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CLUB HISTORY

Established as A.F.C Hillgate in 2012, the club joined the Middlesex county league. In 2013–14 they finished third in Division Two, earning promotion to Division One Central and East. After finishing sixth in Division One Central and East in 2014–15, they switched to Division Two of the Spartan South Midlands League.

A fifth-place finish in 2015-16 saw them promoted to Division One.

In the summer of 2016 they were renamed Kensington Borough. At the end of the 2016-17 season the club were moved to Division One of the Combined Counties League. At the end of the 2018–19 season, the club was renamed Kensington & Ealing Borough.



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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

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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 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 summer 2017, we suffered a large player exodus with a substantial number joining local rivals Sutton Common Rovers. 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 promoting our 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!

The attempts at bouncing straight back did not start particularly well and Grant departed in October. He was replaced by Simon Funnell, who stepped up from his Assistant role and oversaw a good run of results which took us back up to the fringes of the promotion race, before a defeat to Frimley Green derailed our season and we tailed off to finish in eighth position. We had the consolation of reaching the Division One League Cup Final at Meadowbank, home of Dorking Wanderers, but again Frimley Green stood in our way and defeated us by the only goal. We now commence our eighth season at High Road with a clear target of promotion back into the top flight of the Combined Counties League through one of the four promotion spots that are available this year.

Meanwhile, the search continues for a new ground back in the Borough.....

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Sat 3rd Aug	Farnham Town	A	L 1-3	El Khabouche
Sat 10th Aug	Sandhurst Town	H	L 2-3	Tomkins, Touray
Sat 17th Aug	Eversley & California	H	W 3-0	Hirsi, Laraba, Tomkins
Sat 24th Aug	Walton & Hersham	A	W 5-0	Bouchareb, Hirsi 2, Laraba, Tomkins
Sat 31st Aug	Hillingdon Borough (FAV)	A	L 2-3	-
Tues 3rd Sept	British Airways	H	L 2-3	El Khabouche
Sat 7th Sept	Dorking Wanderers Res	A	W 5-4	El Bakkali, Hirsi 3, Joseph
Sat 14th Sept	Jersey Bulls	H	L 1-5	Whitman
Sat 21st Sept	Ash United	H	W 2-1	El Bakkali, Own Goal
Tues 24th Sept	Molesey (CRR)	A	L 1-3	Spaulding
Sat 28th Sept	Fleet Spurs	A	L 1-2	Hirsi, Laraba
Tues 1st Oct	Tooting Bec (ERC)	H	W 3-2	El Kabouche 2, Laraba
Sat 5th Oct	Westside	A	L 1-2	Laraba
Sat 12th Oct	Bagshot	H	W 3-1	Hirsi 2, Whitman
Sat 19th Oct	Bedfont & Feltham	A	W 3-2	Hirsi, Labara 2
Sat 26th Oct	Epsom & Ewell	H	15:00	
Sat 2nd Nov	Chessington & Hook Utd	H	15:00	
Sat 9th Nov	Tooting Bec	A	15:00	
Sat 16th Nov	Godalming Town	H	15:00	
Tues 19th Nov	Eversley & California (ERC)	H	19:45	
Sat 23rd Nov	FC Deportivo Galicia	H	15:00	
Sat 30th Nov	Ash United	A	15:00	
Sat 7th Dec	AFC Hayes	H	15:00	
Sat 14th Dec	Bagshot	A	15:00	
Sat 21st Dec	Cove	H	15:00	
Sat 28th Dec	FC Deportivo Galicia	A	15:00	
Sat 4th Jan	Epsom & Ewell	A	15:00	
Sat 11th Jan	Chessington & Hook Utd	A	15:00	
Sat 18th Jan	Dorking Wanderers Res	H	15:00	
Sat 25th Jan	Eversley & California	A	15:00	
Sat 1st Feb	Bedfont & Feltham	H	15:00	
Sat 8th Feb	Sandhurst Town	A	15:00	
Sat 15th Feb	Jersey Bulls	A	15:00	
Sat 22nd Feb	Farnham Town	H	15:00	
Sat 29th Feb	Godalming Town	A	15:00	
Sat 7th Mar	AFC Hayes	A	15:00	
Sat 14th Mar	Westside	H	15:00	
Tues 24th Mar	Tooting Bec	H	19:45	
Sat 28th Mar	Fleet Spurs	H	15:00	
Sat 11th Apr	Walton & Hersham	H	15:00	
Mon 13th Apr	British Airways	A	11:30	
Sat 18th Apr	Cove	A	15:00	

LEAGUE TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Jersey Bulls	12	12	0	0	42	36
2	Farnham Town	10	8	1	1	16	25
3	Kensington & Ealing Borough	12	7	0	5	5	21
4	Sandhurst Town	11	6	2	3	6	20
5	Tooting Bec	9	5	4	0	12	19
6	Westside	11	6	1	4	10	19
7	Dorking Wanderers Reserves	12	6	1	5	7	19
8	British Airways	12	5	3	4	-3	18
9	Walton & Hersham	9	5	1	3	5	16
10	Epsom & Ewell	10	4	2	4	1	14
11	Cove	11	4	2	5	-12	14
12	AFC Hayes	9	3	2	4	3	11
13	Bedfont & Feltham	10	3	2	5	-2	11
14	FC Deportivo Galicia	12	3	2	7	-23	11
15	Chessington & Hook United	10	3	4	3	-1	10 *
16	Fleet Spurs	10	3	0	7	-7	9
17	Ash United	11	3	0	8	-13	9
18	Godalming Town	10	2	1	7	-14	7
19	Bagshot	11	2	1	8	-17	7
20	Eversley & California	10	1	1	8	-15	4

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Last Sunday's front page of The Non-League Paper was going to be about the first round proper of the FA Cup.

About the excitement of the upcoming draw at Maldon & Tiptree as Non-League clubs eagerly awaited those life-changing ties to come out of the hat – and what a draw it turned out to be.

It was going to be about those clubs daring to dream. Isthmian Premier club Carshalton Athletic after they upset National League side Dagenham & Redbridge. Or Nantwich Town, who beat National League North high-fliers King's Lynn Town. Then there was the story of Kingstonian beating higher league opposition in Dartford.

There was also the drama at Potters Bar Town, who scored an equaliser against neighbours Barnet in the 11th minute of stoppage time to set up a replay. And there was the excitement of goalkeeper Alan Julian heading an injury-time equaliser at Sutton United to keep Billericay Town's FA Cup dream alive.

The front page was supposed to carry pictures capturing all the emotion of this great competition on another action-packed day in Non-League football.

Instead, for the second time in a month, it carried a story about allegations of racism. Once again, the ugly side of society has reared its head in Non-League, and English, football.

On the back of the shameful scenes in Bulgaria when England players were racially abused and the game was twice suspended, Haringey Borough walked off the pitch following alleged racism towards goalkeeper Valery Douglas Pajetat. Two men, aged 23 and 26, have since been arrested on suspicion of racially aggravated common assault.

The incident came in the 65th minute following a Yeovil penalty where he claims he was spat at and verbally abused by fans. The match didn't restart and was abandoned. Boss Tom Loizou also said defender Coby Rowe was targeted.

English football was appalled when the men's senior team was on the end of horrific abuse and there have been calls for strong action against Bulgaria and their authorities. We are equally appalled at these allegations.

FA chairman Greg Clarke spoke in the immediate aftermath of the Bulgaria game. He rightly pointed out that we must also look at the game in this country because there are issues that clearly need addressing.

There is no hiding from that fact. The conversation must include what we are doing about our game.

It's four weeks since allegations were made during the National League game between Hartlepool United and Dover Athletic.

Dover players Inih Effiong and Ricky Modeste were subjected to racist abuse and gestures. Pools players heard it and were upset at what they saw coming from some of their home fans. While they considered walking off the pitch, in the end the game was played to a conclusion.

Hartlepool were rightly praised for their response to the situation and it looks like Yeovil have reacted in a similar way. Boss Darren Sarll says they stand alongside Haringey and the club say they will be cooperating with the investigation which The FA say is ongoing. The tie is to be replayed on Tuesday, October 29.

If proven, the two supporters should never watch a game of football in this country again. Of course, 99.9 per cent of Yeovil fans will be ashamed of what has allegedly happened. Hopefully anyone who has seen or heard anything comes forward to ensure the investigation can be as thorough as is needed.

As we've said before, we all have a responsibility to drive this abhorrent behaviour out of our game and out of our society.

No footballer, no person, should be attacked just because of their skin colour.

In a high-profile competition, Haringey's actions will be seen far and wide. Hopefully this can be a stepping stone towards a better future. Their stand is to be applauded. In times gone past, the incident may not have come to light until after the game.

By stopping an FA Cup game in its tracks, the message will be louder. Racists are not welcome in our football grounds at any level. Only then can we get back to talking about the football.

By Matt Badcock

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Hossam Hassan
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Gabriel Chieadozie
Adrian Assinor
Mohamed Turay
Yahya El Khabouche
Issac Aitite
Ayoub Amellal
Walid Hirsi
Jabir Laraba
Shadrach Williams
Jamarl Joseph
Kyer Edghill
Bilal Bihi
Omar El Bakkali
Josiah Valerie

EPSOM & EWELL

Felix Davies
Louis Ricardo Teixeira
Joe Bonass-Ward
Reisse Griffin
Toby Funnell
Kyle Carton
Liam Roberts
Scott Murphy
Chaz-Lee Martin
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