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|  | ***Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** **11**  **v**  ***Abbey Rangers / Walton & Hersham***  *Saturday, 16th December 2017 – 3.00 p.m.*  *Saturday, 30th December 2017 – 3.00 p.m.* |
| Good afternoon and welcome to High Road for our League matches against Abbey Rangers and Walton & Hersham. Regrettably, due to printing deadlines we were unable to produce any closer to Christmas so we had to compile a double issue. We welcome both sets of players, supporters and officials and wish them a safe journey home, as of course we do for our own regular faces.  Last time Abbey visited us we also produced a double issue for our F.A. Vase meeting last November. For anyone who was not there it was our third home meeting of the season, having already won 7-1 in the League and 1-0 in the League Cup, but in this match we suffered an early sending off and were defeated 3-2 in the end. We gained a little revenge with a 1-0 win on our first visit to Addlestone in February.  We also had a good record against Walton & Hersham last season with two League draws and a 3-1 League Cup Quarter-Final win in January on what proved to be our final ever visit to Stompond Lane. We look forward to making the journey to the Elmbridge Hub towards the end of the season.  We were last here for our narrow defeat to Guildford City and I’m still not sure how we ended up losing that game as we were by some distance the better side. Scott Murphy equalised an early Guildford goal but we were unable to take chances and were caught by two late goals. Then on Saturday 9th December we visited the leaders Westfield and were handed a bit of a lesson as they won easily by five clear goals.  Following the Abbey Rangers match we visit Horley Town on 23rd December and following the Walton & Hersham meeting we make visits to Redhill on 6th January and Godalming Town on 13th January, with all of these being Saturday League meetings. In other news, we now know that our Surrey Senior Cup win over Sutton Common Rovers has earned us a home tie with Merstham. Obviously any team that has recently secured a draw at Billericay Town will be a massive challenge but we will go into the match with nothing to lose and hope to catch them in complacent mode! This will be played on Tuesday 16th January so make a note in your diaries!  On the inside back page of recent programmes you will have noted our **Centenary merchandise**. We now know that the polo shirts in White or Royal Blue are available at £15 while Hoodies in the same colour are £20. The centenary kit shirt will cost between £30 and £35. However, these need to be ordered very shortly and in one batch, so please let a Committee member know the item, size and colour and we’ll add it to the list and order them all very early in the New Year. We still have match sponsorship available at £60 which includes free entry for three people amongst other benefits, while the players are available to sponsor at £40 a time, so please help our club by letting a Committee member know. The latest list of players is available in today’s programme.  Enjoy the game!  *Rich*  *Remember, you can follow us on many Social Media streams. Addresses are on the inside cover.* | |
| **Cover photos by Gemma Jarman**  Scott Murphy scores our equaliser in the recent home match with Guildford City | |

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| **Westfield** | 20 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 72 | 22 | **52** | +50 | **14/4** | **0-5** |
| **Bedfont Sports** | 21 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 58 | 27 | **46** | +31 | **24/3** | **0-7** |
| **Walton & Hersham** | 21 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 51 | 27 | **45** | +24 | **30/12** | **21/4** |
| **Sutton Common Rovers** | 21 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 45 | 24 | **45** | +21 | **3/2** | **0-5** |
| **Camberley Town** | 21 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 30 | 25 | **34** | +5 | **10/3** | **1-1** |
| **Hanworth Villa** | 21 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 42 | 42 | **33** | 0 | **1-1** | **10/2** |
| **Horley Town** | 20 | 10 | 2 | 8 | 32 | 40 | **32** | -8 | **2-3** | **23/12** |
| **Guildford City** | 21 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 37 | 38 | **31** | -1 | **1-3** | **7/4** |
| **CB Hounslow United** | 20 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 32 | 24 | **30** | +8 | **13/2** | **2-4** |
| **Knaphill** | 20 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 39 | 39 | **29** | 0 | **24/2** | **2-6** |
| **Spelthorne Sports** | 21 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 39 | 34 | **28** | +5 | **1-5** | **27/1** |
| **Balham** | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 36 | 32 | **28** | +4 | **20/1** | **0-4** |
| **Abbey Rangers** | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 35 | 31 | **28** | +4 | **16/12** | **17/2** |
| **North Greenford United** | 20 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 33 | 35 | **25** | -2 | **1-2** | **17/3** |
| **Redhill** | 20 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 36 | **21** | -4 | **0-5** | **6/1** |
| **AFC Hayes** | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 25 | 31 | **17** | -6 | **28/4** | **0-2** |
| **Chertsey Town** | 22 | 6 | 3 | 13 | 34 | 51 | **21** | -17 | **2-7** | **0-1** |
| **Farnham Town** | 20 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 28 | 39 | **20** | -11 | **3-0** | **0-0** |
| **Colliers Wood United** | 22 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 37 | 44 | **19** | -7 | **30/3** | **2-5** |
| **Banstead Athletic** | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 28 | 47 | **18** | -19 | **2/4** | **1-1** |
| **Godalming Town** | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 22 | 48 | **13** | -26 | **0-3** | **13/1** |
| **Epsom and Ewell** | **21** | **1** | **4** | **16** | **19** | **70** | **7** | **-51** | **X** | **X** |

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| ***Lucky Day? – 16th December*** |
| **Played 11 - W 8 D 0 L 3 - For 29 Against 21 - PPG 2.18 - Very Good** |
| ***Our Club record against Abbey Rangers*** |
| **Played 4 - W 3 D 0 L 1 - F 11 A 4 - PPG 2.25 - Fantastic** |
| ***Our Largest wins and losses against Abbey Rangers*** |
| **23rd August 2016 - W 7-1 - Combined Counties League (H)**  **13th November 2016 - L 2-3 - F.A. Vase Second Round (H)** |
| ***Abbey Rangers’ Last Visit*** |
| **Sunday 13th November 2016 - L 2-3 - F.A. Vase Second Round** |

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| ***Lucky Day? – 30th December*** |
| **Played 8 - W 2 D 1 L 5 - For 12 Against 12 - PPG 0.88 - Very Poor** |
| ***Our Club record against Walton & Hersham*** |
| **Played 52 - W 25 D 11 L 16 - F 105 A 99 - PPG 1.65 - Above Average** |
| ***Our Largest wins and losses against Walton & Hersham*** |
| **2nd October 1926 - W 8-0 - Surrey Senior League (H)**  **8th December 1945 - L 1-9 - London Senior Cup Second Round (A)** |
| ***Walton & Hersham’s Last Visit*** |
| **Saturday 4th March 2017 - D 1-1 - Combined Counties League** |

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| **AJAYI Tayo** | **06/08/2017** | **3** | **4** | **7** | **1** | **3** | **4** | **7** | **1** |
| **BROOKS Jordan\*** | **06/08/2017** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **0** |
| **BURROWES Joshua** | **02/12/2017** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** |
| **CASTELL Cristian\*** | **06/08/2017** | **2** | **4** | **6** | **0** | **2** | **4** | **6** | **0** |
| **CONNELLY Lloyd** | **14/10/2017** | **11** | **2** | **13** | **2** | **11** | **2** | **13** | **2** |
| **DEWAR Ali** | **29/10/2011** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **0** | **56** | **42** | **98** | **10** |
| **DOBRAJ Endrit** | **18/11/2017** | **3** | **2** | **5** | **0** | **3** | **2** | **5** | **0** |
| **DYSON Ben** | **12/08/2017** | **19** | **2** | **21** | **1** | **19** | **2** | **21** | **1** |
| **FRANKLIN Ben** | **03/03/2015** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **1** | **3** | **0** |
| **GRAHAM Bentley** | **09/02/2016** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **20** | **1** | **21** | **3** |
| **GRANDISON Kane** | **11/11/2017** | **5** | **1** | **6** | **0** | **5** | **1** | **6** | **0** |
| **GRIFFIN Reisse** | **08/08/2015** | **17** | **0** | **17** | **1** | **90** | **13** | **103** | **7** |
| **HARLAND-GODDARD Tom\*** | **06/08/2017** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** |
| **HARRIS Colin** | **04/08/2012** | **9** | **0** | **9** | **0** | **34** | **0** | **34** | **0** |
| **HATFIELD Jamie** | **11/11/2006** | **9** | **1** | **10** | **0** | **258** | **14** | **272** | **6** |
| **HAYWARD Ben** | **07/03/2007** | **5** | **1** | **6** | **0** | **248** | **29** | **277** | **18** |
| **HEAGNEY Adam** | **16/08/2016** | **12** | **2** | **14** | **0** | **49** | **11** | **60** | **1** |
| **HENDRY Rob** | **08/08/2015** | **13** | **1** | **14** | **4** | **81** | **23** | **104** | **27** |
| **HOUGH Kyle** | **14/08/2007** | **10** | **2** | **12** | **6** | **343** | **21** | **364** | **207** |
| **JASPER Joe\*** | **11/11/2017** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| **JEANNOEL Germaine** | **02/12/2017** | **0** | **2** | **2** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **2** | **0** |
| **KENNEDY Calum** | **18/11/2017** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** |
| **LAW Franky\*** | **06/08/2017** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **0** | **3** | **0** |
| **LOFTUS-CHEEK Joe** | **06/08/2017** | **10** | **3** | **13** | **2** | **10** | **3** | **13** | **2** |
| **MARVELL Dale\*** | **15/01/2000** | **17** | **2** | **19** | **0** | **286** | **51** | **337** | **86** |
| **MASTERSON Shaun** | **25/11/2017** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **2** | **0** |
| **MCKAY Alex** | **20/12/2008** | **13** | **1** | **14** | **1** | **144** | **38** | **182** | **13** |
| **MURPHY George** | **19/03/2013** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **70** | **7** | **77** | **3** |
| **MURPHY Scott** | **20/01/2007** | **14** | **0** | **14** | **0** | **26** | **2** | **28** | **1** |
| **MYERS Antony** | **23/12/2006** | **1** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **76** | **33** | **109** | **9** |
| **NWACHUKWU Jason** | **01/10/2016** | **9** | **4** | **13** | **2** | **26** | **20** | **46** | **3** |
| **O'BRIEN Louis\*** | **28/08/2017** | **1** | **3** | **4** | **0** | **1** | **3** | **4** | **0** |
| **ROBERTS Liam** | **12/08/2017** | **13** | **6** | **19** | **4** | **13** | **6** | **19** | **4** |
| **ROBINSON Sam\*** | **22/10/2011** | **5** | **0** | **5** | **0** | **66** | **6** | **72** | **14** |
| **ROSE Daniel** | **25/10/2016** | **13** | **2** | **15** | **1** | **15** | **7** | **22** | **1** |
| **SMITH Andy\*** | **25/08/2017** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **2** | **0** |
| **SMITH Taryn** | **28/10/2017** | **7** | **1** | **8** | **0** | **7** | **1** | **8** | **0** |
| **STEW-LEWIS Noah** | **09/12/2017** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **1** | **0** |
| **THOMPSON Ashley** | **21/08/2017** | **18** | **1** | **19** | **3** | **18** | **1** | **19** | **3** |
| **THOMSON David\*** | **02/09/2017** | **2** | **2** | **4** | **0** | **2** | **2** | **4** | **0** |
| **WHITE Sean** | **02/08/2014** | **11** | **7** | **18** | **2** | **17** | **20** | **37** | **5** |
| **YOUNG Conor** | **07/03/2015** | **15** | **0** | **15** | **0** | **16** | **0** | **16** | **0** |
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| **Recent Results and Fixtures** | | |
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| ***Buildbase F.A. Vase Third Round – Saturday 2nd December*** | | |
| Crowborough Athletic | **1-0** | Westfield |
| Horley Town | **4-1** | Baffins Milton Rovers |
| Walton & Hersham | **1-2** | Windsor |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 2nd December*** | | |
| Abbey Rangers | **6-3** | Banstead Athletic |
| AFC Hayes | **2-2** | Camberley Town |
| CB Hounslow United | **5-0** | Balham |
| Colliers Wood United | **0-2** | Bedfont Sports |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | **1-3** | Guildford City |
| Farnham Town | **0-1** | Sutton Common Rovers |
| Godalming Town | **1-0** | Redhill |
| Hanworth Villa | **1-5** | Chertsey Town |
| Spelthorne Sports | **3-0** | North Greenford United |
| ***Combined Counties League Cup – Monday 4th December*** | | |
| Sutton Common Rovers | **5-0** | Redhill |
| ***Combined Counties League Cup – Tuesday 5th December*** | | |
| Cobham | **5-0** | Farnham Town |
| Godalming Town | **3-2** | Chessington & Hook United |
| Knaphill | **2-0** | Kensington Borough |
| ***Combined Counties League Cup – Saturday 9th December*** | | |
| Worcester Park | **6-1** | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 9th December*** | | |
| Balham | **p-p** | Farnham Town |
| Banstead Athletic | **1-3** | Hanworth Villa |
| Camberley Town | **1-1** | Horley Town |
| Chertsey Town | **1-2** | Walton & Hersham |
| Godalming Town | **p-p** | Spelthorne Sports |
| Guildford City | **3-3** | Colliers Wood United |
| Knaphill | **0-2** | AFC Hayes |
| North Greenford United | **2-3** | Bedfont Sports |
| Redhill | **1-3** | Abbey Rangers |
| Sutton Common Rovers | **2-1** | CB Hounslow United |
| Westfield | **5-0** | **Epsom & Ewell** |
| ***Combined Counties League – Tuesday 12th December*** | | |
| Walton & Hersham | **4-3** | Farnham Town |
| ***Combined Counties League – Wednesday 13th December*** | | |
| Colliers Wood United | **p-p** | Horley Town |
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| **Results and Fixtures so far** | | |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 16th December*** | | |
| AFC Hayes | V | Chertsey Town |
| Banstead Athletic | V | North Greenford United |
| Bedfont Sports | V | Sutton Common Rovers |
| CB Hounslow United | V | Westfield |
| Colliers Wood United | V | Godalming Town |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | V | Abbey Rangers |
| Farnham Town | V | Hanworth Villa |
| Guildford City | V | Redhill |
| Horley Town | V | Knaphill |
| Spelthorne Sports | V | Balham |
| Walton & Hersham | V | Camberley Town |
| ***Combined Counties League – Tuesday 19th December*** | | |
| Walton & Hersham |  | AFC Hayes |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 23rd December*** | | |
| Abbey Rangers | V | Spelthorne Sports |
| Balham | V | Guildford City |
| CB Hounslow United | V | Banstead Athletic |
| Chertsey Town | V | Sutton Common Rovers |
| Farnham Town | V | AFC Hayes |
| Godalming Town | V | North Greenford United |
| Hanworth Villa | V | Bedfont Sports |
| Horley Town | V | **Epsom & Ewell** |
| Knaphill | V | Camberley Town |
| Redhill | V | Westfield |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 30th December*** | | |
| AFC Hayes | V | Redhill |
| Banstead Athletic | V | Horley Town |
| Bedfont Sports | V | Farnham Town |
| Camberley Town | V | Godalming Town |
| Colliers Wood United | V | Chertsey Town |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | V | Walton & Hersham |
| Guildford City | V | CB Hounslow United |
| North Greenford United | V | Abbey Rangers |
| Spelthorne Sports | V | Knaphill |
| Sutton Common Rovers | V | Hanworth Villa |
| Westfield | V | Balham |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 6th January 2018*** | | |
| Redhill | V | **Epsom & Ewell** |

| **From behind the goal** |
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| **Epsom & Ewell 1-3 Guildford City**  **Combined Counties League - Premier Division - Saturday 2nd December 2017**  **Salts made to pay for missed opportunities**  Most people know by now that I am very honest with my reports. On quite a few occasions we have been heavily beaten and deservedly so and I will have reported it that way. Saturday's match at home to Guildford City was not one of those days, as our boys put in a very good performance and were the better side for much of the ninety minutes. However, on this occasion we were not able to find the net as often as we should have done and fell to defeat after conceding two late goals.  We went into this match on a run of four and a half matches without a goal since our third against Farnham on 14th November. However, I felt we could take a small measure of confidence from our fine defensive display at Sutton Common Rovers five days previously and would go on to win this match. Part of that was also fuelled by a statistic that showed the 2nd December to be our best day for results historically with nine wins, a draw and a solitary defeat which was way back in 1933! We had a new signing at the back in Joshua Burrowes from East Grinstead Town and he slotted in alongside Alex McKay and Scott Murphy at the back. With our Manager Glyn Mandeville away at work and McKay on the pitch, Neil Grant effectively took charge of things on the sidelines and would have been very pleased with our efforts today.  Unfortunately, and this has happened in so many home matches this season, we were behind in the opening ten minutes as George Pilbeam received the ball with his back to goal about ten yards out but was allowed to turn and strike at goal with the ball going into the net off one of our players in just the 7th minute.  This was harsh as we had already threatened at the other end with Lloyd Connelly shooting just wide from the edge of the box after being set up by Liam Roberts and just after the goal Ben Dyson produced a low cross from the right for Connelly, but his shot was deflected wide of the post. From the subsequent corner Endrit Dobraj delivered a deep ball and McKay's header at the far post was kept out well by Kornel Ziobrowski in the Guildford goal before Connelly then struck over the bar from a good position after the next corner hadn't been properly cleared.  It looked like we would soon be back on level terms and that's how it turned out when in the 17th minute another Dobraj corner wasn't cleared by a defender under pressure from Roberts and Murphy took a touch before smashing the ball into the roof of the net from eight yards for a deserved equaliser. It was our first goal in 416 minutes and Scott's first since scoring against Sandhurst Town in February of 2007, 3,941 days ago; incredibly just six days short of our club record for gaps between scoring! (set by Tony Boorman in 1996 for those who are interested)  We continued to push and Sean White was just wide from distance after a good run but we had a really good opportunity when Dyson got free on the right hand side and only had to get the ball  across to Roberts who was in a lot of space, but his pass was intercepted by the one Guildford defender in the way and the chance was gone. Roberts was unfortunate to then pick up a yellow card for retaliation. He was clearly our best threat on the day and was getting some fairly harsh treatment which was mostly missed by the referee.  It was clear from the words coming out of the opposition dressing room that the visitors were not happy with that first half performance and they came out determined to improve in many areas. Part of that plan clearly involved shutting down Roberts and on the 55th minute Dan Stewart went straight through him from behind with a challenge that was also high and late. Some officials would have produced a red card before Roberts had even landed, but you knew from the way the rest of the match had been refereed that only a yellow card would be produced. This was a horrible tackle and an even worse decision. In recent years we have had many players sent off for far less than this and the decision changed the game as Roberts was then taken off for his own protection. It's so disappointing to report this sort of thing nowadays as an official's first duty is the safety of their players. In recent weeks we have seen both Roberts and Rob Hendry hacked down on a number of occasions and it is becoming a recurrent theme this season. Regrettably with Roberts off the field we lost one of our main attacking threats.  We continued to put pressure on though, and a nice flick from Connelly put Dobraj through on goal, albeit slightly wide. However, with a chance to score against his former club he pulled his shot quite badly across goal when he really should have at least hit the target. A couple of minutes later he redeemed himself with a fine right wing delivery to Dyson at the far post but his header just bounced down tamely and up into the arms of Ziobrowski. Substitute Adam Heagney was next to have a try and he hit a powerful looking shot at goal in the 61st minute, but it clipped a defender on the way which took all the pace off it and resulted in an easy save.  Both Dobraj and Dyson were making some really good runs in this match and Dobraj got through on the right once again but as he played the ball into Connelly, he was just looking away and the ball was intercepted. Dyson then fed Taryn Smith who certainly appeared to be clipped in the area before Connelly then saw his attempt blocked and cleared.  In addition to our good forward play we had looked really solid at the back too with the visitors creating little to this point, but in the 75th minute Murphy received a cut to his head and had to be replaced. We needed to change things around as a result and we really missed our big defender for the remainder of the contest. The visitors began to get a foothold in the match for the first time and maybe slightly surprised that they were still in it, they went on and claimed the points. They nearly scored when we headed an effort off the line, but their second goal came shortly after this in the 84th minute and was finished off from close range by the substitute Mark Watkins with our boys looking for an offside that wasn't there. Three minutes later they had a third goal as a ball was played in from the left and Nathaniel Williams got there just ahead of Conor Young to find the net from about ten yards.  We were really unfortunate not to win this match. We could look at the challenge on Roberts or even the injury to Murphy as two key turning points, but when you are at the bottom of the table things don't go your way and you have to make your own luck. Whilst this was a match with many positives, we didn't put the ball in the net when we needed to and as we all know, the result is the most important part.  **Epsom and Ewell: Conor Young, Endrit Dobraj, Sean White, Joshua Burrowes, Alex McKay (c), Scott Murphy, Liam Roberts, Ashley Thompson, Lloyd Connelly, Taryn Smith, Ben Dyson**  **Subs: Adam Heagney for Roberts (55), Kane Grandison for Murphy (78),**  **Germaine Jeannoel for Smith (91)**  **Sponsors Player of the Match: Taryn Smith** |

| **From behind the goal** |
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| **Westfield 5-0 Epsom & Ewell**  **Combined Counties League - Premier Division - Saturday 9th December 2017**  **Leaders have far too much for Salts**  Having never won at Woking Park since its refurbishment and with only one goal scored in the four previous visits, this match was already shaping up as one of our toughest of the season even before you looked at the League table showing us 42 points apart. Despite a hard-working and spirited display from our boys, the leaders proved why they were top of the table as they cruised to a 5-0 win, despite not really appearing to hit top gear for large sections of the match.  With Liam Roberts suspended and Scott Murphy failing to recover in time from the cut to his head that forced him off the week before against Guildford City, we were required to make more changes. Shaun Masterson and Calum Kennedy came in for their first starts for the club, while Joshua Burrowes would enter the fray at half time following a late arrival. Taryn Smith, Reisse Griffin and Ashley Thompson were also among the absentees this week.  Westfield appeared to be at virtual full strength with their twin striking threat of Aaron Watson and Max Blackmore causing trouble for most opponents in this league and whilst we managed to keep Watson from the scoresheet, we were unable to stop Blackmore from scoring four of the goals with Karle Carder-Andrews scoring the other goal for them. The first goal came in the 13th minute when a low strike from just inside the penalty area took a slight deflection on its way in.  We responded with a Lloyd Connelly strike that just cleared the bar from twenty yards and we had a good opportunity when a superb outside of the foot pass from Masterson sent Ben Dyson down the right hand flank, but his low ball in was half blocked and then cleared somewhat fortuitously. Minutes later Sean White made a good run on the left but was off balance when shooting and Gary Ross made the comfortable save.  The home side were a bit casual at this point. A lot of their passes were wayward and we were seeing more of the ball than had been the case earlier. However, we still looked vulnerable to their attacks when they came and Conor Young made a good save from a one on one situation on the half hour after a defensive header back to him had been intercepted. His next save a couple of minutes later was instinctive and brilliant as a right wing cross was met with a low strike that seemed certain to creep inside Young's left hand post, but our keeper stuck out a leg to keep the ball out. Unfortunately he received little reward as we didn't clear the subsequent corner and although the header from the right wing delivery was well blocked by Young, the loose ball was steered past him from close range.  Young was in action soon after this and Dan Rose also made a good headed block of a goalbound strike, but just before half time they cut us open with a good move, and we were fortunate to see their striker hit Young's right hand post when it looked easier to score. As the second half commenced Burrowes came on for McKay who had suffered a knock shortly before the break, but playing alongside Kennedy would have been difficult as both are still so new to the club and the opposition would take full advantage before the end of the match.  We had a fairly good chance of our own in the 49th minute when Connelly got through on the left and cut the ball back to Dyson but he was smothered out by three defenders and the danger was cleared. I then believe we were very unlucky in the 57th minute when Ross made a good jump to claim a deep left wing delivery at full stretch but as he came down the ball just slipped from his grasp and the loose ball was forced in for what looked like a perfectly valid goal. However, the referee thought otherwise and a free kick was awarded somewhat harshly against our boys, while the Assistant who had a better view just stood there on the goal line, presumably because, like me, he hadn't actually seen a foul of any sort.  We made two further substitutions in the 64th minute with new signing Noah Stew-Lewis coming on for Sean White and Germaine Jeannoel taking the place of Kane Grandison as we quite clearly shifted to a 4-4-2 formation. While some substitutions work instantly this one regrettably had the reverse effect as we were 3-0 down within a minute with the ball being smashed powerfully past Young into the roof of the net from just inside the area.  In the 69th minute it was 4-0 as a left wing cross was squared in low and was almost walked into the net and it was apparent in that spell how good Westfield good be when they put their minds to it. Adam Heagney tried his luck from distance but was high and wide before Dyson appeared to get through, but was flagged offside; a decision that clearly upset our bench who were well in line with the decision. Further salt was rubbed into the Salts wounds as a fifth goal came in the 82nd minute when they ran straight through the middle and set up an easy finish.  It could have been worse as a free header cleared our bar before another effort from Westfield then hit it and was cleared, while our final opportunity came in injury time when an Endrit Dobraj free kick was on target but was fairly easy for Ross to collect, although the wall was only about six yards away after a fairly pitiful pacing out of ten yards by the referee. Why it is that officials fully stride out ten yards in the Premier League but appear to just shuffle a paltry six or seven out at our level is a constant source of amazement to me, but it also annoys me a little that our players never seem to question the placement, even when the lines around the penalty area make it quite obvious that they are being short changed. Maybe there will come a more important time for Dobraj to score a great free kick as any late goal yesterday would have been but a consolation.  So how good are Westfield? On yesterday's performance it can be seen that they are capable of great things, but recent defeats against Redhill and far more damagingly at Crowborough in the Vase last week tell me that they are also capable of switching off as was the case quite often in the first half. They have a decent lead in the table and may well hold on, although I thought that Bedfont Sports were a better unit when we played them recently. Right now I think these two clubs will be the ones going up.  For us though, this defeat marked the halfway stage in a campaign that is currently the third worst in our history. New faces keep surfacing while many of the former players who were with us at the start of the season no longer appear to be with us, and it has to be said that if the season started tomorrow I would be confident that we could compete with the teams around us and stay up. Unfortunately we are well adrift now and the gap is starting to look like a chasm. If you assume that 40 points could get you survival, which historically it does 50% of the time in our League, we need 33 more points from the second half of our season; a tally that only the top four in our League have achieved in the first half. A daunting target to say the least.  **Epsom and Ewell: Conor Young, Endrit Dobraj, Sean White, Alex McKay (c),**  **Calum Kennedy, Kane Grandison, Shaun Masterson, Dan Rose, Lloyd Connelly,**  **Ben Dyson, Adam Heagney**  **Subs: Joshua Burrowes for McKay (46), Noah Stew-Lewis for White (64),**  **Germaine Jeannoel for Grandison (64)** |

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| **Club Records - 16th December** | | | | | | |
| Date | Day | Competition |  | **Opponents** |  | **Scorers** |
| 16/12/33 | Sat | London League | H | Streatham Town | **4-1** | E.Flight (2), J.Gillespie, W.Challis |
| 16/12/50 | Sat | Corinthian League | A | Erith & Belvedere | **1-7** | T.Wright |
| 16/12/61 | Sat | Corinthian League | A | Wembley | **3-1** | J.Punter (2), D.Mead |
| 16/12/67 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | H | Wingate | **3-1** | J.Eales (3) |
| 16/12/72 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | H | Wingate | **3-1** | C.Rose, T.McCormack (2,1 pen) |
| 16/12/78 | Sat | Isthmian League 1 | H | Southall & Ealing Borough | **4-0** | G.Archer (2), T.Tuite (2) |
| 16/12/80 | Tue | Isthmian League 1 | H | Farnborough Town | **2-0** | T.Tuite (2) |
| 16/12/95 | Sat | Isthmian League 3 | A | Northwood | **2-4** | P.Meredith, A.Boxall |
| 16/12/00 | Sat | Isthmian League 3 | A | Bracknell Town | **3-2** | A.Nimmo, B.Forey, R.Sell |
| 16/12/03 | Tue | Isthmian League 1s | A | Egham Town | **0-1** |  |
| 16/12/14 | Tue | Combined Counties Premier Division | H | Spelthorne Sports | **4-3** | M.Farrell, M.Robinson, M.Ferdinando (2) |
| **Historical Decades** | | | | | | |
| Date | Day | Competition |  | **Opponents** |  | **Scorers** |
| ***90 years ago – Epsom Town F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 17/12/27 | Sat | East Surrey Hospital Cup 1 | H | Aquarius | **1-0** | F.Behn |
| ***80 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 18/12/37 | Sat | London Senior Cup 1 | A | Wealdstone | **2-0** | T.Rochester, B.Beglan |
| ***70 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 20/12/47 | Sat | London League | H | Crittall Athletic | **4-4** | T.Rochester (2), B.Peacock, K.Holliday |
| ***60 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 14/12/57 | Sat | Surrey Senior Cup 1 | H | Sutton United | **2-0** | J.Bangs, J.Sorensen (pen) |
| ***50 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 16/12/67 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | H | Wingate | **3-1** | J.Eales (3) |
| ***40 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 17/12/77 | Sat | F.A. Vase 3 | H | Ringmer | **4-0** | S.Delaney (2), T.Coombe, R.Parkin |
| ***30 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 15/12/87 | Tue | Isthmian League 2s | H | Horsham | **3-1** | M.Elliott, P.Sansom, B.Perkins |
| ***20 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 20/12/97 | Sat | Isthmian League 3 | A | Hornchurch | **1-1** | A.Nimmo |
| ***10 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 15/12/07 | Sat | Combined Counties Premier Division | A | Horley Town | **3-0** | D.Smith (2), G.McLaughlin |

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| **History Corner – 16th December** |
| **80 years ago this week** we made our first ever visit to Lower Mead, the home of Wealdstone, for a London Senior Cup tie. We had played in front of the main stand before, back in the Twenties when it was still at Summerstown! Anyway, they were unbeaten at home all season in the Athenian League, but goals from Tommy Rochester and Brian Beglan gave us a 2-0 win.  Or so we thought. Wealdstone protested on a residential technicality on Rochester and the London F.A. made us replay the tie two weeks later where we lost narrowly 3-2!  **70 years ago this week** we fought back from 4-2 down to secure a 4-4 draw at Crittall Athletic. This was our first draw in twelve matches after losing eleven in a row in all competitions. It would get worse later in the season as we were to suffer the worst ever defeat in our history in the February of 1948. More of that in a couple of months. Crittall were to change their name in due course to the more familiar Braintree Town, playing now, as then, at Cressing Road.    **60 years ago this week** we met Sutton United in a Surrey Senior Cup match. (see programme left) It was the first time we had played our local rivals in knockout action since an F.A. Cup tie back in 1948 but this time we won, with goals from Johnny Bangs and Jorgen Sorensen scoring a hat trick. Jorgen, or Jan as he was better known, was a Danish International and had also played for Erith & Belvedere and Sutton United, but had two gents outfitters, one in Stoneleigh and one in Ewell, and he would play for us for a few years. Additionally, two of his sons, Erik and Mick would also go on to play for us in future years. We wouldn’t meet Sutton (apart from a 1959 friendly) again until 1981. When we would beat them again!  **50 years ago this week** Johnny Eales scored a hat trick in our 3-1 League win over Wingate at West Street. Neither side were very good that year, but Eales would of course go on to be part of our famous 1974/75 team that reached Wembley Stadium in the inaugural F.A. Vase.  **40 years ago this week** Steve Delaney scored twice as we cruised past Sussex League team Ringmer in the F.A. Vase. As a result of this win, we would be at home to Eastbourne United in the last 32 and we would go into this tie well above them in the League table and without having conceded a goal in the competition to that point. What could possibly go wrong!!  **20 years ago this week** we played our 3,000th match in history, securing a 1-1 draw at Hornchurch with a late equaliser from Andy Nimmo. It kept alive our incredible sequence of away league matches with an Epsom goal that would eventually come to an end a couple of months later at Hemel Hempstead after reaching the incredible figure of 48 matches!  **3 years ago today** we defeated Spelthorne Sports 4-3 at High Road in a match where we were 2-0 up and comfortable until Alex McGregor became our third player sent off in consecutive matches. They reduced the arrears almost immediately only for Matt Ferdinando to restore the two-goal lead. However, they made it 3-3 with just minutes remaining only for Ferdinando again to anticipate a defenders clearance which he blocked into the net for a clever, late winner. |

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| **Club Records - 30th December** | | | | | | |
| Date | Day | Competition |  | **Opponents** |  | **Scorers** |
| 30/12/50 | Sat | Corinthian League | H | Uxbridge | **0-1** |  |
| 30/12/61 | Sat | Corinthian League | H | Leatherhead | **4-2** | D.Mead (2), K.Brown, R.Dowse |
| 30/12/67 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | H | Harrow Borough | **1-2** | R.Fillery |
| 30/12/72 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | H | Hampton | **0-1** |  |
| 30/12/78 | Sat | Surrey Senior Cup 1 | H | Egham Town | **0-1** |  |
| 30/12/81 | Wed | F.A. Trophy 3q | H | Gravesend & Northfleet | **1-1** | T.Tuite |
| 30/12/89 | Sat | Isthmian League 2s | H | Horsham | **4-1** | G.Smith (pen), C.Walcott, N.Robson, R.Kidd |
| 30/12/10 | Thur | Surrey Senior Cup 2 | H | Beckenham Town | **2-3** | K.Hough (2, 1 pen) |
| **Historical Decades** | | | | | | |
| Date | Day | Competition |  | **Opponents** |  | **Scorers** |
| ***90 years ago – Epsom Town F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 24/12/27 | Sat | London League | H | Carshalton Athletic | **3-3** | F.Behn (2), R.Marlow |
| ***80 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 01/01/38 | Sat | London Senior Cup 1 replay | A | Wealdstone | **2-3** | B.Beglan, J.Rooney |
| ***70 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 27/12/47 | Sat | Friendly | H | Dorking | **1-4** | T.Rochester |
| ***60 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 28/12/57 | Sat | Corinthian League | A | Chesham United | **0-2** |  |
| ***50 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 30/12/67 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | H | Harrow Borough | **1-2** | R.Fillery |
| ***40 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 31/12/77 | Sat | Surrey Senior Cup 1 | A | Tooting & Mitcham United | **1-3** | T.Tuite |
| ***30 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 26/12/87 | Sat | Isthmian League 2s | A | Feltham | **0-0** |  |
| ***20 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 27/12/97 | Sat | Isthmian League 3 | H | Croydon Athletic | **3-1** | K.Webb (2), A.Nimmo |
| ***10 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 05/01/08 | Sat | Combined Counties  Premier Division | H | Reading Town | **0-5** |  |

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| **History Corner – 30th December** |
| **90 years ago this week** we were battling hard to join the top clubs in the London League and came up against a resolute Carshalton Athletic at West Street. One of the club founders, our keeper Ernie Sperring played one of his best games for the club that day as we somehow escaped with a 3-3 draw. It had all looked fairly comfortable, leading 3-1 with twenty-five minutes remaining, but an injury to H.Andrews left us with ten men and we barely escaped with a point.  That point would eventually enable us to win the League in May of that season!  **80 years ago this week** we visited Wealdstone for the second time in three Saturdays for the replay of our London Senior Cup tie with Wealdstone. After being harshly judged to have played an ineligible player in Tommy Rochester, he was of course ineligible for this match. We were narrowly defeated 3-2 and never visited Lower Mead again!  **36 years ago today** we hosted Alliance Premier League team Gravesend and Northfleet in the Third Qualifying Round of the F.A. Trophy. We were a good team that year, although the opposition were one of the non-league elite, two levels above us. Tommy Tuite put us ahead but the Fleet scored a second half equaliser on a very cold night. In fact this match had already been postponed once at West Street, but this was nothing compared to the farcical situation that followed.  We were due to play the replay over in Kent but the pitch was waterlogged after a thaw. Still, we went there a couple of days later when the conditions were arguably worse and it was decided to play! We fought well but were 3-2 down with minutes remaining before a comical 40 yard back pass sailed straight over the keeper’s head and earned us a second replay! Although we lost the toss of coin for venue, an early Tuite goal in Kent was enough for us to progress to earn a trip to Cheltenham Town in the next round and later on, a meeting with mighty Altrincham too. What a season that was!  **30 years ago this week** we managed a goalless draw at Feltham, which was a good result, bearing in mind our 6-1 mauling by Ruislip Manor one week previously. This match is also famous for the telling of the greatest joke in history by Dave Wilson. I obviously cannot reproduce it here but will happily pass it on. You’d need to be above the age of thirty though as it relates to a certain sportsman of the era. I’ve said too much already!  **28 years ago today** we defeated Horsham 4-1 in an Isthmian League Division Two South encounter. This was the final match of the eighties for our club, who had managed a promotion and two relegations during that decade. However, despite all that movement, way back in January 1980 our first match of the decade had also been against Horsham, this time at Queen Street, but incredibly even the score of 4-1 to Epsom was the same! (see programme left). |

| **Who was Jack Parr?** |
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| 1926 Oct v Aquarius AC - Jack Parr having a slam***Jack Parr has a shot v Aquarius at West Street in 1926***  **Picture 24 Jack Parr**It was eighty years ago this month that Jack Parr was involved in a car crash on the Dorking Road on Boxing Day 1937, dying from his injuries a few days into the New Year at the tragically early age of 36. He was one of two people killed in an accident while they were travelling to the Peace Memorial Hall in Ashtead. The inquiry apportioned the blame to their driver, who failed to negotiate the bend at the bottom of the hill, and collided head on with another vehicle coming the other way. The other casualty was Frank Allen, a well-known top local cricketer and occasional Epsom Town Reserve player, but fortunately, the other seven passengers involved in the crash recovered from their injuries.  But who was Jack Parr, and why does he merit a mention here?  John “Jack” Parr was born in 1901, and was a local lad. He was of course a keen sportsman, and played football and cricket before the advent of World War One curtailed the young man’s activities. Upon leaving school in around 1918, he became aware of the Epsom Juniors Football Club, and joined up very early in our club’s history.  Jack became the regular inside left for the club throughout our successes of the twenties, and even after he was no longer a first choice player in 1931, he still played  Team Photo 1924 with SHC***The Sutton Hospital Cup winning side of 1924. Jack Parr is fourth from the left in the front row***  regularly for the club in whichever team required him right up until 1936. He remained heavily involved with the club up until his sudden death, and also served time on the Selection Committee, whilst both of his parents were also involved with the club.  From the point that the club attained Senior status in 1924, Jack played 188 times, scoring 101 goals, and becoming the first, and still one of only eight players to this day to pass the 100 mark.  That would be impressive enough if it wasn’t for his records prior to 1924. My records were limited for the early years, but I have so far traced 49 further appearances with 46 goals in that time, and another 75 line-ups unconfirmed. He would have played in most of these as we had a small but very reliable squad. In all likelihood, he probably made over 300 first team appearances for the club, and only our three top strikers in history would have scored more than this man, who suffered such an untimely demise.  Quite simply, Jack Parr was one of the greatest Epsom football legends there has ever been and it’s right that he should be remembered at this time. |

| **Scouting the Opponent – Merstham** |
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| In the last 16 of the Surrey Senior Cup we have been drawn at home to Merstham, with the match due to be played on Tuesday 16th January.    We used to know Merstham quite well as we used Moatside for our home ground for two seasons from 2010-12 before coming to Chipstead. However, since then, their climb has continued. When we last played them in 2007/08 we were both in the Combined Counties League; a level they had not exceeded in their entire existence. While we were there, they were an Isthmian League South Division club, but since then they have established themselves as a Premier Division club and recorded an apperance in the First Round Proper of the F.A. Cup, when Oxford United visited!  Moatside is a well appointed, neat and tidy ground these days and they are better supported than they used to be too, so hopefully we will have a decent attendance for our meeting as they take this competition very seriously, having won it a few times frequently. It will be nice to see them again!  **Moatside when the entrance was in Albury Road and the pitch was situated 90 degrees from where it is now** |

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| **Isthmian League Premier Division** | | | | | | | | |
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| **Dulwich Hamlet** | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 45 | 21 | **49** | +24 |
| **Billericay Town** | 18 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 48 | 13 | **47** | +35 |
| **Staines Town** | 21 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 48 | 29 | **38** | +19 |
| **Folkestone Invicta** | 19 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 39 | 25 | **38** | +14 |
| **Metropolitan Police** | 22 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 42 | 38 | **37** | +4 |
| **Leiston** | 21 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 33 | 26 | **36** | +7 |
| **Hendon** | 20 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 43 | 26 | **35** | +17 |
| **Margate** | 19 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 28 | 15 | **34** | +13 |
| **Wingate & Finchley** | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 27 | 28 | **31** | -1 |
| **Tonbridge Angels** | 21 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 28 | 29 | **30** | -1 |
| **Harrow Borough** | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 35 | 39 | **28** | -4 |
| **Merstham** | **22** | **7** | **6** | **9** | **37** | **38** | **27** | **-1** |
| **Brightlingsea Regent** | 20 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 34 | 35 | **27** | -1 |
| **Kingstonian** | 21 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 28 | 39 | **26** | -11 |
| **Lowestoft Town** | 21 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 31 | 38 | **25** | -7 |
| **Thurrock** | 21 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 41 | **24** | -9 |
| **Enfield Town** | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 30 | 34 | **23** | -4 |
| **Leatherhead** | 17 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 21 | 25 | **22** | -4 |
| **Dorking Wanderers** | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 37 | **21** | -7 |
| **Burgess Hill Town** | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 29 | 42 | **20** | -13 |
| **Needham Market** | 20 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 29 | 34 | **19** | -5 |
| **Harlow Town** | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 23 | 43 | **18** | -20 |
| **Tooting & Mitcham United** | 21 | 5 | 3 | 13 | 28 | 55 | **18** | -27 |
| **Worthing** | 21 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 29 | 47 | **14** | -18 |

| **Surrey Senior Cup** | | |
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| ***Preliminary Round*** | | |
| Westfield | **3-2** | Abbey Rangers |
| Dorking Wanderers | **4-1** | Walton Casuals |
| Knaphill | **1-2** | Met Police |
| ***First Round*** | | |
| Westfield | **2-2 - 4-2p** | Camberley Town |
| Woking | **1-3** | Chipstead |
| Chertsey Town | **1-2** | Spelthorne Sports |
| Dorking Wanderers | **4-1** | Godalming Town |
| Horley Town | **0-2** | Kingstonian |
| AFC Croydon Athletic | **1-5** | Met Police |
| Tooting & Mitcham United | **1-0** | Corinthian Casuals |
| Carshalton Athletic | **6-2** | Egham Town |
| Croydon | **2-2 - 11-12p** | Molesey |
| Farnham Town | **2-2 - 5-4p** | Whyteleafe |
| Sutton United | **2-1** | Redhill |
| Banstead Athletic | **2-5** | Leatherhead |
| Sutton Common Rovers | **0-0 – 4-5p** | **Epsom & Ewell** |
| Guildford City | **2-2 - 3-5p** | Colliers Wood United |
| Merstham | **3-0** | Walton & Hersham |
| South Park | **2-2 - 4-2p** | Ashford Town (Mx) |
| ***Second Round*** | | |
| Leatherhead | V | Kingstonian |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | 16/1 | Merstham |
| Farnham Town | V | Met Police |
| Westfield | V | Colliers Wood United |
| Spelthorne Sports | V | South Park |
| Sutton United | V | Molesey |
| Chipstead | V | Tooting & Mitcham United |
| Dorking Wanderers | V | Carshalton Athletic |

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| **Above and Below** | | | | | | | | |
| **Ryman League Division One South Table** | | | | | | | | |
| incl Saturday 9th December | **P** | **W** | **D** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **Pts** | **GD** |
| **Lewes** | 21 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 45 | 15 | **48** | +30 |
| **Corinthian Casuals** | 22 | 13 | 3 | 6 | 48 | 27 | **42** | +21 |
| **Carshalton Athletic** | 22 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 43 | 32 | **42** | +11 |
| **Cray Wanderers** | 20 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 44 | 13 | **41** | +31 |
| **Walton Casuals** | 23 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 47 | 29 | **40** | +18 |
| **Greenwich Borough** | 23 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 43 | 24 | **39** | +19 |
| **Hythe Town** | 23 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 40 | 31 | **37** | +9 |
| **Sittingbourne** | 21 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 35 | 25 | **36** | +10 |
| **Phoenix Sports** | 23 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 38 | 31 | **36** | +7 |
| **South Park** | 21 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 40 | 34 | **33** | +6 |
| **Hastings United** | 23 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 38 | 37 | **32** | +1 |
| **Whyteleafe** | 23 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 38 | 32 | **31** | +6 |
| **Thamesmead Town** | 22 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 44 | 42 | **30** | +2 |
| **Herne Bay** | 22 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 43 | 46 | **30** | -3 |
| **Chipstead** | 23 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 36 | 39 | **28** | -3 |
| **Faversham Town** | 23 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 33 | 36 | **28** | -3 |
| **Horsham** | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 28 | 37 | **27** | -9 |
| **Guernsey** | 21 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 37 | 45 | **26** | -8 |
| **Ramsgate** | 23 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 34 | 47 | **26** | -13 |
| **VCD Athletic** | 22 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 37 | 45 | **25** | -8 |
| **Molesey (-3)** | 23 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 34 | 52 | **18** | -18 |
| **East Grinstead Town** | 23 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 29 | 60 | **17** | -31 |
| **Ashford United** | 22 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 21 | 57 | **12** | -36 |
| **Shoreham (-6)** | 21 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 20 | 59 | **3** | -39 |
| Following the last update Walton Casuals are at the business end of the table for the first time in a while, largely buoyed by their move to a new ground that intriguingly appears to be having the reverse effect for Walton & Hersham.  Lewes clearly look like they are set for automatic promotion this year but because of the F.A. reorganisation a second club will also go up automatically and there are a number of clubs within just six points of Corinthian Casuals, the current holders of that position.  At the other end, Shoreham remain bottom and have recently had six points deducted, despite actually losing the matches in which the offences occurred. There were “registration irregularities” that were considered so serious by the League that it was felt that the points had to be deducted anyway! This surely gives Shoreham a very slim hope of survival this season but with just one club going down, they may yet escape by “off the field” means if someone else drops out.  We are keeping a close eye on Molesey though. In our position we cannot afford to have a team in our catchment area dropping down from Step Four, so it is imperative that someone else finishes at the foot of the table this season. It certainly looks unlikely to be our landlords Chipstead this year as they look secure and whilst they are still more likely to be looking over their shoulders than up at the playoffs, midtable security is better that they’ve had in recent seasons. | | | | | | | | |

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| **Combined Counties League Division One Table** | | | | | | | | |
| incl Saturday 9th December | **P** | **W** | **D** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **Pts** | **GD** |
| **Worcester Park** | 18 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 78 | 29 | **47** | *+49* |
| **Sheerwater** | 19 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 56 | 29 | **40** | *+27* |
| **Cobham** | 16 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 55 | 17 | **39** | *+38* |
| **Eversley & California** | 19 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 59 | 42 | **36** | *+17* |
| **Staines Lammas** | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 41 | 19 | **33** | *+22* |
| **Raynes Park Vale** | 17 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 51 | 34 | **33** | *+17* |
| **AC London** | 18 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 42 | 29 | **33** | *+13* |
| **Badshot Lea** | 15 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 41 | 27 | **32** | *+14* |
| **Frimley Green** | 17 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 37 | 28 | **29** | *+9* |
| **FC Deportivo Galicia** | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 38 | 35 | **21** | *+3* |
| **Farleigh Rovers** | 16 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 34 | 42 | **21** | *-8* |
| **Chessington & Hook United** | 19 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 48 | 57 | **20** | *-9* |
| **Fleet Spurs** | 18 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 37 | 56 | **17** | *-19* |
| **Ash United** | 16 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 30 | 47 | **16** | *-17* |
| **Kensington Borough** | 16 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 26 | 43 | **14** | *-17* |
| **South Park Reserves** | 16 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 24 | 44 | **13** | *-20* |
| **Cove** | 19 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 22 | 60 | **9** | *-38* |
| **Bagshot** | 18 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 23 | 70 | **9** | *-47* |
| **Bedfont & Feltham** | 18 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 22 | 56 | **7** | *-34* |
| Whilst our season may not be exactly hitting the heights, circumstances elsewhere are really helping us, in the event we could somehow get ourselves off the bottom.  I referred to Shoreham being the likely candidate to drop, and assuming that we promote two from our own division, then it would be a straight three up, three down situation between our division and this one. However, the top two clubs Worcester Park and Sheerwater are not eligible for promotion. In fact, both are to be relegated at the end of the season as they do not currently meet the Step Six guidelines and the F.A. reorganisation will presumably place them down in the Surrey Elite League at this rate.  Now, whether they are relegated or not isn’t the issue for us; the really important part from our perspective is whether they would block other teams from promotion, which would mean that fewer clubs from our division could be relegated!  Whether Sheerwater (or even Staines Lammas who also have games in hand but face relegation) finish in the top three at the end of the season is still up for debate as Cobham, Raynes Park Vale, Badshot Lea and Eversley & California all are well in the hunt, but Worcester Park seem certain for a promotion place, so if one of those other non-promotable clubs finish in the top three also, then only one club would probably go down. Can we get off the bottom? If we can, then maybe, just maybe we could write this season off as a lucky escape. An anniversary present, if you like! | | | | | | | | |

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| **Combined Counties League Premier Division**  **Opponents All-time Records** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **inc Saturday**  **9th December** | **P** | **W** | **D** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **PPG** | **GD** | **Best**  **Win** | **Worst**  **Loss** |
| **Abbey Rangers** | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 4 | **2.25** | +7 | **7-1** | **2-3** |
| **Horley Town** | 31 | 21 | 5 | 5 | 69 | 34 | **2.19** | +35 | **6-0** | **1-3** |
| **Sutton Common Rovers** | 14 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 30 | 19 | **2.14** | +11 | **4-0** | **0-5** |
| **Spelthorne Sports\*** | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 11 | **2.13** | +5 | **6-2** | **1-5** |
| **Banstead Athletic** | 38 | 23 | 7 | 8 | 62 | 38 | **2.00** | +24 | **5-0** | **0-4** |
| **Bedfont Sports** | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 19 | **1.92** | +2 | **5-1** | **0-7** |
| **Colliers Wood United** | 24 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 47 | 39 | **1.83** | +8 | **4-0** | **0-5** |
| **Farnham Town** | 17 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 30 | 25 | **1.82** | +5 | **3-0** | **1-4** |
| **Guildford City** | 19 | 11 | 1 | 7 | 36 | 25 | **1.79** | +11 | **5-1** | **1-5** |
| **Knaphill** | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 15 | **1.78** | +4 | **4-0** | **2-6** |
| **Westfield** | 22 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 43 | 41 | **1.77** | +2 | **6-1** | **0-5** |
| **Walton & Hersham** | 52 | 25 | 11 | 16 | 105 | 99 | **1.65** | +6 | **8-0** | **1-9** |
| **Hanworth Villa** | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 39 | 28 | **1.61** | +11 | **5-0** | **1-4** |
| **Camberley Town\*\*** | 91 | 38 | 23 | 29 | 159 | 126 | **1.52** | +33 | **9-1** | **0-4** |
| **Godalming Town** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | **1.50** | -2 | **2-1** | **0-3** |
| **Redhill** | 34 | 14 | 2 | 18 | 63 | 74 | **1.29** | -11 | **7-2** | **2-8** |
| **Chertsey Town** | 51 | 19 | 5 | 27 | 77 | 95 | **1.22** | -18 | **3-0** | **0-7** |
| **North Greenford United** | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 19 | 24 | **1.08** | -5 | **3-0** | **1-4** |
| **AFC Hayes** | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 20 | **0.82** | -2 | **7-0** | **0-3** |
| **CB Hounslow United** | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 11 | **0.75** | -5 | **2-0** | **1-5** |
| **Balham** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | **0.00** | -4 | **x** | **0-4** |
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| **\* includes one loss on penalties v Spelthorne and one win on penalties v Sutton Common Rovers** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **\*\* includes one abandoned match v Camberley** | | | | | | | | | | |

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| ***Fourth Round –6th January*** | | |
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| Wisbech Town | V | Bromsgrove Sporting |
| Cogenhoe United | V | Wolverhampton SC |
| Marske United | V | Hinckley AFC |
| 1874 Northwich | 7/1 | Pontefract Collieries |
| Stockton Town | V | West Auckland Town |
| Desborough Town | V | Stourport Swifts |
| Melksham Town | V | Crowborough Athletic |
| Westfields | V | Hamble Club |
| Blackfield & Langley | V | Bracknell Town |
| Leighton Town | V | Norwich CBS |
| Newport (IW) | V | Bradford Town |
| Eastbourne Town | V | Windsor |
| **Horley Town** | V | Chichester City |
| Tring Athletic | V | Hullbridge Sports |
| Thatcham Town | V | Biggleswade |
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| **Walton & Hersham F.C. – History** |
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| Walton-on-Thames F.C. was formed in 1895, and in 1945, following World War II, amalgamated with Hersham F.C. to form Walton & Hersham F.C., the present club.  The united club immediately joined the newly formed Corinthian League and followed a poor first season with a hat-trick of Championships and a runners-up position.  They also won the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time in 1947-48, beating Isthmian League neighbours Kingstonian 2-1 at Crystal Palace.  Election to the Athenian League soon followed and in their first season, 1950-51, Swans finished runners-up and again won the Surrey Senior Cup at Palace, defeating the much vaunted Dulwich Hamlet 2-1.  **Great days, big crowds**  These were halcyon days for the Stompond Lane side and the Amateur Cup Semi-Final was reached in successive seasons, 1951-52 and 1952-53, only for Swans to go out to Walthamstow Avenue and Harwich & Parkeston respectively.  During this period the club enjoyed a tremendous following, and a record crowd of 10,000 were at the Lane in 1952 when the famous Crook Town were the visitors for an Amateur Cup tie. Stars of this era included Swans’ most famous player, England and Great Britain Olympic defender C.R. ‘Jack’ Neale, and the prolific Reg Sentance, still the club’s all-time top scorer.  Some lean years followed, although the F.A. Cup First Round was reached for the first time in 1957-58, Southampton winning 6-1 before 6,000 people at Stompond Lane. Don Stoker’s popular sides of the early 1960’s brought cup fever back to the Lane and there were fine runs again in the Amateur Cup.  Two late goals by the prolific and popular (former Epsom player) Brian Jenkins beat the star-studded Wimbledon side in the Surrey Senior Cup Final of 1960-61, and the trophy was retained against Sutton United the following season.  After several years of mid-table respectability the appointment of Allen Batsford as manager in 1967 heralded the beginning of the most successful period in the club’s history. At the end of his first season, a superb victory over a powerful Wimbledon side in the two legged Final secured the Premier Midweek Floodlit League title, the first of three, followed a year later by the winning of the Athenian League championship for the first time.  The FA Cup First Round Proper was again reached in the following two seasons, only for Swans to lose to Barnet 1-0 in 1969-70 and Telford United 5-2 in 1970-71, both games being played at the Lane. The runners-up spot in the League was achieved in both those campaigns and the Surrey Senior Cup came back to Stompond Lane in 1970-71, Woking being defeated 3-0 in the Final.  Election to the Isthmian ranks followed, with third place attained in the first season, 1971-72.  **Wembley at last**  Then followed the most memorable season in the club’s history, 1972-73. The F.A. Cup First Round barrier was overcome for the first time with Exeter City being defeated 2-1 amid tremendous excitement at the Lane, only for visitors Margate to win by the only goal in the  Second Round.  Kingstonian were beaten 2-0 in the Surrey Senior Cup Final and the runners-up spot achieved in the League. Then on the 14th of April 1973 the ultimate prize was gained at Wembley when 41,000 people saw a last-minute Roger Connell goal against Slough Town bring the FA Amateur Cup to Stompond Lane, the trophy being won without a goal being conceded, a record never to be equalled. Additionally, Dave Bassett, Willie Smith and Connell also had the honour of playing for the England Amateur side.  The following season Brian Clough brought his Brighton & Hove Albion side to Stompond Lane in the F.A. Cup First Round, and following a goalless draw, Swans pulled off a sensational result in the replay at The Goldstone Ground, a Clive Foskett hat-trick included in a 4-0 win. Sadly, when Batsford left for Wimbledon the following season the fine team broke up, the crowds drifted away, and relegation soon followed in 1975.  The FA Cup First Round was surprisingly reached in 1975-76, and a young side put on a battling performance at Selhurst Park against Malcolm Allison’s Crystal Palace, only going down 1-0 to a late goal.  Barren years followed, with the club several times being close to extinction. In the mid 1980’s the club was proud to have Sir Stanley Matthews as President, but sides flattered to deceive and only a draw in the final game of the 1986-87 season prevented relegation to Division Two.  **Promotion**  After 20 years out of the top-flight, a young side under Neil Price at last gained promotion in 1993-94, and the following season the First Round Proper of the FA Cup was again reached, Swansea City winning 2-0 at the Lane. However Swans’ Centenary celebrations were spoilt by relegation after only two seasons back in the Premier.  Under the management of Laurie Craker the team ensured the stay in Division One was as brief as possible, promotion being gained on the last day of the campaign. After a creditable first season back in the Premier Division it again proved to be a struggle to remain there, and at the end of the 1999-2000 season Swans finished in bottom spot and relegation again became a reality.  Swans had to wait until the 2004-05 season before more success came to Stompond Lane after long-serving player Alan Dowson took over as manager in October. After defeat in his first match in charge, Dowson led the team to a record breaking 13 match winning sequence, fine runs in the F.A. Trophy and League Cup, and promotion as runners-up in the Ryman League Division One.  The Surrey Senior Cup Final was reached for the first time in 31 years, the Swans only losing a thrilling game against AFC Wimbledon 2-1 after extra-time before close to 4,000 people at Woking.  After a creditable first season back in the Premier Division a poor start to 2006-07 led to Dowson’s early resignation and eventual relegation yet again.  Since then Swans remained in Division One, facing relegation fights on several occasions, until 2015-16, when a third from bottom finish finally saw them go down.  After a 45 year unbroken stay in the Isthmian League Swans finished the 2016-17 season in fifth place in the Combined Counties League. |

| **Every Opponent A-Z** |
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| Over the years we have played many, many different opponents. Exactly how many is a difficult question, as it all depends on your definition. Are Camberley & Yorktown different to Camberley Town, or are Epsom Town different to Epsom F.C. or Epsom & Ewell F.C.?  In my analysis I have classed them as the same team, and will work through them all from A to Z. Some we have played many times, whilst others we have met maybe just once or twice. Enjoy!  Richard**Wimbledon: Played 9 - W1 D1 L7 - F12 A29 - PPG - 0.44 - Horrible**  As you might expect, our record against Wimbledon isn’t that impressive. However, many of our meetings produced very large crowds and some exciting matches ensued.  By the time we became a Senior club Wimbledon had already been established for many years and were in the Isthmian League as early as 1921. These were the elite Amateur clubs in the country and during the pre-war years we played most of them, Dulwich Hamlet, West Norwood, Wycombe Wanderers, Ilford, Woking, Casuals, Kingstonian, Leytonstone and Nunhead. However, none produced attendances like Dulwich Hamlet or Wimbledon.  Our first ever meeting came on 4th December 1926 in the final Qualifying Round of the Amateur Cup. Our club was offered the opportunity to switch venues to Plough Lane, but our Officials at the time decided we would play at West Street and an estimated figure of 4,500 people attended this match. The most I ever saw at West Street was 1,800 and it was heaving back then, so it is hard to imagine how busy the ground would have been back then. Future club statements some years later referred to this match as having 8,000 present, which if true would have been the largest ever recorded there.  The result was tough to take as we led for an hour after Reg Coleman had put us ahead, only to concede on the hour and twice more in the final three minutes with a replay looming. (see programme right and on next page).  Our next meeting came the following season on 29th October 1927 in the Third Qualifying Round of the F.A.Cup, this time at Plough Lane but we were edged out 3-2 in front of what was advised as a ground record at the time for Plough Lane itself of 7,631; one of the highest five verified attendances recorded in our history!  Reg Marlow had scored twice in that match, but our next meeting would prove to be more memorable still when on 6th April 1929 we met and defeated Wimbledon in the Semi-Final of the Surrey Senior Cup in front of 5,000 spectators at Richmond Road, the home of Kingstonian F.C. at the time. Unfortunately Redhill would beat us 3-2 in the Final two weeks later, but to reach the Final of that competition for the first time and in style too, as the Dons were comprehensively defeated, was a memorable achievement for the fledgling Epsom Town, which had not yet completed five years as a Senior status club. Bob Earl scored twice along with Fred Watts and Fred Behn. Three goals came in the final ten minutes and the Surrey Comet described the result as "Epsom Town's surprisingly good victory"  Unfortunately for our club, this would prove to be the high water mark against Wimbledon and we would never defeat their first team in competition again. They reasserted their dominance later that same year, defeating us 7-1 at Plough Lane in the F.A. Cup once again in front of another huge crowd numbering just under 7,500 on 2nd November. The South London Press depicted the match in caricature form, as was the norm in these days before action pictures started to appear on a regular basis, and it is interesting to note there is a reference to the Salts even back in 1929!  We had some of our most successful seasons ever in the early thirties but didn’t play Wimbledon again until a Surrey Charity Shield match on 22nd September 1934, where we were easily defeated by four clear goals in front of 2,137 spectators in a low key match. (pictured left)  We then met later in the season, again at Plough Lane on 12th January 1935. Our club rarely had any success in the Amateur Cup, only reaching the last 64 on three occasions, and the 1934/35 season was to be our final visit to the heady heights of the Amateur game. 5,000 witnessed us losing 2-0 (programme right) in a season where Wimbledon would be denied the Amateur Cup only after a replay in the Final against Bishop Auckland.  We visited Plough Lane once more before the war when meeting Dulwich Hamlet in the Semi-Final of the Surrey Senior Cup in March 1938 where we drew 2-2, although we were narrowly defeated after extra time in the replay at Kingstonian.  Our next meeting with Wimbledon came on Christmas Day 1946 where we drew with a fairly strong side 2-2 at Plough Lane. It is worth noting that Wimbledon again reached the Amateur Cup Final later that season too!  Over twelve years elapsed before we met again, this time at Sandy Lane, home of Tooting & Mitcham for another Surrey Senior Cup Semi-Final, being narrowly and unluckily defeated 2-1 with the Dons first goal being generally accepted as a fluke as a cross went over keeper Trevor Hall’s head and into the net! 5,232 were present to watch that match.  **Plough Lane in all its finery in the late eighties (lower down is how it looked before demolition)**  Our Final meeting with their First team came on 15th September 1973, and the timing was perfect as our new Manager Pat O’Connell had joined us from Wimbledon just months before this match, as did a few others like Tommy Tuite, Tony Reeves, Willie Bennett and our Secretary Stan Bailey. O’Connell even made his debut that day but in front of our biggest crowd for years of nearly a thousand, Wimbledon spoiled the party 5-1 and after fifty years of being a well-known non-league club, they finally started to make themselves known on the wider stage, reaching the First Round that year after defeating Southall, Staines, and Maidstone, before losing at Kings Lynn. Then reaching the Fourth Round in 1974/75, winning at Football League leaders Burnley before holding Leeds United to a draw in front of thousands.  Normally I would go into detail about where they are now, but their story is so well known and indeed complicated that it would be impossible to do it justice in a programme of this size. Suffice to say that we were once almost as good as them, and leave it there! |

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| **ABBEY RANGERS** Telephone: 01932-422962 - Colours: Black & White Stripes/Black/Black  Ground: Addlestone Moor, Addlestone. **KT15 2QH**  **A.F.C. HAYES** Telephone: 0208-845-0110 - Colours: Blue and White Stripes/Blue/Blue  Ground: Farm Park, Kingshill Avenue, Hayes. **UB4 8DD**  **BALHAM** Telephone: 0208-942 8062 - Colours: White & Black/Black/Black  Ground: Colliers Wood United FC - Wibbandune, Robin Hood Way, Wimbledon. **SW20 0AA** -  **BANSTEAD ATHLETIC** Telephone: 01737-350982 - Colours: Amber &Black/Black/Black  Ground: Banstead Athletic, Merland Rise, Tadworth. KT20 5JG  **BEDFONT SPORTS** Telephone: 0208-831-9067 - Colours: Red & Black Hoops/Black/Red & Black  Ground: Bedfont Sports Club, Hatton Road, Bedfont. **TW14 8JA**  **CAMBERLEY TOWN** Telephone: 01276-65392 Colours: Red & White Stripes/Blue/Red  Ground: Krooner Park, Wilton Road, Camberley. **GU15 2QW**  **CB HOUNSLOW UNITED** Telephone: 0208-577 -9712 Colours: Green/Black/Green  Ground: CB Hounslow Sports Ground, Green Lane, Hounslow **TW4 6DH**  **CHERTSEY TOWN** Telephone: 01932-561774 - Colours: Royal Blue & White Stripes/ Blue/ Blue  Ground: Alwyns Lane, Chertsey. **KT16 9DW**  **COLLIERS WOOD UNITED** Telephone: 0208-942 8062 - Colours: Royal Blue/Black/Black  Ground: Wibbandune, Robin Hood Way, Wimbledon. **SW20 0AA**  **EPSOM & EWELL Telephone: 01737-553250 - Colours: Royal Blue & White Hoops/Royal Blue/Royal Blue - Ground: Chipstead FC, High Road, Chipstead. CR5 3SF**  **FARNHAM TOWN** Telephone: 01252-715305 - Colours: - Claret & Sky Blue /White/ Claret & Blue  Ground: Memorial Ground, Babbs Mead, West Street, Farnham. **GU9 7DY**  **GODALMING TOWN** Telephone: 01483-417520 - Colours: Yellow/Green/Yellow  Ground: Wey Court, Meadrow, Godalming. **GU7 3JE**  **GUILDFORD CITY** Telephone: 01483-443322 - Colours: Red & White Stripes/Black/Black  Ground: The Spectrum, Parkway, Guildford, Surrey. **GU1 1UP**  **HANWORTH VILLA** Telephone: 0208-831-9391 - Colours: Red & White Stripes/Black/Black  Ground: Rectory Meadows, Park Road, off Hounslow Road, Hanworth. **TW13 6PN**  **HORLEY TOWN** Telephone: 01293-822000 - Colours: Claret & Sky Blue/Claret/Claret  Ground: The New Defence, Anderson Way, Court Lodge Road, Horley. **RH6 8SP**  **KNAPHILL** Telephone: 01483-475150 - Colours: Red/Black/Red & Black  Ground: Brookwood Country Park, Redding Way, Lower Guildford Road, Knaphill. **GU21 2AY**  **NORTH GREENFORD UNITED** Telephone: 0208 422 8923 - Colours: Royal Blue & White/Royal Blue/Royal Blue - Ground: Berkeley Fields, Berkeley Avenue, Greenford, Middx **UB6 0NX**  **REDHILL** Telephone: 01737-762129 - Colours: Red and White Stripes/Red/Red  Ground: Kiln Brow, Three Arch Road, Redhill. **RH1 5AG**  **SPELTHORNE SPORTS** Telephone: 01932-961055 - Colours: Navy & Sky Blue/ Blue/ Blue  Ground: Spelthorne Sports Club, 296 Staines Road, Ashford Common, Ashford. **TW15 1RY**  **SUTTON COMMON ROVERS** Telephone: 0208-644-4440 - Colours: Yellow/ Yellow / Yellow  Ground: Sutton United FC, Gander Green Lane, Sutton. **SM1 2EY**  **WALTON & HERSHAM** Telephone: 01932-245263 - Colours: Red & White Trim/Red/Red  Ground: Stompond Lane, Walton on Thames. **KT12 1HF**  **WESTFIELD** Telephone: 01483-771106 - Colours: Yellow/Black/Black  Ground: Woking Park, Kingfield Road, Woking. **GU22 9BA** |

| **EL Records Premier Challenge Cup** | | |
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| ***Second Round*** | | |
| CB Hounslow United | **1-2+** | Worcester Park |
| Chertsey Town | **1-0** | Horley Town |
| Colliers Wood United | **4-1** | Balham |
| AFC Hayes | **0-1** | Cobham |
| Knaphill | **3-1** | Guildford City |
| Cove | **0-1** | Sutton Common Rovers |
| Bagshot | **1-4** | North Greenford United |
| Bedfont Sports | **6-1** | Farleigh Rovers |
| Redhill | **9-0** | Fleet Spurs |
| Kensington Borough | **4-3** | Raynes Park Vale |
| Bedfont & Feltham | **0-1** | Godalming Town |
| Chessington & Hook United | **5-2** | Sheerwater |
| Spelthorne Sports | **5-1** | Ash United |
| Walton & Hersham | **6-1** | Badshot Lea |
| Abbey Rangers | **1-3** | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| Banstead Athletic | **0-3** | Farnham Town |
| ***Third Round*** | | |
| Cobham | **5-0** | Farnham Town |
| North Greenford United | **0-4** | Colliers Wood United |
| Sutton Common Rovers | **5-0** | Redhill |
| Godalming Town | **3-2** | Chessington & Hook United |
| Knaphill | **2-0** | Kensington Borough |
| Bedfont Sports | **0-1** | Walton & Hersham |
| Spelthorne Sports | **1-0** | Chertsey Town |
| Worcester Park | **6-1** | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| ***Quarter-Finals*** | | |
| Godalming Town | V | Knaphill |
| Spelthorne Sports | V | Walton & Hersham |
| Sutton Common Rovers | V | Cobham |
| Worcester Park | V | Colliers Wood United |

| **Player Sponsorship** |
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| Here is the latest list for 2017/18, with new photos showing all of our players and Management that are available for sponsorship. Other new players may be added shortly.    **Sponsorship costs just £40 and it is easy to do.** Just select a player who has not been previously sponsored and let a Committee Member know. Beware though. Until we have received the money it is possible for someone to jump in front of you, so don’t delay, sponsor today! |

| **Epsom & Ewell F.C. Club History - The First 100 Years!** |
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| **1918 badge**We were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club and played throughout the summer. In the autumn, Epsom Juniors F.C. came into being and played a handful of games from what is now known as Alexandra Recreation Ground. Competitive football followed as we entered the Surrey Junior League in 1919, and became founder members of the Sutton & District League in 1920.  A change of name in July 1922 to Epsom Town F.C. heralded the start of a very successful era. By now resident at the Horton Hospital Sports Ground, we were unfortunate to lose 2-1 after extra time at Dorking F.C.’s Pixham Lane ground to Caterham Mental Hospital in a replay of the Surrey Junior Cup Final. However, we won three other trophies that season, the Leatherhead Hospital Shield, the Sutton Hospital Cup, and the Epsom Hospital Cup. In addition, we also won the Sutton & District League, and under the forward thinking of their visionary Chairman Hugh Bradley, took the step into Intermediate Football, where we won the Southern Suburban League without losing a match. Senior football was granted as we were unanimously accepted into the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25, where we finished third.  In September 1925, the club relocated to the old Ewell F.C. ground at West Street, which was purchased through the generosity of our future President Robert Bradshaw. In 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, we defeated Egham 1-0 at Egham in the League Charity Cup to complete a League and Cup “double”.  Election to the London League followed, and the title was claimed in the first attempt in 1927/28. Unfortunately, we were unable to repeat this, instead finishing runners-up in 1931/32, 1932/33, 1934/35, 1936/37 and 1937/38. Cup Honours were limited, although in 1929 Redhill defeated us 3-2 in front of 4,600 at Guildford in our first Surrey Senior Cup Final, having seen off Wimbledon 4-1 in the semi-final!  The thirties were a very successful era, and we won the Surrey Charity (Senior) Shield in 1933 with an impressive 5-0 win over Woking at Kingfield. However, the proudest moment of our pre-war history was an appearance in the First Round Proper of the F.A.Cup in 1933/34. Woking, Nunhead, Tooting & Mitcham, Beddington Corner, and Leytonstone were defeated, and a crowd of 9,485 at the Lea Bridge Speedway Stadium witnessed a 4-2 loss against the hosts Clapton Orient. At the end of that season we changed our name to Epsom F.C.  In 1939 a newly formed team, Epsom Town (no connection to the earlier name) shared the ground with Epsom F.C. However, this arrangement was suspended when war was declared, and we folded for the duration. In the meantime, Club Chairman Charles Pettett threw in his lot with Epsom Town in an attempt to boost morale by keeping the football flag flying. It was successful, as that club competed continuously throughout the war years, winning the Surrey Combination in 1939/40, and reaching the Surrey Senior Cup Final in 1944, losing 3-1 to Tooting & Mitcham, at Sandy Lane. After the war, Epsom F.C. restarted, continuing in the London League and reclaimed West Street. Temporary homes were found for Epsom Town while they competed for a season in the newly created Corinthian League, but disbanded in 1946.  In 1949 we entered the Corinthian League ourselves, where in 1952 we reached the League Memorial Shield Final in 1952, going down 2-1 to Champions Hounslow at Eastbourne after leading at half-time. Things improved further with the signing of the former English Amateur International Pat Lynch from Hendon, finishing third in 1952/53, while in 1954 we reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time in our history, losing unluckily 2-0 to Corinthian Casuals in front of 6,159 at Selhurst Park. In 1955 we won the Surrey Senior Shield with a 1-0 win over Carshalton Athletic at West Street.  We appointed our first ever Manager, Kingstonian legend Doug Whitehead in 1955 and the Corinthian League double was almost achieved in 1956/57, but two losses in the final week, along with a 2-0 defeat in the Cup Final to Maidenhead United at Dorking ensured that we ended with neither, finishing fourth. However in 1960, we finally raised the Shield with a 2-0 revenge win over Maidenhead at Vale Farm, home of Wembley F.C.  In 1960 we changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. This was not because of any merger with Ewell & Stoneleigh as is often quoted, but was an attempt to increase support across the whole of the Borough. In 1963 the Corinthian League merged with the Athenian and Delphian Leagues, and we were placed in Division One of the new structure, but the sixties were full of poor results and we were relegated in 1965.  Despite a string of managers, most notably ex-Leyton Orient winger Jimmy Smith, and Tony Williams, now famous for his creation of the F.A. Yearbooks, our fortunes did not improve significantly and further relegations were avoided in the early seventies by the benefit of re-election. However in 1973, despite “improving” to finish second from bottom, the Athenian League ran out of patience and cut us loose. This was unfortunate timing as  we had just cleared all of our debts, and in addition to a virtually new Committee, former Fulham player Pat O’Connell had taken over as Manager.  The Surrey Senior League took us in at the last minute, and the new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and the following season, 1974/75 achieved a second Surrey Senior League “double”. However, the season would always be remembered for reaching the Final of the inaugural F.A. Vase, where 9,500 saw the Blues edged out 2-1 by Hoddesdon Town at Wembley Stadium. The Athenian League welcomed us back, and promotion to the top flight was achieved in that first season. In 1976/77 we reached the Athenian League Cup Final, losing 1-0 at Chalfont St Peter.  For 1977/78 many clubs were invited to join the expanding Isthmian League, and we were placed in the new Division Two. Our first match under floodlights took place against Met Police, and the title was clinched the following April. In 1979/80 we won the Southern Combination Cup 7-2 over Hampton on their own pitch, where the opposition were blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season a new clubhouse opened at West Street, and we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. In 1983/84 we clinched a spot in the Premier Division as runners-up, although this time we missed out in the Surrey Senior Cup Final, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United at Imber Court.  With Adrian Hill as Manager since 1982, we survived comfortably in our first season at the new level, but Hill’s departure to Croydon in 1985 started a decline. Much of the squad left with Hill, and new Manager Alan Webb had too much to do. We were relegated in 1986, and following Webb’s departure soon after, Player / Manager Ricky Kidd nearly but not quite saved us from our second straight relegation. Adrian Hill replaced Kidd for a second spell at the helm in 1990, but we were placed in the new Division Three in 1991 in league reorganisation following a finish one position below the required half way mark.  In 1993 a large chapter in our history ended as we left West Street and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. The decade was largely one of frustration, although we did reach the Final of the Associate Members Trophy, losing 2-0 to Bedford Town at Hendon’s old Claremont Road ground.  In 2002 Adrian Hill took us back up to Division 1 South, where we topped the table for a month, eventually finishing 9th, but Hill’s retirement at the end of the season led to relegation a year later and in 2006 we were transferred into the Combined Counties League Premier Division. In October 2006 Lyndon Buckwell, a former player became our new Manager, and in his first full season (2007/08) we were back in the top ten, and finishing fourth and fifth in 2008/09 and 2009/10 and also reached the last 32 of the F.A.Vase for the first time in 21 years, bowing out 3-2 in Northamptonshire to Long Buckby. In April of 2010 we terminated our seventeen-year ground sharing agreement with Banstead Athletic and spent two unspectacular seasons at Merstham F.C. before relocating to High Road, home of Chipstead F.C. for the 2012/13 season.  The season brought significant playing success as a slow start was followed by a spectacular run of form, including a club record 12 straight League wins, which put us at the top of the table for over a month before a tough run in resulted in a final position of fifth. However, any disappointment there was tempered by the club’s first silverware since 1981 when we defeated South Park 3-0 at Farnborough to win the Combined Counties League Cup. On a sadder note, 2012/13 also marked one thousand games since we left West Street.  We carried our fine form into 2013/14 and led the league with eight straight wins but couldn’t hold on and had to settle for third place, our highest league finish since 1984, but the following season Lyndon Buckwell departed and Glyn Mandeville and new Assistant Matt Smith steered the club to seventh place, despite a substantial budget cut and this improved to fourth place in 2015/16 and we repeated this in 2016/17 with the bonus of a League Cup Final appearance, although hopes of winning the trophy again were dashed when Westfield defeated us 4-1. We continue at High Road for the 2017/18 season.  Meanwhile, as we mark our Centenary season the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough…..  Ground View 90's Clubhouse |

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| **Chertsey Town** | 15/08/17 | EEFC Management Committee | |
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| **Bedfont Sports** | 24/03/18 |  | |
| **Colliers Wood United** | 30/03/18 |  | |
| **Banstead Athletic** | 02/04/18 | Nathan Lambert – 10 years old today! | |
| **Westfield** | 14/04/18 |  | |
| **AFC Hayes** | 28/04/18 | Club President - Stella Lamont | |
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| **Match sponsorship costs just £60.00!**  **Sponsorship includes:**  **Admission, programmes and hospitality for three people.**  **A full page advert in the programme and mascot for the day (if required).**  **Also, you get to choose the player of the match, who will receive a prize**  **If you are interested, just speak to a Committee Member,**  **or drop me an email at: richard.c.lambert@gmail.com** | | | |

| **Salts Super Six Predictor** |
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| The Salts Super Six Predictor is up and running again after the jackpot of £206wasclaimed by our Membership Secretary Mel Tough and the tickets are on sale at today’s game to the left of the gate. The matches are to be played on Saturday 16th December and there will be another ticket available on 30th December, although of course we don’t know what the jackpot would be just yet!  The competition is easy to play! To win, you simply need to predict the results of six matches correctly from the three options, fill in the form and make sure it is back with our seller before the deadline on the ticket. The latest fixtures are shown below.  If you are a club regular, you just need to place your name on the sheet, although if you aren’t, then we’ll need a contact number from you too. We will announce any winners on the website within three working days, so don’t worry, we won’t miss you!  Please note that if there is more than one winner, the prize pot would be shared between the winners. All you need to do now is have a go, as many times as you like!    **Good luck!** |

| **Merchandise** |
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| To celebrate our Centenary season we are shortly to have a new kit which will also contain our brand new Centenary badge. We will also be selling polo shirts and hoodies in either Royal Blue or White.  The costs are £15 for polo shirts, £20 for hoodies and £30-£35 for a replica shirt but we need to order them all in one group and will then have them before the end of January. You know where we are!  **Be part of the Salts Centenary!**  **#Saltsfamily** |

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| ***Combined Counties League – Premier Division*** | | | |
| ***Saturday, 16th December 2017 - Kick-off 3.00 p.m.*** | | | |
| **Epsom and Ewell**  (Royal Blue & White hoops) | **V** | | **Abbey Rangers**  (Black / White) |
| **Squad** | **NUMBERS** | | **Squad** |
| **Conor Young** |  |  | **Liam Stone** |
| **Reisse Griffin** |  |  | **Jason MacGregor** |
| **Sean White** |  |  | **James Shannon** |
| **Scott Murphy** |  |  | **Elliot Firth** |
| **Joshua Burrowes** |  |  | **Tom Bentley** |
| **© Alex McKay** |  |  | **Joe Macklin** |
| **Liam Roberts** |  |  | **Michael Carey** |
| **Ben Dyson** |  |  | **Danny Hartlebury** |
| **Taryn Smith** |  |  | **Ben Kersley** |
| **Lloyd Connelly** |  |  | **Bradley Thomas** |
| **Adam Heagney** |  |  | **Luke Robertson** |
| **Ashley Thompson** |  |  | **Jordan Timbrell** |
| **Daniel Rose** |  |  | **Joe Wallbanks** |
| **Endrit Dobraj** |  |  | **Vitor Monteiro** |
| **Kyle Hough** |  |  | **James Louison** |
| **Rob Hendry** |  |  | **Jason Timbrell** |
| **Germaine Jeannoel** |  |  | **Chad Goulter** |
| **Shaun Masterson** |  |  | **Kyen Nicholas** |
| **Kane Grandison** |  |  | **Lewis Collins** |
| **Calum Kennedy** |  |  |  |
| **Jamie Hatfield** |  |  |  |
| **Noah Stew-Lewis** |  |  |  |
| **Ali Dewar** |  |  |  |
| **Bentley Graham** |  |  |  |
| ***Glyn Mandeville*** | MANAGER | | ***Mike Woolgar*** |
| ***Alex McKay*** | ASSISTANT | | ***Paul Johnson*** |
| ***Neil Grant / Jimmy Hendry*** | COACH / PHYSIO | | ***Joe Taylor*** |
| **REFEREE: S.McKee** | | | |
| **ASSISTANTS: R van Neikerk, W.Ingram** | | | |
| Today’s Match and Match Ball are kindly sponsored by:  Pete Beddoe’s grandchildren George, Joseph, Ezara & Inaya | | | |
| OUR NEXT VISITORS TO HIGH ROAD ***Merstham***  Surrey Senior Cup – Second Round  Tuesday 16th January 2018 – 7.45 p.m. | | | |

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| ***Saturday, 30th December 2017 - Kick-off 3.00 p.m.*** | | | |
| **Epsom and Ewell**  (Royal Blue & White hoops) | **V** | | **Walton & Hersham**  (Red / White) |
| **Squad** | **NUMBERS** | | **Squad** |
| **Conor Young** |  |  | **Brendan Norris (GK)** |
| **Reisse Griffin** |  |  | **Flo Bojaj** |
| **Sean White** |  |  | **Jim Fenlon** |
| **Scott Murphy** |  |  | **Cameron Gyeabour** |
| **Joshua Burrowes** |  |  | **Julian Hornby** |
| **© Alex McKay** |  |  | **Billy Jeffreys** |
| **Liam Roberts** |  |  | **Dave Musendo** |
| **Ben Dyson** |  |  | **Howard Newton** |
| **Taryn Smith** |  |  | **Jake Newton** |
| **Lloyd Connelly** |  |  | **TJ Nkoma** |
| **Adam Heagney** |  |  | **Abdeen Abdul** |
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| **Endrit Dobraj** |  |  | **Sam Shaban** |
| **Kyle Hough** |  |  | **Elliott Simpson** |
| **Rob Hendry** |  |  | **Shaun Smart** |
| **Germaine Jeannoel** |  |  | **Athan Smith-Joseph** |
| **Shaun Masterson** |  |  | **Lea Van Sullivan** |
| **Kane Grandison** |  |  | **Malachi Thomas** |
| **Calum Kennedy** |  |  | **Jamie Thoroughgood (C)** |
| **Jamie Hatfield** |  |  |  |
| **Noah Stew-Lewis** |  |  |  |
| **Ali Dewar** |  |  |  |
| **Ben Hayward** |  |  |  |
| ***Glyn Mandeville*** | MANAGER | | ***Simon Haughney*** |
| ***Alex McKay*** | ASSISTANT | | ***Paul Thomas / Howard Newton*** |
| ***Neil Grant / Jimmy Hendry*** | COACH / PHYSIO | | ***Tiffany Weedon*** |
| **REFEREE: L.Torz-Brown** | | | |
| **ASSISTANTS: M.Stevens, R.Wells** | | | |
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