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**Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Football League  
Division One**

**Saturday 13th April 2019 - 3.00pm**

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE**





Division One

## Club Directory

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**SHAWFIELD STADIUM, YOUNGS DRIVE, GU12 6RE**

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**CHALKY LANE, KT9 2NF**

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**OAK FARM FIELDS, SQUIRREL LANE, GU14 8PF**

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**MEADOWBANK STADIUM, MILL LANE, RH4 1DX**

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**CHIPSTEAD FC, HIGH ROAD, CR5 3SF**

**EVERSLEY & CALIFORNIA**  
**HALLS WAY, OFF FOX LANE, RG27 0NS**

**FARNHAM TOWN**  
**THE MEMORIAL GROUND, MEAD LANE, GU9 7DY**

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**BEDFONT SPORTS FC, HATTON ROAD, TW14 9JR**

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### **First Team:**

**Manager:** Adam Bessent

**Assistant Manager:** Jake Bessent

**Assistant Manager:** John Nunn

**Physiotherapist:** Andy Nolan

### **Youth Teams:**

**Under 7s:** TBA

**Under 8s:** Kris Creany

**Under 9s:** Craig Wright

**Under 10s:** Andy Mainka

**Welfare Officer:** Jodie Nelson

### **Sunday Team:**

**Manager:** Ricky O'Leary

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to The Orchard for this Cherry Red Records Combined Counties Football League match against our friends from Epsom & Ewell. This is our final home match of the season.

We offer a special welcome to the officials, players and supporters of 'The Salts'. We hope they have an enjoyable afternoon of football and then have a safe journey home following the match. This welcome is also extended to the match officials. We please ask that you respect them both on and off the field of play. Without match officials, we have no match.

Tuesday evening saw us entertain high-flying Sutton Common Rovers in the Semi-Final of the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup. After a 0-0 1<sup>st</sup> half, SCR headed the ball home on 47 minutes. Elliott Hayden nearly scored an equaliser but SCR won 1-0. They will now play CB Hounslow United in the final on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Windsor FC's ground.

Our visitors, Epsom & Ewell are on their third visit to The Orchard this season: They played us here on 5<sup>th</sup> February in the Division One Challenge Cup and beat us 2-1. Our goal was scored by Ashley Hitchinson. (E&E beat our neighbours FC Deportivo Galicia 4-2 in the semi-final and will play either Frimley Green or Fleet Spurs in the final). They also visited on 10<sup>th</sup> October to play our tenants British Airways and drew 1-1.

We visited Epsom & Ewell on 8<sup>th</sup> December and drew 4-4 on a very wet and miserable day. Reece Gairy and Kelvin Karanja scored one a piece whilst Farhad Mahboudi scored a brace. Epsom & Ewell drew 1-1 at home to Fleet Spurs last Saturday.

Our Sunday side are playing Highgate Albion 3rds in the final of the Middlesex FA Sunday Junior Trophy tomorrow at 11am at Middlesex FA HQ Rectory Park, Northolt (see further inside for details). The First XI play Farnham Town away on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, and Kensington Borough away on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the match and the summer break. Keep an eye on our website and social media for news of pre-season friendlies and other events.

All the best. Rob – editor.



# From Bedfont & Feltham FC Manager

## Adam Bessent:

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the Orchard. I hope our match officials and all associated with Epsom & Ewell enjoy their short stay with us.

Our poor run of league form continued since my last set of notes which has ultimately seen us drop out of the promotion hunt. It has been a hugely disappointing few weeks both on and off the pitch. We got ourselves into a rut and struggled to get out of it.

On Tuesday night we entertained Sutton Common Rovers here in the Premier Challenge Cup Semi Final. Considering our recent form and the standard of our opposition, I expect many were waiting to see a big win for our Premier Division visitors. However, our lads put in a performance that they are capable of and it was refreshing to see that they still had it in them, despite everything that has happened over the last 5 games. We pushed SCR to the last whistle, our work rate and effort was outstanding all over the pitch, we defended well and always looked a threat going forward. These are the things that make us the team we can be and we had got away from that recently. I hope we see more of the same today and in our remaining two games as we look to secure a top 3 spot.

In my last set of notes for the year, on behalf of all the players and management team I'd like to thank everyone for their support over the course of the season. Brian and all the committee at the club have done everything they can to help us achieve our promotion target, unfortunately we have fallen just short in the last month but I hope along the way we have entertained you and you are proud to be associated with the club again after a couple of tough years.

Thank you again, I hope you enjoy the Summer break.

Adam



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## Fixtures involving Division One Clubs:

**Saturday 13th April**

**Division 1**

<b>Bedfont &amp; Feltham</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Epsom &amp; Ewell</b>
Chessington & Hook Utd	v	Godalming Town
Dorking Wanderers Res	v	Bagshot
Eversley & California	v	Kensington Borough
Farnham Town	v	Frimley Green
FC Deportivo Galicia	v	British Airways
Fleet Spurs	v	Sandhurst Town
Sheerwater	v	Ash United
Tooting Bec	v	Cove

**Tuesday 16th April**

**Division 1**

<b>Epsom &amp; Ewell</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>FC Deportivo Galicia</b>
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**Saturday 20th April**

**Division 1**

Ash United	v	Chessington & Hook Utd
Cove	v	Bagshot
<b>Epsom &amp; Ewell</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Sandhurst Town</b>
<b>Farnham Town</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Bedfont &amp; Feltham</b>
Frimley Green	v	Kensington Borough

**Tuesday 23rd April**

**Division 1**

Chessington & Hook Utd	v	FC Deportivo Galicia
Tooting Bec	v	Frimley Green

**Saturday 27th April**

**Division 1**

<b>Epsom &amp; Ewell</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Farnham Town</b>
Eversley & California	v	Chessington & Hook Utd
<b>Kensington Borough</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>Bedfont &amp; Feltham</b>
Tooting Bec	v	Sandhurst Town





# Division One League Table

As at Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

*Matches involving AC London have been removed from the table*

		Overall						Home					Away						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Sheerwater	33	23	5	5	87	39	13	2	1	51	17	10	3	4	36	22	+48	74
2	Frimley Green	31	21	7	3	70	38	11	5	0	43	20	10	2	3	27	18	+32	70
3	Farnham Town	31	19	5	7	69	36	12	1	2	41	9	7	4	5	28	27	+33	62
4	BEDFONT & FELTHAM	31	18	7	6	92	43	12	3	1	59	13	6	4	5	33	30	+49	61
5	Tooting Bec	31	18	7	6	73	37	10	2	2	40	19	8	5	4	33	18	+36	61
6	Sandhurst Town	31	17	5	9	55	47	10	3	4	26	20	7	2	5	29	27	+8	56
7	Ash United	32	16	7	9	78	62	9	2	5	43	29	7	5	4	35	33	+16	55
8	EPSOM & EWELL	30	16	4	10	69	56	8	4	2	36	20	8	0	8	33	36	+13	52
9	Chessington & Hook United	30	12	6	12	60	58	6	3	6	35	33	6	3	6	25	25	+2	42
10	Dorking Wanderers Reserves	33	11	6	16	60	77	8	2	6	39	39	3	4	10	21	38	-17	39
11	British Airways	33	11	5	17	68	81	7	2	8	37	30	4	3	9	31	51	-13	38
12	Godalming Town	33	10	5	18	47	77	4	4	9	17	36	6	1	9	30	41	-30	35
13	Bagshot	33	10	5	18	39	90	5	4	8	24	39	5	1	10	15	51	-51	35
14	FC Deportivo Galicia	31	9	3	19	55	66	6	1	9	38	32	3	2	10	17	34	-11	30
15	Kensington Borough	31	7	9	15	41	66	6	3	7	23	28	1	6	8	18	38	-25	30
16	Fleet Spurs	33	7	4	22	53	84	3	3	10	28	32	4	1	12	25	52	-31	25
17	Eversley & California	32	7	3	22	60	84	3	2	10	28	38	4	1	12	32	46	-24	24
18	Cove	33	5	5	23	45	80	3	3	11	23	36	2	2	12	22	44	-35	20



## From the Editor

Well, this is our last home match of season 2018-19 and therefore, my last programme of the season. I can't believe how fast the season has gone. We've come a long way since the opening match which saw us beat Bagshot 11-0.



Undoubtedly, Adam Bessent, his management team and players have been the best thing this club has had since the inception of Bedfont & Feltham Football Club. Ok, we didn't quite make promotion but we have been frontrunners of the division since the opening match and we have become a force to be reckoned with once more.

I'd like to thank Adam for his manager's notes and also John for taking all of the player's head-shots and for arranging the 'meet the players' interviews. They have made a big difference to the programme content. I'd also like to thank Derrick for his match reports, and Joanna for more of her fantastic photos which are on our website and on her Flickr site - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/102523749@N08/albums/> Thanks also to Gwen who tirelessly prints and staples all the programmes for us.

You will also probably know that as well as having printed programmes, we also put a pdf file on our website for each match. This is to make the programme available more widely and I have had some nice feedback about the programmes again this season, for which I am grateful. We don't have an editorial team, just me with my laptop. I have tried to make the content as readable as possible. With the advent of online programmes, I am able to add some extra content which is not always available prior to the print deadline and it is possible to add live links to websites or articles. Personally, I am in favour of keeping paper programmes, and enjoy picking them up on my travels; however, there is the issue of storage – which my wife Karen will gladly comment on!

I know too that there are clubs that provide better, glossy, colourful printed programmes and online versions. In future, we may be able to stretch to a better design but for now you're stuck with my primitive contribution to the world of Non-League programmes!

On behalf of the management committee, I would like to thank all of our supporters and all visitors to The Orchard this season. We have the Jim Tate Youth Tournament coming up on 19<sup>th</sup> May and hope to be able to publish a list of pre-season friendlies over the coming weeks.

Enjoy your summer and take care.

Rob Healy  
Assistant Match Secretary  
& Media Manager / Programme Editor.







# **SUNDAY JUNIOR TROPHY FINAL**

**2018/2019**



Bedfont & Feltham  
Sunday

VS



Highgate Albion 3rds

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**Middlesex FA HQ, UB5 6AU**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**Kick Off: 11:00am**

**Adults: £6 Concessions: £3**

# Game of The People



GAME OF THE PEOPLE

## A new approach to Non-League programmes is needed.

Football news is in demand like never before. All supporters want to read about their favourite team and gorge on information. Whether it's Real Madrid or Rhyl, Milan to Montrose, fans are desperate to know what's happening. But they don't want to pay for it.

One of the rituals of going to a game – especially when you are young – was buying your programme and absorbing every line. Today, especially in non-league football, the day of the programme is on the decline – probably terminally. Clubs all over the pyramid are bemoaning declining sales as supporters gain all they need to know from the internet.

It's time to face facts. Non-league clubs are up against it when it comes to funding a programme and actually getting someone to produce it for them. There's little motivation in working 10-12 hours a week on a product

that only 20% of your crowd is bothering to buy. "I just look at the website, it doesn't cost anything," is a comment you often hear when a fan is asked if they buy a programme. And it's a trend that has gathered momentum.



*A familiar sight... unsold programmes*

The problem is, the leagues demand that you produce a programme of a certain size, so clubs have to deliver a product they know will not make money, and at best, will break even. It's a loss leader.

The time has come to make life easier for non-league clubs that are, essentially, part-time on the field and increasingly full-time off the pitch. Add up the time spent by the dozen or so people that most clubs rely on and it will probably equate to two to three people working full-time. It's not easy and if the demands continue, it basically means that non-league will continue to be the domain of retired and semi-retired men (i.e. people with time on their hands).

So, what's the answer? Get innovative or get retro. Scrap the programme, introduce the team-sheet concept and leverage off the power of the internet when it comes to advertising revenue. Football clubs have been slow in utilising the internet for advertising purposes – the website will always come out on top if you analyse the stats. If a 300 crowd yields 60 programme sales, the total exposure for the season, at best, is 1,800 people. An advert on the web can be seen by 20,000 people a week, and that's conservative. No contest – you just have to persuade local businesses that the internet is the way ahead.

One way of exploiting the internet is to introduce apps that supporters can plug into on their smart phones. The really tech-savvy clubs could time the launch of information so fans can access the line-ups, scores and team news before the kick-off.

Another *Heath Robinson* idea is to bring back the sandwich board concept as a fun alternative. A willing horse could be led around the pitch with a board displaying the teams. It could become a pre-match and half-time ritual! A sort of human App!

Whatever happens, sales will go down and costs up. Let's stop pretending we're all Manchester United and embrace the low-cost technological age. Programmes 2.0, I say.

With thanks to Neil Jensen – [gameofthepeople.com](http://gameofthepeople.com)

The above article is from June 2013. It is still relevant today.



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# BEDFONT & FELTHAM FC

## FIXTURES/RESULTS 2018-19

<b>August 2018</b> <b>Saturday 4 Home</b> Saturday 11 Away <b>Saturday 18 Home</b> <b>Tuesday 21 Home</b> Saturday 25 Away <b>Monday 28 Home</b>	<b>Opponents</b> <b>BAGSHOT</b> Dorking Wanderers Reserves <b>SANDHURST TOWN</b> <b>FRIMLEY GREEN</b> Eversley & California <b>BRITISH AIRWAYS (11.30)</b>	<b>Result</b> W 11-0 D 3-3 W 5-0 D 0-0 W 5-1 W 5-0	<b>Goalscorers</b> Capon (4), Karanja (2 + 1Pen), Mahboudi (2), R.Nunn, Gairy Karanja, Gairy, Capon Capon (3), R.Nunn, K. Russell  Capon (2), Mahboudi (2), Karanja Capon (3), Hayden, Mahboudi
<b>September</b> <b>Saturday 8 Home</b> <b>Saturday 15 Home</b> Saturday 22 Away <b>Tuesday 25 Home</b> <b>Saturday 29 Home</b>	<b>ASH UNITED</b> <b>WINSLOW UNITED (FAV2Q)</b> Cove <b>TOOTING BEC (PCC)</b> <b>CHESSINGTON &amp; HOOK UNITED</b>	D 3-3 W 2-0 W 4-2 W 2-0 W 2-0	Capon, Karanja (2 inc 1 Pen) Capon, R.Nunn Capon (2) R.Nunn, P.Nunn Daniel-Murphy, Davis Mahboudi, Karanja
<b>October</b> Tuesday 2 Away Saturday 6 Away Tuesday 9 Away <b>Saturday 13 Home</b> <b>Saturday 20 Home</b> Tuesday 23 Away	Horley Town (SCC) Godalming Town Hillingdon Borough (MCC) <b>ERITH TOWN (FAV1)</b> <b>FC DEPORTIVO GALICIA</b> Eversley & California (ERC)	D 3-3 W 2-0 L 3-4 L 1-2 W 1-0 W 3-2	Mahboudi, Karanja, Capon (Final score 3-4 Pens) Karanja (2) Sarfo, Capon, Gairy Hitchinson Capon Capon, Karanja (2)
<b>November</b> <b>Saturday 3 Home</b> Saturday 6 Away <b>Friday 9 Home</b> <b>Saturday 17 Home</b> <b>Tuesday 20 Home</b> Saturday 24 Away	<b>DORKING WANDERERS RES</b> Tooting Bec <b>KENSINGTON BOROUGH</b> <b>COVE</b> <b>PARK VIEW (MPC)</b> Farnham Town	W 4-0 L 3-0 W 4-0 W 4-1 D 2-2 P-P	Capon (3), Mahboudi  Capon (2), Mahboudi, Gairy Davis, Mahboudi, E.Hayden, Capon Karanja, Capon (Final score 5-3 Pens)
<b>December</b> Saturday 8 Away <b>Saturday 15 Home</b> Saturday 22 Away	Epsom & Ewell <b>EVERSLEY &amp; CALIFORNIA</b> FC Deportivo Galicia	D 4-4 W 2-1 W 3-1	Gairy, Karanja, Mahboudi (2) Hitchinson, Pearce Sarfo, Capon (2)
<b>January 2019</b> <b>Saturday 5 Home</b> Saturday 12 Away Tuesday 15 Away <b>Saturday 19 Home</b> Saturday 26 Away Tuesday 29 Away	<b>SHEERWATER</b> Bagshot AFC Hayes (PCC) <b>FLEET SPURS</b> Sandhurst Town Enfield Borough (MPC)	W 3-2 D 1-1 W 1-0 W 7-1 L 1-2 L 1-4	Capon (2), Roach Capon Capon Daniel-Murphy, Mahboudi (2), Capon (3), T.Hayden Nutbeam Hitchinson
<b>February</b> <b>Tuesday 5 Home</b> Saturday 9 Away <b>Saturday 16 Home</b> Tuesday 19 Away Saturday 23 Away	<b>EPSOM &amp; EWELL (ERC)</b> British Airways <b>TOOTING BEC</b> Knaphill (PCC) Chessington & Hook United	L 1-2 W 4-1 D 1-1 W 3-0 W 3-0	Hitchinson Hitchinson, Nutbeam, Mahboudi (2) R.Nunn R.Nunn (P), Capon, Gairy Daniel-Murphy, Capon (2)
<b>March</b> <b>Saturday 2 Home</b> Saturday 9 Away Saturday 16 Away <b>Saturday 23 Home</b> Saturday 30 Away	<b>GODALMING TOWN</b> Frimley Green Sheerwater <b>FARNHAM TOWN</b> Fleet Spurs	W 5-0 L 1-5 L 1-4 L 2-4 D 0-0	Capon (3), R.Nunn, Nutbeam E.Hayden Capon Capon, E.Hayden
<b>April</b> Saturday 6 Away <b>Tuesday 9 Home</b> <b>Saturday 13 Home</b> Saturday 20 Away Saturday 27 Away	Ash United <b>SUTTON COMMON ROVERS (PCC)</b> <b>EPSOM &amp; EWELL</b> Farnham Town Kensington Borough	L 1-3 L 0-1	Mahboudi

**KEY:**  
FAV – Buildbase FA Vase;  
ERC – Esoteric Recordings Div 1 Challenge Cup;  
MCC – Middlesex FA Senior Charity Cup;  
MPC – Middlesex FA Premier Cup;  
PCC – Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup;  
SCC – Southern Combination Challenge Cup;

# Our Visitors – Epsom & Ewell – 100 Years Up

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 (after a replay), 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"

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Manager  
**ADAM BESSENT**  
Assistant Manager  
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# Epsom & Ewell FC

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# Epsom & Ewell – History continued

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.

By then, we knew that we had been invited to join the expanding Isthmian League for 1977/78, and were placed in the new Division Two. Our first match under floodlights took place against Met Police in August 1977, and the title was clinched the following April, securing a move to Division One. 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 then 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. In 2008/09 we exceeded this achievement and finished in fourth place after heading the table for a few months. In 2009/10 the club recovered from a slow start to finish fifth 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 Mersham 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. Lyndon also marked 300 games in charge of the club in early 2013. 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.

In the summer of 2016 our club visited France and played a friendly against our twin town Chantilly, which was where the England team had been based before their Euro 2016 campaign. The players were able to meet Roy Hodgson and Gary Neville and performed admirably as ambassadors for our town.

In 2016/17 we started the season with an incredible 9-2 win at newly promoted Bedfont & Feltham in a match where we had trailed 2-0 at half time and went on to repeat our fourth-place finish in the League. In addition, we reached the League Cup Final but were defeated 4-1 by Westfield at Windsor FC.

However, in the summer of 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers and our Coach Matt Smith also left. Glyn was unable to replace them with enough players of real quality and three quarters of the season was spent at the foot of the table. Glyn's resignation in January 2018 led to the club appointing our new Coach Neil Grant into the Manager's role and although he managed to get us off the foot of the table, relegation was always likely and was confirmed in mid-April; not a great way to celebrate our Centenary!

Because of the situation Neil inherited, he never had a proper opportunity to save us from relegation, but the club saw enough to indicate that he can get us back up to Step Five this season. He remains at our club with a new Management team around him, including Simon Funnell and Sam Morgan and with a clear target of promotion back into the top flight of the Combined Counties League.

We continue at High Road for the 2018/19 season, having signed a new two-year agreement with Chipstead. Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough....

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Cove	2-5	Eversley & California
<b>Epsom &amp; Ewell</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>Fleet Spurs</b>
FC Deportivo Galicia	2-0	Dorking Wanderers Res
Frimley Green	3-2	Chessington & Hook Utd
Godalming Town	1-5	Tooting Bec
Sandhurst Town	1-0	Kensington Borough

Tuesday 9th April

Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup Semi-Final

**Bedfont & Feltham** 0-1 **Sutton Common Rovers**

Division 1

Farnham Town 6-0 FC Deportivo Galicia

## Next up for The yellows:

A match poster for a football game. At the top is a circular logo for 'SIDE BURN BOB' with a cartoon character and the text 'The People's Champion'. Below this is a yellow banner with 'SATURDAY 20TH APRIL'. In the center is a large 'V' with a 'COMBINED COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE' logo above it. On either side of the 'V' are circular crests: Farnham Town FC on the left and Bedfont & Feltham Football Club on the right. Below the crests is a yellow banner with 'FARNHAM TOWN 15:00 BEDFONT & FELTHAM'. At the bottom is a green banner with 'MEMORIAL GROUND ~ GU9 7DY'. The background is a stylized football stadium with blue lights and a green pitch.



## **Willi Seuke – 1926-2008**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April will mark the eleventh anniversary of the death of “Mr Feltham” – **Willi Seuke** who sadly passed away in 2008.

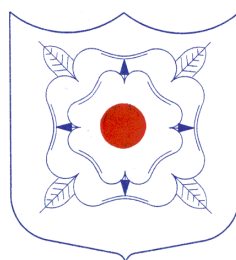
Willi spent 56 years with the club, starting off as a player, before becoming Chairman and then a Vice President.

Despite his ill health in later life he always tried to make it to the games and you would always hear him shouting some form of support towards the lads.



Willi's family have kindly sponsored today's match ball in his memory.

**Willi Seuke 1926-2008**



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# Meet the Yellows

				
<b>Jamie Pearce</b> Defender	<b>Paul Nunn</b> Midfield	<b>Ross Nunn</b> Forward	<b>Kyle Russell</b> Forward	<b>Michael Capon</b> Forward
				
<b>Pete Davis</b> Forward	<b>Elliott Hayden</b> Defender	<b>Matt Holliday</b> Defender	<b>Reece Gairy</b> Forward	<b>Georgie Rooke</b> Defender
				
<b>John Nunn</b> Midfield	<b>Farhad Mahboudi</b> Forward	<b>Ashley Hutchinson</b> Defender	<b>James Wilson</b> Midfield	<b>Jordan Sarfo</b> Forward
				
<b>Cameron Daniel-Murphy</b> Midfield	<b>Charlie Dunckley</b> Defender	<b>Tom Hayden</b> Midfield	<b>Noah Kibreab</b> Midfield	<b>Billy Nutbeam</b> Defender
			Thank you to John Nunn ☺	
<b>Kelvin Karanja</b> Forward	<b>David Windmill</b> Goalkeeper	<b>Jake Bessent</b> Goalkeeper		

# Meet The Team: Farhad Mahboudi

**Age:** (Undisclosed)

**Position:** Forward.

**Fun fact:** Farhad still hasn't mastered the offside rule, but for someone that only began playing football in 2017 it's quite understandable.



**We get to know a little more about Farhad...**

**What is your favourite football memory?** *Iran going through to 1998 world cup*

**Best team you've ever been a part of apart from this current Bedfont squad (obviously)?** *Honeybadgers, 5 aside team, undefeated over a year with 7+ titles*

**Most likely to be a future Gaffer?** *J Nunn aka J Dogg, he's got a slick tongue*

**Slowest in the squad?** *I need to see a race between Steve and Pearcey*

**Biggest moaner in the team?** *Ash.*

**If you could pick one Bedfont player for your 5aside team and why?** *Windmill, he's Spider-Man*

**Best player you've ever played with?** *Robert Pirès*

**Who would you not want a scrap with in the squad?** *Rambo, he's an undercover hitman, picture him in a dark suit with a red tie.*

**Quickfire round:**

**Nike or Adidas?** *Adidas*

**Yellow or Red?** *Yellow*

**Blonde or Brunette?** *Blonde*

**League or Cup?** *League*

**Xbox or PlayStation?** *PlayStation*

**Tuesday nights or Saturday Afternoons?**  
*Saturday Afternoons*

**Boobs or bum?** *Boobs*



*Farhad in action © Jo Ginger*

**Thanks to John Nunn and to all the players that have taken part this season.**  
**We'll hopefully have more next season** 😊



# Bedfont & Feltham FC History:

Bedfont & Feltham Football Club was founded in May 2012 following the amalgamation of Feltham FC and Bedfont Football and Social Club, taking Feltham's place in Division One of the Combined Counties Football League.

Feltham had already entered the 2012–13 FA Vase under their own name so the club played as Feltham FC until the start of the 2013–14 season. Two Sunday sides played in the West Middlesex Sunday Football League under the Bedfont & Feltham name; one finishing second in Division One and the other winning Division Two.

The Yellows' first two seasons saw them finish in a respectable fifth place in the Division One table having been early front-runners. They reached the First Round Proper of the FA Vase in 2013-14 and also won the Middlesex Premier Cup.

The club became eligible to compete in the FA Cup for the first time in 2014-15, and reached the First Round Qualifying. The same season also saw the club win the Division One Challenge Cup and become runners-up in the Southern Combination Challenge Cup competition.

For season 2015-16, the club restructured its squad and Youth set-up. The club started strongly and for the second time in its short history made the First Round Qualifying in the FA Cup and the FA Vase competitions. This season saw the Yellows finish as runners-up in Division One, earning promotion to the Premier Division of the Combined Counties Football League. The club also reached the final of the RPM Records Division One Challenge Cup for the second consecutive season.

The Premier Division experience in 2016-17 started tough with a 2-9 home defeat to Epsom & Ewell on the opening day of the season. This seemed to pave the way for the

club's worst season since its formation: Finishing second from bottom in the Combined Counties Football League's Premier Division. This resulted in relegation back to Division One.

The club was knocked out of the FA Cup at the first hurdle and of the FA Vase at the second. On a brighter note, they reached the semi-finals of the Southern Combination Challenge Cup and the quarter-finals of the Middlesex FA Senior Charity Cup having unceremoniously exited all other cup competitions in earlier rounds. This prompted the club to appoint Garry Haylock as Manager in late April 2017.

Life back in Division One in season 2017-18 started very poorly and in consequence, Garry Haylock departed in October 2017 to be replaced by Dan Huxley. The poor run experienced in 2016-17 continued, with the club exiting the FA Cup and FA Vase competitions in the opening rounds. The club reached the Quarter-Finals of the Middlesex Premier Cup; Third Round of the Division One Challenge Cup; Second Round of the Middlesex Charity Cup and Second Round of the Southern Combination Challenge Cup.

The squad saw a number of changes throughout the season and found it difficult to bond. This resulted in a bottom four finish. Dan Huxley announced his resignation at the end of the season.

The club quickly appointed former Staines Lammas manager Adam Bessent. He will attempt to arrest the mediocrity that has dogged the club since relegation two seasons ago.

The Club has retained the FA Charter Standard and is now in its sixth season. The current set-up sees a revived Sunday side and Youth teams from Under 7s to Under 10s.

# This Day In Football History



## 13 April 2008 - Tonight, He Dines At Anfield!

On 13 April 2008, Steven Gerrard made his 300th appearance for Liverpool. And he did it in style, scoring one goal and assisting another in a 3-1 win over Blackburn.

Born on Merseyside in 1980, Gerrard has been with Liverpool since joining them as a youth player in 1987. He became a professional in 1997 and made his first appearance in a 2-0 win over Blackburn in November 1998.

He became a regular starter in the 1999-2000 season, then won his first silverware the following season as the Reds claimed the FA Cup, League Cup, and UEFA Cup. He then became team captain in October 2003.

His 300th appearance came at Anfield, where the midfielder delivered the opening goal in the 60th minute, passing through two defenders and sending the ball through the legs of a third before putting it into the back of the net. He helped double the lead 22 minutes later, providing a cross that was knocked home by striker Fernando Torres. Forward Andriy Voronin added a third in the 90th minute before Rovers got one back in stoppage time to end the day as a 3-1 Liverpool victory.

Gerrard remained with Liverpool until 2015 and pushed his final appearance count to 710.

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## 13 April 1936 - Bristol Rovers Feel The Payne

On 13 April 1936, Luton Town crushed Bristol Rovers 12-0 in a Division Three (South) match. 10 of the goals were scored by one player, Joe Payne, whose tally remains the record number of goals scored by one individual in a League match.



Payne (pictured, on the left in the white shirt) joined the Hatters the previous season at the age of 20. By the time of the match against Rovers, he was primarily a reserve team player, but was forced into starting at centre forward on 13 April due to injuries among his teammates. His 10 goals, however, secured his place in the first team and he led Luton Town to promotion the next season, scoring 55 goals.

In addition to Payne's record haul, the match remains Luton Town's greatest victory and Bristol Rovers' worst loss.

# Season in Review

Ultimately this has been a disappointing season. We set our targets high at the beginning of pre-season, knowing the talent that we had in our squad, however for a number of reasons we haven't quite reached our early expectations.

It was always going to be difficult competing against the supposed big budgets in the league but we started strongly and felt that we had found the right formula to get out of the division. We remained unbeaten until a strong Tooting Bec outfit beat our depleted squad in November, where we were forced to play with only two defenders available. Unfortunately, this happened far too often resulting in dropped points in the first half of the season, where if we had players in their natural positions, we would like to think this wouldn't be the case. After this we picked ourselves up and went on another good run, firmly putting ourselves in the promotion race with a few others. We were still struggling with injuries and more importantly availability, and thankfully were able to bring in two new players, Billy Roach and Steve Betancourt, to try and help with this and add some quality to the squad.

After Christmas we were top and welcomed Sheerwater to The Orchard. With this being our biggest game so far, we found ourselves 2-0 down early on and mental strength really was tested, but battled our way to a fantastic comeback, new boy Billy Roach scoring his first for the club with a last-minute free kick. We came out 3-2 winners and the signs were that this really was going to be our year. However, as we entered March, knowing this would make or break our season, unfortunately for us it was the latter. We were convincingly beaten by Frimley, then Sheerwater and the following week threw away a comfortable 2-0 lead to Farnham. The management could see in the players that the confidence had gone. We had struggled all season with availability of players through work commitments, family, injuries etc but couldn't point the finger at anyone as when it mattered, we didn't step up as a group, management and players together.

Football is a game of fine margins. We could look at games drawn where we felt we deserved to win or games where we lost where we could have got a draw but overall in fairness, we didn't perform well enough to finish in the top 2 this season. Players and fans will argue that we lost the league in March, but really and truly we turned up to multiple games with 12 available players, and despite the strong belief in the squad that we possessed a lot of the best players in the division, we couldn't quite seem to make it click when it mattered most.

The end of season form has perhaps clouded the season, as the defeat at Farnham really put the final nail in the coffin for the team's title chances, and confidence. Players decided they didn't want to see the season out and leaving after that hurt us, but we are a talented enough squad to be performing better than we have been in recent weeks, demonstrated by the fighting display against SCR. Losing Kelvin Karanja, Jordan Sarfo and Reece Gairy all at the same time for different reasons in the run in robbed us of so much pace and creativity that is so difficult to replace and in all honesty there wasn't enough of a plan B to make it work.

One positive aspect of the season has been the Premier Cup run. We comfortably beat AFC Hayes and Knaphill, both from CCL Prem, before facing high flying Sutton Common Rovers in the semi-final, in a game that Bedfont gave a great account for ourselves and we felt undeservedly lost 1-0, but certainly had enough chances to win the game. Credit to Sutton who are a decent side and you can see why they are up the top of that division

A couple of mentions from me, firstly to Michael Capon, who despite his glorious ability to miss a sitter has now scored over 40 goals in both of his first two seasons in senior football. This is something a lot of strikers don't manage in their entire careers, well done Mike.

Pete Davis and Farhad Mahboudi have both been used and abused by the substitute bench this season. However, from the first game to the last they have shown incredible professionalism and hard work, still fighting for their places at this stage of the season, being available (almost) every single game and not sulking about being sub. Both of them putting heads down and doing whatever they could to help the team, whatever position they are in.

Finally, the skipper. When Adam decided to make Ross Nunn captain in the summer, there were some eyebrows raised, but the 25-year-old has truly led by example this season. Other than when we are losing and he demonstrates a trademark crunching tackle, disinterested in the ball, his work rate and controlling of the game has been instrumental to putting us in the position we were in. Rambo is also the only player to have played in every game this season (so far). He won't like me saying this, but he's the best player in the league and my vote was cast for player of the season months ago.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us this season, we are gutted that we couldn't make more of it, but hopefully it's been enjoyable enough, with plenty of drama and late goals along the way. Have a great summer.

**John Nunn. (Player), (Assistant manager), (Morale booster), (Changing room DJ).**

# Rule Changes for Next Season



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**The 133rd AGM of The International FA Board (The IFAB) in Aberdeen, Scotland on 2 March 2019 approved a number of amendments to, and clarifications of, the Laws of the Game for 2019/20. Three changes were approved following 2 years of worldwide experiments:**

- The introduction of yellow and red cards for misconduct by team officials
- A player being substituted leaving the field at the nearest point on the boundary line
- At a goal kick and a free kick for the defending team in their own penalty area, the ball is in play as soon the kick is taken (it can be played before it leaves the penalty area)

Other changes include: clearer wording for 'handball', attacking team players must be at least 1m away from a defensive 'wall', the goalkeeper only has to have one foot on the goal line at a penalty kick, and a new dropped ball procedure (including a dropped ball being awarded if the ball hits a match official and goes into the goal, team possession changes or a promising attack starts).

This document summarises the main changes only – a more detailed version with the exact text of all the changes may be found in the document '*Laws of the Game 2019-20 – Changes and clarifications*'; both documents are available on The IFAB's website [www.theifab.com](http://www.theifab.com). Downloadable versions of the Laws of the Game 2019/20 in English, French, German and Spanish will be available in mid/late May on The IFAB's website, along with details of the new IFAB Laws of the Game app.

All changes come into force on **1st June 2019**. Competitions starting before that date may apply the changes from the start of their competition, at an agreed point during the competition (e.g. after the mid-season break) or may delay them until no later than the start of the next competition.

## Reminders

The IFAB and FIFA would like to remind everyone of two very important aspects of the game:

### • Captains

- The Laws of the Game state that the captain has 'a degree of responsibility for the behaviour of their team' – captains are expected to use this responsibility to help calm/positively influence the behaviour of their players, especially in controversial/confrontational situations involving opponents or match officials

### • Respect for Referees

- Players must respect all decisions made by the referee and other match officials

- Respect for the Laws of the Game and the match officials who apply the Laws is paramount to the fairness and image of football





### *Introducing Sideburn Bob - The People's Champion*

*Since 1974 #sideburnbob has been gracing Non-League football programmes either as a front cover or inside a programme for various advertising, as far as I am aware he was first spotted in the 1974 Derby County Ram Boutique advert and thereafter in other various League Club programmes first appearing on the 1976 Kilmarnock programme as a front cover, from there on in fronting 100s of non-league programmes with his glory years being 1980's & 90s.*

*The mystery of exactly where Bob came from continues. Tony Williams who many of you will know from his Non-League publications wrote in the non league grounds of Great Britain that he had first spotted Bob in a 1950s football magazine and had pasted him into a scrapbook. Doubt remains on this siting as nothing was ever spotted again for over 20 years until the Ram Boutique advert. Popular suggestion is he is in fact clipart which is more plausible as Bob looks like a 70s character and famous footballer Malcolm MacDonald with his ever present partner looking like Rodney Bewes from the Likely Lads which older readers will have fond memories of. So, why do I love this character? Well simply because it brings back memories of programmes collected throughout the years. He is an iconic figure for me - some of my first memories of attending games within Non-League.*

*Throughout the 2017-18 season, there were many clubs surprisingly interested in issuing programmes with the iconic image either on the front cover or within the programme itself. Prolific issuers were Portland United, Sholing Sports and Bedfont & Feltham and big thanks goes to those 3 programme editors - and of course, to all the other editors that issued.*

*#sideburnbob the People's Champion will continue to be an iconic figure for me and the search is on for his history and collecting programmes.*

*Tony Candland.*

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*Sideburn Bob badges are also available from Tony as above, and Rob Healy: @robhealy73 and from the Bedfont & Feltham FC website.*

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