

BRIDGEND STREET PLAYERS' PROFILES 2011-12

Tony Borg An amazing 38 goals for "Bullet Tooth Borg" . There's not many players at this level that can boast their own personal "disciple" fan club, then again there's not many players at this level that look older than their spitting image father either. One hell of a player who makes a mockery of the "work hard and play hard" ethic. Borgey just play's hard.

Ross Powell Free kick specialist "One Punch Powell" was desperate to put a football trophy on his mantelpiece to go with his unlicensed boxing medals so he bit his lip and joined the Street. A fantastic signing it's proved with left back Powell chipping in with a fantastic 11 goals.

Paul Carro "Squeby jnr", the son of a true Street legend returned to the club injured, unfit and completely out of sorts after a few seasons of life in the Welsh League with various clubs but has worked extremely hard to get himself in shape to be a vital part of the team. One of the penny watchers at the club that treats every pound like a manhole cover.

Robert Fowler Striker turned winger "Bilko" plays dumb to his critics and continues to bang in the goals and work his socks off for the team. Hit and miss maybe but nothing ever short of 101% effort and determination which is a Bridgend Street trait handed down from his father and semi-famous brother (Furhead). If you ever need to book a good DJ then contact Alex.

Craig Dale Captain fantastic in every sense of the word. Another brilliant season for the Street Jackie Chan lookalike with a fifth title win who demonstrates on and off the field his love for the red & white stripes. His best moment came when lifting the Senior Cup on a memorable night 4 years ago, nearly joined Cwmbran soon after but the loyalty strings forced him to stay put. Another player following in his father's footsteps (on and off the pitch) and not averse to a post match celebratory cigar to go with his permanent toothy smile inherited from Uncle Carl.

Darren Huish A Street veteran who has returned to the club recently that can play at the back or midfield. Pugsley loves a tackle and will hopefully complete a full season this time, on his day as good as anyone.

Marcus Jones Former youth teamer with bags of pace, rips defences to shreds and scores with all the skill of an experienced campaigner, no longer a prospect but the real deal. The strange

thing is that this kid is surely one of the thickest players ever to wear the Street kit and that's some statement. The stories of his stupidity are endless and trying to have a conversation with him is pointless as you'll just be wasting your time.

Ryan Shugar Our marquee signing of the summer! Classy central midfielder rejoins the Street after a bit of tracksuit collecting with Goytre being his last stop. One you would pick to stand side by side on the pitch but would be benched during the after match general knowledge quiz.

Keiran Leto A class act who's in his first season at the club as a senior. Again another 18 year old and former Street youth team product, again absolutely nothing upstairs. The manager is considering having another changing room built especially for the berk brigade.

Adam Govier What a signing !!! A vastly experienced defender who bravely made the move from Sully Sports to The Street mid season and has fitted in superbly. The boys have the utmost respect for him and he's become a firm favourite with the supporters. Sully's loss was the champions gain and we hope the big man bounces back for more next season even though he's so old he qualifies for heating allowance.

David Hutcheon The Vernon Kay double Hutch has had an in-out season due to work and a very long wedding break that would put Prince William and Kate Middleton to shame. A classy defender/mr nice guy who is Street through and through. We've won five league titles and guess whatHutch has featured in every one of those campaigns. Enough said.

Anthony Deans Yet another graduate from our all conquering youth team this hard tackling midfielder will compete hard for the congested midfield spots this season.

Chrissy Davies Signed from Llanrumney in the close season and has also played for Taffs Well. Striker who has always caused problems for the Street in past seasons as a skilful opponent with an eye for goal.

Jeffrey White Another striker signed in the summer to bolster our options up top. The former Rhoose front man has settled in well during the pre season and has caught the eye in the friendlies. Turned down other clubs to sign for the Street after linking up with GP in the South Wales representative squad from last season.

Paul Mace Player of the year for 09-10 Macey is the work horse of the team and in many ways the unsung hero. The type of player that can have a stormer and go unnoticed and also play bad and still go unnoticed, loves a moan too. There haven't been many bad games from this former Llanrumney United medal searcher and he also has excellent erectional skills..... the stand and dug out were both built by Mace.

Tom Chorley Little is known about the mid season arrival apart from the fact he's a terrific keeper from a goalkeeping family. He seems well educated so it's strange how he's ended up at The Street but his arrival and performances have been perfect timing. Not only that but Tom's dedication is there for all to see with his weekly travel back from the RAF to keep goal for the Street. He's only 19 and has a terrific future ahead of him.

David Mwasigallah Not many players cross the road from Splott Albion to take the big step up in class and do well for themselves at The Street, but "Mazzy" is an exception to the rule. He won a South Wales Senior Cup Winners medal in his first season here and has been a massive part of our success since. Three seasons and three gold medals takes some doing. The boys love him - but by goodness he can talk, even more now he's in his thirties.

Kristian Nagle A successful amateur boxer in his second stint at the club. Nagle signed mid season and has added an extra dimension to the manager's options with electric pace and excellent fitness levels. Kristian is a Borgey disciple who refuses to travel to away games unless he's sat alongside our top scorer. In all seriousness this guy is highly rated and has a big future at the club.

Lee Bishop Has only recently got anywhere near to fitness but undoubtedly one of the (if not the) most skillful players at the club. Unreliable, not very clever but a lovely bloke who we hope gets his act together for next season. Another one of the many Borgey disciples.

Manager - Gary Proctor His armed forces career are evident at all times. Attention to detail, consistency and a hunger to win are all part of the GP persona. Since returning to the club in the summer of 2009 he's led us to two consecutive league titles at a canter and instilled a new and much needed mind set. The players are spoiled but GP also stands no nonsense and has the respect of the squad. Has managed at Rhyader, Llanelli and more recently

Cwmbran amongst others but returned to the Street to get promotion within 2 seasons – job done. Trying to get a drink from Gary at the bar is a harder task than splitting the atom.

Assistant Manager - Jason Proctor Just like his dad, J has an amazing attention to detail and coupling that with a fierce drive and determination the future of The Street is healthy and the envy of many other clubs. A true football man who somehow also finds time to head up the successful St Albans mini & junior section. With an infectious laugh J is the perfect foil for his Dad's more serious approach.

BRIDGEND STREET BRIEF HISTORY

Bridgend Street was a residential street based in Splott and was situated off Portmanmoor Road which was a long road full of shops, pubs, off licences and houses. It was a vibrant area to say the least.

In 1973 the decision was made to demolish many streets as part of the council's regeneration of the area. Hundreds of houses were knocked down which split a very close knit community. Sadly Bridgend Street was one of the affected streets. In the street there was a hall called Bridgend Street Mission which was an outlet for many activities and sporting ventures hence the football team name which we have proudly carried forward. The club is over 100 years old having been formed in 1899.

Ironically there is only one remaining original building left on Portmanmoor Road... The Fleurs which is of course our home base, now managed by Phil & Debbie James who took over from club President Dai Furnish back in 2002.

On the field during the 70's and 80's Street were a dominant force at District level winning multiple titles and cups also including several memorable Amateur Cup wins in the South Wales area. After finally gaining promotion in 1994 to the Senior League managed then ironically by our current gaffer Gary Proctor, Street went from strength to strength. Successive managers Joe Feehan, Garry Fowler, Marc Warren and Kingsley & Geraint all recorded titles and cup success but the question was always - when are Street going to achieve Welsh League status, if ever?

Gary returned to the club in summer 2009 and assisted by son Jason rewrote the record books going the entire league season unbeaten in their first year. Last season after much investment and hard work off the field directed by Jason and club stalwart Lollar Marshall Street finally had a venue worthy of the team at The Willows and after another fine season culminating in a record fifth Senior League title Street finally took their place in the upper echelons of Welsh football.