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**2018-2019 SEASON**

**British Airways FC**

**V**

**Epsom & Ewell FC**

**Venue**

**The Orchard, Hatton Road, Bedfont  
TW14 9QT**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**KO 19:45hrs**

**Next British Airways FC Home Fixtures**

**British Airways FC v Dorking Wanderers Res FC**

**27th Oct KO 15:00hrs**

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**British Airways FC v Tooting Bec FC**

**10<sup>th</sup> Nov KO 15:00hrs**

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A very warm welcome to the Officials, Players and Supporters of Epsom & Ewell FC and also to our 3 Match Officials to The Orchard. We hope you enjoy your stay with us this afternoon.

## A History of BRITISH AIRWAYS Football Club

Very little if any early history of the BA football team can be found except an entry in the minutes of the initial minutes of the then Speedbird Club where the BA Football team was one of 6 other BA sections that were formed as part of the Sporting and Social Club for BOAC. So it seems that the earliest date we can verify is April 1947 for the BOAC team no such evidence can be found for its counterpart BEA.

What we do know is that the BOAC & BEA teams have played in various local leagues since the inauguration in 1947. As part of a UK Aviation review UK airlines were intergrated into one airline British Airways the United Kingdom's national airline, was merged in 1974 with the merger of the two largest UK airlines, British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) and British European Airways (BEA), and including also two smaller regional airlines, Cambrian Airways and Northeast Airlines.

The merger was the completion of a consolidation process started in 1971 with the establishment of the British Airways Board, a body created by the British government to control the operations and finances of BOAC and BEA, which initially continued to exist as separate entities.

When BEA & BOAC merged in 1974 to become British Airways it took another 8 years before the teams amalgamated to become one all encompassing British Airways Football Section this was driven by the sale of the 'old' Silver Wing Club at Northolt to Ameretto's Country Club all sporting activities from Northolt moved to the Concorde Centre (formerly Speedbird Club) at Heston.

The amalgamation of the two clubs created a huge football section with over 200 members.

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At that time there were approx 15 adult teams comprising of BA Staff from office workers to pilots from baggage handling to IT programmers.

The teams played in local leagues such as the Hanwell and District Mid Week League (folded many years ago) this mid week league was followed by the Airport League which has now also folded. The Sat teams played in the West Middlesex League (that has now also folded) the teams moved to the London Commercial League. This League had ten divisions at one time with at least 10 teams in each division and all the teams had to have their own sports grounds! All this has gone now with companies selling off the land the private developers or deciding that they couldn't afford to run sporting activities any longer, no wonder we are all getting fatter!

The Football teams at British Airways have had a very long, successful and proud history in Middlesex Junior football winning many league and county honours along the way. The BA Sat 1<sup>st</sup> team are probably one of the most successful teams in Middlesex Junior football we have won the London Commercial League the Div 1 title and Senior League Cup on many, many occasions the team have also been successful in the Middlesex County Intermediate Cup winning this cup 8 times and in 2005/06/07 this trophy was won 3 years running a feat not equalled (so far)! we have also had success in the Middlesex County Premier Cup winning the trophy in 1997 against a very strong Hayes Reserves XI.

Since moving to the Middlesex County League in 2007 we have won the Premier Div twice and finishing top of the Premier League we have now gained promotion to the Combined Counties League a big step up for our Club, we hope to justify our promotion with a good showing in a first year. We will also be playing at Bedford and Feltham in our new ground share arrangement with Brian Barry and his team.

Ray Pipe  
Chairman  
British Airways FC

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## **Epsom & Ewell F.C. Club History 1918 - 2018**

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”. 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 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. 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 Bedford & 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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## British Airways FC

Manager: Jason Owens  
Asst Manager: Rob Pearce  
Secretary: John Duggan



## Epsom & Ewell FC FC

Manager: Neil Grant  
Asst Manager: Simon Funnell, Paul Marshall  
Coach/Physio: Sam Morgan

Team Selected From	
Perry Cheadle	Mustafa Khatoun
Carl Adamson	Harvey Pasma
Chris Baah	Charlie Rose
Callum Bennett	Callum Deverill
Jake Girt	Cameron Edwin
Jordan Haynes	Joe Iguchi
Craig Jeff	Brad Scott
Aaron Jones	Daniel Callan
Jeff Kalejaiya	Daniel Clifton
Steve Richards	D Boman-Flavell
Michalis Liversey	Ben Clargo
Jake Morten	Ben Clargo
Lewis Nobes	
Ryan Nobes	
Daniel Kusimo	

Team Selected From	
Ricky Borrett	Sean White
Conor Young	Ryan Sullivan
Reisse Griffin	Steven Betancourt
Liam Roberts	Bobby Bennett
Scott Murphy	Luke Gaffney
Lloyd Connelly	Luke Edgar
Endrit Dobraj	Elliott Thompson
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## BRITISH AIRWAYS FC Fixtures & Results 2018-2019

Date	Type	Home	Score	Away	Score
04/08/18	League	Fleet Spurs	1	<b>British Airways</b>	2
11/08/18	League	<b>British Airways</b>	1	Bagshot FC	2
18/08/18	League	Farnham Town	6	<b>British Airways</b>	1
22/08/18	League	<b>British Airways</b>	0	FC Deportivo Galicia	0
25/08/18	League	<b>British Airways</b>	6	Cove	1
27/08/18	League	Bedfont & Feltham	5	<b>British Airways</b>	0
01/09/18	FA Vase	<b>British Airways</b>	1	Harefield United	3
08/09/18	League	Eversley & California	1	<b>British Airways</b>	3
22/09/18	League	<b>British Airways</b>	1	AC London	1
25/09/18	Cup	Cove	2	<b>British Airways</b>	1
29/09/18	League	Ash United	3	<b>British Airways</b>	4
02/10/18	League	Kensington Borough	3	<b>British Airways</b>	2
06/10/18	League	<b>British Airways</b>	1	Frimley Green	3
10/10/18	League	<b>British Airways</b>		Epsom & Ewell	
13/10/18	League	Dorking Wanderers Res		<b>British Airways</b>	
20/10/18	League	Goldalming Town		<b>British Airways</b>	
27/10/18	League	<b>British Airways</b>		Dorking Wanderers res	
3/11/18	League	Chessington & Hook		<b>British Airways</b>	



**Divison One Table as at**  
**7th Oct 2018**

	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Farnham Town	11	8	2	1	18	26
2	Bedfont & Feltham	10	7	3	0	31	24
3	Sheerwater	10	7	2	1	13	23
4	Dorking Wanderers Res	11	6	4	1	11	22
5	Epsom & Ewell	10	7	0	3	14	21
6	Frimley Green	9	6	3	0	9	21
7	AC London	11	6	2	3	5	20
8	Ash United	11	5	4	2	9	19
9	Chessington & Hook Utd	11	5	1	5	-1	16
10	British Airways	11	4	2	5	-4	14
11	Tooting Bec	10	4	1	5	-1	13
12	Sandhurst Town	9	3	3	3	-6	12
13	Godalming Town	10	3	1	6	-8	10
14	Kensington Borough	11	3	1	7	-10	10
15	Bagshot	11	2	1	8	-34	7
16	Eversley & California	8	2	0	6	-8	6
17	FC Deportivo Galicia	10	1	2	7	-9	5
18	Fleet Spurs	9	1	0	8	-13	3
19	Cove	9	0	0	9	-16	0



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## Up Coming Fixtures

	DATE	HOME	AWAY
Div1	09/10/2018	Frimley Green	Sheerwater
MCC	09/10/2018	Hillingdon Borough	Bedfont & Feltham
Div1	10/10/2018	Bagshot	Eversley & California
Div1	10/10/2018	<b>British Airways</b>	Epsom & Ewell
SCC	10/10/2018	Guildford City	Farnham Town
FAV	12/10/2018	Southall	Sheerwater
Div1	13/10/2018	AC London	Cove
FAV	13/10/2018	Bedfont & Feltham	Erith Town
Div1	13/10/2018	Chessington & Hook Utd	Sandhurst Town
Div1	13/10/2018	Dorking Wanderers Res	<b>British Airways</b>
FAV	13/10/2018	Eversley & California	Horndean
Div1	13/10/2018	Frimley Green	Farnham Town
FAV	13/10/2018	Horsham YMCA	Kensington Borough
Div1	13/10/2018	Tooting Bec	Fleet Spurs
FAV	14/10/2018	FC Deportivo Galicia	Irchester Utd
Cup	16/10/2018	Dorking Wanderers Rese	Frimley Green
Cup	16/10/2018	Farnham Town	Godalming Town
Cup	16/10/2018	Tooting Bec	Ash United
Cup	17/10/2018	FC Deportivo Galicia	AC London



**Current League**  
**Form**

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	FORM
Aug	6	2	1	3	10	15	W L L D W L
Sep	5	2	1	2	10	10	L W D L W
Oct	2	0	0	2	3	5	L L

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	RECENT FORM
Home	6	1	2	3	10	9	L D W L D L
Away	7	3	0	4	13	21	W L L W L W L
Overall	13	4	2	7	23	30	L L W D L W L L



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