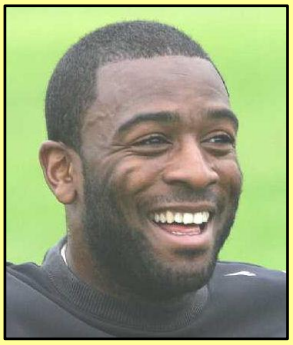
Nathan Levi ELLINGTON (2007-2009) Forward



Born Bradford, Yorkshire, 2 July 1981

Watford Career

Football League: 22+31 appearances (5 goals)
FA Cup: 1+1 appearances
Football League Cup: 0+1 appearance
Début: (as sub) 2-0 home win v Ipswich Town, Football League Championship, 1 Sep 2007
Final game: (as sub) 0-1 home defeat v Derby County, Football League Championship, 12 Dec 2009
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 11; all competitions 11

Career Path

Cavendish Gestetner; Crystal Palace youth team; Tooting & Mitcham United; Walton & Hersham; Bristol Rovers (£150,000 February 1999); Wigan Athletic (£750,000+ March 2002); West Bromwich Albion (£3 million August 2005); **WATFORD** (£3.25 million August 2007); Derby County (loan May 2008 for 1 season, for which Watford received £1 million in 2 instalments); Skoda Xanthi *(Greece)* (one-year loan January 2010); Preston North End (loan January 2011); Ipswich Town (free June 2011, contract cancelled January 2013); Scunthorpe United (loan November 2012); Crewe Alexandra (March 2013 after a month's trial, released close season 2013); Southport (October 2013, released December 2013); Persija Jakarta *(Indonesia)* (February 2014 very briefly); Egerton (October 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1998/99	Bristol Rovers	1	9	1	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 13th of 24
1999/00	Bristol Rovers	12	25	4	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 7th of 24
2000/01	Bristol Rovers	36	6	15	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
2001/02	Bristol Rovers	27		15	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 23rd of 24
2001/02	Wigan Athletic	3		2	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 10th of 24
2002/03	Wigan Athletic	41	1	15	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2003/04	Wigan Athletic	43	1	18	Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 7th of 24
2004/05	Wigan Athletic	43	2	24	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2005/06	West Bromwich Albion	15	16	5	FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2006/07	West Bromwich Albion	19	18	10	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 4th of 24
2007/08	West Bromwich Albion		3		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	**WATFORD**	**20**	**16**	**4**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 6th of 24**
2008/09	Derby County	13	14	3	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 18th of 24
2009/10	**WATFORD**	**2**	**15**	**1**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 16th of 24**
2010/11	Preston North End	7	11	2	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2011/12	Ipswich Town	1	14		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 15th of 24
2012/13	Ipswich Town		2		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24
2012/13	Scunthorpe United	2	4		Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
2012/13	Crewe Alexandra	2	6		Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 13th of 24

The statistics show that Nathan Ellington had enjoyed a very productive goalscoring career before Watford paid a club-record fee for his services. He was only 26 years old when signed, but the spark had gone and his earnings at Vicarage Road became a considerable liability, necessitating a series of loan deals which alleviated the economic burden until he was released when his contract expired. There were no Watford appearances after his return from Greece, as one more would have triggered a substantial incremental payment to West Bromwich Albion. Although born in Bradford, he was brought south as a baby and raised in London, and his sporting talent extended to table-tennis, at which sport he represented Great Britain.

Frederick Charles ELLIS (1931-1932) Wing-half

Born Sheerness, Kent, 7 October 1900

Died Isle of Sheppey, Kent, 1970

Watford Career

Football League: 30 appearances (1 goal)
FA Cup: 7 appearances
Début: 2-1 home win v Clapton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Aug 1931
Final game: 4-1 home win v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 7 May 1932
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 18; all competitions 21

Career Path

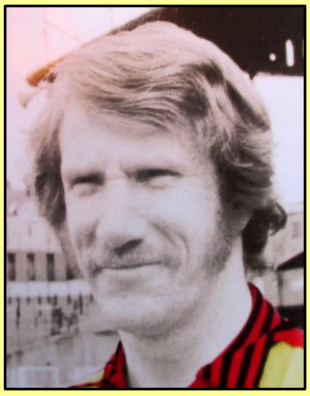
Sheppey United; Aston Villa trial (1924/25); Gillingham (June 1925); **WATFORD** (free June 1931); Clapton Orient (free July 1932); Ashford Town (October 1933); Sittingbourne (November 1934 until November 1936)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1925/26	Gillingham	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22
1926/27	Gillingham	10			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22
1927/28	Gillingham	27			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1928/29	Gillingham	11			Football League Division 3 (South) – 22nd of 22
1929/30	Gillingham	20		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22
1930/31	Gillingham	36			Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22
1931/32	**WATFORD**	**30**		**1**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22**
1932/33	Clapton Orient	27			Football League Division 3 (South) – 20th of 22

After an unsuccessful trial period at Villa Park, it was with his local Football League club that Fred Ellis began a career at that level which ran its entire course in Division 3 (South). He was a fairly regular choice at wing-half in his one Watford season, during which he had the satisfaction of taking part in a home-and-away 'double' at the expense of his former employers. His only goal contributed to a 3-0 win over Cardiff City.

Samuel ELLIS (1977-1978) Centre-half



Born Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, 12 September 1946

Representative Honours

England Under-23

Watford Career

Football League: 30+4 appearances (4 goals, including 3 penalties)
FA Cup: 1 appearance
Football League Cup: 5 appearances (1 goal, a penalty)
Début: 2-1 home win v Reading, Football League Cup 1st Round 1st Leg, 13 Aug 1977
Final game: 0-4 away defeat v Hull City, Football League Div 3, 4 Nov 1978
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 20; all competitions 26

Career Path

Snipe Wanderers; W.H.Smith, Manchester; Sheffield Wednesday (September 1964); Mansfield Town (£10,000 January 1972); Lincoln City (May 1973); **WATFORD** (£6,000 July 1977, coaching staff close season 1979, reserve-team manager); Blackpool manager (June 1982 until March 1989); Bury manager (May 1989); Manchester City assistant-manager (December 1990 until August 1993); Lincoln City manager (May 1994 until September 1995); Bury assistant-manager (November 1995); Burnley assistant-manager (close season 1998); Leeds United assistant-manager (May 2004 until close season 2006); Luton Town assistant-manager (April 2007 until January 2008); Sheffield United assistant-manager (February 2008 until December 2010); Stoke City chief scout (until December 2012)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1965/66	Sheffield Wednesday	10			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1966/67	Sheffield Wednesday	41			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1967/68	Sheffield Wednesday	25			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1968/69	Sheffield Wednesday	31	1		Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1969/70	Sheffield Wednesday	31			Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1970/71	Sheffield Wednesday	17	1	1	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 22
1971/72	Mansfield Town	20			Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1972/73	Mansfield Town	44		7	Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1973/74	Lincoln City	45		1	Football League Division 4 – 12th of 24
1974/75	Lincoln City	45		13	Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1975/76	Lincoln City	44		12	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1976/77	Lincoln City	39		7	Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24
1977/78	**WATFORD**	**27**	**1**	**4**	**Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)**
1978/79	**WATFORD**	**3**	**3**		**Football League Division 3 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)**

A strong, tough-tackling centre-half who captained Graham Taylor's Fourth Division championship-winning teams at both Lincoln City and Watford. His long Hillsborough stint encompassed an FA Cup Final appearance at the age of 19 – a disappointing experience, Wednesday losing to Everton after leading 2-0. Injury problems brought Sam Ellis's playing career to an end but he stayed in the game in coaching and managerial posts.

Barry ENDEAN (1968-1971) Forward

Born Chester-le-Street, County Durham, 22 March 1946

Watford Career

Football League: 72+5 appearances (28 goals)
FA Cup: 13 appearances (8 goals)
Football League Cup: 2+1 appearances (1 goal)
Début: (as sub) 1-2 away defeat v Hartlepool, Football League Div 3, 16 Sep 1968
Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Oxford United, FA Cup 4th Round replay, 27 Jan 1971
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 22; all competitions 27

Career Path

Pelton Fell (amateur); Everton trial; **WATFORD** (professional August 1968 after trial); Charlton Athletic (£10,000 February 1971); Blackburn Rovers (player-exchange October 1971); Huddersfield Town (March 1975); Workington (loan October 1975); Hartlepool (March 1976, released close season 1977); Workington manager (April 1979 for one season); Chester-le-Street (youth-team manager by December 1984, manager March 1988)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1968/69	**WATFORD**	**28**	**2**	**18**	**Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)**
1969/70	**WATFORD**	**38**		**10**	**Football League Division 2 – 19th of 22**
1970/71	**WATFORD**	**6**	**3**		**Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22**
1970/71	Charlton Athletic	17			Football League Division 2 – 20th of 22
1971/72	Charlton Athletic	10		1	Football League Division 2 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1971/72	Blackburn Rovers	12	2		Football League Division 3 – 10th of 24
1972/73	Blackburn Rovers	26	2	9	Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24
1973/74	Blackburn Rovers	25	5	9	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1974/75	Blackburn Rovers	2	5		Football League Division 3 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1974/75	Huddersfield Town	6	2	1	Football League Division 3 – 24th of 24 (Relegated)
1975/76	Huddersfield Town	2	2		Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1975/76	Workington	8		2	Football League Division 4 – 24th of 24
1975/76	Hartlepool	11		3	Football League Division 4 – 14th of 24
1976/77	Hartlepool	13	1	2	Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24

Plucked as a raw, enthusiastic striker from local football in the north-east, Barry Endean spearheaded Watford's rise to the Second Division, becoming something of a Vicarage Road cult figure in the process. His goals included a dramatic diving header against Liverpool in 1970 which took the club into previously uncharted territory – the FA Cup Semi-finals. The two successive campaigns which saw Watford progress further than ever before in first League and then Cup were his first as a professional, and he was the club's leading scorer in both seasons. He'd peaked, however, and the remainder of his career was an anti-climax.

John Cogal ENGLISH (1912-1913) Full-back

Born Hebburn, Northumberland, 13 December 1886

Died Northampton, 21 January 1953

Representative Honours

Football League

Watford Career

Southern League: 33 appearances
FA Cup: 3 appearances
Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 0-1 away defeat v Exeter City, Southern League Div 1, 7 Sep 1912
Final game: 1-2 home defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Southern League Div 1, 12 Apr 1913
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 24; all competitions 28

Career Path

Hebburn Argyle (September 1907); Wallsend Park Villa; Preston North End (May 1910); **WATFORD** ("under £100" August 1912); Sheffield United (£500 April 1913); Darlington Forge Albion & South Shields guest player during First World War; Darlington (player-manager by December 1919, manager close season 1921 until May 1928); Nelson manager (close season 1928); Northampton Town manager (January 1931); Exeter City manager (October 1935 until 1939); Darlington manager (1945/46)

Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1910/11	Preston North End	3			Football League Division 1 – 14th of 20
1911/12	Preston North End	3			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
1912/13	**WATFORD**	**33**			**Southern League Division 1 – 4th of 20**
1913/14	Sheffield United	27			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 20
1914/15	Sheffield United	28			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 20

When Watford sold Jack English they received more than five times the amount they'd paid for him only nine months earlier, the sale (along with those of Tommy Dixon and Arthur Squires) arising from a need to finance the club's summer wage-bill. He was a full-back good enough to play First Division football for Preston North End and Sheffield United, whom he helped to win the FA Cup in 1915. In the first of his two spells as manager of Darlington, the club won the North Eastern League in 1920/21 and Football League Division 3 (North) in 1924/25. His son scored 135 Football League goals for Northampton Town – a club record which has stood since 1960.

George Arthur EPHGRAVE (1951) Goalkeeper

Born Reading, Berkshire, 29 April 1918

Died Guernsey, Channel Islands, 9 December 2004

Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances
Début: 1-7 home defeat v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 6 Sep 1951
Final game: 1-3 home defeat v Plymouth Argyle, Football League Div 3 (South), 15 Sep 1951
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 4

Career Path

Guernsey Rangers; Tottenham Hotspur (amateur October 1935); Northfleet (loan October 1935); Aston Villa (October 1936); Swindon Town (March 1939); Southampton (April 1946); Norwich City (£500 July 1948); **WATFORD** (August 1951); Deal Town (August 1952); March Town (August 1953)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1938/39	Swindon Town	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 22
1946/47	Southampton	29			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1947/48	Southampton	7			Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 22
1948/49	Norwich City	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 22
1949/50	Norwich City	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22
1950/51	Norwich City	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 2nd of 24
1951/52	**WATFORD**	**4**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24**

Although Berkshire-born, George Ephgrave was a Channel Islander from boyhood, the family having emigrated in about 1930. Although not one of the club's most prominent goalkeepers in other ways, he was physically an imposing one, standing over 6 ft 4 ins tall and wearing size 12½ boots. He conceded seven goals at home on his Watford début – and, furthermore, it was against the club which had given him his first Football League appearance. Regular first-team goalkeeper Reg Saphin watched from the stand, having been told by manager Haydn Green that he was leaving him out as he wanted to put Ephgrave on show because someone was interested in signing him. Despite the débacle, the new man kept his place for four games, perversely keeping two clean sheets away from home but conceding ten goals in two games at Vicarage Road. During the Second World War he was captured on Crete and taken first to Odessa, then to Germany, where he spent four years as a POW. After leaving football and returning to Guernsey he had a market garden which specialized in growing tomatoes.

John Mark EUSTACE (2008-2013) Midfielder

Born Solihull, West Midlands, 3 November 1979

Watford Career

Football League: 145+14 appearances (15 goals)
FA Cup: 4 appearances
Football League Cup: 5 appearances
Début: 3-0 home win v Wolverhampton Wanderers, Football League Championship, 2 Feb 2008
Final game: (as sub) 2-1 home win v Bolton Wanderers, Football League Championship, 2 Feb 2013
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 51; all competitions 39

Career Path

Coventry City (trainee July 1996, professional November 1996); Dundee United (loan February 1999); Middlesbrough (loan January 2003); Stoke City (free August 2003); Hereford United (loan October 2006); **WATFORD** (£250,000 January 2008); Derby County (loan March 2009, free July 2013, released close season 2015); Kidderminster Harriers manager (April 2016)

Scottish Premier League, FA Premier League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1998/99	Dundee United	8	3	1	Scottish Premier League – 9th of 10
1999/00	Coventry City	12	4	1	FA Premier League – 14th of 20
2000/01	Coventry City	22	10	2	FA Premier League – 19th of 20 (Relegated)
2001/02	Coventry City	5	1		Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 11th of 24
2002/03	Coventry City	23	9	4	Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 20th of 24
2002/03	Middlesbrough		1		FA Premier League – 11th of 20
2003/04	Stoke City	26		5	Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 11th of 24
2004/05	Stoke City	2	5		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 12th of 24
2006/07	Stoke City	7	8		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 8th of 24
2006/07	Hereford United	8			Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 16th of 24
2007/08	Stoke City	20	6		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2007/08	**WATFORD**	**15**			**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 6th of 24**
2008/09	**WATFORD**	**14**	**3**	**1**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24**
2008/09	Derby County	6	3	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 18th of 24
2009/10	**WATFORD**	**39**	**3**	**4**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 16th of 24**
2010/11	**WATFORD**	**41**		**6**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24**
2011/12	**WATFORD**	**34**	**5**	**4**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 11th of 24**
2012/13	**WATFORD**	**2**	**3**		**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24**
2013/14	Derby County	28	8	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24
2014/15	Derby County	13		1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 8th of 24

After suffering a knee-cartilage injury in 2006, John Eustace spent £40,000 of his own money on surgical treatment in the United States of America, which saved his career. He was very harshly sent off in his second game as Watford captain (Charlie Billington and Sean Dyche suffered this fate in their *first*) against the club he had just left. He became an influential skipper and holding midfielder, a quickness to spot a pass and lay the ball off compensating for his lack of pace. Three consecutive occasions on which Football League goals were attributed to him in 2008/09 constituted as bizarre a trio as could be imagined: first came one of the great refereeing howlers of all time, an 'own goal' being awarded when he headed away for a corner, well wide of the goal; then a scoring header at Southampton which was wrongly credited to him (it was actually a misdirected header by an opponent); and finally a goal with which he was correctly credited at Vicarage Road – but it was *against* his employers when playing for Derby County on loan.

Bernard Royden EVANS (1951) Inside-forward

Born Rotherhithe, London, 7 October 1929

Watford Career

Football League: 2 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 3-2 away win v Shrewsbury Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Aug 1951
Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Leyton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Aug 1951
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

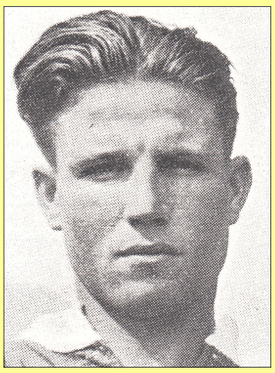
Millwall (March 1950); **WATFORD** (free August 1951 after 2 months' trial); Canterbury City (free close season 1952 until at least September 1953)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1951/52	WATFORD	2		1	Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 24

He couldn't get into Millwall's first team, and after being released was taken on at Vicarage Road after a trial period and made his Football League début straightaway on the opening day of the 1951/52 season. It was Shrewsbury Town's first-ever Football League game, and Roy Evans scored one of the Watford goals which brought a 3-2 away win. He kept the number 10 shirt for the next fixture but was never picked again.

Denzil Ralph EVANS (1937-1948) Forward



Born Hungerford, Berkshire, 9 October 1915

Died Langley, Buckinghamshire, 20 February 1996

Watford Career

Football League: 88 appearances (30 goals)
FA Cup: 8 appearances (2 goals)
Division 3 (South) Cup: 5 appearances (4 goals)
Second World War competitions: 5 appearances
Début: 2-0 away win v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 18 Sep 1937
Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 17 Jan 1948
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 30; all peacetime competitions 35

Career Path

Pen Mill School; Southern Railway Athletic; Somerset; Bury (amateur February 1934 after 2 months' trial); Yeovil & Petters United (professional February 1934); Halifax Town (July 1936); **WATFORD** (free July 1937 until close season 1948, assistant-trainer close season 1950 until close season 1953)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1936/37	Halifax Town	21		1	Football League Division 3 (North) – 7th of 22
1937/38	**WATFORD**	**16**		**5**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22**
1938/39	**WATFORD**	**31**		**6**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22**
1939/40	*WATFORD*	*2*		*1*	*Football League Division 3 (South) – season abandoned*
1946/47	**WATFORD**	**35**		**18**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22**
1947/48	**WATFORD**	**6**		**1**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22**

An enthusiastic forward whose long Watford engagement, spanning the Second World War, was ended by injury, as a result of which he received £300 compensation. Ralph Evans was the club's leading scorer in 1946/47, during which he struck a Christmas Day hat-trick against Southend United, who avenged the 4-0 defeat at Vicarage Road with a 5-0 win in the return fixture on Boxing Day.

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Extract from Agreement between Watford Football Club
and Ralph Denzil Evans professional player.
Period of Engagement 9th April. 1946 to 4th May. 1946
Wages £ 4 : — : — weekly from 9th April 1946. to 4th May. 1946
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Other Special Clause: £1 extra per week when playing in 1st Team
demobbed.

(Signed) H Simmons Secretary.
9th April 1946 Date

Previous Service with League Clubs (including Scottish and Irish):—
Club and Season Bury F.C. 1933-4-5. Halifax Town 1935-6
Watford 1937-8-9.

(Signed) Ralph Denzil Evans Player.

REGULATION 36: "In the case of a professional player, a certified copy of or extract from the Agreement must also be forwarded to the League Secretary on the form provided."

Gwilym Hugh EVANS (1952-1953) Inside-forward

Born Ynysybwl, Glamorgan, 12 December 1919

Died Wickford, Essex, 3 February, 2010

Watford Career

Football League: 7 appearances (2 goals)
Début: 2-0 home win v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Dec 1952
Final game: 2-1 away win v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Jan 1953
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 7; all competitions 7

Career Path

Redditch United; Birmingham City (amateur November 1947, professional December 1947); Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic (June 1950); Walsall (August 1951); **WATFORD** (free August 1952); Bedford Town (July 1954); Hitchin Town

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1948/49	Birmingham City	2			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1949/50	Birmingham City	9			Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1950/51	Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic	22		8	Football League Division 3 (South) – 9th of 24
1951/52	Walsall	36		12	Football League Division 3 (South) – 24th of 24
1952/53	**WATFORD**	**7**		**2**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 10th of 24**

Welshman Hugh Evans joined Watford when he was in business in Luton, where he had been brought up, and at that time had actually been training at Vicarage Road for about a year while playing for Walsall. He had a single mid-season run at inside-left in Watford's first team and scored on his début, against Crystal Palace. After six more games and one more goal he was replaced by Jimmy Bowie, returning from absence caused by injury, and Evans didn't appear in League football again.

Jethro EVANS (1912-1913) Centre-forward

Born Irchester, Northamptonshire, 2 January 1887

Died Mitcham, Surrey, 12 May 1967

Watford Career

Southern League: 11 appearances (1 goal)
FA Cup: 3 appearances
Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 0-1 away defeat v Exeter City, Southern League Div 1, 7 Sep 1912
Final game: 0-1 home defeat v Plymouth Argyle, Southern League Div 1, 1 Mar 1913
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 3; all competitions 6

Career Path

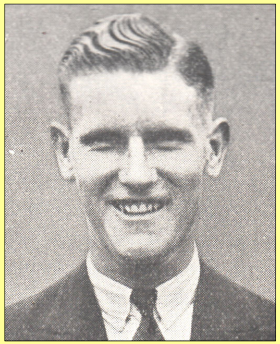
Raunds St Peter; Sheffield United (amateur February 1908, professional February 1908 until close season 1909); Sutton Junction; **WATFORD** (May 1912 until close season 1913)

Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1912/13	WATFORD	11		1	Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20

Brought to Watford on the strength of 30 goals in 1911/12 for Notts & Derbyshire League club Sutton Junction, he fell well short of expectations at centre-forward, his only first-team goal coming in a Southern League win at Stoke. He'd been only a reserve-team player for Sheffield United, who made a grant of £10 to Raunds St Peter after signing Evans and a colleague.

Charlie EWINGTON (1934-1936) Full-back



Born Willesden, Middlesex, 1 January 1914

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 2 February 1978

Watford Career

Football League: 12 appearances
Début: 3-2 away win v Clapton Orient, Football League Div 3 (South), 21 Apr 1934
Final game: 4-0 home win v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Sep 1936
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 4

Career Path

Greycaines Athletic; North Watford Athletic; St Albans City (September 1932); **WATFORD** (amateur May 1932, professional October 1932 until close season 1938); Greycaines (permit to play as an amateur granted close season 1947); other local clubs until 1958

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1933/34	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1934/35	WATFORD	5			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1935/36	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22
1936/37	WATFORD	3			Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22

A product of local amateur football, Charlie Ewington became a professional at Vicarage Road, but in six seasons on the staff had very little first-team experience, being used as a stand-in full-back. He had a hand amputated in an industrial accident when working for Greycaines in 1942, but continued to represent clubs in and around the town until he was 44, having been granted in 1947 a permit to play as an amateur. He died in a car accident, possibly having suffered a heart attack.

Diego FABBRINI (2013-2014) Forward

Born San Giuliano Terme, Pisa, Italy, 31 July 1990

Representative Honours

Italy Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 10+13 appearances (1 goal)
FA Cup: 1+1 appearances
Football League Cup: 3+1 appearances
Début: (as sub) 1-0 away win v Birmingham City, Football League Championship, 3 Aug 2013
Final appearance: 2-1 home win v Brentford, Football League Championship, 30 Sep 2014
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 6; all competitions 7

Career Path

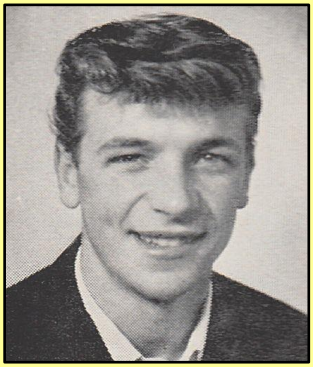
Empoli *(Italy)* (youth team, professional July 2009); Udinese *(Italy)* (August 2010); Palermo *(Italy)* (loan January 2013); **WATFORD** (free July 2013); AC Siena *(Italy)* (loan January 2014); Millwall (loan January 2015); Birmingham City (loan March 2015); Middlesbrough (loan July 2015); Birmingham City (£1.5 million January 2016); Spezia *(Italy)* (loan January 2017); Real Oviedo *(Spain)* (loan July 2017)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2013/14	**WATFORD**	**8**	**13**	**1**	**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24**
2014/15	**WATFORD**	**2**			**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)**
2014/15	Millwall	11	1	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 22nd of 24 (Relegated)
2014/15	Birmingham City	5			Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 10th of 24
2015/16	Middlesbrough	14	8	4	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
2015/16	Birmingham City	7	7		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 10th of 24
2016/17	Birmingham City	2	5		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 19th of 24

A very spritely forward with tricky footwork, Diego Fabbrini had a disappointing half-season at Vicarage Road before returning to Italy on loan, and there were further loans after a few more unproductive Watford outings in 2014. In his one Full international appearance – in August 2012, against England – he made a brief substitute appearance and was one of eight Italian new caps in the match, including all six substitutes.

John FAIRBROTHER (1959-1963) Centre-forward



Born Cricklewood, Middlesex, 12 February 1941

Watford Career

Football League: 40 appearances (19 goals)
FA Cup: 3 appearances (2 goals)
Southern Floodlight Cup: 1 appearance
Football League Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 0-2 home defeat v Leyton Orient, Southern Floodlight Cup 2nd Round, 3 Nov 1959
Final game: 2-3 away defeat v Colchester United, Football League Division 3, 16 Apr 1963
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 7; all competitions 7

Career Path

Bennetts End Youth Club; West Herts Youth (1958/59); Luton Town (amateur November 1958); **WATFORD** (groundstaff, amateur June 1959, professional August 1959); also Hemel Hempstead Town Reserves (briefly August 1959); Worcester City ("under £1,000" August 1963); Peterborough United (£5,000 May 1965); Northampton Town (February 1968); Mansfield Town (September 1971); Torquay United (June 1973); Bath City (free July 1974 for 2 seasons); Barnet (1976 until cs 1978); Hemel Hempstead Town; Berkhamsted Town; Leverstock Green (by December 1984); Garston Veterans (February 1994 until 1997)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1960/61	**WATFORD**	**11**		**3**	**Football League Division 3 – 4th of 24**
1961/62	**WATFORD**	**15**		**10**	**Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24**
1962/63	**WATFORD**	**14**		**6**	**Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24**
1965/66	Peterborough United	19	2	9	Football League Division 3 – 13th of 24
1966/67	Peterborough United	28		17	Football League Division 3 – 15th of 24
1967/68	Peterborough United	22	1	11	Football League Division 3 – 9th of 24 (Relegated)
1967/68	Northampton Town	16		5	Football League Division 3 – 18th of 24
1968/69	Northampton Town	30	2	13	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1969/70	Northampton Town	46		23	Football League Division 4 – 14th of 24
1970/71	Northampton Town	40	2	15	Football League Division 4 – 7th of 24
1971/72	Northampton Town	3	1		Football League Division 4 – 21st of 24
1971/72	Mansfield Town	41		18	Football League Division 3 – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
1972/73	Mansfield Town	42	2	20	Football League Division 4 – 6th of 24
1973/74	Torquay United	15		3	Football League Division 4 – 16th of 24

A sensational start in the Reserves – four goals on début as an 18-year-old amateur, and 40 by the end of the season – was no guarantee of first-team opportunities, for which, with Holton and Uphill running amok in the senior side, he had to wait. John Fairbrother actually played in three different first-team cup competitions before embarking on a long, free-scoring Football League and non-League career which included a season of 52 goals for Worcester City in 1964/65. Three years later he, along with Stuart Brace, suffered relegation with Peterborough United, who finished 9th in the table but were relegated as a consequence of financial irregularities.

Mark Peter FALCO (1986-1987) Forward

Born Hackney, London, 22 October 1960

Representative Honours

England Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 33 appearances (14 goals)
FA Cup: 7 appearances (2 goals)
Full Members Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 1-3 away defeat v Arsenal, Football League Division 1, 11 Oct 1986
Final game: 1-0 home win v Tottenham Hotspur, Football League Div 1, 9 May 1987
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 33; all competitions 38

Career Path

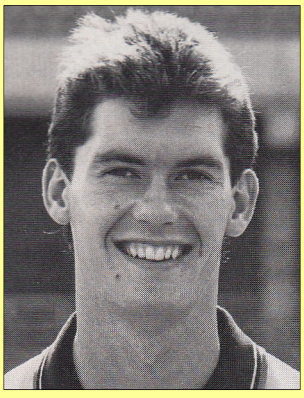
Tottenham Hotspur (schoolboy November 1975, apprentice July 1977, professional July 1978); Chelsea (loan November 1982); **WATFORD** (£350,000 October 1986); Rangers (£350,000 July 1987); Queens Park Rangers (loan December 1987, £350,000 January 1988); Millwall (£175,000 August 1991 until June 1992); Enfield Reserves (very briefly November 1992); Worthing (very briefly November 1992); Enfield (December 1992); Cornard United (January 1994); Worthing (August 1994); Hitchin Town (briefly March 1996); Worthing (assistant-manager March 1996, manager close season 1996 until September 1996); Tottenham Hotspur Under-11s coach and hospitality work (by February 2005)

Football League & Scottish Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1978/79	Tottenham Hotspur	1		1	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1979/80	Tottenham Hotspur	7	2	2	Football League Division 1 – 14th of 22
1980/81	Tottenham Hotspur	3		1	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1981/82	Tottenham Hotspur	21		5	Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1982/83	Tottenham Hotspur	11	5	5	Football League Division 1 – 4th of 22
1982/83	Chelsea	3			Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22
1983/84	Tottenham Hotspur	32	4	13	Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1984/85	Tottenham Hotspur	42		22	Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1985/86	Tottenham Hotspur	40		18	Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1986/87	Tottenham Hotspur	5	1		Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1986/87	**WATFORD**	**33**		**14**	**Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22**
1986/87	Rangers	9	5	5	Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 12
1987/88	Queens Park Rangers	15	4	5	Football League Division 1 – 5th of 21
1988/89	Queens Park Rangers	22	5	12	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 20
1989/90	Queens Park Rangers	11	10	5	Football League Division 1 – 11th of 20
1990/91	Queens Park Rangers	17	3	5	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 20
1991/92	Millwall	19	2	4	Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24

Although lacking pace, Mark Falco had enough strength and guile to enjoy a top-class career as a striker, mainly with Tottenham Hotspur, for whom he scored on his Football League début and played in the 1983/84 UEFA Cup-winning side. He scored in his first game for Watford, too – at Highbury – and then three times at home in his second, against Aston Villa. A spinal injury at Millwall ended his career in full-time football.

William Henry FALCONER (1988-1991) Midfielder



Born Aberdeen, 5 April 1966

Representative Honours

Scotland Schools & Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 87+13 appearances (12 goals)
FA Cup: 6 appearances (1 goal)
Football League Cup: 5 appearances
Full Members Cup: 2+3 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 1-0 home win v Birmingham City, Football League Div 2, 27 Aug 1988
Final game: 2-3 home defeat v Bristol City, Football League Div 2, 11 May 1991
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 26; all competitions 28

Career Path

Lewis United; Aberdeen (April 1982); **WATFORD** (£300,000 June 1988); Middlesbrough (£300,000 August 1991, plus £5,000 of the subsequent "sell-on" profit); Sheffield United (£425,000 August 1993); Celtic (£375,000 February 1994); Motherwell (£200,000 January 1996); Dundee (free July 1998); Clydebank (free August 2001); St Johnstone (August 2001); Grimsby Town (loan March 2002); Clyde (July 2002 until close season 2003); Motherwell coaching staff part-time (by close season 2003 until 2009)

Scottish Premier League, Football League, FA Premier League & Scottish League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1982/83	Aberdeen		1		Scottish Premier League – 3rd of 10
1983/84	Aberdeen	4	4	2	Scottish Premier League – 1st of 10
1984/85	Aberdeen	10	6	4	Scottish Premier League – 1st of 10
1985/86	Aberdeen	2	6		Scottish Premier League – 4th of 10
1986/87	Aberdeen	1	7		Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
1987/88	Aberdeen	32	4	8	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
1988/89	**WATFORD**	**32**	**3**	**5**	**Football League Division 2 – 4th of 24**
1989/90	**WATFORD**	**23**	**7**	**3**	**Football League Division 2 – 15th of 24**
1990/91	**WATFORD**	**32**	**3**	**4**	**Football League Division 2 – 20th of 24**
1991/92	Middlesbrough	25		5	Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 24 (Promoted)
1992/93	Middlesbrough	22	6	5	FA Premier League – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1993/94	Sheffield United	21	2	3	FA Premier League – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1993/94	Celtic	14		1	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 12
1994/95	Celtic	19	7	4	Scottish Premier League – 4th of 10
1995/96	Celtic		2		Scottish Premier League – 2nd of 10
1995/96	Motherwell	15		5	Scottish Premier League – 8th of 10
1996/97	Motherwell	21		2	Scottish Premier League – 8th of 10
1997/98	Motherwell	21	1	3	Scottish Premier League – 9th of 10
1998/99	Dundee	31	2	4	Scottish Premier League – 5th of 10
1999/00	Dundee	31		13	Scottish Premier League – 7th of 10
2000/01	Dundee	8	6	1	Scottish Premier League – 6th of 12
2001/02	Clydebank	1			Scottish League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 4th of 10
2001/02	St Johnstone	16	9	3	Scottish Premier League – 12th of 12 (Relegated)
2001/02	Grimsby Town	1	1		Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 19th of 24
2002/03	Clyde	10	8	4	Scottish League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 2nd of 10

That unusually long career encompassed 21 seasons of senior football either side of the border for a total of eleven clubs. He got into Aberdeen's first-team squad during the great years at Pittodrie, making his début – against Celtic – in the month of his 17th birthday. A versatile player, Willie Falconer spent most of his Vicarage Road service as a midfielder capable of strong, surging runs, and he was sent off twice – at Brighton & Hove Albion in successive seasons. Although failing with a penalty-kick on his Motherwell début, he finished the season as the club's leading scorer, despite appearing in only the last 15 games. When he moved to Bramall Lane, Watford benefited to the tune of five per cent of Middlesbrough's "sell-on" profit, a condition of his departure from Watford which was something of a novelty in transfer dealings at the time, but which has since become commonplace. He won youth-international caps at Under-16, Under-17 and Under-18 levels.

Jean-Alain André FANCHONE (2012) Wing-back

Born Mulhouse, France, 2 September 1988

Representative Honours

France Youth

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Début: 0-1 away defeat v Blackburn Rovers, Football League Championship, 27 Oct 2012

Career Path

RC Strasbourg *(France)* (2003, professional March 2008); AC Arles-Avignon *(France)* (loan 2010); Udinese *(Italy)* (loan 2011, signed 2012); **WATFORD** (loan August 2012); Nîmes Olympique *(France)* (loan January 2013); Petrolul Ploiesti *(Romania)* (close season 2014); Stade Brestois *(France)* (2015); ASPV Strasbourg *(France)* (free July 2016); SC Shiltigheim *(France)* (July 2017)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2012/13	WATFORD	1			Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24

This wing-back's only first-team appearance for Watford was far from Vicarage Road and a few weeks later his loan transfer from Udinese was cancelled and the Italian club promptly put him out on loan again, this time in his native country.

Marco Davide FARAONI (2013-2014) Wing-back

Born Bracciano, Italy, 25 October 1991

Representative Honours

Italy Youth & Under-21

Watford Career

Football League: 26+12 appearances (2 goals)
FA Cup: 2 appearances
Football League Cup: 3 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 1-0 away win v Birmingham City, Football League Championship, 3 Aug 2013
Final game: (as sub) 1-4 home defeat by Huddersfield Town, Football League Championship, 3 May 2014
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 9; all competitions 9

Career Path

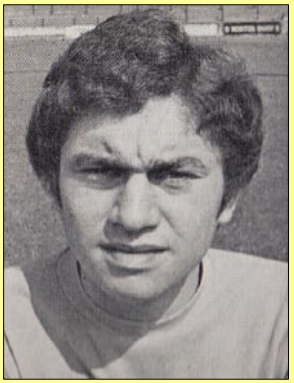
S S Lazio *(Italy)* (2004); Internazionale *(Italy)* (July 2010); Udinese *(Italy)* (£5.28 million July 2012); **WATFORD** (free July 2013); Udinese *(Italy)* (free July 2014); Perugia *(Italy)* (loan); Novara *(Italy)* (loan July 2015); Crotone *(Italy)* (free August 2017)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2013/14	WATFORD	26	12	2	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24

An international player at every one of the six age-levels from Under-16 to Under-21, Davide Faraoni was involved in the vast majority of fixtures in his first season at Vicarage Road, providing determination and commitment in his work up and down the touchline.

John Denis FARLEY (1971-1974) Winger



Born Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, 21 September 1951

Watford Career

Football League: 96+8 appearances (8 goals)
FA Cup: 5+1 appearances (1 goal)
Football League Cup: 4 appearances
Début: 1-0 away win v Bolton Wanderers, Football League Div 2, 30 Jan 1971
Final game: 2-2 away draw v Grimsby Town, Football League Div 3, 29 Apr 1974
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 30; all competitions 34

Career Path

Stockton; **WATFORD** (June 1969); Halifax Town (loan September 1971); Wolverhampton Wanderers (£40,000 May 1974); Blackpool (loan October 1976); Hull City (£30,000 May 1978); Bury (August 1980 until close season 1981)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1970/71	**WATFORD**	**11**		**1**	**Football League Division 2 – 18th of 22**
1971/72	**WATFORD**	**14**	**4**		**Football League Division 2 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)**
1971/72	Halifax Town	6		3	Football League Division 3 – 17th of 24
1972/73	**WATFORD**	**37**	**2**	**3**	**Football League Division 3 – 19th of 24**
1973/74	**WATFORD**	**34**	**2**	**4**	**Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24**
1974/75	Wolverhampton Wanderers	18			Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1975/76	Wolverhampton Wanderers	13	2		Football League Division 1 – 20th of 22 (Relegated)
1976/77	Blackpool	1			Football League Division 2 – 5th of 22
1977/78	Wolverhampton Wanderers	4	3		Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1978/79	Hull City	32		1	Football League Division 3 – 8th of 24
1979/80	Hull City	27	1	4	Football League Division 3 – 20th of 24
1980/81	Bury	17	1	2	Football League Division 4 – 12th of 24

One of a clutch of players from the north-east who were brought to Vicarage Road as a result of Ken Furphy's intimate knowledge of the area. The club was on the slide when John Farley was establishing himself as a left-winger of Football League status, but he survived the bad times well enough to attract a useful fee eventually from Wolves, whom he represented on 40 occasions in the top flight. He retired from the game after one season with Bury and ran a Borehamwood pub for a time, later starting his own joinery business in Hull.

Thomas FARNALL (1900-1902) Wing-half

Born Birmingham, Warwickshire, 1874

Died Birmingham, Warwickshire, 1927

Watford Career

Southern League: 30 appearances (1 goal)
FA Cup: 4 appearances (1 goal, a penalty)
South Eastern League: 1 appearance
Début: 1-6 away defeat v Bristol City, Southern League Div 1, 8 Sep 1900
Final game: 0-11 away defeat v Southampton, Southern League Div 1, 13 Dec 1902
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 10; all competitions 12

Career Path

Eastville Rovers; Gloucestershire; Small Heath (September 1893); Eastville Rovers (June 1897); Small Heath (May 1899); **WATFORD** (July 1900); Bristol Rovers (May 1901); **WATFORD** (May 1902 until December 1902); Bradford City (May 1903 until 1905); Walsall (November 1905); Barrow-in-Furness (May 1906); Gloucester

Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1895/96	Small Heath	11			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)
1896/97	Small Heath	15		1	Football League Division 2 – 4th of 16
1899/00	Small Heath	19		1	Football League Division 2 – 3rd of 18
1900/01	**WATFORD**	**21**		**1**	**Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 15**
1901/02	Bristol Rovers	20			Southern League Division 1 – 9th of 16
1902/03	**WATFORD**	**9**			**Southern League Division 1 – 15th of 16 (Relegated)**
1903/04	Bradford City	25		1	Football League Division 2 – 10th of 18

'Tot' Farnall's career was very unusual in having encompassed two spells with each of three different clubs. The second Cassio Road stint ended with his being sacked for repeated disciplinary transgressions, which included a failure to turn up ("to the surprise of the executive") for a game in which he was due to play, and he then got "at loggerheads with the Bradford authorities", his next employers, on whom he simply walked out. Although he scored Watford's only goal on his début, his first and last appearances for the club both ended in humiliating defeats. Prior to the first of them, he had played in the opening Southern League fixture of 1900/01, which became void when the club's opponents, Chatham, resigned from the competition three months later. He also played in the return fixture, which likewise became void.

Austin Leslie FARNEN (1946-1949) Centre-half

Born St Helens, Lancashire, 17 September 1919

Died Harrow, London, January 1985

Watford Career

Football League: 77 appearances
FA Cup: 4 appearances
Second World War competitions: 1 appearance
Début in peacetime competitions: 1-2 away defeat v Queens Park Rangers, Football League Div 3 (South), 31 Aug 1946
Final game: 1-0 away win v Southend United, Football League Div 3 (South), 12 Mar 1949
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 48; all competitions 52

Career Path

WATFORD (amateur April 1946, professional May 1946); Bradford City (May 1949, released November 1949)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1946/47	**WATFORD**	**42**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 16th of 22**
1947/48	**WATFORD**	**27**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22**
1948/49	**WATFORD**	**8**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22**
1949/50	Bradford City	8			Football League Division 3 (North) – 19th of 22

Watford signed Les Farnen on amateur forms, then as a professional, just after he'd returned from army service overseas. He went straight into the first team in 1946/47 and was ever-present at centre-half, but his good fortune with fitness ran out the following season, during which he suffered a broken collar-bone. After three years at Vicarage Road he began the 1949/50 campaign in Bradford City's first team, but his Valley Parade engagement ended a few weeks later. He subsequently worked for London Transport at Aldenham Works.

Alec FARRALL (1966-1967) Midfielder

Born Hoylake, Cheshire, 3 March 1936

Representative Honours

England Schools

Watford Career

Football League: 47+1 appearances (8 goals)
FA Cup: 5 appearances (3 goals)
Football League Cup: 3 appearances
Début: 0-1 away defeat v Darlington, Football League Div 3, 20 Aug 1966
Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic, Football League Div 3, 30 Dec 1967
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 22; all competitions 25

Career Path

Everton (amateur July 1951, professional March 1953); Preston North End (May 1957); Gillingham (July 1960); Lincoln City (June 1965); **WATFORD** (free June 1966, released close season 1968)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1952/53	Everton	1			Football League Division 2 – 16th of 22
1953/54	Everton	1			Football League Division 2 – 2nd of 22 (Promoted)
1954/55	Everton	1			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1955/56	Everton	1			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1956/57	Everton	1			Football League Division 1 – 15th of 22
1957/58	Preston North End	6		1	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1958/59	Preston North End	11		4	Football League Division 1 – 12th of 22
1959/60	Preston North End	10		4	Football League Division 1 – 9th of 22
1960/61	Gillingham	41		6	Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24
1961/62	Gillingham	37		5	Football League Division 4 – 20th of 23
1962/63	Gillingham	41		3	Football League Division 4 – 5th of 24
1963/64	Gillingham	45		1	Football League Division 4 – 1st of 24 (Promoted)
1964/65	Gillingham	38		4	Football League Division 3 – 7th of 24
1965/66	Lincoln City	20		2	Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24
1966/67	**WATFORD**	**35**		**6**	**Football League Division 3 – 3rd of 24**
1967/68	**WATFORD**	**12**	**1**	**2**	**Football League Division 3 – 6th of 24**

That bizarre Everton career – a single Football League appearance in each of five consecutive seasons – is probably unique. Alec Farrall eventually reached Vicarage Road after thirteen years as a professional and became part of Ken Furphy's team-building which was to take Watford into the Second Division for the first time in the club's history, but he was released a year before the prize was attained. He captained the Gillingham side which won the 4th Division championship in 1963/64.

Albert Ernest FARROW (1908-1909) Wing-half / Winger

Born Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1886

Died Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 28 September 1916

Watford Career

Southern League: 9 appearances
Début: 0-0 home draw v Queens Park Rangers, Southern League Div 1, 16 Sep 1908
Final game: 5-1 home win v Crystal Palace, Southern League Div 1, 24 Apr 1909
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 4; all competitions 4

Career Path

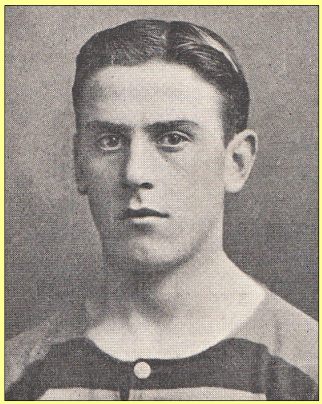
Working Men's Club & Institute, Gainsborough; Gainsborough Trinity (May 1906); **WATFORD** (August 1908 until close season 1909); Worksop (1909/10 until at least close season 1912)

Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1906/07	Gainsborough Trinity	25			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 20
1907/08	Gainsborough Trinity	10		1	Football League Division 2 – 11th of 20
1908/09	**WATFORD**	**9**			**Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21**

Used both as a half-back and on the wing, Albert Farrow was a young left-sided player who didn't appear in a winning team in his first six Southern League matches, but was recalled for the last three games of the season, all of which were won. In the First World War he began military service with the Lincolnshire Regiment in June 1916 and was soon transferred to the South Staffordshires, but was diagnosed with tuberculosis and consequently discharged from the army in August of that year, and died a few weeks later at the age of 29.

Fred FAYERS (1908-1910) Half-back



Born King's Lynn, Norfolk, 29 January 1890

Died Huddersfield, Yorkshire, 4 February 1954

Representative Honours

England Amateur

Watford Career

Southern League: 64 appearances (2 goals)
FA Cup: 5 appearances
Southern Charity Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 1-1 away draw v Bristol Rovers, Southern League Div 1, 30 Mar 1908
Final game: 2-2 home draw v Southampton, Southern League Div 1, 23 Apr 1910
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 33; all competitions 36

Career Path

Watford & District Schools; St Albans City; **WATFORD** (amateur); Huddersfield Town (amateur May 1910, professional November 1910); Stockport County (guest player during First World War, signed July 1919); Manchester City (May 1920); Halifax Town player-coach (May 1923, released close season 1924)

Southern League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1907/08	**WATFORD**	**7**			**Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20**
1908/09	**WATFORD**	**33**		**2**	**Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 21**
1909/10	**WATFORD**	**24**			**Southern League Division 1 – 19th of 22**
1910/11	Huddersfield Town	22			Football League Division 2 – 13th of 20
1911/12	Huddersfield Town	27		4	Football League Division 2 – 17th of 20
1912/13	Huddersfield Town	37		8	Football League Division 2 – 5th of 20
1913/14	Huddersfield Town	30		1	Football League Division 2 – 13th of 20
1914/15	Huddersfield Town	38		2	Football League Division 2 – 8th of 20
1919/20	Stockport County	42		2	Football League Division 2 – 16th of 22
1920/21	Manchester City	40		5	Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1921/22	Manchester City	32			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1922/23	Manchester City	1			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1923/24	Halifax Town	8			Football League Division 3 (North) – 14th of 22

An accomplished centre-half (although under 5½ feet in height) or wing-half, 'Tiny' Fayers progressed through Watford schools football to become a Southern League player at 18, to represent the county, and at 19 to win the club's first international honour at any level. Having been omitted from the side which undertook a Southern League fixture at Luton on 15 September 1909, he refused to play in the return match seven days later, and was not selected for the first team again for more than two months. Altogether, before turning professional with Huddersfield Town at the age of 20 he made nine England Amateur appearances and scored three goals, and went on to enjoy a good Football League career in the top two divisions either side of the Great War. In the 1930s his life took unhappy directions, the failure of a building business which he'd set up with £2,500 provided by his wife being followed a few years later by four weeks in gaol for refusing to pay maintenance arrears to his wife and child, from whom he was separated.

W.FELLOWS (1899-1901) Wing-half

Watford Career

Southern League: 19 appearances
Bucks & Contiguous Counties League: 8 appearances
Début: 5-0 home win v Southall, Southern League Div 2 (London Section), 25 Feb 1899
Final game: 0-0 home draw v Grays United, Southern League Test Match, 29 Apr 1901
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 15; all competitions 21

Career Path

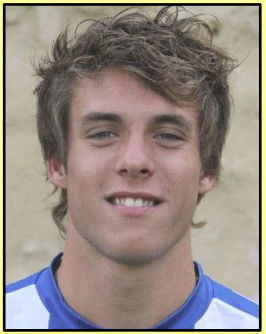
Watford Wanderers (by January 1895); **WEST HERTS** *(name changed to Watford in 1898)* (amateur)

Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1898/99	WATFORD	1			Southern League Division 2 – 3rd of 12
1899/00	WATFORD	16			Southern League Division 2 – 1st of 11 (Promoted)
1900/01	WATFORD	2			Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 15

A local player who had a good run as an amateur in the right-half position after the club had adopted professionalism. He was never a goalscorer in a first-team shirt – not even when Maidenhead turned up two men short for a Southern League fixture at Cassio Road and were beaten 11-0. All eight forwards and half-backs found the net except Fellows.

Francisco FEMENÍA (2017-) Full-back
(Full name Francisco FEMENÍA FAR)



Born Sanet y Negrais, Spain, 2 February 1991

Representative Honours
Spain Youth

Watford Career
Début: (as sub) 3-3 home draw with Liverpool, FA Premier League, 12 Aug 2017

Career Path
Beniarbeig *(Spain)* (2000); FB Denía *(Spain)* (2001); Hércules *(Spain)* (2004, professional 2009); Barcelona *(Spain)* (€2 million July 2011, + €1.5 million in increments); Real Madrid *(Spain)* (free August 2013 released December 2014); AD Alcorcón *(Spain)* (January 2015); Deportivo Alavés (July 2015); **WATFORD** (free July 2017)

FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2017/18	WATFORD				FA Premier League –

John Joseph FERGUSON (1929-1930) Wing-half

Watford Career

Football League: 4 appearances
Début: 2-3 home defeat v Merthyr Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 26 Dec 1929
Final game: 1-1 away draw v Crystal Palace, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Mar 1930
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 3; all competitions 3

Career Path

North-east junior football; Grimsby Town (October 1926); Workington (August 1927); Spen Black & White; Wolverhampton Wanderers (£450 December 1928); **WATFORD** (free October 1929); Burton Town (free July 1930); Manchester United (May 1931); Derry City (December 1931); Gateshead (September 1934); Eden Colliery Welfare; Walker Celtic (June 1936); Consett (August 1937); West Stanley (February 1938)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1926/27	Grimsby Town	3			Football League Division 2 – 17th of 22
1928/29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	20		4	Football League Division 2 – 17th of 22
1929/30	**WATFORD**	**4**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22**
1930/31	Manchester United	8		1	Football League Division 1 – 22nd of 22 (Relegated)
1934/35	Gateshead	21		5	Football League Division 3 (North) – 19th of 22

He had a strangely up-and-down career so far the stature of his various clubs was concerned, and played in the Football League for five of them. All his four Watford appearances were at outside-right, but he had little chance of dislodging Billy Chapman on a permanent basis and left on a free transfer after less than a full season with the club.

George Edward FERN (1900) Wing-half

Born Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, 10 February 1874

Died Coventry, Warwickshire, 19 May 1955

Watford Career

Southern League: 4 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 1-6 away defeat v Bristol City, Southern League Division 1, 8 Sep 1900
Final game: 0-2 away defeat v Luton Town, Southern League Division 1, 29 Sep 1900
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 4; all competitions 4

Career Path

Hinckley Town; Lincoln City (June 1898); Millwall (May 1899); **WATFORD** (July 1900 until October 1900); Fulham (December 1900 until close season 1901); Coventry City (July 1902)

Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1898/99	Lincoln City	24		3	Football League Division 2 – 12th of 18
1899/00	Millwall	7			Southern League Division 1 – 7th of 15
1900/01	**WATFORD**	**4**		**1**	**Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 15**
1900/01	Fulham	10		5	Southern League Division 2 – 5th of 9

For some unknown reason an 'e' was added at the end of his surname throughout his football career, but in all other matters he was Fern from cradle to grave. He began the 1900/01 season as Watford's first-team right-winger, but soon lost his place, and in October he left the club, terms having been agreed for the conclusion of his engagement. His first appearance was subsequently chalked off, the opposition (Chatham) having resigned from the Southern League in mid-season.

Andrew Eric FERRELL (2004) Midfielder

Born Blakelaw, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne & Wear, 9 January 1984

Watford Career

Football League Cup: 0+2 appearances (1 goal)
Début: (as sub) 1-0 home win v Cambridge United, Football League Cup 1st Round, 24 Aug 2004
Final game: (as sub) 3-0 away win v Reading, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 21 Sep 2004
Longest run of consecutive appearances: 1

Career Path

Newcastle United (from age 9, scholar July 2000, professional December 2002); Doncaster Rovers trial (close season 2004); **WATFORD** (free July 2004); Hereford United (free August 2005); Kidderminster Harriers (loan March 2007, free July 2007); York City (free July 2009); Gateshead (February 2010); Barrow (loan March 2011); Blyth Spartans (loan March 2012); Bedlington Terriers (free July 2012 until June 2013); Ashington (September 2014); Bedlington Terriers manager (March 2015); Newton Aycliffe (player September 2016)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2006/07	Hereford United	15	6		Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 16th of 24

Andy Ferrell *(the accent is on the second syllable of the surname)* was associated with Newcastle United for eight years, and for the last season and a half as a professional, but was unable to break into the first team. At Watford he did little better, his senior appearances amounting to just two as a substitute in the Football League Cup, but playing on the left of midfield he scored a very good winning goal on his début. He did eventually get some Football League action in his second season with Hereford United. In June 2013 he was sentenced to four years in prison for drug-dealing, but resumed his football career 15 months later.

Sidney Thomas FIELD (1905) Centre-forward

Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 2 October 1884

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 24 May 1948

Watford Career

South Eastern League: 1 appearance
Sole appearance: 6-0 home win v Hastings & St Leonards, South Eastern League, 14 Jan 1905

Career Path

Callow Land Old Boys; **WATFORD** (amateur); Rickmansworth (by September 1910); Watford Orient (close season 1912)

Sid Field was a Watford man, and prominent in local football. He captained Callow Land Old Boys, was serving as secretary of Watford Old Boys by 1908, and like Jimmy Carr and Albert Green, he was a founder-member of Watford Orient in 1912. He turned out for Watford as an amateur, appearing in one first-team friendly and a 6-0 win in the South Eastern League in which, although playing at centre-forward, he wasn't among the scorers. As a Rickmansworth player in February 1911 he fell foul of the Herts FA, who imposed on him a 14-day suspension. He died at the Garfield Street address which had been his home for more than 40 years.

William FINDLAY (1932-1936) Wing-half

Born Wishaw, Lanarkshire, 17 February 1900

Died Braunstone, Leicestershire, 11 June 1949

Representative Honours

Scotland 'Junior'

Watford Career

Football League: 128 appearances (6 goals, including 1 penalty)
FA Cup: 9 appearances
Division 3 (South) Cup: 4 appearances
Second World War competitions: 7 appearances
Début: 2-1 away win v Norwich City, Football League Div 3 (South), 27 Aug 1932
Final game in peacetime competitions: 3-6 away defeat v Leicester City, FA Cup 4th Round, 25 Jan 1936
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 62; all competitions 57

Career Path

Preston Grange Athletic; Musselburgh Bruntonians (1922); Third Lanark (June 1923); Liverpool (£2,500 August 1924); Leicester City (May 1925); **WATFORD** ("substantial fee" June 1932, assistant-manager April 1937, acting-manager August 1937, manager January 1938 until February 1947); Edgware Town manager (May 1947 until death)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1923/24	Third Lanark	?		?	Scottish League Division 1 – 18th of 20
1925/26	Leicester City	10			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 22
1926/27	Leicester City	1			Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1927/28	Leicester City	28			Football League Division 1 – 3rd of 22
1928/29	Leicester City	19			Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1929/30	Leicester City	3			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1930/31	Leicester City	21			Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1931/32	Leicester City	18			Football League Division 1 – 19th of 22
1932/33	**WATFORD**	**41**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 11th of 22**
1933/34	**WATFORD**	**37**		**2**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22**
1934/35	**WATFORD**	**37**		**4**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22**
1935/36	**WATFORD**	**13**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22**

An accomplished wing-half in his playing days, Bill Findlay was anything but flamboyant as a manager, but as a tactical thinker he maintained the club's consistency as one of Division 3 (South)'s best in the late-1930s. He was appointed Watford's first assistant-manager at the end of 1936/37, but unexpectedly began the following season in charge, although another four months were to elapse before he was confirmed in the post. His term of office encompassed the Second World War, during which he turned out occasionally in emergencies – on the final occasion at nearly 45-years-old. Under his management Watford fielded unchanged line-ups in three sequences of 10, 9 and 9 matches, respectively, in the space of 15 months. A sober, undemonstrative and religious man (he was an elder of the Presbyterian Church), he was Edgware Town's manager, as well as a practising masseur and manipulative therapist, when he died on holiday in Leicestershire at the age of 49.

(See under 'Managers' for details of his record in that role.)

Kenneth Douglas Walter FISHER (1947-1951) Half-back

Born Bitterne, Hampshire, 30 September 1921

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 29 April 1989

Watford Career

Football League: 106 appearances (2 goals)
FA Cup: 4 appearances
Début: 2-3 home defeat v Brighton & Hove Albion, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Aug 1947
Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Bristol Rovers, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Apr 1951
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 44; all competitions 46

Career Path

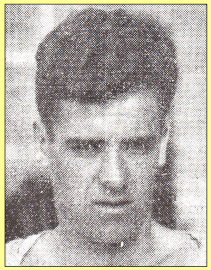
Bitterne Nomads; Southampton (amateur August 1940, professional September 1946); Bristol City guest player during Second World War; **WATFORD** (June 1947); Bedford Town (August 1951); Biggleswade Town

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1947/48	WATFORD	9			Football League Division 3 (South) – 15th of 22
1948/49	WATFORD	28			Football League Division 3 (South) – 17th of 22
1949/50	WATFORD	34			Football League Division 3 (South) – 6th of 22
1950/51	WATFORD	35		2	Football League Division 3 (South) – 23rd of 24

After a post-war season at The Dell in which he failed to make the first team, Ken Fisher had four years at Vicarage Road as a big, solid defender who played in all three half-back positions. It was at left-half that he played throughout the club-record sequence of clean sheets in eight successive Football League games under Eddie Hapgood in 1949/50. As a serviceman Fisher went on British Forces tours of India in 1945 and 1946.

Peter FISHER (1936) Inside-forward



Born Glasgow, Lanarkshire, 3 September 1912

Died Glasgow, Lanarkshire, 19 July 1980

Representative Honours

Scotland Schools

Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 3-1 away win v Newport County, Football League Div 3 (South), 29 Aug 1936
Final game: 2-2 home draw v Swindon Town, Football League Div 3 (South), 19 Sep 1936
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 2; all competitions 2

Career Path

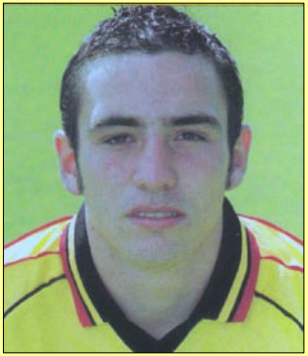
Glasgow Catholic Schools; St Francis; St Anthony's (August 1932); Clyde (August 1934); Stenhousemuir (August 1935); **WATFORD** (free July 1936, initially on a month's trial); Burnley (£500 January 1937); Dunfermline Athletic (August 1939 until close season 1946); possibly Newtongrange Star (May 1946)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1934/35	Clyde	21		5	Scottish League Division 1 – 10th of 20
1935/36	Stenhousemuir	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 11th of 18
1936/37	**WATFORD**	**3**		**1**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22**
1936/37	Burnley	5			Football League Division 2 – 13th of 22
1937/38	Burnley	14		2	Football League Division 2 – 6th of 22
1938/39	Burnley	4			Football League Division 2 – 14th of 22
1939/40	*Dunfermline Athletic*	*?*		*?*	*Scottish League Division 2 – season abandoned*

After experiencing regular Scottish League football before moving south, Peter Fisher played at inside-left in Watford's opening match of the season and scored in a 3-1 win at Newport. He featured only twice more in the first team, but a few months later was performing in a higher division. As a schoolboy he played at international level in 1927 against both England and Northern Ireland.

Gary Stewart FISKEN (2001-2003) Midfield



Born Watford, Hertfordshire, 27 October 1981

Watford Career

Football League: 15+7 appearances (1 goal)
FA Cup: 1 appearance
Football League Cup: 3+2 appearances
Début: (as sub) 0-3 away defeat v Manchester City, Football League Div 1, 11 Aug 2001
Final game: 0-1 away defeat v Bristol City, Football League Cup 2nd Round, 23 Sep 2003
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 6; all competitions 9

Career Path

WATFORD (coached from age 9, schoolboy December 1995, trainee May 1998, professional February 2000); Swansea City (free August 2004); Cambridge City (loan March 2005, free April 2005); Newport County (late-2005/06); Thurrock (close season 2006 until 2008); Sun Postal (June 2013)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2001/02	**WATFORD**	**12**	**5**	**1**	**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24**
2002/03	**WATFORD**	**3**	**1**		**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24**
2003/04	**WATFORD**		**1**		**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 16th of 24**
2004/05	Swansea City	1	4		Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)

An assiduous midfielder who had occasional bursts of first-team action in his début season, but ran into injury problems which hindered further progress, and he was released after a 13-year association with the club. Gary Fisken's only Football League goal was one to remember – a long-range lob in a 3-0 victory at Walsall. He gave up the game at the age of 26, but resumed five years later at second-tier level of the Spartan South Midlands League.

Gary Michael FITZGERALD (1994) Centre-half

Born Hampstead, London, 27 October 1976

Watford Career

Football League: 1 appearance

Sole appearance: 2-4 home defeat v Luton Town, Football League Div 1, 17 Sep 1994

Career Path

WATFORD (schoolboy January 1992, trainee July 1993, professional November 1994 until August 1995); Yeading (December 1995); Enfield (February 1996); Hendon (August 1998); Slough Town (free September 2001); Hemel Hempstead Town (July 2002, released close season 2004)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1994/95	WATFORD	1			Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 7th of 24

Injuries to senior central defenders led to trainee Gary Fitzgerald's premature elevation to first-team status. The tension of a local derby, and three first-half Luton Town goals, led to his replacement at the interval. As a youth-team player he was once sent off for punching his own team's goalkeeper, and he was eventually dismissed by the club for misconduct unconnected with football.

Scott Peter FITZGERALD (2003-2004) Forward

Born Ruislip, London, 18 November 1979

Watford Career

Football League: 29+26 appearances (11 goals)
FA Cup: 0+1 appearance
Football League Cup: 0+3 appearances (1 goal)
Début: (as sub) 2-0 home win v Derby County, Football League Div 1, 21 Apr 2003
Final game: (as sub) 0-0 home draw v Cardiff City, Football League Championship, 28 Dec 2004
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 29; all competitions 17

Career Path

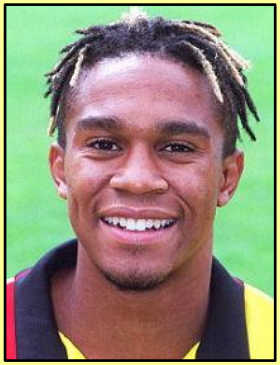
Sunday football; Brentford School of Excellence (aged 12); Northwood; Chelsea trial; Queens Park Rangers trial; **WATFORD** (free February 2003); Swansea City (loan September 2004); Leyton Orient (loan January 2005); Brentford (loan March 2005, £25,000 March 2005); Oxford United (loan November 2005); Walsall (loan February 2006); AFC Wimbledon (loan November 2006); Basingstoke Town (free January 2007); Hayes & Yeading United (close season 2008); Wealdstone (June 2010 until September 2012); Chalfont St Peter (October 2012 until September 2014)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2002/03	**WATFORD**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24**
2003/04	**WATFORD**	**28**	**16**	**10**	**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 16th of 24**
2004/05	Swansea City		3		Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
2004/05	**WATFORD**		**7**		**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 18th of 24**
2004/05	Leyton Orient	1			Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* - 11th of 24
2004/05	Brentford	8	5	4	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 4th of 24
2005/06	Brentford	3	8	1	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 3rd of 24
2005/06	Oxford United	2	1	1	Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2005/06	Walsall	1	4		Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 24th of 24 (Relegated)

As a raw striker fresh out of non-League football, manager Ray Lewington having seen him score on trial with Chelsea Reserves, Scott Fitzgerald worked hard for his goals and did very well in a season not to be numbered among Watford's best, but his game didn't progress after that initial burst. There were a few appearances with each of several other Football League clubs (he was sent off in his one Leyton Orient outing) before he returned to lower levels, and eventually joined Wealdstone as a part-timer, simultaneously taking up a career in plumbing and heating.

Richard Garfield FLASH (1997) Midfielder



Born Birmingham, West Midlands, 8 April 1976

Watford Career

Football League: 0+1 appearances

Sole appearance: (as sub) 1-4 away defeat v Burnley, Football League Div 2, 3 May 1997

Career Path

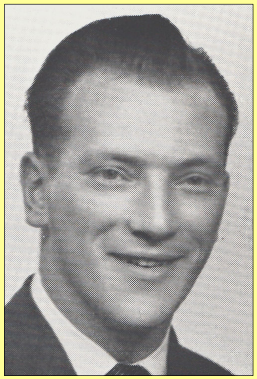
Aston Villa Centre of Excellence; Manchester United (schoolboy July 1991, trainee July 1992, professional July 1994, released close season 1995); Wolverhampton Wanderers (September 1995); **WATFORD** (free July 1996); Lincoln City (loan October 1997); Plymouth Argyle (free August 1998 until April 1999)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1996/97	**WATFORD**		**1**		**Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 13th of 24**
1997/98	Lincoln City	2	3		Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)
1998/99	Plymouth Argyle	4	1		Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 13th of 24

Having first come to Graham Taylor's notice when he trained as a boy at the Aston Villa Centre of Excellence, Richard Flash was signed by Taylor for Wolverhampton Wanderers after being released by Manchester United, and the following season came to Vicarage Road, where Taylor was by this time in his second spell. The player's long wait for a Football League début eventually came during the second half of the final game of the 1996/97 season, but he didn't make the first team again. A quick and agile wide player, Flash began well at Plymouth Argyle, but was soon struck down with damaged knee ligaments and was forced to retire from the game. He went on to earn a master's degree and became Head of the Academic Department of the University of Football Business, based at Turf Moor, Burnley.

George Keith FLEMING (1958-1959) Forward



Born Gourock, Renfrewshire, 25 February 1935

Died Watford, Hertfordshire, 28 February 1999

Watford Career

Football League: 27 appearances (10 goals)
FA Cup: 4 appearances
Southern Floodlight Cup: 1 appearance
Début: 3-0 home win v Workington, Football League Div 4, 20 Sep 1958
Final game: 2-1 home win v Darlington, Football League Div 4, 21 Nov 1959
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 16; all competitions 11

Career Path

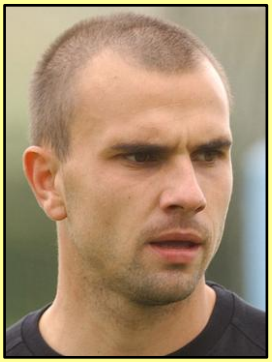
Gourock Juniors (1952); Morton (professional 1950); **WATFORD** (June 1958); Carlisle United ("4-figure fee" June 1960); Barrow (September 1960); Dartford (free August 1961); Sittingbourne (briefly); Dunstable Town (1963 until 1964)

Scottish League & Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1952/53	Morton	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 6th of 16
1953/54	Morton	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 5th of 16
1954/55	Morton	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 9th of 16
1955/56	Morton	?		4	Scottish League Division 2 – 9th of 19
1956/57	Morton	?		?	Scottish League Division 2 – 4th of 19
1958/59	**WATFORD**	**24**		**10**	**Football League Division 4 – 15th of 24**
1959/60	**WATFORD**	**3**			**Football League Division 4 – 4th of 24 (Promoted)**
1960/61	Carlisle United	7			Football League Division 4 – 19th of 24
1960/61	Barrow	17		3	Football League Division 4 – 22nd of 24

This was a forward with spectacularly fierce shooting ability (he was sometimes referred to as 'Canonball' Fleming) whose career was ended in 1964 by a persistent ankle injury which had been sustained years before at Vicarage Road when playing for the Reserves against Mansfield Town. George Fleming settled in the Watford area and became a shopkeeper. His sporting prowess extended to the golf course, and he was good enough to be elected captain of the West Herts club in April 1988.

Carl Neil FLETCHER (2005) Midfielder



Born Camberley, Surrey, 7 April 1980

Representative Honours

Wales Full

Watford Career

Football League: 3 appearances
Début: 2-3 home defeat v Sheffield United, Football League Championship, 17 Sep 2005
Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Coventry City, Football League Championship, 28 Sep 2005
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 3; all competitions 2

Career Path

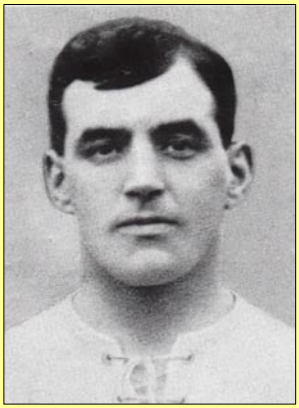
Oakdale Middle School; local football in Poole; AFC Bournemouth (trainee July 1996, professional July 1998); West Ham United (£250,000 August 2004); **WATFORD** (loan September 2005); Crystal Palace (£400,000 July 2006); Nottingham Forest (loan October 2008); Plymouth Argyle (loan February 2009, free June 2009, player/caretaker-manager September 2011, player-manager November 2011, manager close season 2012 until December 2012); Barnet (player October 2013); AFC Bournemouth (youth-team manager January 2014, U21 coach July 2017)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1997/98	AFC Bournemouth		1		Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 9th of 24
1998/99	AFC Bournemouth		1		Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 7th of 24
1999/00	AFC Bournemouth	20	5	3	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 16th of 24
2000/01	AFC Bournemouth	43		6	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 7th of 24
2001/02	AFC Bournemouth	35		5	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 21st of 24 (Relegated)
2002/03	AFC Bournemouth	45		3	Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 4th of 24 (Promoted)
2003/04	AFC Bournemouth	40		2	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 9th of 24
2004/05	AFC Bournemouth	6		2	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 8th of 24
2004/05	West Ham United	27	6	2	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 6th of 24 (Promoted)
2005/06	**WATFORD**	**3**			**Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24 (Promoted)**
2005/06	West Ham United	6	6	1	FA Premier League – 9th of 20
2006/07	Crystal Palace	33	4	3	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 12th of 24
2007/08	Crystal Palace	17	11	1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 5th of 24
2008/09	Crystal Palace		3		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 15th of 24
2008/09	Nottingham Forest	4	1		Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 19th of 24
2008/09	Plymouth Argyle	13		1	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 21st of 24
2009/10	Plymouth Argyle	41		4	Football League Championship *(2nd tier)* – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2010/11	Plymouth Argyle	37	1	2	Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)
2011/12	Plymouth Argyle	8	1	1	Football League Division 2 *(4th tier)* – 21st of 24

He's not a household name, but Carl Fletcher has achieved more in the game than some who regularly hit the headlines, although not a great deal at Vicarage Road, where he was briefly on loan. A resourceful midfielder, he captained most of the teams he represented, not least Wales, for which he was a regular selection; he played in an FA Cup Final for West Ham United; he scored twice for AFC Bournemouth in a Play-off Final; and for Plymouth he scored on his début and eventually became manager.

Eli FLETCHER (1926-1927) Full-back



Born Tunstall, Staffordshire, 15 December 1887

Died Longsight, Manchester, Lancashire, 6 August 1954

Representative Honours

Football League

Watford Career

Football League: 23 appearances
FA Cup: 2 appearances (1 goal)
Début: 1-0 home win v Charlton Athletic, Football League Div 3 (South), 28 Aug 1926
Final game: 1-3 away defeat v Millwall, Football League Div 3 (South), 30 Apr 1927
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 17; all competitions 19

Career Path

Elder Road Junior School *(also known as Bleak Hill Juniors)* (4 seasons); Cobridge School; Tunstall; Goldenhill Wanderers; Earlestown; Crewe Alexandra; Northwich Victoria; Hanley Swifts; Crewe Alexandra; Manchester City (£300 May 1911); Clydebank (loan August 1918); **WATFORD** (free June 1926); Sandbach Ramblers (free August 1927); Ards (July 1928); Manchester Central trainer (July 1928)

Football League & Scottish League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1911/12	Manchester City	35		1	Football League Division 1 – 15th of 20
1912/13	Manchester City	33			Football League Division 1 – 6th of 20
1913/14	Manchester City	36			Football League Division 1 – 13th of 20
1914/15	Manchester City	37			Football League Division 1 – 5th of 20
1918/19	Clydebank	1			Scottish League Division 1 – 10th of 18
1919/20	Manchester City	34		1	Football League Division 1 – 7th of 22
1920/21	Manchester City	35			Football League Division 1 – 2nd of 22
1921/22	Manchester City	38			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1922/23	Manchester City	5			Football League Division 1 – 8th of 22
1923/24	Manchester City	20			Football League Division 1 – 11th of 22
1924/25	Manchester City	27			Football League Division 1 – 10th of 22
1925/26	Manchester City	1			Football League Division 1 – 21st of 22 (Relegated)
1926/27	**WATFORD**	**23**			**Football League Division 3 (South) – 21st of 22**

His transfer to Watford at the age of 38 brought to an end 15 years' service with First Division Manchester City, during most of which he was the first-team left back, and he'd been appointed captain in 1919. He was responsible for two of City's three penalty-kick failures in a single home League match in January 1912 against Newcastle United, which finished 1-1. His benefit in 1920/21 brought him over £1,000, a very high figure for the time (a limit of £650 was imposed later). While recovering from cartilage trouble he played in goal eleven times for City's Reserves in 1922/23. Eli Fletcher's only Watford goal, a freak 50-yard free-kick, was one of ten against Lowestoft Town in an FA Cup tie.

Leonard FLETCHER (1935-1938) Centre-forward

Born Helsby, Cheshire, 19 May 1912

Died Isle of Anglesey, February 1998

Watford Career

Football League: 36 appearances (22 goals)
FA Cup: 6 appearances (3 goals)
Division 3 (South) Cup: 3 appearances (1 goals)
Début: 4-2 home win v Reading, Football League Div 3 (South), 23 Nov 1935
Final game: 0-3 away defeat v Reading, Div 3 (South) Cup Semi-final, 16 Mar 1938
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 15; all competitions 20

Career Path

Mersey Power; Frodsham; Helsby Athletic; Warrington; Manchester City (November 1932); **WATFORD** (undisclosed fee May 1935); Runcorn (free July 1938)

Football League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1932/33	Manchester City	1			Football League Division 1 – 16th of 22
1934/35	Manchester City	4		1	Football League Division 1 – 4th or 22
1935/36	**WATFORD**	**15**		**9**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 5th of 22**
1936/37	**WATFORD**	**21**		**13**	**Football League Division 3 (South) – 4th of 22**

Len Fletcher was a livewire centre-forward who lacked finesse but found the net consistently when in the first team, and hit League hat-tricks against Swindon Town (away) and Crystal Palace. He made his Football League début in the First Division in 1932/33, but had to wait a couple of seasons for his second senior outing. Watford retained his Football League registration for 1937/38 but placed him on the transfer-list at £200, which the League overruled and awarded him a free transfer. He married a professional singer named Annie Bate.

William FLINT (1910-1911) Forward

Born Elswick, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, 1883

Watford Career

Southern League: 17 appearances (4 goals)
FA Cup: 3 appearances (3 goals)
Southern Charity Cup: 3 appearances (3 goals)
Début: 0-2 away defeat v Northampton Town, Southern League Division 1, 3 Sep 1910
Final game: 0-2 home defeat v Barnsley, FA Cup 1st Round, 14 Jan 1911
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Southern League 17; all competitions 22

Career Path

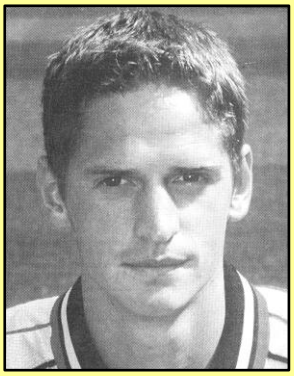
Scotswood (professional August 1908); Hebburn Argyle (September 1908); Middlesbrough (November 1908); **WATFORD** (£50 May 1910); Gateshead (close season 1911); Ashington (August 1912)

Football League & Southern League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1909/10	Middlesbrough	1			Football League Division 1 – 17th of 20
1910/11	**WATFORD**	**17**		**4**	**Southern League Division 1 – 14th of 20**

He was transfer-listed by Middlesbrough at the end of the 1909/10 season with a fee of £250 on his head, but the Football League reduced this by 80 per cent, which brought him within Watford's range. He became a regular member of the forward line, finding cup-ties particularly to his liking (six goals in six appearances), but faded from the scene after half a season and returned to the north-east in the summer.

Dominic Joseph FOLEY (1998-2002) Forward



Born Cork, 7 July 1976

Representative Honours

Republic of Ireland Under-21 & Full

Watford Career

Football League: 14+27 appearances (6 goals)
Football League Cup: 4+3 appearances (1 goal)
Début: (as sub) 1-1 away draw v Millwall, Football League Div 2, 25 Feb 1998
Final game: (as sub) 1-2 home defeat by Leicester City, Football League Div 1, 28 Dec 2002
Longest run of consecutive appearances: Football League 4; all competitions 4

Career Path

Charleville; Sheffield United trial; Manchester City trial; St James Gate; Wolverhampton Wanderers (£35,000 September 1995); **WATFORD** (loan February 1998); Notts County (loan December 1998); Ethnikos *(Greece)* (loan February 1999); **WATFORD** (free July 1999); Queens Park Rangers (loan October 2001); Swindon Town (loan January 2002); Queens Park Rangers (loan March 2002); Southend United (loan February 2003); Oxford United (loan March 2003); Sporting Braga *(Portugal)* (free June 2003); Bohemians (free July 2004 until August 2005); KAA Gent *(Belgium)* (September 2005); Cercle Brugge *(Belgium)* (January 2009); Limerick (free February 2012, retired May 2014); ran a football camp for Charleville (August 2015)

Football League & FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
1995/96	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1	4		Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 20th of 24
1996/97	Wolverhampton Wanderers		7	1	Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 3rd of 24
1997/98	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1	4		Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 9th of 24
1997/98	**WATFORD**	**2**	**6**	**1**	**Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 1st of 24 (Promoted)**
1998/99	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2	3	2	Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 7th of 24
1998/99	Notts County	2			Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 16th of 24
1999/00	**WATFORD**	**5**	**7**	**1**	**FA Premier League – 20th of 20 (Relegated)**
2000/01	**WATFORD**		**5**	**1**	**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 9th of 24**
2001/02	**WATFORD**	**1**			**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 14th of 24**
2001/02	Queens Park Rangers	3	2	1	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 8th of 24
2001/02	Swindon Town	5	2	1	Football League Division 2 *(3rd tier)* – 13th of 24
2002/03	**WATFORD**	**6**	**9**	**3**	**Football League Division 1 *(2nd tier)* – 13th of 24**
2002/03	Southend United	5			Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 17th of 24
2002/03	Oxford United	4	2		Football League Division 3 *(4th tier)* – 8th of 24

After declining offers of traineeships from Sheffield United and Manchester City at the age of 16, Dominic Foley was brought over to England by Wolverhampton Wanderers shortly before Graham Taylor's departure from Molineux. Taylor had returned to Watford when Foley had his two spells at Vicarage Road, the first on loan, as a strapping forward with a fierce and accurate shot. That he did not have the impact which these attributes might and perhaps ought to have produced is reflected in the extraordinarily fragmented nature of his first-team action with seven English clubs (single figures in every box in the above table). He wandered far and wide in his career, which encompassed five countries and several administrative and contractual complications, and won six Full international caps, scoring twice.

Michael Kwaku FOLIVI (2017-) Forward

Born Wembley, London, 25 February 1998

Watford Career *(to end of 2016/17 season)*

FA Premier League: 0+1 appearance

Début: (as sub) 0-2 away defeat v Stoke City, FA Premier League, 3 Jan 2017

Career Path;

LNER; **WATFORD** (academy 2008, scholar June 2014, professional February 2015); Coventry City loan January 2017); Boreham Wood (loan January 2018)

FA Premier League Career

		Apps	Subs	Goals	League Status and Final Position
2016/17	**WATFORD**		**1**		**FA Premier League – 17th of 20**
2016/17	Coventry City		1		Football League Division 1 *(3rd tier)* – 23rd of 24 (Relegated)