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- The Club reserves the right to amend these rules at any time.

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 Reading City.

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; Daniel Harvey, Nigel Hickes and Andre Johnson-Small.

Tonight's game has been arranged at very short notice so our thanks go to everyone who has had to change plans to get to the game.

The league has had to work hard to squeeze in all the outstanding games before the season is due to finish in 17 days. Several teams still have more than a quarter of the season to play, so there will be a lot of tired players, and pitches, by the end of the month.

There has been, and will continue to be, much discussion about how to set out the season in the future if spells of increasingly bad weather, be it low temperatures or heavy rain, that mean that season ends are to avoid this mad rush to complete, becomes the norm.

The Combined Counties has the added problem of having so many clubs in ground share arrangements

that makes sorting fixtures such a nightmare. The AGM could be lively!

Our own position remains uncomfortable, but it is the same for several clubs at the wrong end of the table. A win here or there could change the picture dramatically, but there are no easy games at this point and so we have to keep the faith.

We are back at Mill Meadow on Saturday to face Egham Town, our opponents for the opening league game back in August. Tuesday sees the reverse of tonight's game when we travel to Reading City.

Two days later we welcome North Greenford United for the restaging of the game that has proved to be our only weather postponement of the season. Not all grounds have spent months under water!

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Enjoy the game and safe home afterwards.

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WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL
2-2 Burnham v Milton Utd

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

CHALFONT ST PETER v Reading City
North Greenford Utd v Bedfont Sports
Wokingham & Emmbrook v Broadfields Utd

FRIDAY 12 APRIL Hilltop v Virginia Water

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

Ardley Utd v North Greenford Utd

Bedfont Sports v Flackwell Heath

Broadfields Utd v Milton Utd

CHALFONT ST PETER v Egham Town

Harefield Utd v Edgware & Kingsbury

Wallingford & Crowmarsh v Holyport

Wembley v Burnham

Wokingham & Emmbrook v Reading City

MONDAY 15 APRIL
Burnham v Wokingham & Emmbrook
Hilltop v Rayners Lane

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

Flackwell Heath v Wembley

Milton Utd v Virginia Water

North Greenford Utd v Broadfields Utd

Reading City v CHALFONT ST PETER

Wokingham & Emmbrook v Risborough Rangers

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL Burnham v Hilltop

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

CHALFONT ST PETER v North Greenford Utd

Harefield Utd v Hilltop

Milton Utd v Bedfont Sports

Reading City v Egham Town

Combined Counties League Premier North Division as at 10 April 2024

Pos	Team	Р	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	Pts
1	Flackwell Heath	33	26	4	3	86	25	61	82
2	Rayners Lane (-4pts)	34	27	4	3	101	32	69	81
3	Bedfont Sports	32	18	8	6	88	30	58	62
4	Burnham	30	15	6	9	81	55	26	51
5	Holyport	33	15	4	14	48	53	-5	49
6	Risborough Rangers	34	14	5	15	63	56	7	47
7	Milton United	33	14	5	14	54	65	-11	47
8	Ardley United	34	12	9	13	52	61	-9	45
9	Reading City	29	13	5	11	60	51	9	44
10	Virginia Water (-3pts)	32	13	8	11	46	49	-3	44
11	North Greenford United	28	12	7	9	52	46	6	43
12	Broadfields United	32	13	4	15	63	73	-10	43
13	Egham Town	34	10	12	12	51	57	-6	42
14	Harefield United	34	13	3	18	46	54	-8	42
15	Wembley	34	9	8	17	40	81	-41	35
16	Edgware & Kingsbury	35	8	8	19	44	70	-26	32
17	Wallingford & Crowmarsh	34	7	9	18	41	78	-37	30
18	Hilltop	28	7	6	15	41	62	-21	27
19	Chalfont St Peter	32	7	5	20	43	70	-27	26
20	Wokingham & Emmbrook	29	6	6	17	34	66	-32	24

Chalfont St Peter Results & Fixtures 2023-24

	Date	Opposition		Comp	Res	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	
Ą	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	
er	Sat 9	Holyport	Α	League	0-2	L	59	15	-		4	
Ĕ	Sat 16	RAYNERS LANE	Н	League	0-5	L	53	18	-		3	
September	Sat 23	WALLINGFORD & CROWMARSH	Н	League	5-0	W	62	12	McGarvie 2, Mead 2, Salami		4	1
Š	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		3	1
0	Sat 28	North Greenford Utd	Α	League	1-2	L	76	14	OG		3	
ber	Sat 4	HAREFIELD UTD	н	League	0-1	1	123	15	-		3	
-Ea	Sat 11	Broadfields Utd	Α	League	2-1	w	57	11	McGarvie, Hodgins		-	
November	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	
Scel	Sat 16	VIRGINIA WATER	Н	League	2-2	D	51	13	Wood, Ovington		-	
Ď	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	
anı	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
-ebruary	Tue 6	Flackwell Heath	Α	League	0-3	L	153	16	-	1	2	
bro	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	
4	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	
2	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	1-3	L	63	19	McGarvie		2	
	Thu 11	READING CITY	Н	League								
April	Sat 13	EGHAM TOWN	Н	League								
∢	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								

PLAYER STATISTICS

at 10 April 2024

TOTAL

at 10 April 2024	P36	W7 D5	124		
	Α	S	G		
Frankie Bircham	26	5	4	_	8
Max McGarvie	23	10	9		2
Craig Mathieson	23	4	6	1	4
James Evans	23	2	0		6
Jack James	22	4	0		3
Ollie Salami	20	7	3		4
Cadell Fraser-Robinson	20	0	0		6
Henry Dudley	18	1	0		6
Fin Purcell (GK)	18	0	0		1
Jack Hodgins	17	6	4		2
Tom Clark (GK)	16	0	0		1
Harrison Mead	15	0	4		1
Jordan Payne	11	4	1		4
Lewis Stevens	10	7	0		3
Tom Kennard	10	6	2		3
Jamie Ovington	10	0	3	2	3
Bradley Dixon-Smith	9	3	0		3
Kian Austin	9	1	0		
Kayne Connor	8	3	0	1	
Sam Wood	7	3	4		1
Josh Quinlivan	7	2	1		2 1
Ben Bell	6	2	0		1
Callum Rogers	6	0	1		
Tecane Shrowder	6	0	0		2
Roy Byron	5	7	0		1
Andrew Tayaca	5	1	0		
Drilon Krasniqi	4	9	1		4
Connor Spinks	4	1	1		1
Harrison Marquez	4	1	0		4
Sam Shaw Kahlil Francis	4	0 6	0 2	2	2
Josh Penemo	3	5	0	2	2
Courtney Austin	3	0	0		
Mark Amaning	3	0	0		1
Caden Barber	2	4	0		1
Darren Page	2	3	0		1
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
Jordan Gutteridge	1	0	0		
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		
Samir Shaffi	0	3	0		
Femi Ogunsola	0	2	0		
Freddie Plant	0	2	0		
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 Reading City



Reading City Football Club may have been established in 2018, but the story began many, many years before.

Delve into our history and learn of the success and setbacks and find out how we became a non-league football club the whole town can be proud to be associated with as we embark the latest chapter of our rich history.

WHY THE NAME READING CITY?

We often get asked why we are called Reading City when Reading is not a city yet?

We chose the name of Reading City rather than Reading Town to preserve the history of Reading Town who sadly dissolved in 2016, but also to preserve the history of Highmoor and Highmoor Ibis, so rather than writing over their history people can see how each of these local clubs fed into Reading City, as we're now known. We also wanted a name that better reflected the area that we served as here at Reading City FC we pride ourselves on being at the heart of the local community.

THE HIGHMOOR YEARS

Highmoor is a small village in South Oxfordshire that has a population of less than 300 and is home to a small but very attractive cricket and football ground, this is where our journey began. Most of the original football team came from the neighbouring villages of Sonning Common, Stoke Row, and Woodcote. Tracing back over the records, a Highmoor Football Club can be found in existence until just after the war, with the club that is now called Reading City FC being formed in 1967.

Prior to 1990, the club enjoyed little success and it the late 1980s was very close to extinction as they struggled to fill the 2 teams. It was during this period that the current club secretary, Chris Gallimore took over and recruited now Club Chairman, Martin Law, to become 1st team manager, and between them, they assembled a strong squad of players and success was to follow.

THE HIGHMOOR IBIS YEARS

As the club progressed through the divisions and into the Reading Senior League (now Thames Valley Premier League), they outgrew their original home in Highmoor and in 2001 proposed a merger with Ibis FC based at the Ibis Club (now The Atrium Health Club) in Scours Lane, Reading next to our current home the Rivermoor. The Ibis FC was formed in 1913 and is the sports and social club of Prudential Assurance Company. The Ibis name some say because many rowing clubs took the names of waterfowl. Others believe it derived from the cry Come on the Ibis

which habitually drowned out the supporters of the OBs in departmental team events. (IB standing for the Industrial Branch and OB standing for the Ordinary Branch of the Prudential).

Since 2001 the club has achieved various successes including winning the Reading Senior League (now Thames Valley Premier League), twice, Maidenhead Norfolkian Senior Cup, BTC Intermediate and Senior Cups, and Reading Invitation Challenge Cup Senior as well as the A team winning league and cup competitions.

The 2003/04 season saw the club be crowned winners of the Reading League Senior Division (now Thames Valley Premier League) without losing a match but sadly because facilities at Scours Lane didn't meet the Hellenic League ground requirements and had no alternative pitch, we were unable to accept the promotion and would therefore stay in the Reading League Senior Division (now Thames Valley Premier League).

In 2005/06 the club won the Reading Senior Cup in 2005–06, beating Woodley Town 4–1 in the final at the Madejski Stadium.

After finishing as runners-up in 2006–07 and 2008–09, Highmoor were champions of the Reading League Senior Division again in 2010–11 earning us promotion to Division One East of the Hellenic League.

MOVE TO PALMER PARK

Since becoming Highmoor Ibis, our home games were played Ibis Club (now The

Atrium Health Club), but following promotion to the Hellenic League Division One East in 2011 an opportunity we weren't going to miss, after having had to turn down a promotion in 2004 as we didn't meet the Hellenic League ground requirements due to not have a stand or floodlights and therefore did not meet the league requirements and having secured a lease at the Palmer Park Stadium, a general use stadium including a 780-seat stand and athletics track around the pitch in East Reading were unable to move up to the Hellenic Football League.

THE HELLENIC YEARS

The 2011/12 saw us competing in the Hellenic League for the first time in our clubs rich history and what a fantastic inaugural season we had, not only did we secure promotion to the Hellenic Football League Premier Division where we remain today having finished runners up to Newbury, we were also runners up in the Hellenic League's Supplementary Cup and the Reading Invitation Challenge Senior Cup.

At the end of the 2014/15 season, we finished as runners up to Flackwell Heath in the Hellenic League Premier Division and remained in the league until the end of the 2020/21 Season.

MOVE TO THE RIVERMOOR

In 2016 the club moved from Palmer Park Stadium bringing an end to five years spent in East Reading to come back West Reading where we last played in 2011 and took up residence at our current home in Scours Lane which was renamed as the Rivermoor as part of our

relocation. The move to West Reading came about as a result of the sad demise of Reading Town who previously occupied the ground. Reading Town were sadly dissolved in 2016 after 50 years of serving the community of Reading, we're now proud to pick up that baton.

The Rivermoor is now the hub of the community, we proudly ground share with Woodley United and host various footballing events throughout the football season. Since 2016 we have also been working hard to improve the facilities at the Rivermoor and picked up the coveted 2018/19 Berkshire Football Award for best ground, an award we are very proud of.

HOW DID THE RIVERMOOR GETS ITS NAME?

The Rivermoor gets its name from its location close to the River Thames (River) and the club's former name Highmoor (Moor).

One of the things about the Rivermoor is that it is taking the fact we are near the River, so you have got the Thames and It was taking the end of the Moor, the Highmoor, Martin told them that whenever he says the Rivermoor it brings back his memories of what we achieved in our years as Highmoor, where we went with Highmoor, where we came from, what we went through, the great times we had, all the players that have gone through and all the people that have helped. Martin says the Moor bit reminds him of that and the River is we're now by the River and moving on, so it was something very

simple but to me it actually means something.

When changing our name to Reading City Football Club we kept the ground name as the Rivermoor in a nod to our history as Highmoor and Highmoor Ibis".

THE READING CITY YEARS

In the summer of 2018, we took the difficult decision to rebrand from Highmoor Ibis to Reading City. The rebrand ended a long chapter of success and setbacks with the intent of becoming a non-league club the whole town can be proud to be associated with.

Our ambition as a club is to become the football club that everybody under Reading Football Club wants to aspire to play for and be involved in. When interviewed in 2018 about the name change, Club Chairman Martin Law told the Reading Chronicle "With every organisation you have to have commercial branding associated with your location". Since then we have worked tirelessly to ensure the brand is well recognised within the local community, the hard work paid off as the club won the coveted 2018/19 Berkshire Football Award for Best Social Media and Website.

THE COMBINED COUNTIES YEARS

The Football Association laterally moved us to the newly formed Combined Counties League Premier Division North as part of their overhaul of the National League System.



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.



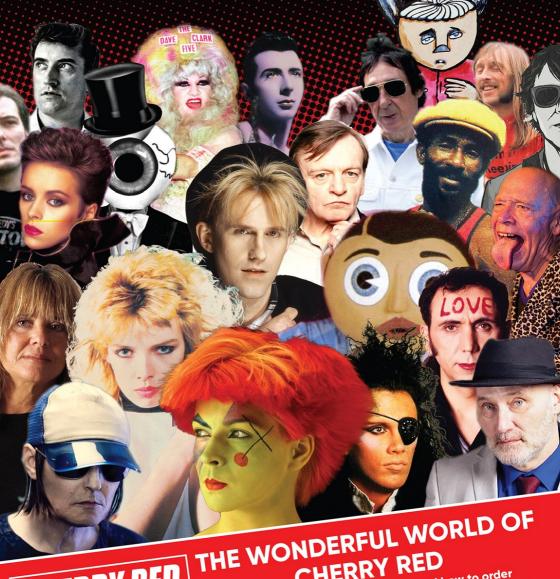
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