the NCEL and also got to the League cup semi-final losing 1-0 to eventual winners Cleethorpes Town but the club went on to retain the East Riding Senior cup after an impressive 1-0 win over North Ferriby United.

2016/17 The Seasiders didn't have the best of starts to the league campaign but did have their best run in the National cup competitions for a number of years reaching the FA Cup 2nd qualifier and taking Harrogate Town to a replay it was a goal from former Seasider Chib Chilaka scored a 89th minute that won the replay 3-2 for Harrogate. The club also went on to the first round of the FA Vase. It was after a 3-1 away win at Harrogate Railway that the club was shocked by news that Gary Allanson announced he would be leaving due to personal reasons, Chairman Peter Smurthwaite acted swiftly and appointed former professional footballer and British boxing champion Curtis Woodhouse along with former Hull City Legend Ian Ashbee as his assistant.

The Seasiders went on an amazing 14 match winning run that saw the club close in on the title race but we just fell short in the end with a third place finish but the club had success in the East Riding Senior cup final beating Hull City 4-2 in the final the club also made it to the League cup final losing 4-1 to Penistone Church FC at Bramall Lane.

2017/18 it wasn't the best of seasons to what we would usually expect at Bridlington Town, due to work commitments inspirational assistant manager lan Ashbee left the club and was replaced by former Seasiders player Mally Parker. we also suffered injuries to key players like Nicky McNamara on the opening day of the season that ruled him out for the season also Jamie Forrester and Brett Agnew.

The club also lost key players to North Ferriby United. So, Curtis had to rebuild his squad halfway through the season. One of the highlights from the season was the success of local lad Jake Day who scored 48 goals and finished the top scorer in the NCEL Premier division. We finished a disappointing ninth in the league, we also lost in the league cup semi-final to AFC Mansfield and we reached the East Riding Senior cup final where we lost 2-1 to Hull City at the East Riding FA headquarters.

2018/19 A number of regular players left the club as Curtis Woodhouse was building a new team that he believed would be good enough to challenge for promotion and with wins in the league and the FA cup it was looking quite promising.

Our Visitors

Bridlington Town



On Sunday 9th September Curtis Woodhouse announced he would be stepping down as Manager with immediate effect and Brett Agnew and Anthony Bowsley would step in as caretaker managers. After just three games in a caretaker roll Brett and Anthony were given the roll as the full time Management team and it turned out to be a successful one finishing third in the NCEL and also winning the East Riding Senior Cup beating Hull City u23s in the final.

2019/2020 A season where three promotion places were available the gaffer Brett Agnew and assistant Anthony Bowsley put a good side together and were well in the race for promotion when the season was ended due to the covid-19 outbreak meaning no teams were promoted.

2020/21 Another disrupted season due to the Covid pandemic saw the season ended after just nine games the Seasiders finished with 7 wins and two defeats. Due to a new league formation in the Northern Premier League Bridlington were offered promotion to the new East division which was accepted by the club.

2021/22 A new season in a new league and hopefully no more disruptions, the gaffer Brett Agnew felt he had his strongest squad in his time at the club. Moving into the Northern Premier League east division was a tough step up seeing the Seasiders lose their first six league games but picked up a first win of the season against Shildon FC.

With just a few months of the season to go Manager Brett Agnew announced he would be leaving the club at the end of the season. Bridlington was in a relegation battle that went down to the last match of the season. Lewis Dennison's 90th minute penalty against Dunston FC was the crucial goal that gave town the tree points needed to stay in the NPLE division for another season.

2022/23 A new era for the club with former player and coach Mike Thompson was appointed the new manager of the club bringing with him experienced coach Adrian Costello as his assistant and Ron Milham as goalkeeper coach. In January 2023 Mike Thompson decided to leave his position as Manager of the club and Assistant Manager Aidy Costello was promoted to first team manager with popular player

Andrew Norfolk stepping up to the role of Assistant Manager.

2023/24 This was Adrian Costello first full season in charge of the Seasiders and another interesting season and at one point as high as 9th place in the league but eventually finishing in 18th place level on points with Brighouse Town but our better goal difference saw us stay in the league for another season.

The club was delivered some big news when club Chairman Peter Smurthwaite announced after 23 years involved with the club and 20 years as the owner that the club was for sale. Pete Smurthwaite's search for a buyer and successor to carry the club forward culminated in him selling to Daniel Rogers owner of HDM Worldwide. The company is a specialist in the business of solar energy and the mission of Dan is to make the club 'net zero'.

The new owners will be investing heavily in and off the field to give the community a club for Bridlington to be proud of. Investment in LED floodlights- solar panels and car ev chargers will revolutionise how the club operates. Reducing energy bills and usage as it strives for 'net zero' status. In a very short space of time the club has already attracted sponsorship from high profile partners- Duracell - Mounting Systems- Purerenewables as well as many local companies such as Esk Valley Coaches.

The season ended with more silverware with Bridlington Town retaining the East Riding Senior Cup after an excellent 2-1 win over North Ferriby.



Our Visitors Bridlington Town - Pen Pics



Sebastian Malkowski - The 6'4" shot-stopper provides a wealth of experience at 37-years old, and even has one full Polish international cap to his name! He joins on a short-term loan from Worksop Town, of which he was part of their recordbreaking side that won the Northern Premier League East in 2022/23.

Ben Voase - Ben joins having returned from time away in America to provide healthy competition for the number one shirt. Before the move to America, Ben played for Beverley Town and Barton Town, where he was highly regarded at both clubs.

Marshall Nock - Having come through the Scarbrough scholarship programme, Marshall has been coached by both Denny Ingram and Michael Coulson. He bolsters our already strong defensive options.

Benn Lewis - Benn is our longest serving player and has been at the club for nearly a decade now. He's a no nonsense style defender who will do anything to stop the ball going in the back of the net, and is just as comfortable playing anywhere across the backline. He scored the important equalising goal against Consett to ensure our Northern Premier League survival back in April.

Derry Robson - Derry is an athletic left-back who is just as good going forward as he is defensively. He joined from Pontefract Collieries.

Alex Markham - Nicknamed 'Scaff' due to his work as a scaffolder away from football, the young defender can operate both at right-back and centre-back. He was picked up by the club last season after being released from Grimsby Town. Despite a difficult start to the season after picking up a nasty injury, he put in some excellent performances to break into the starting lineup.

Josh Barrett - 'Baz' offers great versatility, having featured at centre-back, right-back, right-wing and striker already since joining in the summer. He has vast experience at this level and higher, having played for the likes of Scarborough Athletic, Liversedge and Tadcaster Albion.

Matty Bowman - Bowman is an attacking minded right-back who can also play higher up the pitch as a right-winger. He's excellent at taking his man on and can produce a great delivery into the box. Previous clubs include Mickleover, Basford United, Dunfermline and Pickering Town. He is the son of former Bridlington Town player and manager John Bowman.

Nathan Doyle - Very rarely will you see Doyley give the ball away. He offers an outstanding passing range, and his football league experience at 37 years old speaks for itself with Derby County, Bradford City, Hull City, Barnsley and Luton amongst just some of his former clubs. He enters his second season with the club, having featured during the 2018/19 campaign.

Ethan Harrison - Ethan is an exciting attacking player, who is the youngest player to ever play for Doncaster Rovers.

Billy Ripley - The wide-man is another local lad also featuring for the Reserves, who he actually scored against during a preseason friendly.

Pete Davidson - After initially joining the club in 2020, Pete rejoined in 2023 after a season away. His nickname as the Yorkshire Pirlo tells you exactly the type of player he is - capable of dictating play and the tempo of the game. He has recently taken up a player-coach role under the new management team.

Simon Heslop - Hessy is yet another vastly experienced midfield player. He's always looking to get on the ball and play, with previous clubs from Barnsley, Wrexham, York City and Scarborough Athletic.

Jack Moore-Billam - Jack adds more quality to the midfield options, and joined from Cleethorpes Town in the summer. He's also played at a higher level for Scunthorpe United and Gainsborough Trinity.

Eddy Birch - Eddy rejoined the club in the summer to bolster the midfield options, and has since signed for Beverley Town on dual registration to get first-team football.

Sam Kay - Similar to Jack Moore-Billam, Kay is a central-midfielder who signed from Cleethorpes Town. He made his debut for the Owls against Bridlington Town back in February after signing from Tadcaster Albion. He played 17 times in the second half of the season, but has been restricted to six substitute appearances this campaign under new manager Craig Rouse before joining the Seasiders.

Nathan Dyer - Dyer is a versatile wing-back, who joins from Northern Counties East Premier Division side Pickering Town. Other previous clubs include York City, Whitby Town, Grantham Town and Tadcaster Albion.

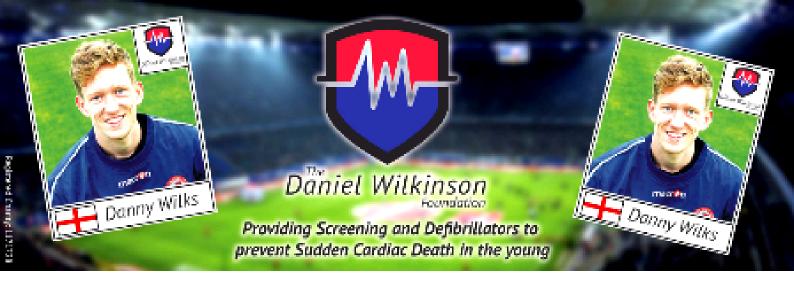
Ryan Bemrose - Ryan is one of three local players signed on this campaign who is also registered for Bridlington Town Reserves. The midfielder has progressed through the Bridlington Rovers and Reserves ranks.

Curtis Morrison - Curtis is a fast attacker, who can feature both out wide and centrally. He has experience with a range of clubs at this level and higher.

Coby Scotter - Coby impressed during pre-season, scoring two goals. He made his debut for his local club against Carlton Town as a substitute. He has also featured for Bridlington Town Reserves.

Michael Coulson - Coulo needs little introduction. The club's star signing of the summer rejected offers from the National League North to join the Seasiders. Michael captained Scarborough Athletic at National League North, and joined Farsley Celtic last season. He's also played for Barnsley, York City and Grimsby Town previously. Coulo, who has been appointed player assistant-manager, has featured as a striker, left-winger and an attacking midfielder so far for the Seasiders.

Danny Earl - A former fans favourite, Danny resigns for the club after starting the season in Beverley Town. He ended the 2021/22 season as top scorer with 13 goals in all competitions, before joining North Ferriby. He spent two seasons there, including a promotion into the Northern Premier League.



The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation is a charity set up in memory of Daniel Wilkinson who died in 2016 aged 24, while playing the game he loved, from an underlying heart condition called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC).



Dan played football from an early age and joined Hull City AFC when he was 10, earning a professional contract aged 18. Loughborough University followed where he completed a degree in Accounting and Financial Management while playing non-league football. He was an athlete who enjoyed the gym and took his health and nutrition very seriously. He lived life to the full and had so much ahead of him.

Other than feeling light-headed on a few occasions in the month before he died, he had no symptoms!

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OUR MISSION

The Daniel Wilkinson Foundation has been set up to raise awareness of SCD and to provide funding towards heart screening, defibrillators and CPR/defibrillator training primarily for grass-roots sporting teams.

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GRIMSBY BOROUGH 1-2 PONTEFRACT COLLIERIES DUNN BRACE SECURES SIXTH UNBEATEN GAME

Pontefract Collieries made the trip to the east coast looking to close the three-point gap between themselves and Grimsby Borough. Jimmy Williams' side came into the fixture in strong form, unbeaten in five, and made just one change to the lineup – Jack Steers returning in place of the suspended Adam Watson. The reshuffle also saw Mikey Dunn move into a central attacking role.

On a blustery afternoon, Ponte started with the wind at their backs. The early exchanges were scrappy, but Colls gradually grew into the game, creating the first real openings. Harry Spratt saw a header drift just over the bar, while Oli Metcalfe forced a smart save from the Grimsby goalkeeper.

The breakthrough came in the 21st minute. Jack Greenhough nipped in to win possession, and Jack Boyle picked out the run of Dunn with a perfectly weighted ball. Dunn raced through and calmly slotted past the keeper to give Ponte a 1-0 lead.

Colls continued to apply pressure while remaining solid at the back, limiting the hosts to very little in front of goal.

As half-time approached, Ponte doubled their advantage. Boyle was once again the architect, with his cross-field pass eventually finding Dunn. After some neat interplay, Elliott Walker broke into the box and delivered a precise cutback for Dunn, who finished coolly to claim his second of the game and his 10th goal since the turn of the year.

A dominant first half, with Ponte looking in full control heading into the break.

The second period began in similar fashion, with Ponte on the front foot. Dunn was at the heart of the action once more and thought he should have been awarded a penalty when pulled down inside the box – only for the referee to wave away the appeals.

Dunn then came agonisingly close to a hat-trick. After another well-worked attacking move, he rounded the keeper, but his goal bound effort was cleared off the line.

Danny Burns was the next to be denied, as his header from a recycled set piece looked destined for the far post, only for the Grimsby goalkeeper to produce a brilliant save.

As the game edged towards full-time, Grimsby Borough pulled one back. A well executed set-piece from distance caught Heath Richardson off guard, the only blemish on an otherwise solid outing for the on-loan stopper.

Despite the late goal, Ponte saw out the game to secure all three points – an impressive result at a ground where many struggle to take anything.

A clinical display from Dunn, whose two goals proved decisive. A standout performance in what was an excellent team display.

CLEETHORPES TOWN 2-2 PONTEFRACT COLLIERIES RESILIENT DRAW EXTENDS UNBEATEN RUN

Both sides arrived at The Linden Club riding unbeaten runs, with league leaders Cleethorpes eager to notch up another win to extend their lead. However, from the off, it was Pontefract Collieries who made their intentions clear on the counter.

The game burst into life early as Cleethorpes sought to dominate possession at home. Yet, a swift counter attack saw Mikey Dunn and Jack Boyle breaking forward at pace. After some incisive work by Dunn, he found Boyle, whose low drive into the far corner gave Ponte the lead, making it 0-1 in favour of the visitors.

The lead was doubled shortly after. Dunn played the ball back to Boyle, who worked it wide to Louie Chorlton. Chorlton's precise cross was flapped at by home goalkeeper Ollie Battersby, and Gavin Rothery pounced on the loose ball from close range, finishing at the second attempt to make it 2-0.

Cleethorpes quickly responded, piling on the pressure. Their persistence paid off in the 17th minute when a cross from Dan Gallimore somehow beat everyone and found the far corner of the net, pulling the hosts back into the game.

The scoreline was levelled just short of the half hour mark after a fast break from Cleethorpes. Nicky Walker raced down the right wing before finding Brad Abbott, whose cross was dispatched by Josh Walker at the near post, making it 2-2.

With the scores level at the break, it was expected that Cleethorpes would come out firing in the second half, hunting for a seventh straight victory.

The second half saw both teams battle it out with fewer clear cut openings. Pontefract looked dangerous on the counter attack, while Cleethorpes applied plenty of pressure with a number of set pieces.

Jack Greenhough's trademark lobbed throw in caused confusion in the area, but there were no clear chances for both teams to capitalise on.

Stand-in goalkeeper Ryan Musselwhite, who had endured an early disappointment, redeemed himself with a series of calm claims and good handling, particularly on set pieces and crosses into the hox.

As time ticked on, substitute Iffy Ofoegbu and Mohamed Mohsen—making his debut for the club—provided fresh pace and looked threatening on the break. However, neither team could create a decisive opportunity, and in the end, they both shared the spoils in a hard fought battle.

Pontefract Collieries can be proud of their performance in an intense end to end affair, and will look to build on this draw as they prepare for a run of home fixtures, starting this Saturday against Bridlington Town.



Squad Pen Pics







LLOYD ALLINSON

STARTING HIS SENIOR CAREER AT CHESTERFIELD IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE. HE'S SINCE GAINED EXPERIENCE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE AND NEL NOW HEADING INTO ANOTHER CAMPAIGN WITH THE CLUB

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WILL MITCHELL

PROMISING SHOT STOPPER, ON DUAL REG WITH KNARESBOROUGH TOWN. WILL RECENTLY LEFT GRIMSBY TOWN FOLLOWING COMING THROUGH BRADFORD CITY'S ACADEMY.

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HEATH RICHARDSON

ON LOAN FROM CLEETHORPES TOWN. HAVING PLAYED OVER A DOZEN TIMES THIS YEAR FOR THE TABLE TOPPERS, HE IS A GOOD KEEPER THAT WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER GOOD OPTION.

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JACK GREENHOUGH (C)

JACK JOINED THE COLLS ACADEMY FOLLOWING LEAVING BOLTON WANDERERS. HE QUICKLY JOINED THE FIRST TEAM AND MADE A BIG IMPRESSION. ONE OF THE CLUBS YOUNGEST CAPTAINS, HE IS A MASSIVE PART OF HOW WE PLAY.

SPONSORED BY DAVID GRAY



HARRY SPRATT (VC)

VICE CAPTAIN, HARRY HAD AN **OUTSTANDING CAMPAIGN IN HIS FIRST** SEASON AND CLAIMED A NUMBER OF END OF SEASON AWARDS, INTO HIS THIRD YEAR NOW. STRONG AT BOTH FULL BACK AND IN MIDFIELD.

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DANNY BURNS

ANOTHER BIG FIGURE AT THE BACK, BURNSY JOINED THE COLLS BEFORE QUICKLY BECOMING A FANS FAVOURITE, HE PROVIDES KEY EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS ABILITY IN DEFENCE.

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JACK STEERS

THE BIG CENTRE HALF REJOINED THE COLLS FROM LIVERSEDGE, A COMMANDING DDESCENCE AT THE BACK THAT ADDS STRENGTH TO OUR BACK LINE AFTER BEING RETAINED AGAIN THIS YEAR.

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OLI METCALFE

OLI JOINED PONTE LAST SUMMER, A MIDFIELDER THAN CAN OPERATE IN A 4 OR 8 ROLE ADDS A DIFFERENT DYNAMIC TO THE COLLS MIDELELD.

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GAVIN ROTHERY

MIDFIELD DYNAMO AND NOW HEAD COACH, 'GAV' HAS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE IN THE BAG AND STILL HAS THE DANCING FEET TO GET PASSED A MAN AND PROVIDE THE KILLER PASS OR FINISH.

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LOUIE CHORLTON

A FORMER HULL CITY ACADEMY PRODUCT, PLENTY OF ENERGY AND GOOD TECHNIQUE, A PLAYER THAT IMPRESSED DURING HIS FIRST SEASON AND A DEFENDERS NIGHTMARE WITH HIS PACE.

SPONSORED BY THE SHED ON TOUR



LAMIN DRAMMEH

FROM THE COLLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME LAMIN HAS IMPRESSED DURING PRESEASON AND WE HOPE TO SEE THE TALL MIDFIELDER PROGRESS THIS YEAR.

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ELLIOTT WALKER

JOINING THIS SUMMER, ELLIOTT CAME THROUGH THE RANKS AT DONCASTER CITY AND CAN OPERATE IN MIDFIELD OR FULL. A TECHNICAL PLAYER AND ONE TO ADD MORE DEPTH TO THE SOUAD.

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JOSH LINDLEY

A LOCAL YOUNG FOOTBALLER THAT PREVIOUSLY PLAYED FOR OSSETT UNITED, PARKGATE AND WAKEFIELD AFC, A BOX TO BOX MIDFIELDER WITH PLENTY OF ENERGY.

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JACK BOYLE

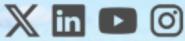
SUMMER SIGNING FROM BRIGHOUSE TOWN LAST YEAR, JACK HAS GREAT CLOSE CONTROL AND A REAL EYE FOR AN ASSIST. IMPROVED AS THE CAMPAIGN WENT ON, LOOKING TO PUSH ON AGAIN THIS YEAR.

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CHINEDU OSADEBE

JOINING US FOLLOWING A RECENT SPELL AT LIVERSEDGE, CHINEDU HAS SCORED GOALS AT BRADFORD PA. AND FARSLEY CELTIC. AFTER MOVE NORTH FROM HERTFORDSHIRE.

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BAILEY THOMPSON

BACK FOR HIS SECOND SPELL AT THE COLLS, BAILEY HIT THE GROUND RUNNING WHEN HE JOINED IN THE 23/24 CAMPAIGN LEADING US TO COUNTY CUP GLORY. HE WILL BE LOOKING TO MAKE A SIMILAR IMPACT THIS TIME ROUND.

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ADAM WATSON

ADAM JOINS THE COLLS FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE FROM RIVALS OSSETT UNITED. A PLAYER THAT CAN PLAY ANYWHERE DOWN THE SPINE OF THE TEAM AND PROVIDES VALUABLE EXPERIENCE TO THE SIDE.

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IFY OFOEGBU

SIGNED THIS SUMMER FROM LINCOLN UNITED. IFY HAS BEEN A THORN IN OUR SIDE IN THE PAST, THIS YEAR LOOKING FORWARD TO WATCHING HIM CAUSE THE OPPOSITION PROBLEMS.

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JACK WILSON

ANOTHER NEW SIGNING THIS SUMMER, JACK MADE THE SWITCH FROM BRIGHOUSE. ALSO A FORMER BRADFORD CITY YOUTH, HE IS A WIDE MAN THAT LIKES TO BEAT A DEFENDER AND GET SHOTS OFF.

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MIKEY DUNN

'MAGIC MIKEY' A DEFENDERS NIGHTMARE. THIS LAD ON HIS DAY CAN BE ONE OF THE BEST PLAYERS IN THE LEAGUE. HIS FOOTWORK AND SPEED OFTEN LEAVE DEFENDERS ON THE FLOOR, LOOKING TO GET BACK TO HIS BEST THIS YEAR.

SPONSORED BY THE 1958 BAR



JIMMY WILLIAMS

A PONTE STALWART, JIMMY JOINED THE CLUB AT THE START OF OUR RISE FROM NCEL TO NPL AND HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLF FROM THE OFF, NOW FIRST TEAM MANAGER HE WILL BE LEADING FROM THE FRONT ONCE AGAIN.



JOE LUMSDEN

JOE HAS BEEN A PLAYER AT THE COLLS FOR A COUPLE OF SEASONS NOW, BUT FOLLOWING INJURY HAS TURNED HIS HAND TO COACHING, REJOINING AS JIM'S ASSISTANT. HE ADDS LOTS OF NPL EXPERIENCE.



GAVIN ROTHERY

GAV JOINED THE COACHING SET UP WHEN CRAIG ROUSE RETURNED TO THE CLUB, HE CONTINUES AS PLAYER/HEAD COACH AND IS ANOTHER KEY PART OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM.



LEE KELSEY

'KELS' IS OUR GOALKEEPER COACH AND IS ANOTHER POPULAR FIGURE AT THE CLUB EXPERIENCED AT WHAT HE DOES BOTH AS A KEEPER COACH AND OUTFIELD TOO.



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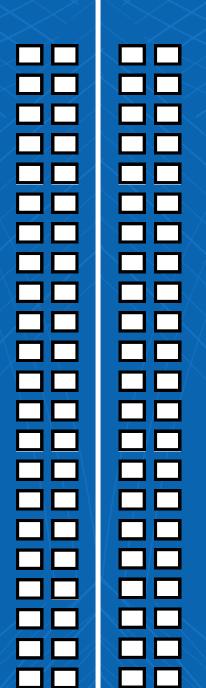








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