



Title information



Before You Go

Lower League Life and Love at the Lamex

By John Aizlewood

Key features

- Unique adventure into the heart and soul of lower-league football, as seen through the eyes of a vastly experienced, well-travelled football writer and his teenage son
- The pair attend every Stevenage game of the season, home and away, the narrative flowing from the season
- Beyond football, it's the story of a father and son's relationship, how they bond through the sport against the backdrop of the son leaving home in the near future
- A cultural snapshot of England (and Wrexham) in 2024 and '25: the fixture list decides where they go, but each location has its own story
- A love story between father and son – of their love of football and of Stevenage FC
- Publicity campaign planned including radio, newspapers, websites, podcasts and magazines

Description

John Aizlewood and his 14-year-old son Oscar attended every Stevenage FC – aka Boro – game of the 2024/25 season, home and away, league and all the cups. *Before You Go* is not only the saga of a season in the life of the smallest club in League 1; it's also the story of a father and son bonding and sharing their lives through football before Oscar takes his GCSEs and goes on to become a man, and before John moves, rather more reluctantly, into later life. They travel by car, train and coach – and they explore every location they visit, whether they're eating Blackpool's finest fish 'n' chips or smelling Rotherham's indoor market. They stand on the grave of a queen, they shout themselves hoarse, they gaze in wonder at team buses, they marvel at Stonehenge, squabble about tactics and about each other, and they eat too many culinarily challenged pies. They fall in love with Boro's players, in love with lower-league football and with each other – well, most of the time.

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