



CHERRY RED RECORDS COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION SOUTH  
CHIPSTEAD v. EPSOM & EWELL  
SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026  
KICKOFF 3pm

## CHIPSTEAD FOOTBALL CLUB

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Good afternoon, everyone, & welcome to the High Road for today's home game in the 2025/26 Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division South v. Epsom & Ewell

We extend an especially warm welcome to the players, officials & supporters from Epsom & Ewell, who have made the trip to be here, as well as to the referee & assistants – we hope you all enjoy a pleasant time here, & have a safe journey back afterwards

This is your complementary e-programme for the game – entry is through the turnstile, priced at £10 for adults, £5 for concessions over 60, £3 for children aged 12-16, with free entry for under-12s

The players are today due to be accompanied on to the pitch by members of our under-7 white team as mascots – thank you to them

Last season we lost 2-0 away in September 2024, but won 2-0 at home in November, with Elliott McKimm & Enrique Tiamuna on target – however, we also lost 3-1 away in the league this season back in September in spite of Evan Kelly's consolation goal – we'd love to bounce back again today please, lads!

After this game, our 1<sup>st</sup> team is next due to host Fleet Town in the league on Tuesday night (10<sup>th</sup>), KO 7.45pm – they are then due to visit Cobham on Saturday 14th February, & Corinthian Casuals on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, before hosting Balham on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, these games kicking off at 3pm

We are then due to play Leatherhead away in the Surrey Senior Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March KO 7.45pm, as the original game on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch

Since I last wrote to you, the lads recorded a fine 3-1 league win at home to Badshot Lea, thanks to Carl Oblitey's opening goal, an own goal & a first from Ethan Ford on his return to the club – we then went to a Tooting & Mitcham side lying 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league table, where 2 more goals from Carl put us seconds away from a deserved win, but the referee gave the home side a hotly-contested penalty deep in added time, so we had to settle for a battling point in a 2-2 draw

Meanwhile our under-18s recently lost 5-2 to Walton & Hersham under-18s in their league, after Oscar Pegler's 2 goals had put us 2-0 up at halftime – their next game at home to Uxbridge under-18s was postponed, so they are next due to visit Met Police under-18s in the league on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February KO 7.30pm

Please try to make it to some or all of the fixtures mentioned above to cheer on the lads – I know they really would appreciate your support

Talking of support, did you know we run a 100 club, in which you can win monthly prizes of £70 or £30, as well as £100 just before Christmas? – you can join for just £5 per month per number – please email me at the address below for more details

Alternatively, you could enter the Pitchero Fundraising Club Lottery & win up to £25000 each month – tickets for this cost £10 each, & £6 of this comes back to our club – you can sign up via <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/chipsteadfccom/lottery> right now

Don't forget to keep an eye out for all the very latest news at Chipstead FC, including any last-minute fixture changes, via our website <https://www.chipsteadfc.com>, our Facebook group Chipstead FC (Surrey) 1906, our Twitter feed @chipsteadfc1906 & Instagram chipstead\_fc\_1906

Enjoy today's game, folks – up the Chips!

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## **A VIEW FROM THE DUGOUT BY MANAGER RYAN LOCK**

Good afternoon, everyone, & welcome to today's game

Bringing Charlie Acres in has been a massive help with his wealth of experience, honesty & standards – the standard he brings in from Tonbridge & Carshalton, so a wealth of experience from the levels above

For me, the game at Sheerwater was a turning point – I think we competed really well – I got it wrong at the start, beginning with a 4-4-2 in the first half, & I felt we got a little bit overrun in central areas, but definitely changing the shape, & bringing on Joe Hall in the second half, I thought he was superb – unfortunately he got 2 bookings, & got sent off in 40 minutes, but I actually feel he had a positive impact on the game, & we had chances to win it – it was Ethan Ford's first game, I thought he was unbelievable, he was superb & got an assist for the goal, which was great

On to the Badshot game, where, from start to finish, we were excellent – Ethan getting on the scoresheet on his home debut, Carl Oblitey being himself is an absolute machine in front of goal, & I thought we were great against Badshot, & it was about building momentum leading into the Tooting game, the big one – I thought we were really unlucky in the first 10-15 minutes, & obviously Max Oldham scored against us, & then Carl again scores out of nothing, grabbing the ball & chipping the keeper from 25-30 yards, which was brilliant, & then I thought we battled, I think now we've been able to build a unit, which is competitive, which cares, which understands the requirement + the standard which we need to win, & I thought we were great against Tooting, & it was gutting that we conceded so late on to a penalty, which I think was a little bit harsh, but we gained a point

So now we go into today's game against Epsom & Ewell – this will be another tough game; we lost to them 3-1 earlier in the season at their place, but again now we are confident with the squad I have that we can go into games & we can compete, we can go & get points, & that's what it's all about now in every game until the end of the season, knowing that we can get the three points & we can compete, which is what we want

Enjoy your afternoon

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## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHIPSTEAD FC**

Chipstead Football Club was formed in 1906, when the Netherne hospital was being built, and the building workers and the lads in Chipstead challenged each other to a match. The oldest club records dated 1911 show a far from healthy position, survival relying mainly on the proceeds of whist drives. The club's health began to improve and, in 1920, it even had its own transport for away games, an open topped lorry owned by a local builder. Up until the 1962/63 season, Chipstead played junior football, but, having finished runners-up in the County Junior Cup the previous year, they then moved into the Surrey Intermediate League

The club played at this standard until 1982, when they became founder members of the Surrey Premier League. The next four years saw the club have great success finishing runners-up three times and also winning the League Cup on three occasions. During this period they were also beaten finalists in the County Premier Cup. The reserves also met with success being runners-up once and also winning the League Cup. After a long battle, the club were awarded senior status in

1986 and were promoted to the Combined Counties League, where once again success followed; a League Championship was gained in 1989/90 and a runners-up spot was gained on two occasions, with six League Cup Final appearances, with Chipstead being victorious in four

Season 1987/88 saw the club make its debut in the F.A. Vase and the following year in the F.A. Cup. Over recent years the club has continued to grow and strengthen its youth policy with some 200 players between the ages of six and eighteen involved every week. Two former Chipstead youth players - Leon McKenzie and Steven Sidwell moved on to professional clubs, & more recently, Saidou Khan played for our 1st team, & is now with Tranmere Rovers. The Combined Counties Championship winning squad contained no fewer than 12 players, who had represented the club at youth level

In 1998 Chipstead was able to purchase the freehold of the ground from the Local Authority. Thanks to a grant from the F.A. in 2001, the club was able to purchase additional land, which was developed into mini-soccer pitches to further enhance its youth policy.

More recently in November 2004 a 100-seater stand was installed, which was increased to 150 in March 2007. In May 2006 a covered standing area for 150 people was also erected

2006-07 was the club's 'Centenary' season, and the hope was that it would be a memorable one. On the opening day of the season, the team won their first game and went top of the table; come February, and still top, the decision was made to do the necessary work to achieve the ground upgrading. The next six weeks saw the ground transformed thanks to the incredible hard work of the committee and supporters. The team remained top and promotion to the Ryman League was achieved for the first time in 100 years

In the 2007-08 season Chipstead established themselves in the Ryman League finishing a creditable 15th. They also went on to win the Southern Combination Cup beating Ryman Premier side Ashford Town (Middlesex) in the final

In 2008-09 Chipstead struggled in the league, but, in the FA Cup, reached the 4th qualifying round for the first time in their history, eventually losing at Torquay United.

2010-11 saw Chipstead finished 10th being their highest position ever

2012-13 was a poor season for the club with no fewer than 4 managers - Mark Tompkins left the club after just one game; assistant Mick Read stepped in as temporary manager for a month, before the club appointed John Hamsher. Things seemed fine until January, when results took a dip. John decided to step down in early April, with vice-chairman Mick Ford taking over the reins for the final 3 matches

In 2013-14 Chipstead started the season with a new management team - Kevin Rayner, with Roly Martin as his assistant, and Mark Elgar as technical assistant. From August until the end of October 7 games out of 21 were won in all competitions, including losing both F.A. Trophy & F.A. Cup matches within eight days. Geoff Corner stepped aside as Chairman, with Mick Ford taking up the position. Mick's first task was to appoint a new manager in Steve Baker. A mid-table finish of 13th was a great turnaround for the club. Steve left the club in 2014-15, and was replaced by Simon Colbran

Following a poor start to the 2015/16 season, Simon resigned, and was replaced by Lyndon Buckwell. Unable to turn things around, Lyndon was himself replaced by Craig Tanner, well known to Tooting & Mitcham folk, who, with Adam Moriarty, ultimately managed to save the club from relegation with a few games to spare. Craig & Adam then left the club during the summer

2016-17 saw the return of ex-Chipstead player Antony Williams to manage the 1st team along with his assistants, two of whom had played for the club in the past. Having former club players in

management gave everyone at the club a lift, and they quickly got to work, and comfortably avoided relegation. They laid the foundations for the 2017-18 season, & remain at the same level to this day, although the powers that be put the club in the Bostik League South Central Division for 2018/19

This provided many new clubs in opposition, yet Chipstead held their own in the division, although Antony decided to step aside, as the season drew to a close – his two coaches, Rob Kember & Rob Smith stepped forward to take up the mantle & lead the club into the 2019/20 season in the newly-named BetVictor Isthmian League South Central Division

Following 2 curtailed seasons due to the pandemic, Messrs. Kember and Smith remained in their management role. The club finished 10th in the 2021/22 season, the equal-highest ever position in the Isthmian League. They continued to build and strengthen the squad for season 2022/23, but the end of that season saw the departure of the management team after 4 years at the helm

The club was quick to appoint Dean Sammut in his first managerial role for 2023/24, following a brief spell at Burgess Hill in a caretaker role alongside Lewis Taylor. Dean had been a coach for the first team over the previous couple of years. He added Lewis to his team, who was an experienced player and coach, and Matty Males, a past Chipstead captain. The squad came together & started the season well, but ultimately got relegated, as Binfield completed a highly-improbable escape

Now in the Combined Combined League Premier Division South, experienced manager Justin Fevrier & his assistants Oliver Saunders + Glen Nichols took over for 2024/25, but they resigned after the 3-0 league defeat at Tooting & Mitcham in October, so Aaron Lamont & Peter Wedgeworth amongst the senior players took care of footballing matters for the rest of the season, with Peter then 1<sup>st</sup> team assistant player/manager, & the returning Daryl Coleman as 1<sup>st</sup> team player/manager, with Jordan Wilson as player/coach & Ryan Lock as coach for 2025/26, although Ryan took over in sole charge as manager at the end of February

### **CHIPSTEAD FC PROFILES 2025/26 (ages as at 29/7/2025)**

1<sup>st</sup> team manager – Ryan Lock – previously coach, then assistant manager at Colliers Wood Utd. – then coach, assistant manager & joint 1<sup>st</sup> team manager at Sutton Common Rovers in their promotion season – he then took a 4-year break to develop his coaching business, RL Coaching, before joining Chipstead as coach, assistant manager & is now in sole charge as manager

1<sup>st</sup> team player-coach - Peter Wedgeworth – aged 32 – returned to the High Road last season, after spells as a player at Merstham & Redhill, previously with (Chislehurst) Glebe and Tooting & Mitcham too – has a sweet left-foot, which is potent at set pieces – has taken on the role of player-coach too

1<sup>st</sup> team player-coach - Jordan Wilson – aged 35 – joined the club last season, having previously played at Sutton Common Rovers, as well as Fulham and Tooting & Mitcham in the past – scored the 2 goals at Abbey Rangers in the final game of last season to help stave off relegation – has now moved up to be a player-coach of the 1<sup>st</sup> team, & scored with a brilliant overhead kick during the 6-0 home league win over Corinthian-Casuals, grabbed the first two goals in the 3-2 league win at Alton & scored the equaliser in the 1-1 league draw at Sheerwater

1st team coach – Charlie Acres – well known to Ryan from Carshalton Athletic, & he worked with him at Sutton Common Rovers before too – an experienced, passionate & self-driven coach, brought in to help the 1<sup>st</sup> team squad

Physio – Tiffany Jones – our experienced speedy physio, valued highly by everyone at the club

Kitman – Tony Stone – another one valued highly by all at the club – what job hasn't he turned his hand to here?

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Goalkeepers – Jacob Bennett – aged 25 – recently signed from AFC Royal Holloway & made his debut in the 2-0 home league defeat to Tadley-Calleva – previously with Chalfont St. Peter too

Finnley Davenport – aged 18 – the Chipstead under-18s' keeper last season, who quickly proved his capability at 1<sup>st</sup> team level too, consistently showing his shot-stopping prowess at the higher level, but, after another good display in the 2-2 league draw at Sandhurst Town in February, was found to have fractured his thumb, & missed the rest of the season – now mended & having completed his A-levels, he will be looking to make further progress this coming season

Mohammed Ibrahim Otuyo – aged 26 – joined recently from Buckhurst Hill, & previously played at Bedfont Sports & South Park Reigate – made his debut in the 3-0 league defeat at Fleet Town, but kept a clean sheet in the 3-0 home league win over Guildford City, the 6-0 home league win over Corinthian-Casuals & the 2-0 league win away v. Balham

Defenders – Marley Burton-Bell – aged 19 – tall young defender, who plays at centre-half or full-back – made his debut in the 3-1 home league defeat to Sheerwater

Zack Byrne – aged 16 – dual-registered with Three Bridges – made a solid debut off the bench in the 2-1 home win over Camberley Town in the Surrey Senior Cup

Theo Crawford – aged 36 – signed during last season from Hanworth Villa – an experienced centre-back, who can also play in midfield – a good mentor for the younger players around him – scored the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal in the 4-3 league win at Badshot Lea, & the opener in the 2-1 home win over Camberley Town in the Surrey Senior Cup

Stanislaw Cyndrowski – aged 17 – pacy young right-back, recently signed from Carshalton Athletic's under-19s & academy – made his debut in the 1-1 league draw at Sheerwater

Marvin Farrell – aged 35 - recently signed for the club, can play at full-back or centre-half, & made his debut in the 3-2 home league win v. Redhill

Evan Kelly – aged 21 – signed last close season from Tooting Bec, proved to be a versatile player anywhere across the back line, & fully deserved his players' player & supporters' player of the season awards at the end of a fine first season – thumped home the consolation goal in the 3-1 league defeat to Epsom & Ewell at Cobham FC

Erick Rayo Arias – aged 26 - pacy defender, originally from Ecuador, who recently joined the club from Balham, & made a promising debut in the 6-0 home league win over Corinthian-Casuals

Midfielders – Matin Bakare – aged 17 – current member of the under-18s, now getting his chance in the 1<sup>st</sup> team too – made his debut off the bench in the 4-0 home defeat to Reading City in the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup

Kamran Campbell – aged 17 – versatile captain of the current under-18 side, in the back line or in midfield (he scored the two goals late on to win the recent u-18 league game 2-1 at Bedfont Sports), so it's good to see him as a mainstay in the 1<sup>st</sup> team now too – he even stepped up in goal in the 4-1 league defeat at Guildford City, when Mo Otuyo was sent off

Pele Dunn – aged 18 – joined from AFC Whyteleafe during the close season – tricky wide player, who came on as sub in the 5-1 league defeat at Horley Town, started in the 2-0 home league defeat to Camberley Town + scored the fantastic equaliser to draw 1-1 at home to Tooting & Mitcham in the league

Tijani Eshilokun – aged 30 – signed last close season from Epsom & Ewell – can play just as capably at centre-half too – scored the 1<sup>st</sup> goal in the 3-2 FA Vase defeat at Greenways FC

Leo Finch – aged 17 – recently dual-signed with Pagham and Liss, & made his debut off the bench in the 6-0 league defeat at Thatcham Town

Ethan Ford – aged 21 – tricky wing-player, who recently joined from Redhill – formerly played in Chipstead's under-18s, & at Raynes Park Vale + South Park (Reigate) too – made his debut in the 1-1 league draw at Sheerwater, & scored the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal in the 3-1 home league win over Badshot Lea

Tyrone Gondoh – aged 20 – joined from AFC Whyteleafe – can play wide on either flank in midfield or as a full-back – made his debut in the 1-1 league draw at home to Sutton Common Rovers

Joe Hall – aged 24 – central midfielder who joined last season from Sutton Common Rovers, & was formerly at Yate Town too

Charles Miguel-Bewaji – aged 17 – another current member of the under-18s, now getting his break in the 1<sup>st</sup> team too – made his debut off the bench in the 4-0 home defeat to Reading City in the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup, & made his first start in the 2-1 home win over Camberley Town in the Surrey Senior Cup

(Afriyie) Simon Offei-Gyimaha – aged 26 – recently joined at AFC Whyteleafe, has also played at Three Bridges – made his debut off the bench in the 2-1 league defeat at Redhill

Emmanuel Thompson – aged 20 – joined from Banstead Athletic in the close season, & made his debut in the 1-1 home league draw with Sutton Common Rovers

Forwards – Michael Dixon – aged 33 - another player to return to the High Road last season, whose previous club was Hullbridge Sports – was also with Tooting & Mitcham before his first spell at the club – scored twice in the 3-2 home league win over Redhill on August Bank Holiday Monday & the 5<sup>th</sup> goal in the 6-0 home league win over Corinthian-Casuals

Josiah-James McLeod – aged 18 – another speedy promising player from Chipstead's under-18s, now looking to make the step up to the 1<sup>st</sup> team – was an unused sub in the 1-1 league draw at Sheerwater, but has been scoring regularly for the youth side this season

Carl Oblitey – aged 30 - signed from Epsom & Ewell in the close season – made his debut in the 1-1 home league draw with Sutton Common Rovers - scored the early goal in the 5-1 league defeat at Horley Town, scored both goals in the 2-2 league draw at Eversley & California, the opener in the 3-2 home league win over Redhill, the 2<sup>nd</sup> goal in the 3-2 FA Vase defeat at Greenways FC, two goals in the 3-0 home league win over Guildford City, four goals in the 6-0 home league win over Corinthian-Casuals, the two goals in the 2-1 home league win over Abbey Rangers, the two goals in the 2-0 league win over Balham at Tooting & Mitcham, the goal in the 2-1 league defeat at Redhill, the 1<sup>st</sup> goal in the 3-1 home league win over Badshot Lea & both goals in the 2-2 league draw at Tooting & Mitcham

Tyrone Selormey – aged 23 – joined the club recently from Horley Town, having come through the junior ranks at the High Road before university – made his debut off the bench in the 3-1 home league defeat to Sheerwater, made his first start in the 4-0 home defeat to Reading City in the Premier Challenge Cup & scored the early goal in the 4-1 league defeat at Guildford City

Also signed up for this season is:-

Hari McCoy – aged 21 – recently signed from Concord Rangers, & previously played at Barkingside

Squad lineups

Chipstead v. Epsom & Ewell

Jacob Bennett (GK)		Sam Nabbad (GK)
Evan Kelly		Luis Oliveira
Stanislaw Cyndrowski		Kionte Gillfillian-Waul
Tijani Eshilokun		Adam Green
Theo Crawford ©		Che Bell
Marley Burton-Bell		Stefan Aiwone
Kamran Campbell		Prince Aderogba
Joe Hall		Craig Dundas
Carl Oblitey		Brendan Murphy-McVey ©
Jordan Wilson		Callum O'Keeffe
Ethan Ford		Jason Bloor
Erick Rayo Arias		Karl Bailey
Peter Wedgeworth		Ayran Kugathas
Pele Dunn		Callum Wilson
Tyrone Selormey		Ryley Merrett
Michael Dixon		Faebian Witter (GK)
Tyrone Gondoh		Ethan Brazier
Josiah-James McLeod		Conor McShane
Leo Finch		Toby Young
Charles Miguel-Bewaji		Antonius Nazareth
Zack Byrne		Jack Torbett
Simon Offei-Gyimaha		Harry Murphy
Matin Bakare		Teddy Ralph
Marvin Farrell		Luke Miller
Emmanuel Thompson		Tom Collins
Mo Otuyo (GK)		Ethan Nelson-Roberts
Finnley Davenport (GK)		Niall Stillwell
Hari McCoy		Emmanuel Limpo
		Conrad Worrell-Scott
		Shane Dunn
		Nathan West
		Filip Ksiadz
		Jake Brown
		Ali Fofahan
		Obasanjo Akiinniranye
		Leo Cunningham
		Andrew Herring
		Ezekial Robinson
		Tyler Robinson

Referee – Jake Symes		
Assistant referees – Mathias Tricart & Lee Murphy		

## **EPSOM & EWELL FC MANAGEMENT**

Max Johnson - Joint Manager  
 Craig Dundas - Joint Player/Manager  
 Chris Farnan - Joint Assistant Manager  
 Conor Redmond - Joint Assistant Manager  
 Jodie Davis - Physio  
 Kevin Espinosa - Goalkeeping Coach

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF EPSOM & EWELL FC**

They were founded in March 1918 as Epsom Juniors Cricket Club, and played throughout the summer. In the autumn, Epsom Juniors FC came into being and played a handful of games from what is now known as Alexandra Recreation Ground. Competitive football followed, as they 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 FC heralded the start of a very successful era. By now resident at the Horton Hospital Sports Ground, they were unfortunate to lose 2-1 after extra time at Dorking FC's Pixham Lane ground to Caterham Mental Hospital in a replay of the Surrey Junior Cup Final. However, they won three other trophies that season, the Leatherhead Hospital Shield, the Sutton Hospital Cup, and the Epsom Hospital Cup. In addition, they also won the Sutton & District League, and under the forward-thinking of their visionary Chairman Hugh Bradley, took the step into Intermediate Football, where they won the Southern Suburban League without losing a match. Senior football was granted, as they were unanimously accepted into the Surrey Senior League for 1924/25, where they finished third

In September 1925, the club relocated to the old Ewell FC ground at West Street, which was purchased through the generosity of their future President Robert Bradshaw. In 1925/26 the Championship of the Surrey Senior League was attained, and the following season, they defeated Egham 1-0 away in the League Charity Cup to complete a League and Cup "double". Election to the London League followed, and the title was claimed at the first attempt in 1927/28. Unfortunately, they 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 them 3-2 in front of 4,600 at Guildford in their first Surrey Senior Cup Final, having seen off Wimbledon 4-1 in the semi-final!

The thirties were a very successful era, and they won the Surrey Charity (Senior) Shield in 1933 with an impressive 5-0 win over Woking at Kingfield. However, the proudest moment of their pre-war history was an appearance in the First Round Proper of the FA 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, they changed their name to Epsom FC

In 1939 a newly formed team, Epsom Town (no connection to the earlier name), shared the ground with Epsom FC. However, this arrangement was suspended, when war was declared, and

they 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 FC 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 they entered the Corinthian League themselves, wherein, in 1952, they reached the League Memorial Shield Final, 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, they reached the Surrey Senior Cup Final for the second time in their history, losing unluckily 2-0 to Corinthian-Casuals in front of 6,159 at Selhurst Park. In 1955 they won the Surrey Senior Shield with a 1-0 win over Carshalton Athletic at West Street.

They appointed their 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 they ended with neither, finishing fourth. However, in 1960, they finally raised the Shield with a 2-0 revenge win over Maidenhead at Vale Farm, home of Wembley FC

In 1960 they changed their name once again to Epsom & Ewell FC. 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 they were placed in Division One of the new structure, but the sixties were full of poor results, and they 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 FA yearbooks, their 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 them loose. This was unfortunate timing, as they had just cleared all of their 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 them in at the last minute, and the new squad, including young striker Tommy Tuite, won the League Cup, and in 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 FA Vase, where 9,500 saw the Blues edged out 2-1 by Hoddesdon Town at Wembley Stadium. The Athenian League welcomed them back, and promotion was achieved in that first season. In 1976/77 they reached the Athenian League Cup Final, losing 1-0 at Chalfont St Peter

By then, they knew that they had been invited to join the expanding Isthmian League for 1977/78, and were placed in the new Division Two. Their 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 they 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 they finally won the Surrey Senior Cup in 1981, defeating Woking 2-1 at Tooting & Mitcham, although they just missed out on promotion. O'Connell resigned in 1982, being replaced by Adrian Hill, and, in 1983/84, they clinched a spot in the Premier Division as runners-up, although, this time, they missed out in the Surrey Senior Cup, defeated 4-0 by Sutton United in the final at Imber Court

They survived comfortably in their first season in 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. They were relegated in 1986, and also in 1987, by now under the management of Ricky Kidd. Adrian Hill replaced Kidd for a second spell at the helm in 1990, but they were placed in the new Division Three in 1991 in a league reorganisation following a finish one position below the required halfway mark

In 1993 a large chapter in their history ended, as they left West Street, and moved in as tenants of Banstead Athletic. The decade was largely one of frustration, although they 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 them back up to the newly created Division 1 South, where they 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, they were transferred into the Combined Counties League Premier Division. In October 2006 Lyndon Buckwell, a former player, became their new manager, and, in his first full season (2007/08), they were back in the top ten. In 2008/09 they 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 FA Vase for the first time in 21 years, bowing out 3-2 in Northamptonshire to Long Buckby. In April 2010, they terminated their seventeen-year ground-sharing agreement with Banstead Athletic, and spent two unspectacular seasons at Merstham FC, before relocating to the High Road, home of Chipstead FC for the 2012/13 season, where they 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 them at the top of the table for over a month, before a tricky run-in resulted in a final position of fifth. However, any disappointment there was tempered by the club's first silverware since 1981, when they 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 they left West Street

They carried their form into 2013/14, and led the league with eight straight wins, but couldn't hold on, and had to settle for third place, their 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, their club visited France, and played a friendly against their 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 their town

In 2016/17, they started the season with an incredible 9-2 win at newly-promoted Bedfont, despite trailing 2-0 at halftime, and went on to repeat their fourth-place finish in the league. In addition, they reached the League Cup Final, but were defeated 4-1 by Westfield at Windsor FC

However, in the summer of 2017, they 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 were spent at the foot of the table. His resignation in January 2018 led to the club promoting their coach Neil Grant into the manager's role, and, although he managed to get them off the foot of the table, relegation was always likely, and was confirmed in mid-April; not a great way to celebrate their 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

them 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, which took them up to the abandonment of the season

The 2020/21 season commenced with another ground move, this time to Leatherhead's Fetcham Grove ground, although another seasonal curtailment left them in seventh place, and they 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. The 2022/23 Season saw a complete change at the top with ex-Horley Town manager Anthony Jupp coming in as joint manager alongside ex-Croydon manager Liam Giles, along with ex-Horley Town manager and coach Matt Chapman as coach. Giles left before Christmas, and Jupp stepped down before the end of the season. Coach Matt Chapman took over, and led the Club to the runners-up spot. In the playoff semi-final, they drew 1-1 with Selsey, before going through in a nail-biting penalty shoot-out. In the final, in front of almost 400 fans in their last game at Leatherhead FC, they won 2-1 against Wick. They were promoted back to step five. They were also moved across the non-league pyramid back into the Combined Counties League. In the 2023/24 season, the club also started a new ground-share agreement with Cobham FC on their brand new 3G pitch. The club appointed James Scott as manager. James left in October, when the club was bottom of the league and with no wins. He was replaced with Steve Springett as interim manager. Steve left in January, and Warren Burton took over as manager. The 2024/25 season saw the club move again, this time to King George's Fields, the home of Corinthian Casuals FC. Warren Burton continued as manager alongside coach Glynn Berry. Warren left the club after a terrible run of defeats towards the end of the season, and Max Johnson & Criag Dundas took over as temporary joint managers. They went on a great run lifting them out of relegation, and winning a cup, when they defeated Abbey Rangers 1-0 in the final of The Southern Combination Challenge Cup

The 2025/26 season saw the club move back to Cobham FC, and the joint managers were appointed full time. In October 2025 the club moved again to Chessington & Hook United, much nearer to Epsom, and hopefully they can build more support at this ground

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

## **EPSOM & EWELL FC HONOURS**

Isthmian League - Division Two champions 1977–78

London League - Premier Division champions 1927–28

Southern Combination League - Division One Runners Up & Play off Winners 2022–23

Corinthian League - Memorial Shield winners 1959–60

Combined Counties League - Premier Challenge Cup winners 2012–13

Surrey Senior League - Champions 1925–26, 1926–27, 1974–75

League Cup winners 1973–74, 1974–75

Charity Cup winners 1926–27

Southern Suburban League - Champions 1923–24

Sutton and District League - Premier Division champions 1922–23

Surrey Senior Cup - Winners 1980–81

Surrey Senior Shield - Winners 1932–33, 1954–55

Southern Combination Challenge Cup - Winners 1979–80

Records - Best FA Cup performance: First round, 1933–34

Best FA Trophy performance: Second round (last 32) 1981–82

Best FA Vase performance: Finalists, 1974–75

Biggest win: 13–1 vs Reigate Priory, FA Amateur Cup, 12 October 1935

Heaviest defeat: 14–0 vs Chelmsford City Reserves, London League, 14 February 1948

Most appearances: Graham Morris, 658 (1990–2004)

Most goals: Tommy Tuite, 391 (1973–1988)

Most goals in a season: Reg Marlow, 65 (1926–27)

## The Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League Premier Division South table as at 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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			P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
	1	Cobham	15	12	1	2	13	11	2	0	28	23	3	2	+77	72
	2	Tooting & Mitcham United	14	6	4	4	14	8	5	1	28	14	9	5	+5	51
	3	Knaphill	15	8	1	6	11	6	4	1	26	14	5	7	+15	47
	4	Abbey Rangers	15	8	2	5	12	6	2	4	27	14	4	9	+2	46
	5	Redhill	13	8	5	0	12	4	3	5	25	12	8	5	+17	44
	6	Fleet Town	11	7	2	2	14	5	4	5	25	12	6	7	+18	42
	7	Tadley Calleva	13	7	4	2	11	5	2	4	24	12	6	6	+14	42
	8	Horley Town	13	6	1	6	13	7	1	5	26	13	2	11	+7	41
	9	Sheerwater	13	6	2	5	14	6	2	6	27	12	4	11	+3	40
	10	Corinthian-Casuals	14	7	4	3	12	3	4	5	26	10	8	8	+1	38
	11	Badshot Lea	13	7	4	2	13	2	6	5	26	9	10	7	+12	37
	12	Sutton Common Rovers	13	6	2	5	12	3	2	7	25	9	4	12	+7	31
	13	Alton	15	5	5	5	12	3	2	7	27	8	7	12	-9	31
	14	Chipstead	13	5	3	5	14	3	3	8	27	8	6	13	-19	30
	15	Epsom & Ewell	12	4	5	3	13	3	3	7	25	7	8	10	-9	29
	16	Thatcham Town	14	4	2	8	13	4	0	9	27	8	2	17	-21	26
	17	Balham	13	3	3	7	15	3	4	8	28	6	7	15	-26	25
	18	Eversley & California	10	2	3	5	16	3	4	9	26	5	7	14	-31	22
	19	Camberley Town	11	1	5	5	14	3	4	7	25	4	9	12	-21	21
	20	Guildford City	14	3	2	9	16	1	3	12	30	4	5	21	-42	17

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