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The 1947-48 team

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The club began its life in the Aberystwyth and District League Division 2 in 1947-48. The first game was played on 4 October 1947 resulting in a 3-0 win against the Army Cadet Force. The club was promoted to the first division after its first season.

your comments

Alun Evans Aberystwyth

I played for Bont from 69-75, during this period I had the privilege of playing with some of the best amateur footballers in Wales, during this period we won the League, League cup, North Cards cup and the South Cards cup, the last one 3-1 against Penrhynoch after they had beaten us earlier in the week 7-1. One of my favorite memories was of travelling in the back of Lloyds car to away games squashed in the back between Dai Metcalfe and Dai Rennie and anyone else available, with the late Mike Evans and Big Ieu in the front, and Ieu having to change gear for Lloyd as they were so crushed he could'nt do it himself, luckily the car had column change, I still see a few of the old boys now and again, I always keep a look out to see how the team is getting on. After playing for Bont I also played for Aber Town, Mach, Padarn United and much to Lloyds disappointment Penrhyn, something I later regretted. There are far more stories to tell but they would fill this page. So I'll finish now and leave you with the knowlage that this was one of the happiest time of my life, and one of the best club let alone side I ever played for.

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David Rennie

Played for Bont in the 68-76 Great times best club I ever played for. Won two championship medals ,south &north cards cup also league cup with bont during my time with them.Lloyd and Ken were very hard workers for the club,I now live in Spain but still think how Bont are getting on (It's in the blood)

Thu Jan 1 01:00:00 1970

Mike Childs Aberystwyth

played for Bont 68-71 on and off.Left winger,still got the scars to prove it.Great times, wonderful bunch of lads.I must add that Lloyd Lucas was the finest linesman in mid-wales.His offside decisions,often disputed by the opposition,were in my view always spot on!

Fri Jul 25 09:48:27 2008

Ifan Evans, Pontrhydygroes

I now live in cdiff and work in the BBC. It's amazing the following Bont have all over wales and how well known we are as a club. Let's keep up the good work and build for the future! Bont is more than just a football club to anyone that's played for them!!!!

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Emlyn Jones, Goginan

Playing for Bont in the Aber Mini Monors league.Huw Jones' minibus would come up from Bont and pick a few of us up in Pontrhydygroes before heading into Aber to play Waun Wanderers, Penglais Albion etc. Roger Dimmock or ken in charge and then chips in Penparcau on the way home.I remember losing every game one season when Rog was manager and he had promised to buy us chips if we won a game.We beat Penparcau 2-1 in the last game and our manager mysteriously dissappeared just after the final whistle!!!!Happy days (well not always when you had to get the ball from the ditch down at Plasrug.

Fri Mar 2 10:23:49 2007

Gethin o Evans, Bont

One of the greatest moments of my life was when i first put on a Bont shirt, and the greatest was the day when i scored my first goal for the club at Bowstreet at the end of the 2004/05 season.

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The 1951-52 team

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Relegation followed after the next season but the club bounced back by winning promotion immediately. The early 1950s saw some success with the help of students from Ystrad Meurig College. This team won the village cup in 1951-52 as well as finishing as runners-up in the championship and league cup.

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The 1951-52 Junior Team.

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The mid-fifties was a lean period but by the end of the 1950s the injection of youth brought more success. 1947-60 Club Honours: 47-48 Div 2 Champions. Div 2 Cup winners;49-50 Div 2 Champions;50-51 North Ceredigion Cup Runners-up; 51-52 North Ceredigion Cup Winners;53-54 Div 1 Runners-up;54-55 Fair Play Cup Winners;57-58 Div 1 Runners-up;58-59 Div 1 Runners-up, North Ceredigion Cup Winners;59-60 League Cup Winners, North Ceredigion Cup Winners.

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The 1964-65 team

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By the 1960s it has become fashionable for one man to run the team and Lloyd Thomas was chosen. The team was bolstered by the presence of two local youth internationals, Alan Davies and Wil Lloyd and the legendary David 'Dias' Williams, who started his career at his home village club during this decade...

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The 1966-67 team



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1960-70 Club Honours; 60-61 Div 1 Runners-up; 62-63 North Ceredigion Cup Runners-up; 63-64 North Ceredigion Cup Runners-up; 64-65 Div 1 Champions; 65-66 League Cup Winners, North Ceredigion Cup Runners-up; 66-67 Div 1 Champions; 67-68 Div 1 Champions, League Cup Winners, North Ceredigion Cup Runners-up; 69-70 Div 1 Champions.

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Team from the 1970s

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The 1970s started succesfully but the mid-70s was a lean period. Nevertheless it was a happy period for the club. Links were forged with University of Wales Halls of Residence at Pantycelyn and Theatr y Werin.

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1970-75 Club Honours; 70-71 Div 1 Champions, League Cup Runners-up, North Ceredigion Cup Winners; 71-72 North Ceredigion Cup Winners; 73-74 League Cup Winners; 74-75 South Ceredigion Cup Winners.

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It was during this period that Lloyd Thomas stood down to let Wil Metcalfe become the manager.

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1975-80 Club Honours; 76-77 Fair Play Cup Winners; 79-80 Leaguer Cup Runners-up; Fair Play Cup Winners.

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Team led by David 'Dias' Williams

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In the early 1980s David 'Dias' Williams took up the reins as manager and he soon built a strong side. This was also the period when sponsorship became popular. Dias then left to join Penrhyncoch in the Mid Wales League. John Jones became manager in 1985. He stayed at the helm until 2004

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Team in the 1980s

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1980-89 Club Honours; 84-85 League Cup Runners-up; 88-89 League Cup Runners-up.

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John Jones

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In the early 1990s the club was relegated to Div 2 but gained promotion again in 92-93. The following season was to see the club's greatest hour. The end of the decade was disappointing but John Jones' policy of playing as many local players as possible kept the interest of local people in the team.

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The 1993-94 team

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1990-99 Club Honours; 92-93 Div 2 Champions; Len and Julie Newman Cup Runners-up; 93-94 Div 1 Runners-up, League Cup Winners, Len and Julie Newman Cup Runners-up, South Ceredigion Cup Winners, Fair Play Cup Winners, Radio Ceredigion Cup for Team of The Year; 95-96 Len and Julie Newman Cup Runners-up; 96-97 Newman Memorial Cup Runners-up.

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Team in 2000s



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The seven season since the turn of the Millennium have seen little success, but in November 2006 Bont FC were again riding high in the Div 1 table. In 2004 Richard Mint Jones took over as manager after playing for the club for 25 years.

2000-06 Club Honours. 04-05 Newman Memorial Cup Runners-up.

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Jim Jones and Wil Hughes



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Only two of the players who played for the club in 1947 were still alive in November 2006, Jim Jones and Wil Hughes. The club will celebrate its 60th anniversary dinner in June 2007.

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