



# ALLIANCE VASE

## FINAL 2021 BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES v ENDERBY & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES

ST. ANDREWS FC  
13 JUNE 2021 | KO 1900





# MARK WHAIT, CHAIRMAN

**W**elcome everyone to our newly arranged cup finals. planning to do but they met the challenge.

The fact we are all here able to do something we love is a huge boost after losing the best part of 2 seasons to covid, and represents our first staging of cup finals since 2019. After the year we have all endured the simplicity of playing the beautiful game once more should never be underestimated. Enjoy every minute!

My thanks go to our incredibly hard working committee - discussing these competitions over Zoom in March to seeing them through in June is testament to their dedication and determination to give our clubs the football they were craving. There was a lot of

Huge thanks also to St Andrews for hosting the finals - grass roots football needs to come together to rebuild finances and structure, and we wish them ongoing success.

This game takes place in the shadow of the events at the Telia Parken Stadium in Copenhagen last night, and the thought of everyone at the Alliance League wish Denmark's Christian Eriksen, a full recovery.

Best of luck to both sides competing for the trophy and to our match officials who I hope enjoy the game.

**Should the scores be level after 90 minutes, the match will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark. This season there will be no extra-time played in the Alliance League Cup Finals.**

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# MATCH OFFICIALS

## REFEREE - TOMMY HOLLIDGE

Today's referee, Tommy Hollidge, is a well-respected and familiar figure on the local football circuit. This is now his 22<sup>nd</sup> year of refereeing, an impressive feat seeing he has had to take lengthy time off due to three spinal operations, the last in September last year. Tommy is currently at Level 5 but is hoping to be promoted to Level 4 having previously been at Level 3 for seven years. Tommy currently officiates on the United Counties League and Leicestershire Senior League in addition to the Alliance.

Tommy is married to Lucy, and they have seven children between them: Kayleigh, Luke, Millie, Taylor, Chelsea, Grace and Little Tommy.

During the week, Tommy is an Operations Utilities Manager for McCanns. In his spare time, Tommy enjoys running, having completed the London Marathon six times, his best time in 4 hours 29 minutes.

Tommy would like to thank referee secretary Stewart Walker for appointing him to referee this final along with the whole of the Alliance League committee who he believes works tirelessly throughout the season.

## ASSISTANT REFEREE - DALE PRESTON

The first assistant this morning is Dale Preston. Dale regularly referees on the City League on Saturdays and the Alliance League and the various youth leagues on Sundays.

## ASSISTANT REFEREE - ASHLEY COX

Assistant Ash Cox has ten years of refereeing experience under his belt and is currently at Level 6. As well as the Alliance League, he officiates on the Leicestershire County League on a Saturday and the Under 18 Midweek floodlit league.

Ash has two children and is getting married to his partner later in the year - congratulations Ash! Outside of football, Ash is an accountant by day and likes playing darts and following the NFL in his spare time.

## 4TH OFFICIAL - STEPHEN TIERNAN

This morning's fourth official is Stephen Tiernan. He has been refereeing for approximately three years and is currently at level 6 but is in the process of promotion to level 5.

Stephen officiates on the Alliance League, the East Midlands Women's Football League, the Midweek Youth League, the Church League, Leicestershire Youth League, Leicestershire County League and the Inclusive League, which he states as one of his favourites.

Stephen is married to Paula with four children and for a living, works for Johnson Controls as a fire protection engineer. Stephen lists his hobbies as mainly football and is in an unusual position as being an Aston Villa fan (he played in the same school team as legendary Villa and England winger Tony Daley) but a season ticket holder at Leicester City.

He also loves horse racing and walking his cavalier King Charles (Archie), a therapy dog, which Stephen takes to many care homes in and around Leicester, and to LOROS.

The 4 match officials would like to congratulate both Barlestone St. Giles Reserves and Enderby & District Social Club Reserves on reaching tonight's final and hope that the best team prevails.

# BARLESTONE ST. GILES

## RESERVES

Barlestone St Giles Football Club formed in 1958. Originally a church team, the club played on land off Barton Road Barlestone and used the former village hall on Barton road as changing rooms.

In the late 1970's players formed a social committee, and a social club was built from funds raised by the local players and in partnership with a local brewery. The club proved very popular but during the 1980's disaster struck when subsidence from the nearby Bagworth colliery caused damage to the clubhouse and the pitch. A new clubhouse was constructed, and repairs made to the pitch and St Giles were back on track.

In 2003 David Wilson purchased the club house and land, farmland was purchased to the immediate north of the existing pitch, and a new facility was opened in 2005. After several management changes the club is now going strong, even in these trying times. We have an active membership of over 500 and our club house is open every evening in the week and all-day Saturdays and Sundays. We host numerous entertainment events, show live sports and hold community activities throughout the year.

We have three Saturday football teams.

Barlestone St Giles FC (Leicestershire Senior League)

Barlestone St Giles FC Reserves (Leicestershire County Football League)

Barlestone St Giles FC Veterans (Leicester City League)

On Sundays we host four teams playing in the Alliance league

Barlestone St Giles Sunday FC

Barlestone St Giles Sunday FC Reserves

Barlestone Athletic

Newstock Rangers

Our Sunday reserves team is managed by Player/Manager Jack Brown assisted by performance coach Callum Sheasby. Their reserves team have come together following the restart and produced a magnificent cup run which the entire club is proud of.

*Paul Burchell*, Club Secretary

Player/Manager: Jack Brown

Coach: Callum Sheasby

Sponsors: Marstons

Colours Shirts: Orange

Shorts: Black

Socks: Black

# BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES

## ROUTE TO THE FINAL

*11 APR          GROUP 2*

BARLESTONE RANGERS 1

**BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES 2**

*18 APR          GROUP 2*

**BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES 2**

BLABY WANDERERS 1

*25 APR          GROUP 2*

CSKA CARNABYS RESERVES 0

**BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES 6**

*2 MAY          GROUP 2*

BALL PARK NIRVANA A

**BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES W**

*16 MAY          GROUP 2*

**BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES 8**

HUNCOTE & BLACKBIRD 2

*30 MAY          SEMI-FINAL*

**BARLESTONE ST. GILES RESERVES 2(4)**

BARLESTONE RANGERS 2(2)

# ENDERBY & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES

## ROUTE TO THE FINAL

*11 APR GROUP 1*

MOSSDALE RANGERS	1
<b>ENDERBY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES</b>	<b>0</b>

*18 APR GROUP 1*

<b>ENDERBY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES</b>	<b>3</b>
WHITWICK WANDERERS	2

*2 MAY GROUP 1*

<b>ENDERBY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES</b>	<b>3</b>
THURLASTON MAGPIES JUNIOR COBRAS RESERVES	1

*9 MAY GROUP 1*

BRAUNSTONE TRINITY SUNDAY	3
<b>ENDERBY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES</b>	<b>5</b>

*16 MAY GROUP 1*

<b>ENDERBY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES</b>	<b>4</b>
BLS UNITED	4

*23 MAY GROUP 1*

NEWSTOCK RANGERS	0
<b>ENDERBY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES</b>	<b>1</b>

*30 MAY SEMI-FINAL*

BLS UNITED	1
<b>ENDERBY &amp; DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES</b>	<b>3</b>

# ENDERBY & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES

Enderby Social Club Reserves FC was founded 3 years ago, following over a decade as The Alliance FC, due to the frankly ridiculous cost of hiring a pitch every season and The Social offered a cheap pitch and cheap beer, so the switch was a no brainer. The club retained its core of players and for the past 7 years has seen the same group of 8-10 players feature for the club along with a variety of new players joining over the past couple of seasons.

As a team we have had a few semi-finals before but have never managed to get ourselves to a final and the club is awash with excitement as it is a double final, with both First Team and Reserves making it to their respective finals.

Long suffering manager Nick Cooper had this to say about the team "Excited and privileged to have reached the final of this one-time cup competition. On the back of a strong part season in the league, 5 wins from 5, it was good to have the chance for the lads to carry on this form and potentially lift a trophy in the process. I am expecting a tough game but sure my squad can pull a performance out the bag." Club money man Tom Allen, had these comments about the team, "A huge surprise to see the boys in the final, I have provided a lack of investment for players and equipment, but as I am retiring at the end of the season it would be nice to see us win a trophy that I can sell on the market."

Another long serving member of the team is club captain Luke Wills, he has been with the club both as The Alliance and Social Reserves, he had this to say. "Yeah, it would be great to add a trophy to my CV, I could then get a trophy printed on to my captain's armband. I just hope the result doesn't affect me carrying on with the armband for another season, because nothing means more to me than wearing that armband."

We look forward to an enjoyable end to probably the strangest season of football that any of us will ever take part in, and to hopefully bring home the trophy with us.

*Ben Reynolds,* Club Secretary

Manager:	Nick Cooper
Captain:	Luke Wills
Sponsors:	Enderby & District Social Club
Colours	Shirts: Blue & Black Stripes
	Shorts: Black
	Socks: Black



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# PREVIOUS FINALS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021**

**ALLIANCE TROPHY FINAL**

**MARKFIELD RANGERS 40**

**4**

**HARBOROUGH TOWN SUNDAY**

**0**



**MARKFIELD RANGERS 40**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021**

**ALLIANCE CUP FINAL**

**NORTHFIELD SUNDAYS**

**2**

**THE PLOUGH INN, B'THORPE**

**5**



**THE PLOUGH INN**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021**

**ALLIANCE SHIELD FINAL**

**ENDERBY & DIST. SOCIAL CLUB**

**1**

**FC TUMAR**

**4**



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# TODAY'S SQUADS

## BARLESTONE ST. GILES

### RESERVES

EDWARD **ADCOCK**  
JACK **BROWN**  
CHARLIE **FISHER**  
JACOB **FURNIVAL**  
DANIEL **HARRINGTON**  
BRENDAN **HEXTALL**  
THOMAS **HOWARD**  
JOE **MALSBURY**  
WILLIAM **NEWBALL-  
UNDERWOOD**  
ADAM **PETTITT**  
LIAM **SANDERS**  
MITCHELL **SHELTON**  
JAMES **STATHAM**  
WILL **THOMPSON**

## ENDERBY & DISTRICT

### SOCIAL CLUB RESERVES

GIUSEPPE **ALLESANDRO**  
JACK **BLANKSBY**  
SAM **BLANKSBY**  
NICHOLAS **COOPER**  
RYAN **COX**  
TOM **COX**  
SCOTT **CUPPLEDITCH**  
BILL **FREESTONE**  
JOSHUA **HALLAM**  
ADAM **HARRIS**  
THOMAS **HARRIS**  
KARL **STANLEY**  
JAMES **TINDALL**  
LUKE **WILLS**

### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE: TOMMY **HOLLIDGE**  
ASSISTANT: ASHLEY **COX**

ASSISTANT: DALE **PRESTON**  
4<sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL: STEPHEN **TIERNAN**