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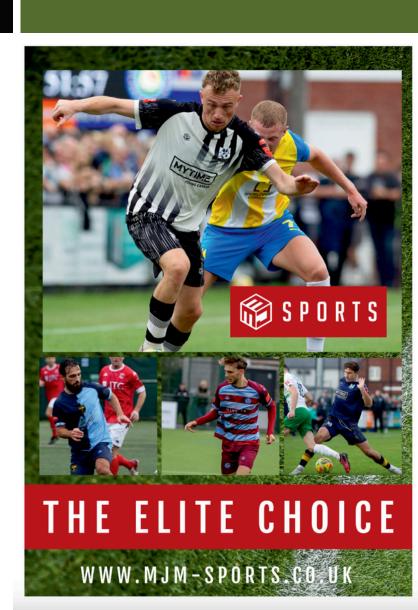


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03.8.24	Α	BRISLINGTON	EXTRA PREL FA CUP	W 0-2	85	Walton, Higgs
06.8.24	Н	ARDLEY UNITED	CCL PN	L1-2	78	Isaac
10.8.24	Α	HAREFIELD UTD	CCL PN	L 3-1	70	Lynn
13.8.24	Α	MILTON UNITED	CCL PN	W 0-2	128	Isaac, Richardson
17.8.24	н	SLIMBRIDGE	PREL FA CUP	W 3-0	123	Bestley, Hamilton, Sheppard
20.8.24	н	WOKINGHAM TOWN	CCL PN	W 2-1	118	Hamilton, Higgs
24.8.24	Α	BRITISH AIRWAYS	CCL PN	L 3-1	22	Lynn
26.8.24	н	RISBOROUGH RANGERS	CCL PN	W 1-0	158	Higgs
31.8.24	Α	HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE	1ST RD QUAL FA CUP	L 3-0	354	
10.9.24	А	BUCKINGHAM	BBFA CUP	W 1-5	54	Higgs, Young, Fanstone, Hamilton (2)
14.9.24	Α	NORTH GREENFORD UTD	CCL PN	W 2-3	56	Isaac (3)
18.9.24	Α	HILLTOP	CCL PN	L 2-1	52	Isaac
21.9.24	Н	SANDHURST TOWN	FA VASE 2nd Q	W 2-0	106	Higgs (2)
24.9.24	Н	TOOTING & MITCHAM	CCL CUP	W 3-0	85	Lynn, Aitchinson, Higgs
28.9.24	Н	EDGWARE & KINGSBURY	CCL PN	L1-2	90	O.G
5.10.24	Α	EGHAM TOWN	CCL PN	L 3-1	116	Hamilton
12.10.24	Н	BERKS COUNTY	CCL PN	W 2-1	118	Hamilton, Sheppard
19.10.24	Α	ERITH & BELVERDERE	FA VASE 1ST ROUND	L 1-1 (2-0 pens)	95	Isaac
22.10.24	Ι	WINDSOR & ETON	BBFA CUP 2ND RD	L 0-4	90	
26.10.24	H	HILLTOP	CCL PN	L 1-2	65	Hercules
29.10.24	Α	BEDFONT SPORTS	CCL PN	D 0-0	95	
2.11.24	Α	BROADFIELDS UNITED	CCL PN	D 0-0	35	
9.11.24	Α	HOLYPORT	CCL PN	W 0-2	53	Higgs, Young
12.11.24	Н	READING CITY	CCL PN	D 1-1	74	Aitchinson
16.11.24	Н	AMERSHAM TOWN	CCL PN	L 0-2	116	
23.11.24	Α	BURNHAM	CCL PN	L 3-0	43	
26.11.24	Н	MILTON UNITED	CCL CUP	W 2-1	101	Higgs (2)
30.11.24	Н	BRITISH AIRWAYS	CCL PN	L 1-4	115	Higgs
3.12.24	Α	VIRGINIA WATER	CCL PN	L 2-1	32	Higgs
10.12.24	Α	ARDLEY UNITED	CCL PN	L 2-1	45	Carrigan
14.12.24	Α	WEMBLEY	CCL PN	D 3-3	37	Hamilton (2) Isaac
21.12.24	Н	MILTON UNITED	CCL PN	L 2-1	150	Hamilon (2)
28.12.24	Α	READING CITY	CCL PN	D 1-1	183	Aitchinson
18.1.25	Н	VIRGINIA WATER	CCL PN	D 1-1	75	McConnell
25.1.25	Α	EDGWARE & KINGSBURY	CCL PN	D 1-1	45	Higgs
8.2.25	н	BROADFIELDS UNITED	CCL PN	W 2-1	81	Issac, Higgs
15.2.25	Α	WOKINGHAM TOWN	CCL PN	W 2-1	112	Williams, Higgs
18.2.25	Н	EPSOM & EWELL	CCL CUP			
22.2.25	Н	EGHAM TOWN	CCL PN			
4.3.25	Α	AMERSHAM TOWN	CCL PN			
8.3.25	Н	HAREFIELD UNITED	CCL PN			
11.3.25	н	NORTH GREENFORD UTD	CCL PN			
22.3.25	н	BURNHAM	CCL PN			
25.3.25	Α	RISBOROUGH RANGERS	CCL PN			
29.3.25	Α	BERKS COUNTY	CCL PN			
1.4.25	н	BEDFONT SPORTS	CCL PN			
8.4.25	н	HOLYPORT	CCL PN			
12.4.25	Н	WEMBLEY	CCL PN			



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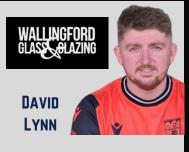














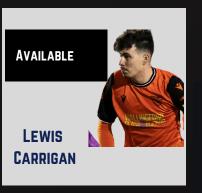


















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COMBINED COUNTIES PREMIER NORTH

WOKINGHAM TOWN

1

JARDIM (34)

WALLINGFORD & CROWMARSH 2

WILLIAMS (16) HIGGS (56)

Wallingford & Crowmarsh travelled to leafy Berkshire on Saturday and extended their unbeaten run to seven game with a hard fought, 2-1 away day win. Manager Lee Matthews gave a start to new signing attacker Tryhys Lukonyomoi, signed from Baffins Milton Rovers of the Wessex Premier League has returned to live in the area. Harry Bonner, returning from lengthy spell on the sidelines through injury, was on the substitutes bench with Tryhys taking up a position next to Aiden Higgs and James Williams in the Wally attack.

Wokingham Town entered the game in thirteenth place, smarting from an away defeat against improving Risborough Rangers the week before, with the visitors looking for their first back to back win since August 2024.

Wallingford & Crowmarsh started the game brightly and pegged the hosts back in the opening exchanges with the visitors forcing a number of errors on the home team defence. Eventually the home side settled and they worked their way back into the game without troubling the Wally defence.

The opening goal came in the 16th minute when Callum Young cushioned a defensive header to his partner Ellis Hercules. The Wallingford defender played a raking diagonal ball into the path of James Williams in the left channel. Confusion reigned in the home team defence and both keeper and left back fluffed their lines and allowed Williams to steal in and stroke the ball into the empty net from 16 yards.



Hercs' diagonal sets up Williams



William's strokes home in the 16th minute

Following the opening goal, it was the home side that played the neater football on a difficult mid-winter pitch and with their midfield retaining well and forcing the visitors to defend some uncomfortable attacks. Several forays into the Wokingham final third saw the W&C back 5 work hard to repeal a confident home side.

Pratt in the Wally goal had to be alert to deal with a mishit cross and Town full back Dan Harris, worked his way to the edge of the Wally box and struck a shot narrowly wide. Wallingford responded and Higgs was brought down in the home team box following a ball in behind the defence and the referee, who was well placed, decided there was no foul. On closure inspection, he may wish to replay the incident again. Tryhys saw his right foot shot go wide as the visitors looked dangerous on the counter attack.

The penalty let off spurred the home side and a delightful cross from the left wing was well headed home by Wokingham's Jardim in the 34th minute. It was probably a deserved goal on the balance of play with the home sides midfield beginning to get the upper hand. The half time whistle came at a good time for the visitors to regroup.

The half time break gave manger Matthews a chance to shuffle his pack with skipper Taylor, who was struggling with a niggle, being replaced by Bonner. The change energised the visitors with Bonner being to show his freshness by advancing a number of occasions into the Wokingham half. New signing, Tryhys and Higgs began to fluster the home team defence with their hold up play as the visitors started to gain in confidence. It was in the 56th minute when Thyhys collected a loose Wokingham throw in and immediately played the ball into the Wokingham half for their defence to deal with. Higgs, sensing an early pass, sprinted beyond his markers and calmly showed his qualities by chipping the home keeper from 20 yards for his 14th goal of the season.



No ten touches here. Tryhys into Higgs path



Higgs finish is sublime

The home side huffed and puffed and on other day their good link up play may have come with a reward but a mix of strong defending and poor finishing saw the visitors hold on to a well deserved win to see them overtake their hosts, into thirteenth place.

Pratt, Taylor (Bonner 46), Hercules, Young, Lynn, Bestley (Ploszynski 76), Aitchinson, Issac, Williams (McConnell 90), Higgs, (Webber 90), Lukonyomoi (Haye 90)





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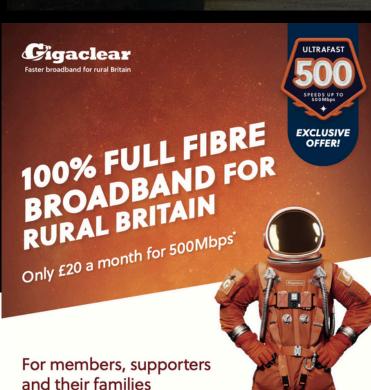






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OUR VISITORS

In 1960 we changed our name once again to Epsom & Ewell F.C. 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 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 pitch, where the opposition was blitzed by five goals from Tuite. The following season a new clubhouse opened at West Street, and we finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although we just missed out on promotion. O'Connell resigned in 1982, being replaced by Adrian Hill and 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, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United in the Final at Imber Court. We survived comfortably in our first season at the Isthmian Premier, 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 also in 1987, now under the Management of Ricky Kidd. 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 halfway 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 in 1998, losing 2-0 to Bedford Town at Hendon's old Claremont Road ground. In 2002 Adrian Hill took us back up to the newly created 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 groundsharing 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, where we would spend eight seasons. The season brought significant playing success as a slow start was followed by a spectacular run of form, including a club record of 12 straight league wins, which put us at the top of the table for over a month before a tricky run-in resulted 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 form into 2013/14 and led the league with eight straight wins, but we couldn't hold on and had to settle for third place, our highest league finish since 1984, but the following September, Lyndon Buckwell departed, and Glyn Mandeville and new Assistant Matt Smith steered the club to seventh place and improved this to fourth 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 Neville performed admirably and ambassadors for our town. In 2016/17, we started the season with an incredible 9-2 win at newlypromoted Bedfont & despite trailing 2-0 at halftime, 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.

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. His resignation in January 2018 led to the club promoting our Coach Neil Grant to 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 took us to the Division One League Cup Final at Meadowbank. Unfortunately, the new season of 2019/20 started poorly, and Funnell resigned at Christmas. His Assistant Sam Morgan was appointed to the role, and with his new Assistant Tim Moffatt, they oversaw an undefeated league run that took us up to the abandonment of the season.

In the 2020/21 season, we commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground, although another seasonal curtailment left us in seventh place, and we remained at Step Six, being transferred to the Southern Combination for the new season.

In August 2021, Sam Morgan was relieved of his duties after a slow start to the season. Barry Gartell was placed in interim charge while the club searched for a new manager. Barry and his brother Clive managed to get a good run of form under their belts. They were winning four and drawing 1.

Darren Anslow was appointed as our new manager in September 2021 and was immediately impressed with a comfortable 4-0 win against Mile Oak in the FA Vase 2nd Round Qualifying. The following weekend would see us travel to Billingshurst in one of the only matches being played due to torrential rain. A few days after the game, which ended 4-3 for the home side, Darren Anslow resigned from his post.

Clive Gartell and Alex Penfold then took charge in the dugout with Barry Gartell in the background for the next eight games with only one defeat in the FA Vase, coming against British Airways. Barry and Clive then stepped down after the Dorkinians Surrey Premier Cup game, and Jamie Byatt stepped up as joint interim manager with Alex Penfold.

Three games later, following an unsavoury incident at Dorking Wanderers, Alex Penfold was subsequently let go from the club. Jamie Byatt was then placed in sole charge until the end of the season. The club finished sixth in the league, securing a place in the playoffs but unfortunately lost 2–1 to Midhurst & Easebourne in the semi-final. Midhurst went on to beat Shoreham FC in the final, earning promotion to the Southern Combination Premier League (Step 5).

Unfortunately, we also lost to Midhurst & Easebourne in the last minute by the same score line in the Division 1 League Cup Final a few days before our playoff clash. Byatt departed in early May, being replaced by the long-serving Horley Town Manager Anthony Jupp and former Croydon Manager Liam

Giles as Joint Managers, but Giles would return to Croydon in November. We started the season well but gradually fell behind leaders Shoreham. With ten games to go, Juppy resigned, and his assistant, Matt Chapman, took over the reins for the remainder of the season, steering us to the runners-up position. This secured us home advantage against Selsey in the playoff semi-final. After a hard-fought 0–0 draw, we eventually won the game on penalties. Finishing as runners-up also gave us home advantage in the final, where we faced Wick. A 2–1 victory was enough to clinch promotion back to the Combined Counties League after five long years away.

Once again, the club found itself needing to move grounds, this time to groundshare with Cobham FC at The Reg Madgwick Stadium. In June 2023, James Scott was appointed as the new manager for the 2023/24 campaign. However, James departed the club in October 2023 due to personal reasons, and Steve Springett was appointed as interim manager.

After 15 games, Steve agreed to step down and was replaced by Warren Burton and Gwynn Berry, with one goal in mind: to keep the club in the Premier Division. Ultimately, we finished the season in 16th place.

Gwynn left during the close season to pursue other interests, and Warren was appointed as the manager for the 2024–25 season, with the aim of breaking into the top ten.

Warren wasted no time in strengthening his backroom staff. First, he brought in the vastly experienced Craig Dundas from Sutton United as a player-coach. Then, he appointed Simon Payne as his assistant and finally added Max Johnson—of the well-known Johnson football family—as a coach.



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