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By order of the Board of Chalfont St Peter AFC

Welcome to the game

A very warm welcome to Mill Meadow for today's Combined Counties League Premier Division North game against Broadfields United.

A particular welcome to our visitors, and we hope their players, officials and supporters enjoy their short stay with us.

We also welcome our match officials; Krandeep Grewal, Eddy Clifford and Mourad Bougouiji.

After the enforced postponement last Saturday of our game against Reading City, which was caused by issues related to the state of flooding the Chalfont St Peter area, we took on Hilltop in a crucial game (aren't they all right now?) played on the plastic at Uxbridge FC. From an excellent game, played in difficult conditions, we came away with a valuable point against a side that, on the day belied their league position.

As things now stand, matters are as much in our own hands as they are out of our hands. We are at the sharp end of things and every game is a cup final.

The main topic of conversation is the struggle some sides are facing to get the season finished on time. The FA are less than flexible some teams have yet to finalise dates for all their games and already face games on

successive days.

Even Mill Meadow has suffered this season. Postponements for a waterlogged pitch were unheard of in previous years but the high water levels, so obvious to anyone trying to get into the High Street, have seen us having to call off some games.

Barring further weather disruptions, we should have a smooth run of fixtures to the end of the season, on 27 April but the league has already cautioned that games could be arranged at very short notice (ie. less than 7 days notice) so keep an eye out.

As things stand, our next game is here next Saturday against Egham Town before we visit Reading City the following Tuesday,

We are into the last month of the season. Your support is invaluable.

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On the cover Kian Austin





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MONDAY 1 APRIL

- 1-2 Ardley Utd v Risborough Rangers
- 0-0 Bedfont Sports v Virginia Water
- 4-0 Edgware & Kingsbury v Wembley
 - 2-3 Egham Town v Rayners Lane
- 3-2 Harefield Utd v North Greenford Utd
 - 0-3 Reading City v Flackwell Heath
- 0-3 Wokingham & Emmbrook v Milton Utd

TUESDAY 2 APRIL 1-1 Hilltop v CHALFONT ST PETER

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL
4-2 Reading City v Wallingford & Crowmarsh

FRIDAY 4 APRIL
2-1 Hilltop v Wokingham & Emmbrook

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

Bedfont Sports v Wembley

CHALFONT ST PETER v Broadfields Utd

Flackwell Heath v Holyport

Harefield Utd v Egham Town

Milton Utd v Ardley Utd

North Greenford Utd v Virginia Water

Rayners Lane v Reading City

Risborough Rangers v Wallingford & Crowmarsh

MONDAY 8 APRIL Hilltop v Rayners Lane

TUESDAY 9 APRIL
Edgware & Kingsbury v Risborough Rangers
Reading City v North Greenford Utd
Virginia Water v Wokingham & Emmbrook
Wembley v Hilltop

Combined Counties League Premier North Division as at 5 April 2024

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1	Flackwell Heath	32	25	5	3	85	25	60	79
2	Rayners Lane (-4pts)	33	26	4	3	96	32	64	78
3	Bedfont Sports	31	17	8	6	80	30	50	59
4	Burnham	30	15	6	9	81	55	26	51
5	Milton Utd	32	14	5	13	54	63	-9	47
6	Holyport	31	14	4	13	45	50	-5	46
7	Risborough Rangers	32	13	5	14	59	51	8	44
8	Virginia Water (-3pts)	31	13	8	10	46	46	0	44
9	North Greenford United	27	12	7	8	50	43	7	43
10	Egham Town	33	10	12	11	51	55	-4	42
11	Ardley United	33	11	9	13	50	61	-11	42
12	Reading City	27	12	5	10	57	44	13	41
13	Broadfields United	30	12	4	14	58	69	-11	40
14	Harefield United	33	12	3	18	44	54	-10	39
15	Edgware & Kingsbury	34	8	8	18	42	67	-25	32
16	Wembley	32	8	8	16	39	73	-34	32
17	Hilltop	27	7	6	14	41	61	-20	27
18	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	33	6	9	18	38	77	-39	27
19	Chalfont St Peter	31	7	5	19	42	67	-25	26
20	Wokingham & Emmbrook	28	5	6	17	31	66	-35	21



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Chalfont St Peter Results & Fixtures 2023-24

	Date	Opposition		Comp	Re	sult	Att	Pos	Scorers	S	Υ	R
	Sat 5	WALLINGFORD & CROWMARSH	н	FA Cup ExPre	1-3	L	130	_	Krasnigi		4	
	Sat 12	Egham Town	Α	League	0-3	L	91	19	-		3	
st	Tue 15	HILLTOP	Н	League	1-1	D	90	13	Wood		2	
August	Sat 19	BROADFIELDS UTD	Н	League Cup 1R	1-4	L	64	-	McGarvie		3	
Αſ	Tue 22	Wembley	Α	League	6-4	W	74	10	Hodgins 2, McGarvie 2, Kennard 2		5	
	Sat 26	Langley	Α	FA Vase 1Q	1-2	L	39	-	Francis		1	
	Mon 28	EDGWARE & KINGSBURY	Н	League	1-2	L	93	13	Francis		1	
	Sat 2	BURNHAM	н	League	2-1	W	81	11	Hodgins, Mead (p)		5	
ē	Sat 9	Holyport	Α	League	0-2	L	59	15	-		5	
ď	Sat 16	RAYNERS LANE	H	League	0-5	L	53	18	-		4	
September	Sat 23	WALLINGFORD & CROWMARSH	Н	League	5-0	W	62	12	McGarvie 2, Mead 2, Salami		4	1
Se	Tue 26	AMERSHAM TOWN	Н	BB Sen Cup 1R	1-2	L	73		Bircham		2	1
	Sat 30	Wokingham & Emmbrook	Α	League	4-2	W	85	11	Mathieson 2, Payne, Salami		4	
October	Sat 7	MILTON UTD	Н	League	0-2	L	76	12	-		2	
cto	Sat 14	Ardley Utd	Α	League	1-1	D	72	11	McGarvie			1
0	Sat 28	North Greenford Utd	Α	League	1-2	L	76	14	OG		3	
November	Sat 4	HAREFIELD UTD	н	League	0-1	L	123	15	-		3	
/em	Sat 11	Broadfields Utd	Α	League	2-1	W	57	11	McGarvie, Hodgins		-	
Š	Sat 25	RISBOROUGH RANGERS	Н	League	0-5	L	70	13	-		2	
Decemb	Sat 2	Bedfont Sports	Α	League	2-1	W		12	Wood, Mathieson		2	
ece	Sat 16	VIRGINIA WATER	H	League	2-2	D	51	13	Wood, Ovington		-	
Δ	Sat 30	Edgware & Kingsbury	Α	League	1-2	L	59	13	Mathieson		1	
>	Sat 6	WEMBLEY	Н	League	1-2	L	58	13	Salami		-	
January	Sat 13	HOLYPORT	Н	League	2-3	L	95	14	Mead (p), Mathieson		2	
au	Sat 20	Rayners Lane	Α	League	3-4	L		14	Mathieson, Wood, Ovington		2	_
•	Sat 27	Harefield Utd	Α	League	0-1	L	80	16	-		4	1
	Sat 3	WOKINGHAM & EMMBROOK	Н	League	2-3	L	68	16	Bircham, Quinlivan		1	1
February	Tue 6	Flackwell Heath	Α	League	0-3	L	153	16	-	1	2	
bru	Sat 17	ARDLEY UTD	Н	League	0-5	L	62	17	-			
æ	Wed 21	Burnham	Α	League	2-3	L	55	17	Bircham, Ovington		2	
	Tue 27	Milton Utd	Α	League	2-4	L	65	17	McGarvie, Rogers		1	
£,	Sat 9	BEDFONT SPORTS	Н	League	0-0	D	67	19	-		1	
March	Sat 16	Risborough Rangers	Α	League	1-0	W	147	17	Spinks		5	
~	Sat 23	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	Α	League	0-1	L	120	18	-		1	1
	Tue 2	Hilltop	Α	League	1-1	D		18	Bircham			
	Sat 6	BROADFIELDS UTD	Н	League								
₹	Sat 13	EGHAM TOWN	Н	League								
April	Tue 16	Reading City	Α	League								
	Thu 18	NORTH GREENFORD UTD	Н	League								
	Sat 20	Virginia Water	Α	League								
	Sat 27	FLACKWELL HEATH	Н	League								
	TBA	READING CITY	н	League								

PLAYER STATISTICS

at 3 April 2024 TOTAL								
at 5 7.p. ii 202 i		W7 D5						
	Α	S	G		T			
Frankie Bircham	25	5	4	7	_			
Max McGarvie	23	9	8	2				
Craig Mathieson	23	4	6	1 4				
James Evans	22	2	0	6				
Jack James	21	4	0	3				
Ollie Salami	20	7	3	4				
Cadell Fraser-Robinson	19	0	0	6				
Henry Dudley	18	1	0	6				
Jack Hodgins	17	6	4	2				
Fin Purcell (GK)	17	0	0	1				
Tom Clark (GK)	16	0	0	1				
Harrison Mead Jordan Payne	15 11	0 4	4 1	1 4				
Lewis Stevens			0	3				
Tom Kennard	10 10	6 6	2	3				
Jamie Ovington	10	0	3	2 3				
Bradley Dixon-Smith	9	3	0	3				
Kian Austin	8	1	0					
Kayne Connor	7	3	0	1				
Sam Wood	7	3	4	1				
Josh Quinlivan	7	2	1	2 1				
Ben Bell	6	1	0	1				
Callum Rogers	6	0	1					
Tecane Shrowder	6	0	0	2				
Roy Byron	5	7	0	1				
Andrew Tayaca	5	1	0					
Harrison Marquez	4	1	0					
Drilon Krasniqi	3	9	1	4				
Kahlil Francis	3	6	2	2 2				
Josh Penemo	3	5	0					
Connor Spinks	3	1	1					
Courtney Austin	3	0	0	1				
Mark Amaning Sam Shaw	3	0	0	1				
Caden Barber	2	4	0	1				
Darren Page	2	3	0	-				
Andrei Cristea (GK)	2	0	0					
Nathan Mandla	2	0	0					
George Blanks	1	7	0					
Dan Griggs	1	2	0	1				
Can Arioglu	1	0	0					
Cem Poyez	1	0	0					
Chris Blunden	1	0	0					
Joe Davies	1	0	0	1				
Kushon Lewis-Thomas	1	0	0					
Prince Nemoh	1	0	0					
Simeon Armstrong	1	0	0					
Ethan Goulding	0	8	0					
Jake McGregor	0	4	0					
Kevin Bilicki	0	3	0					
Femi Ogunsola	0	2	0					
Freddie Plant	0 0	2	0					
Samir Shaffi Aaron Tecke	0	1	0					
Alvin Walters	0	1	0					
Ed Port	0	1	0					
Ethan Hayman	0	1	0					
Harrison Okwu	0	1	0					
Harvey Matthews	0	1	0	1				
Jake Heckford	0	1	0					
Kennedy Newbert	0	1	0					
Troy Murray	0	1	0					
Own Goal			1					



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Today's visitors Broadfields United



1993: The Club was formed.

1994/95: We ran ten teams, eight in the Southern Olympian League on Saturdays, five of those teams won their leagues with two teams finishing as runners-up.

1995/96: Broadfields 1st team won the Presidents Cup at Harrow Borough.

1996/97: They then went on to win Division One by six points, thus winning promotion to the Premier League.

1998/99: Broadfields United Reserves came runners-up in Division One.

2001/02: Broadfields ran six teams, 1st and Reserves playing in the Middlesex County Football League, Premier and Division One (Saturday's). Two teams played in the Harrow Sunday Challenge League and one played in the Hillingdon & District Sunday Football League. This was also the season of Broadfields Social Clubs disaster. We burnt to the ground, leaving only the changing/shower facilities. This however did not stop us from playing football, as indeed we did.

2003/04: Broadfields runs less teams, 1st playing in the Middlesex County Football League, Premier Division, Manager:

Marvin Hall, Coach: Mike Jennings, Physiotherapy: Mick Croft. Our Vets team played in the London Commercial League, Division 6 and went through to a cup Final. We also had two Sunday teams playing in the Harrow Sunday Challenge League. Chris Webster's team won the Harrow Sunday Challenge League Cup.

2005/06: Chris Webster's team won the Harrow Sunday Challenge League and Jack Walker Cup.

2006/07: Chris Webster's team won the Harrow Sunday Challenge League and Benevolent Shield.

2007/08: Chris Webster's team were runners up in both the Sunday Premier Cup and Champions Cup.

2008/09: Chris Webster's team won the Champions Cup and Jack Walker Challenge Cup. They were runners up in the Premier League.

2009/10: Dene Gardner's (Saturday) team were runners up in the Middlesex Intermediate Cup. Chris Webster's team won the Middlesex County Premier Cup and Champions Cup. They were runners up in the League and the Harrow Premier Cup.

2010/11: A disappointing season by Broadfields standard. The Sunday team came runners up in the Champions Cup Final, narrowly losing 2-1.

2011/12: Alec Smith Premier Cup Champions. Chris Webster and Ryan Duffy lead the Saturday team to their first bit of silverware in many years.

2012/13: Alec Smith Premier Cup Champions. Ryan Duffy and Chris

Webster defended their title whilst the newly reformed reserves under the management of David Webster and Robbie Pearce who lost in the Junior Open Cup Final and came runners up in the league. A successful season for the club.

2013/14: David Webster and Robbie Pearce proved very successful with the reserves by winning the Middlesex Senior Reserve Division and the Junior Open Cup. A platform for a new challenge next season.

2014/15: A terrific end to the season saw Ryan Duffy and Chris Webster lead their side to promotion to the Spartan South Midlands League Division One. The side lost just one of their final ten games and were granted promotion on the final day. The second side, led by David Webster and Robbie Pearce, moved their team to the Hertfordshire County League Division One and managed a mid-table finish and were unlucky to not make a final, being knocked out at the semi-final stage twice.

2015/16: The clubs first season in Spartan South Midlands League football saw us achieve an 11th place finish. The side also reached the semi-final of the Division One Cup. The Sunday Side completed a quadruple, winning the Harrow Sunday Challenge Premier Division, the Premier Cup, the Champions Cup and the Jack Walker Cup.

2016/17: The First team, under the guidance of Mark Barnham, Liam Bird & Duffy, won the Middlesex Premier Cup by defeating Hillingdon

Borough 4-1 at Northwood FC's ground. They also reached the second-round proper of the FA Vase. The Reserve side managed by Dean Foster, won promotion to the Herts Senior County League.

2017/18: The First team, under the guidance of Liam Bird, Mark Barnham & Ryan Duffy, successfully defended the Middlesex Premier Cup by defeating landlords, Harefield 1-0 at Harrow Borough FC. Success continued 5 days later when they triumphed in the Spartan League Challenge Trophy cup final when they beat Risborough Rangers in the final 3-1. Finally, first time in the club's history, we booked a place in the FA Cup for the forthcoming season after finishing 4th in the league. The Reserve side managed by Dean Foster also reached the Anagrams Record Trophy Final but went down 2-0 to Catholic United from the Essex League.

2018/19: The end of the 2018/19 season saw the first team achieve their main. aim as promotion was secured. A tally of 94 points saw us finish behind runaway leaders, Harefield United, but guaranteed us a place as one of the top 9 teams from the 19 leagues at Step 6 and thus achieving promotion to Step 5 for the very first time. It was a long season which saw us play in our first ever FA Cup game, beating Banstead Athletic 3-0 in a memorable Extra Preliminary round tie. Unfortunately, in the next round we went down 4-1 to AFC Uckfield Town but nonetheless it was a great experience for the club to appear in the oldest cup competition in the world. It wasn't to be quite memorable

for the reserve side who struggled in the league and although they managed to stay up on the last day of the season, the tough decision to withdraw the side in the close season was made.

2019/20: The season started full of optimism with the club playing Step 5 football for the first time and although the season started off brightly the team found the step up in opposition quality hard to deal with at times. We managed to find our feet and began picking up some good results along the way before COVID-19 curtailed the season. The highlight of the season was unquestionably a 2-1 victory away at Conference South side, Hampton and Richmond to reach the Semi-Final of the Middlesex Senior Cup in our first season in the competition. Although we were defeated in the next round away at Bedfont Sports.

2020/21: Ahead of the new season the club secured a new groundshare with Rayners Lane FC, a move back closer to the club's traditional 'home' of Harrow. Sadly, it meant departing Harefield United's Preston Park after many successful seasons.

2021/22: The season started very brightly for the club, reaching the 2nd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup for the first time in our history before exiting at home to Hastings United in front of a bumper crowd at Tithe Farm in a close encounter. Manager Liam Bird stood down as manager after Christmas and was replaced in the post by David Fox.

2022/23: Ahead of the new campaign the club were laterally moved into the

Combined Counties League where we look forward to meeting a number of new clubs.

Ahead of the 2023/24 season Ryan reverted back to his coaching role with Sunny being given the managerial role fulltime and he has quickly added to his backroom team with Danny Bartley, Jay Hall and James Shirvell joining the club as coaches in addition to Billy. We have again been dealt with two home ties in the opening rounds of both the FA Cup and FA Vase and during the off-season the coaching team have been busy recruiting new player to strengthen the side we already have and with that said we look forward to the new campaign and are optimistic that it will bring as much success as the end of the last campaign.



Our Club History Chalfont St Peter AFC



The club was formed in 1926 and played local junior football from its ground on Gold Hill Common.

1948 saw a move to the Great Western Combination and a year later the club moved to its present location, although the picturesque name of Mill Meadow belies its origins as a refuse tip. As the club developed off the field thanks to the support of many volunteers so success began to arrive on the field and in 1952 the first silverware was won, the Berks & Bucks FA Intermediate Cup. Senior status followed and progress through the Parthenon League, London League and Spartan League followed.

The early 1970's were difficult for the club but a move into the Athenian league saw a change in fortunes.

The 1980's, now in the Isthmian League, brought some consistency in league performances and some successful campaigns in the FA Cup and FA Vase.

The 1990's was another difficult decade, culminating in a low point of two successive bottom places.

2001/02 saw a rebuild under Martin Dean with a good start to the season but

a subsequent falling away saw them finish 14th. The lower echelons became the accustomed territory for Saints for several seasons until Dean's departure at the end of the 2003/04 season.

Managing Chalfont to victory in the Berks & Bucks Under-18 Challenge Cup was a young Danny Edwards. His reward was to be handed the reins of the First Team for the new season. And so began a rollercoaster ride of success and near misses that continued until just recently.

A restructuring within the Isthmian league at the end of the 2005/06 season saw Saints moving to the Spartan South Midlands Premier League.

2006/07 saw a top half finish in their first season in the Spartan and a trophy for the cabinet, the Wycombe Senior Cup, secured with a 7-0 win over Downley Albion at the Wycombe Wanderers ground.

2007/08 was a hugely successful season. Danny Edwards was developing an exciting squad and the style of play was both entertaining and successful. Good runs in both the FA Cup and FA Vase came together with a Final appearance in the Premier Division Cup. Topping them all was winning the Challenge Trophy with a 2-0 win over Brimsdown Rovers. A close three-horse race in the league saw Saints pipped at the post into runners-up spot.

2008/09 was about building on the standards set in the previous season. And it didn't disappoint. Some top scalps in the FA Cup heralded a season of cup runs. The FA Vase was the crowning glory, with the Saints making it all the way to the semi-final and being heart

breaking seconds away from winning the right to play at Wembley. Saints were in the hunt for the league title all the way to the last week of the season but the fixture congestion caused by the cup successes began to tell and they couldn't quite make it across the line, eventually finishing a brave third.

Expectations were high going into season 2009/10 after going close to promotion in the two previous seasons. A slow start and a nightmare run of losses in October saw the title chase wobble and rapid exits from all cup competitions. But an incredible run of form with just one defeat in 23 took Saints to the top to the pile where they became the target for other teams' top performances and it wasn't until they were overtaken by Aylesbury in the last two games that they had to settle for the runners-up spot again.

At the start of 2010/11, the aim was clear: promotion was the number one target. Getting off to an incredible start in notching up seventeen straight wins, Saints grabbed top spot and refused to relinquish it for the entire season, never being less than four points clear at any stage. The focus was clear and any progress in the cups was quickly curtailed. Such was the dominance in the league, the champagne corks popped with five games to spare as the title was secured. The curtain was brought down on the record breaking season and their five year stay in the Spartan League by winning the Challenge Trophy for an unprecedented league and cup double.

For the 2011/12 season, life was expected to be a trial for Saints yet they

made a bright start in their new environs and quickly acclimatised. For long periods they were genuine contenders but a poor end to the season saw them fall away into the mid table.

2014/15 saw the goals begin to return. A promising start saw the side hard to beat but too many draws held them back. A run in the FA Cup, was coupled with a strong run in November that saw the club in a playoff position but from such heights, a miserable New Year run saw them tumble down into relegation territory. It took a stubborn recovery in April to ensure eventual safety.

2015/16 was a highwater mark for Saints in their current run in the Southern League. Putting aside an early exit in the FA Cup Saints went on to head the table at New Year and looked set for their first tilt at the play offs, if not more. Sadly they repeated the poor run of results thereafter and fell away to finish sixth. Still an excellent all-round season as Tony Mendy secured top scorer honours in the division with 30 goals.

In contrast, season 2016/17 was possibly the poorest in over a decade. A storming start to the season saw Saints in top spot throughout August but the hole left by the departed Mendy was never filled and as the goals dried up so the tumble down the table gathered pace. Some poor signings added to the problems and the second half of the season delivered just four wins and for a while relegation was a real possibility before safety was finally achieved.

2017/18 was one of our most exciting seasons in the Southern League, our seventh, with the side in playoff

contention right up until the final few games. Our peerless record against those sides who ultimately claimed the top places, with just the single defeat in 12 games, including a notable double against champions Beaconsfield Town, underlined how competitive a side we were. Still struggling for goals, it was our defence that led the way with 16 clean sheets. It was a season that saw evergreen skipper Alan Hedley pass the 500 games mark and manager Danny Edwards reach 700 games in charge. Saints embrace change but enjoy stability at the same time.

2018/19 saw Saints return to the Isthmian League after 12 seasons as football was restructured. An inconsistent defence and a shortage of goals ensured Saints were unable to escape the mid-table places. Towards the end of the season, Danny Edwards signalled his wish to step down from the role he had held with such distinction and Saints had to begin the process of finding a new manager.

If 2019/20 season became the one that never happened, it provided a new launch point for Chalfont as Finlay Johnson took over the reins. New faces and promising youth saw the season start well but a lack of goals eventually started to take its toll. A mid-table finish looked to have been secured before the lockdown put a premature end to the season.

Silverware for both the Under-18s and the Under 23s certainly raised the spirits in the club in the 2020/21 season but for the Senior side the season barely got going before it was abandoned.

2021/22 proved to be a season of shattered dreams. The optimism of an opening day win soon turned into a season best watched from behind the sofa as it seemed that everything that could go against the side did. Several changes of manager failed to halt the slide and with too many games decided by a single or a late goal, and with a squad decimated by injuries and departures, relegation from Step 4 after 11 seasons was confirmed in a play-off game.

2022/23 was a tough learning experience for Saints. A preseason that saw the management and playing squad hollowed out for the second time in recent years ultimately proved too much for manager Dean Goodliff and in the new year Michael East and Liam Dwyer took joint control of the team. The threat of relegation never went away and in a crazy end to the season when the three bottom sides couldn't help but win, Saints held their nerve at Harefield to secure the final day win to ensure safety.

Saints will look to take the lessons learned from a chastening season into 2023/24 with a greater sense of confidence and stability and will be looking to the higher regions of the table and not looking down.



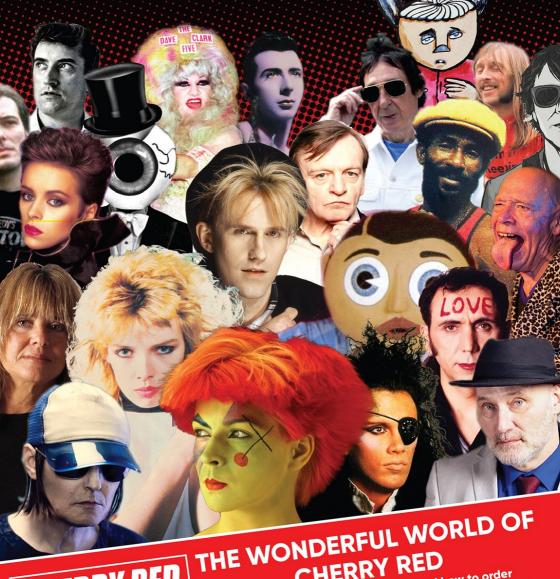
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