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|  | ***Epsom & Ewell*** **4**  **v**  ***Kennington***  *Saturday, 31st August 2019 – 3.00 p.m.* |
| Good afternoon and we welcome to High Road for our Buildbase F.A. Vase match with Kennington Football Club. We welcome their players, supporters and officials and hope they have a safe journey home.    We have not met Kennington before, although are well aware of their Third place finish from last year in the Southern Counties League East Division One. They have started their season well and are currently the leading scorers in their division.  It’s actually quite rare for us to have a home match in this competition. We haven’t been at home since November 2016 when Abbey Rangers visited for a Second Round tie and this will be only our fourth home tie since St Neots Town defeated us at Merstham back in 2010! In fact, only six of our previous nineteen ties have been at home!  Our last match came just four days ago when we hosted Tooting Bec and we had to settle for a 2-2 draw after leading by two goals at the half. It was a frustrating match and we also had our first close up view of the sin-bin, with the less said about that the better! The draw did have a slight benefit of moving us up four places to sixth in a very tight looking league this season, Jersey Bulls apart.  Going forward, we visit Ash United next Saturday for a League match and we are also at home to AFC Hayes on Saturday 21st September. Whatever happens today against Kennington will determine our fixture for Saturday 14th September as if we win, we would be away to either Sidlesham or Stansfeld in the next round, while if we lose we may receive a rearranged League match or indeed have a blank Saturday.  Please note that this match is to be decided on the day. If we are drawing after 90 minutes then extra time will be played and if we are still level then penalties will be taken. This is not the regular rule with the Vase, but our opponents have indicated that they would prefer this option due to some floodlighting issues at their temporary home of Ashford Town. It will also save the need for us to travel to deepest Kent on the Wednesday evening, so it made a lot of sense for both clubs to take advantage of this option.  Enjoy the game!  *Rich*  *You can follow us on social media – just see the inside cover for details.* | |
| **Cover photo by Gemma Jarman**  **Lloyd Connelly scores our first goal on Tuesday evening**  **in our 2-2 home draw with Tooting Bec** | |

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| ***league logoCherry Red Records Combined Counties League***  ***league logoDivision One Table 2019/20*** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Jersey Bulls** | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 0 | **15** | +19 | **13/4** | **16/11** |
| **Sandhurst Town** | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 5 | **13** | +7 | **9/11** | **14/3** |
| **Farnham Town** | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 5 | **9** | +7 | **28/9** | **15/2** |
| **Fleet Spurs** | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 9 | **9** | +1 | **3-5** | **7/12** |
| **Westside** | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 5 | **7** | +5 | **28/12** | **3-1** |
| **Epsom and Ewell** | **5** | **2** | **1** | **2** | **14** | **12** | **7** | **+2** | **x** | **x** |
| **Bedfont & Feltham** | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | **7** | +2 | **14/12** | **18/4** |
| **Chessington & Hook Utd** | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 9 | **7** | 0 | 22/2 | 12/10 |
| **Kensington & Ealing Boro** | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 6 | **6** | +5 | **26/10** | **4/1** |
| **Dorking Wanderers Res** | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 7 | **6** | +3 | **23/11** | **11/4** |
| **Bagshot** | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 10 | **6** | -1 | **4/4** | **1-2** |
| **Ash United** | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 17 | **6** | -7 | **8/2** | **7/9** |
| **AFC Hayes** | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 11 | **5** | +1 | **21/9** | **18/1** |
| **British Airways** | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 9 | **5** | -1 | **11/1** | **29/2** |
| **Walton & Hersham** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 | **4** | -2 | **31/3** | **2/11** |
| **Cove** | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 14 | **4** | -7 | **25/1** | **5/10** |
| **FC Deportivo Galicia** | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 15 | **4** | -13 | 19/10 | **1/2** |
| **Tooting Bec** | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 6 | **3** | 0 | **2-2** | **12/11** |
| **Eversley & California** | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 14 | **3** | -9 | **21/3** | **21/12** |
| **Godalming Town** | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 20 | **1** | -12 | **5-2** | **30/11** |

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| ***Lucky Day? – 31st August*** |
| **Played 20 - Won 11 Drawn 2 Lost 7 - For 53 Against 45 - PPG 1.75 - Good** |
| ***Our Club record against Kennington*** |
| **The two teams have never met** |
| ***Kennington’s Last Visit*** |
| **No visits** |

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| First Eleven Appearances - (max 5) | | | | | | | | | |
| **Name** | **Debut** | **2018/19** | | | | ***Career Totals*** | | | |
| **App** | **Sub** | **Tot** | Goals | ***App*** | ***Sub*** | ***Tot*** | *Goals* |
| **BENNETT Bobby** | **12/08/2018** | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | ***44*** | ***1*** | ***45*** | ***25*** |
| **BONASS-WARD Joe** | **10/08/2019** | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | ***4*** | ***0*** | ***4*** | ***0*** |
| **CARNEY Billy** | **12/01/2019** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | ***13*** | ***7*** | ***20*** | ***8*** |
| **CARTON Kyle** | **03/08/2019** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ***1*** | ***0*** | ***1*** | ***0*** |
| **CHIN Louis** | **08/12/2018** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ***14*** | ***1*** | ***15*** | ***0*** |
| **CONNELLY Lloyd** | **14/10/2017** | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | ***83*** | ***4*** | ***87*** | ***6*** |
| **DAVIES Felix** | **03/08/2019** | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | ***5*** | ***0*** | ***5*** | ***0*** |
| **FUNNELL Toby** | **03/08/2019** | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | ***5*** | ***0*** | ***5*** | ***0*** |
| **GALLAGHER Jordan** | **07/08/2016** | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | ***54*** | ***13*** | ***67*** | ***20*** |
| **HEAGNEY Adam** | **16/08/2016** | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | ***117*** | ***13*** | ***130*** | ***3*** |
| **HENDRY Rob** | **08/08/2015** | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | ***111*** | ***27*** | ***138*** | ***48*** |
| **LEWIS Rory** | **03/08/2019** | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | ***1*** | ***1*** | ***2*** | ***0*** |
| **MARTIN Chaz-Lee** | **03/08/2019** | 4 | 0 | 4 | 2 | ***4*** | ***0*** | ***4*** | ***2*** |
| **MURPHY Scott** | **20/01/2007** | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | ***94*** | ***2*** | ***96*** | ***10*** |
| **MURPHY Todd** | **27/11/2018** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ***4*** | ***9*** | ***13*** | ***0*** |
| **NIGHTINGALE Zak** | **03/08/2019** | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | ***0*** | ***1*** | ***1*** | ***0*** |
| **ROBERTS Liam** | **12/08/2017** | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 | ***51*** | ***25*** | ***76*** | ***18*** |
| **ROBINSON Jake** | **23/02/2019** | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | ***13*** | ***1*** | ***14*** | ***0*** |
| **SMITH Taryn** | **28/10/2017** | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | ***18*** | ***11*** | ***29*** | ***6*** |
| **SULLIVAN Ryan** | **04/08/2018** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ***31*** | ***2*** | ***33*** | ***0*** |
| **THOMPSON Ashley** | **21/08/2017** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | ***36*** | ***1*** | ***37*** | ***5*** |
| **WHITE Sean** | **02/08/2014** | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | ***30*** | ***26*** | ***56*** | ***9*** |

| **Latest Results and Fixtures** | | |
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| ***Combined Counties League – Sunday 25th August*** | | |
| Jersey Bulls | **4-0** | Fleet Spurs |
| ***Combined Counties League – Monday 26th August*** | | |
| Bagshot | **1-2** | Ash United |
| Bedfont & Feltham | **5-2** | AFC Hayes |
| Cove | **0-7** | Farnham Town |
| Dorking Wanderers Reserves | **5-1** | Chessington & Hook United |
| Godalming Town | **2-2** | Walton & Hersham |
| Sandhurst Town | **3-1** | Eversley & California |
| Westside | **0-1** | Jersey Bulls |
| ***Combined Counties League – Tuesday 27th August*** | | |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | **2-2** | Tooting Bec |
| FC Deportivo Galicia | **2-0** | British Airways |
| ***Buildbase F.A. Vase First Qualifying Round – Saturday 31st August*** | | |
| Abingdon United | V | Eversley & California |
| AFC Hayes | V | Dunstable Town |
| Ash United | V | Badshot Lea |
| Bagshot | V | Broadbridge Heath |
| Bedfont & Feltham | V | Lutterworth Athletic |
| Clanfield 85 | V | Sandhurst Town |
| Cove | V | Fleet Spurs |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | V | Kennington |
| Farnham Town | V | Langney Wanderers |
| Forest Hill Park | V | Westside |
| Godalming Town | V | Hailsham Town |
| Hillingdon Borough | V | Sandhurst Town |
| Lancing | V | Chessington & Hook United |
| Rugby Borough | V | British Airways |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 31st August*** | | |
| FC Deportivo Galicia | V | Dorking Wanderers Reserves |
| ***Buildbase F.A. Vase First Qualifying Round – Sunday 1st September*** | | |
| Tooting Bec | V | Walton & Hersham |
| ***Combined Counties League – Tuesday 3rd September*** | | |
| Kensington & Ealing Borough | V | British Airways |
| Sandhurst Town | V | Cove |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 7th September*** | | |
| Ash United | V | **Epsom & Ewell** |
| British Airways | V | Godalming Town |
| Chessington & Hook United | V | Cove |
| Dorking Wanderers Reserves | V | Kensington & Ealing Borough |
| Eversley & California | V | Tooting Bec |
| **Latest Results and Fixtures** | | |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 7th September*** | | |
| Farnham Town | V | Westside |
| Fleet Spurs | V | Bedfont & Feltham |
| Jersey Bulls | V | Bagshot |
| Sandhurst Town | V | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| Walton & Hersham | V | AFC Hayes |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 14th September*** | | |
| Kensington & Ealing Borough | prov | Jersey Bulls |
| Westside | prov | Dorking Wanderers Reserves |
| ***Buildbase F.A. Vase Second Qualifying Round – Saturday 14th September*** | | |
| Leverstock Green /  Aylesbury Vale Dynamos | V | Rugby Borough /  British Airways |
| AFC Hayes / Dunstable Town | V | London Tigers |
| Bedford / Burton Park Wanderers | V | Bedfont & Feltham /  Lutterworth Athletic |
| Sidlesham / Stansfeld | V | **Epsom & Ewell** / Kennington |
| Burnham / Harborough Town | V | Hillingdon Borough /  Kensington & Ealing Borough |
| Abingdon United /  Eversley & California | V | Reading City |
| Milton Keynes Robins | V | Cove / Fleet Spurs |
| Shrivenham / Milton United | V | Clanfield 85 / Sandhurst Town |
| Seaford Town / Eastbourne United | V | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| Forest Hill Park / Westside | V | Littlehampton United / Bexhill United |
| Lydd Town / Raynes Park Vale | V | Tooting Bec / Walton & Hersham |
| CB Hounslow United /  Beckenham Town | V | Farnham Town / Langney Wanderers |
| Lancing / Chessington & Hook United | V | Worthing United |
| Cobham / PFC Victoria London | V | Ash United / Badshot Lea |
| Redhill | V | Bagshot / Broadbridge Heath |
| Balham / Rusthall | V | Godalming Town / Hailsham Town |
| ***Combined Counties League – Saturday 21st September*** | | |
| Bagshot | V | Chessington & Hook United |
| Bedfont & Feltham | V | Sandhurst Town |
| Cove | V | Dorking Wanderers Reserves |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | V | AFC Hayes |
| Farnham Town | V | British Airways |
| Godalming Town | V | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| Jersey Bulls | V | Eversley & California |
| Kensington & Ealing Borough | V | Ash United |
| Tooting Bec | V | Fleet Spurs |
| Westside | V | Walton & Hersham |
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| **From behind the goal** |
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| **Epsom & Ewell 2-2 Tooting Bec**  **Combined Counties League Division One - Tuesday 27th August 2019**  **Frustration and confusion in equal measure at High Road**  Very few people would have been satisfied with the evening's proceedings at Chipstead this evening, but for differing reasons.  Firstly, Epsom people will have been disappointed as to how we allowed a disjointed looking Tooting Bec to get up from the canvas and stage a second half fightback that seemed well beyond them at the break, while the visitors themselves will have been frustrated that they couldn't snatch a winning goal against the eight men that finished the game for the Salts; the first time this has happened in the club's history.  Now I should make it clear that we didn't have three players sent off, but were victims for the first time this season of the FA's new "Respect" initiative, the sin-bin, which is being trialled at Step Five this season, and to which we lost two players in the closing stages. From our first viewing of this rule close up, I have to report that the term itself is so open to interpretation that consistency from one official to the next on what actually constitutes dissent will actually leave the players failing to communicate with the referee for fear of saying anything, and whilst maybe the men in suits would rather that to be the case, there will be less communication on the field as a result which will actually lead to less respect and arguably even a bit more resentment when you are unable to get an explanation for a decision.  Make no mistake, at a time when non-league football is facing a golden opportunity as supporters of professional clubs become disillusioned with the Video Assistant Referee, we run the risk of frightening them off again by making the game at this level look very amateur indeed, as paying spectators will soon tire of the novelty of lopsided encounters such as the one we experienced tonight. This farcical closing couple of minutes where eleven men played against eight does no favours to the game whatsoever and it is clear to me that this rule belongs in the bin. If you want something to happen in this game, no matter how well-meaning, it needs to come in at the top level, so that the kids of today will see it in action, but there isn't a chance in a million that this will ever appear in the professional game.  Having said all that, it is important to realise that we were already level at 2-2 by the time the "circus" kicked off and it would serve more purpose trying to find out why it is that we have now led in all five league matches we have played, yet been pulled back to parity in every single one of them, only winning two in the process. Having done all the hard work to get ahead, and deservedly so, we started to sit deeper and deeper, exactly as we did against Godalming Town the week before and paid the penalty as a much improved Bec side fought back to secure their third draw in three matches.  With just one change to the win seven days previously with Captain Scott Murphy returning to the side in place of new father Sean White, we opened brightly in a match that both sides knew was important, even at this stage of the season and Taryn Smith was put through on goal in the third minute but hit his shot straight at the advancing keeper Zdenek Machacek who blocked it with his legs. Felix Davies then made a decent low save before we took the lead in the 22nd minute when Smith was brought down on his way towards goal. Toby Funnell sent the set piece to the back post where Chaz-Lee Martin cushioned his header across goal for his defensive partner Lloyd Connelly to force the ball into the net from a  couple of yards out.  A pinpoint Jordan Gallagher pass sent Bobby Bennett through on goal but his effort was just blocked by a covering defender in the 28th minute, and whilst Davies had to be alert to save one shot with his legs and tip another long range effort over the bar, we extended our lead in the 42nd minute. Martin was upended after playing a pass forward but the referee played a great advantage which ended with Smith just getting his toe to the ball ahead of a defender who took him out. From where I was, it was clear that he had fallen in the area, but less so whether he had been fouled inside or outside, although the Assistant was certain so Scott Murphy stepped up to blast an unstoppable penalty past Machacek, despite substantial protestations from the visitors, none of which interestingly was considered to be dissent, even though it went on for quite a while.  The second half opened with a naughty foul from Darius Heravi on Adam Heagney which earned him a yellow card and from the delivery out to the right wing, Bennett sent over a volleyed pass into the danger area but Smith volleyed over. Then Gallagher scuffed his shot badly after being set up by a nice header from Funnell. A third goal would have killed this match off, but the visitors started sensing that they may still take something from this match and in the 68th minute they had a lifeline with Chris Thurbon driving the ball low past Davies from about twelve yards after we failed to clear the danger.  Alarm bells properly started ringing in the 71st minute when Martin was sent off for a challenge right in front of the stand. It was the sort of challenge that you might have got away with a few years back, and yes, he did get the ball, but in this day and age it was deemed dangerous and the red card followed fairly quickly.  We then went into our shell completely despite the additions of Rob Hendry and Liam Roberts for the tiring Gallagher and Smith and Tooting Bec equalised in the 81st minute when the ball was hooked to the far post from the right wing and Myles Blenkinsop headed the ball in from close range. They appeared to hit the post soon after this before Davies was able to get the ball away and we had one final scare when a long throw was flicked on in injury time and a close range volley was sent over our crossbar. By then we had already lost Rob Hendry for calling out in frustration after what appeared a very good shout for handball against a defender on the edge of the area, and in the 92nd minute Murphy joined him. In the closing seconds a good run by Robinson resulted in a cut back across goal and beyond Machacek that was blocked in the area by a defender who may have used an arm, but it looked accidental to me and in the end it is fair to say that we were fortunate to hold on to a point, and it is sad to have to report this after holding such dominance in the match.  Whether our two players were guilty of dissent is very much a matter of opinion. Certainly I have seen yellow cards for such offences before, but have also on many occasions seen the situation handled with a simple "calm down fella, there's only a couple of minutes left". To find yourself with two men off the field for this is clearly far too harsh a penalty, especially as it could also be argued that earlier similar offences from the visitors went unpunished, as indeed did a late challenge from behind on Jake Robinson from Heravi who had previously been booked. Regrettably any lasting memories of this game in years to come will relate to the incidents that resulted from this new rule, which couldn't have led to more of a pantomime had the referee been riding a unicycle. This rule is in danger of changing the game and not for the better in my opinion. Respect is earned by officials by the way they perform on the pitch and this will not suddenly increase just because of a rule like this, in fact it is more likely to have the opposite effect if players feel unable to talk to an official.  **Epsom & Ewell: Felix Davies, Adam Heagney, Joe Bonass-Ward, Jake Robinson,**  **Chaz-Lee Martin, Lloyd Connelly, Toby Funnell, Scott Murphy (c), Taryn Smith,**  **Jordan Gallagher, Bobby Bennett**  **Subs: Rob Hendry for Gallagher (69), Liam Roberts for Smith (84)** |

| **EL Records Premier Challenge Cup** | | |
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| ***First Round*** | | |
| Guildford City | V | Hanworth Villa |
| Eversley & California | V | Balham |
| Tooting Bec | V | Bedfont & Feltham |
| FC Deportivo Galicia | V | AFC Hayes |
| Badshot Lea | V | Redhill |
| Colliers Wood United | V | British Airways |
| Egham Town | V | Raynes Park Vale |
| Spelthorne Sports | V | Chessington & Hook United |
| Godalming Town | V | CB Hounslow United |
| ***Second Round*** | | |
| Ash United | V | Bagshot |
| Westside | V | Southall |
| 1 | V | Jersey Bulls |
| Abbey Rangers | V | 7 |
| 9 | V | 2 |
| Camberley Town | V | 6 |
| 3 | V | Knaphill |
| Frimley Green | V | Ascot United |
| Sutton Common Rovers | V | 8 |
| Sandhurst Town | V | Cove |
| Banstead Athletic | V | 4 |
| Molesey | V | Kensington & Ealing Borough |
| Cobham | V | Fleet Spurs |
| 5 | V | Dorking Wanderers Reserves |
| Sheerwater | 24/9 | **Epsom & Ewell** |
| Farnham Town | V | Walton & Hersham |

| **EL Records Division One Challenge Cup Draw** | | |
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| ***First Round*** | | |
| Kensington & Ealing Borough | V | Tooting Bec |
| Ash United | V | British Airways |
| Bedfont & Feltham | V | **Epsom & Ewell** |
| Bagshot | V | Walton & Hersham |
| ***Second Round*** | | |
| Dorking Wanderers Reserves | V | Jersey Bulls |
| Sandhurst Town | V | Chessington & Hook United |
| Ash United /  British Airways | V | **Bedfont & Feltham /**  **Epsom & Ewell** |
| Godalming Town | V | Farnham Town |
| Cove | V | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| Fleet Spurs | V | Westside |
| Bagshot /  Walton & Hersham | V | AFC Hayes |
| Kensington & Ealing Borough / Tooting Bec | V | Eversley & California |

| **Our Club Statistical History - (inc Tuesday 27th August):** |
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| **All League: Played: 2,962, Won: 1,213, Drawn: 564, Lost: 1,185**  **For: 5,454, Against: 5,272, GD: + 182 - Win Ratio 40.95%**  **Combined Counties League: Played: 541, Won: 239, Drawn: 106, Lost: 196**  **For: 988, Against: 886, GD: + 102 - Win Ratio 44.18%**  **Cup and Other: Played: 1,130, Won: 536, Drawn: 130, Lost: 456**  **For: 2,454, Against: 2,114, GD: + 340 - Win Ratio 47.43%**  **Abandoned Matches: Played: 8: For: 14, Against: 16**  **Under Simon Funnell: Played 38, Won: 19, Drawn: 5, Lost: 14**  **For: 90, Against: 74, GD: + 16 - Win Ratio 50.00%**  **Overall: Played 4,092, Won: 1,749, Drawn: 694, Lost: 1,641, Abandoned: 8**  **For: 7,908, Against: 7,386, GD: + 522 - Win Ratio 42.74%**  **For the purposes of these records, all matches that resulted in penalty shoot outs are recorded as draws, regardless of whether they were won or lost.** |

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| **Combined Counties League - Premier Division Table** | | | | | | | | |
| inc Monday 26th August | **P** | **W** | **D** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **Pts** | **GD** |
| **Ascot United** | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | **12** | +10 |
| **Balham** | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 5 | **9** | +8 |
| **Spelthorne Sports** | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | **9** | +5 |
| **Abbey Rangers** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 | **8** | +7 |
| **Colliers Wood United** | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 4 | **7** | +3 |
| **Molesey** | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | **7** | +2 |
| **Sheerwater** | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 10 | **7** | +1 |
| **Badshot Lea** | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 4 | **6** | +6 |
| **Knaphill** | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 7 | **6** | +2 |
| **CB Hounslow United** | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | **5** | +2 |
| **Sutton Common Rovers** | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 10 | **5** | +1 |
| **Southall** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 5 | **4** | +2 |
| **Camberley Town** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | **4** | 0 |
| **Raynes Park Vale** | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 10 | **4** | -6 |
| **Egham Town** | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 12 | **3** | -7 |
| **Guildford City** | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | **1** | -1 |
| **Hanworth Villa** | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | **1** | -3 |
| **Cobham** | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | **1** | -4 |
| **Frimley Green** | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 | **1** | -7 |
| **Redhill** | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 9 | **0** | -6 |
| **Banstead Athletic** | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 15 | **0** | -15 |
| The first thing to note this season is that two clubs will go up for the first time since 2013 and indeed it is possible that a third could go up, as the final stage of the F.A. reorganisation takes place. At the other end, only one can be relegated, and even then, it may not happen, so Banstead Athletic, already looking very precarious, could turn out to be very fortunate too, although reprieves will be on a points per game basis, so they need to get some points on the board.  Early leaders are Ascot United, who for those of you who haven’t heard of them, transferred over from the Hellenic League during the summer. They are another club that, like us, are often overshadowed by the horse racing in their town. Maybe we should meet for a friendly next year!  Maybe surprisingly, Sutton Common Rovers are not amongst the front runners just yet, although surely it will be a matter of time and you do have to wonder whether we would be playing at Step Four, if we had held on to the players we lost two seasons ago, especially with the extra promotion slots there have been. This may be jumping the gun a little, but from next season with one Champion club followed by one other that is promoted through the playoffs, surely Jersey Bulls will be that team, so all those who are critical of this reorganisation should realise that next season would have been very dull indeed with the old format of just one promotion spot!  Obviously it is a bit early to suggest who will go up here right now, so I shall stick to tracking the two clubs that went up last year. Sheerwater have started well and we go there ourselves in less than a month for a League Cup tie, while Frimley Green have not started that well and may struggle to make an impact. Having said that, with just one down this year, they may not need to! | | | | | | | | |

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| **Surrey Elite League Table** | | | | | | | | |
| inc Monday 26th August | **P** | **W** | **D** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **Pts** | **GD** |
| **Lyne** | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 4 | **7** | +5 |
| **Worcester Park** | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | **6** | +3 |
| **AFC Cubo** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 4 | **4** | +2 |
| **Chessington KC** | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | **3** | +3 |
| **NPL** | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | **3** | +3 |
| **Battersea Ironsides** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 3 | **3** | +2 |
| **Staines Lammas** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | **3** | 0 |
| **Old Rutlishians** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 9 | **3** | -1 |
| **Spartans Youth** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | **3** | -1 |
| **Horsley** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | **3** | -1 |
| **Farleigh Rovers** | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | **1** | 0 |
| **Royal Holloway Old Boys** | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 9 | **1** | -6 |
| **Ripley Village** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 | **0** | -2 |
| **AFC Spelthorne Sports** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | **0** | -2 |
| **Merrow** | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | **0** | -5 |
| As with the division above us, I should outline the promotion requirements this season first. My understanding is that it is much the same as last year with any club of the top five whose ground facilities are eligible to move up to Step Six could go up, with priority of course given to the highest finishing club. Indeed, Westside, who joined from here last season, actually finished fourth in this division while AFC Cubo were the Champions. The one difference this season is that more than one club could move up as there are a number of slots to fill in the Pyramid once the extra Step Four division and two extra Step Five Divisions are created, although it should be remembered that there will be three Step Six Divisions removed; one of which is expected to be in our area.  Because many of these clubs are in the Eastern Surrey area, it is quite possible that some of the promoted clubs (assuming they have the facilities) could join clubs in our area, including ourselves if we fail to go up. There will be a Southern Counties East Division One, as there is now, so our opponents today will not really notice much of a difference should they remain at Step Six, but we certainly will, facing many trips down the A23 and A24 to Sussex.  I’ll be honest; I know nothing about the current leaders Lyne FC, except that they play in the Addlestone area, while AFC Cubo play in Barnes and NPL play in Teddington. We all know about Worcester Park of course, while many others are obvious to work out. What is less obvious is the standard of the facilities at each ground and having only visited two of these myself, I’m not really qualified to say!  All we can do is concern ourselves with the four promotion spots available and should that happen, our geographical footprint will remain similar to where it is now if we are at Step Five. When I know more on this, I’ll advise it! | | | | | | | | |

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| **Kennington F.C. – History** |
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| The formation of Kennington Football Club dates back to before 1890. The Kent County Football Association records show our existence in 1888, however The Football Association put our birth in 1885.  What is not in dispute was that Kennington Football Club was the oldest junior club in Kent. Both the associations recognised the fact and presented the club with illuminated addresses to mark the achievement in 1988.  Throughout most of the last century the club competed in the local Ashford and District League where the opposition was mainly drawn from village sides, together with a large number of military teams along with sides representing strong railway connections.  The advent of the company sponsored teams began to emerge around the seventies. The Club has fixture cards and photographs dating back to the 1900’s.  The Club took the decision to step up the football pyramid into the prestigious Kent County League in the 1980’s. This was an attempt to mix with stronger opposition, better playing conditions, and in turn, a higher standard of officialdom both on and off the pitch.  The Club currently fields one senior team on a Saturday and one playing in the Premier Division of the Ashford & District Sunday League – a competition they won for the first time in 2018/19.  Kennington Football Club has a long established and well respected Junior section from where a number of today's squad began their playing careers. Our step up into the Southern Counties East Football League is the result of success in winning the Kent County Premier League in 2017/18.  The Club entered an exciting new phase of its history in 2018/19, moving from its previous home at Sandyacres to ground share at Ashford United's Homelands Stadium - with Dan Scorer's side finishing a highly creditable third in their inaugural season at Step Six.  Kennington's growth continues into 2019/20, with the senior side gaining entry in to the FA Vase for the first time in its history. |

| **Scouting the Opponent – Kennington** |
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| Today we face a new name in the F.A. Vase when we host Kennington. They play in the Southern Counties East League Division One.  What else do we know about our opponents? Well, the first thing is that the club play nowhere near Kennington in South East London as my first thoughts were, but they actually come from the suburb of Kennington in Ashford, Kent. They ground share at Ashford Town’s Homelands ground, having relocated from the Julie Rose Stadium that they moved to as recently as 2012.  They were founded as far back as the 1880s and are clearly another one of these village clubs who are suddenly embarking on a push to get up the divisions, although without any apparent means of getting a ground that will fulfil the criteria when they get there!  They were Champions of the Kent County League in 2017/18 and last season was their first ever season at Step Six, where they finished third, narrowly missing out behind Welling Town and Erith & Belvedere. With only Croydon relegated into their division, they must fancy their chances of the title this season and have started well, currently standing as the highest scorers in the division.  However, we are also hoping to be around the business end of the league ourselves this season and if we can defeat them we will earn a trip to one of two other Step Six clubs, Sidlesham, near Chichester, who play in the Southern Combination, or Stansfeld, who ground share at Glebe FC near Chislehurst and play in the same League as Kennington.  Ultimately, avoiding Step five clubs means that we couldn’t have asked for a better Vase draw, so now it is down to us to make the most of it against a team that look like they may well be a Step Five team next season, as hopefully, so will we! |

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| **Southern Counties East League Division One Table** | | | | | | | | |
| inc Monday 26th August | **P** | **W** | **D** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **Pts** | **GD** |
| **Rochester United** | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 11 | **9** | -1 |
| **Holmesdale** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 2 | **8** | +5 |
| **FC Elmstead** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | **8** | +2 |
| **Rusthall** | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 2 | **7** | +11 |
| **Kennington** | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 7 | **7** | +7 |
| **Greenways** | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 11 | **7** | -3 |
| **Croydon** | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 3 | **6** | +4 |
| **Meridian VP** | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 7 | **6** | +2 |
| **Lydd Town** | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 10 | **6** | -5 |
| **Sutton Athletic** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 4 | **4** | +5 |
| **Snodland Town** | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 10 | **4** | -3 |
| **Stansfeld** | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 9 | **4** | -4 |
| **Sporting Club Thamesmead** | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 13 | **4** | -5 |
| **Kent Football United** | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 17 | **4** | -11 |
| **Forest Hill Park** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | **3** | +3 |
| **Lewisham Borough** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 9 | **3** | -3 |
| **Bridon Ropes** | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 8 | **0** | -4 |

| **Surrey Premier Cup** | | |
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| ***2017/18 Holders: Nottsborough*** | | |
| ***First Round*** | | |
| Carshalton Athletic U19 | w/o Ash | Ash United |
| Shene Old Grammarians | **2-4** | Old Wilsonians |
| Lingfield | **5-1** | Horley Town Reserves |
| Alfold | **2-0** | Godalming Town |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | **5-0** | Knaphill U23 |
| Reigatians | **0-4** | Frimley Green |
| Met Police Academy | **3-3 - 5-4p** | FC Deportivo Galicia |
| ***Second Round*** | | |
| Ash United | **3-1** | Chessington & Hook Utd |
| Alfold | **0-1** | Nottsborough |
| Old Wilsonians | **1-6** | Lingfield |
| Sheerwater | **5-0** | Corinthian Casuals Res |
| Farnham Town | **4-1** | Westfield Reserves |
| **Epsom & Ewell** | **4-0** | Dorkinian |
| Met Police Academy | **7-3** | Dorking Wanderers Res |
| Bagshot | **1-3** | Frimley Green |
| ***Quarter-Finals*** | | |
| Ash United | **1-3** | Frimley Green |
| Met Police Academy | **4-2** | **Epsom & Ewell** |
| Farnham Town | **0-0 2-4p** | Lingfield |
| Nottsborough | **1-1 7-6p** | Sheerwater |
| ***Semi-Finals*** | | |
| Frimley Green | **1-2** | Nottsborough |
| Lingfield | **2-1** | Met Police Academy |
| ***Final – 24th April 2019*** | | |
| Lingfield | **1-0** | Nottsborough |
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| **CCL Division One Club Directory** |
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| **AFC HAYES:** Telephone: 0208 845 0110 - Colours: Blue and White Stripes/Blue/Blue  Ground: Farm Park, Kingshill Avenue, Hayes, Middx. **UB4 8DD**  **ASH UNITED:** Telephone: 01252 344264 - Colours: Green with Red Trim/Green/Green  Ground: Shawfields Stadium, Youngs Drive, Shawfields Road, Ash, Aldershot. **GU12 6RE**  **BAGSHOT:** Telephone: 01252 623804 - Colours: Yellow/Black/Black  Ground: **Camberley Town FC** – Krooner Park, Wilton Road, Camberley. **GU15 2QW**  **BEDFONT & FELTHAM:** Telephone: 0208-890 7264 - Colours: Yellow/Blue/Blue  Ground: The Orchard, Hatton Road, Bedfont. **TW14 9QT**  **BRITISH AIRWAYS:** Telephone: 0208-890 7264 - Colours: Sky Blue/Navy Blue/Navy Blue  Ground: **Bedfont & Feltham FC** - The Orchard, Hatton Road, Bedfont. **TW14 9QT**  **CHESSINGTON & HOOK UNITED:** Telephone: 01372-602263 Colours: All Blue  Ground: Chalky Lane, Chessington. **KT9 2NF**  **COVE:** Telephone: 01252 543615 Colours: Yellow/Black/Black  Ground: Oak Farm, Squirrel Lane, Cove **GU14 8PB**  **DORKING WANDERERS RES** Telephone: 01306 400151 - Colours: Red & White Stripes/ Blue/ Red  Ground: Meadowbank Stadium, Mill Lane, Dorking. **RH4 1DX**  **EPSOM & EWELL Telephone: 01737-553250**  **Colours: Royal Blue & White Hoops/Royal Blue/Royal Blue**  **Ground: Chipstead FC, High Road, Chipstead. CR5 3SF**  **EVERSLEY & CALIFORNIA** Telephone: 0118 973 2400 - Colours: - White & Royal Blue Hoops /Royal Blue/ Royal Blue - Ground: Fox Lane, off Reading Road, Eversley. **RG27 0NS**  **FARNHAM TOWN** Telephone: 01252 715305 - Colours: - Claret & Sky Blue /White/ Claret & Blue  Ground: Memorial Ground, Babbs Mead, West Street, Farnham. **GU9 7DY**  **FC DEPORTIVO GALICIA** Telephone: 0208 831 9067 - Colours: Royal Blue/Royal Blue/White  Ground: **Bedfont Sports FC** - Bedfont Sports Club, Hatton Road, Bedfont. **TW14 9JR**  **FLEET SPURS** Telephone: 01252 662810 - Colours: Dark Blue with Red Trim/Dark Blue/Dark Blue  Ground: Kennels Lane Farnborough. **GU14 0ST**  **GODALMING TOWN** Telephone: 01483 417520 - Colours: Yellow/Green/Yellow  Ground: Wey Court, Meadrow, Godalming. **GU7 3JE**  **JERSEY BULLS** Telephone: 01534 449615 - Colours: Red and White  Ground: Springfield Stadium, Janvrin Road, St Helier, Jersey. **JE2 4LF**  **KENSINGTON & EALING BOROUGH** Telephone: 01372 360151 - Colours: All Blue  Ground: **Leatherhead FC –** Fetcham Grove, Guildford Road, Leatherhead. **KT22 9AS**  **SANDHURST TOWN** Telephone: 01252 878768 - Colours: Red & Black Stripes/Black/Black  Ground: Bottom Meadow, Sandhurst Memorial Park, Yorktown Road, Sandhurst. **GU47 9BJ**  **TOOTING BEC** Telephone: tba - Colours: Black & White Stripes/White/White & Black  Ground: **Tooting & Mitcham United FC** - Imperial Fields, Bishopsford Road, Morden, Surrey **SM4 6BF**  **WALTON & HERSHAM** Telephone: 07969 068731 - Colours: All Red  Ground: Elmbridge Excel Sports Hub, Waterside Drive, Walton-on-Thames. **KT12 2JP**  **WESTSIDE** Telephone: 01372-602263 - Colours: Yellow/Blue/Blue  Ground: **Chessington & Hook United -** Chalky Lane, Chessington. **KT9 2NF** |

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| **Combined Counties League Division One**  **Opponents All-time Records** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Inc 27th August 2019** | **P** | **W** | **D** | **L** | **F** | **A** | **PPG** | **GD** | **Best**  **Win** | **Worst**  **Loss** |
| **Westside** | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | **3.00** | +2 | **3-1** | **-** |
| **Bedfont & Feltham** | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 12 | **2.67** | +13 | **9-2** | **-** |
| **Godalming Town** | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 11 | **2.57** | +9 | **5-1** | **0-3** |
| **Bagshot** | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 3 | **2.25** | +9 | **7-1** | **1-2** |
| **FC Deportivo Galicia** | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | **2.00** | +3 | **3-0** | **0-2** |
| **Ash United** | 21 | 11 | 4 | 6 | 50 | 32 | **1.76** | +18 | **6-0** | **0-3** |
| **Cove** | 36 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 80 | 58 | **1.67** | +22 | **7-0** | **1-6** |
| **Farnham Town** | 19 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 32 | 31 | **1.63** | +1 | **3-0** | **1-4** |
| **Chessington & Hook** | 30 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 63 | 45 | **1.60** | +18 | **6-0** | **1-3** |
| **Walton & Hersham** | 54 | 25 | 11 | 18 | 105 | 105 | **1.59** | 0 | **8-0** | **0-8** |
| **Dorking Wanderers Res** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 5 | **1.50** | +1 | **3-0** | **3-5** |
| **British Airways** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 | **1.50** | 0 | **3-2** | **2-3** |
| **Eversley & California** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | **1.50** | 0 | **1-0** | **1-2** |
| **Fleet Spurs** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 8 | **1.33** | -1 | **3-2** | **3-5** |
| **Tooting Bec** | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | **1.33** | -1 | **3-1** | **1-4** |
| **Sandhurst Town** | 17 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 29 | 31 | **1.24** | -2 | **4-0** | **1-3** |
| **AFC Hayes**  **(inc Brook House)** | 12 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 20 | **0.83** | -2 | **7-0** | **0-3** |
| **Kensington Borough** | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | **0.50** | -4 | **-** | **1-5** |
| **Jersey Bulls** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **-** | 0 | **-** | **-** |
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| **This Day in History – 31st August** | | | | | | |
| Date | Day | Competition |  | **Opponents** |  | **Scorers** |
| 31/08/29 | Sat | Friendly | H | Godalming | **6-1** | R.Stimson (3), R.Marlow (2), F.Behn |
| 31/08/32 | Wed | Friendly | A | Sutton United | **3-2** | B.Williams, R.Marlow, o.g. |
| 31/08/35 | Sat | London League Cup 1 | H | Grays Athletic | **4-0** | H.Pullen (3), G.Milnes |
| 31/08/46 | Sat | London League | H | P.O.Engineers | **5-1** | D.Ralph (4), K.Holliday |
| 31/08/57 | Sat | Corinthian League | A | Grays Athletic | **2-2** | J.Bangs (2) |
| 31/08/60 | Wed | Corinthian League | H | Uxbridge | **2-3** | F.Whitehouse, D.Wells |
| 31/08/63 | Sat | Athenian League 1 | A | Uxbridge | **2-3** | J.O'Shea, R.McNicol (pen) |
| 31/08/68 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | A | Horsham | **1-2** | T.Seymour |
| 31/08/70 | Mon | Athenian League 2 | A | Wingate | **0-5** |  |
| 31/08/74 | Sat | Surrey Senior League | A | Virginia Water | **3-1** | J.Eales, D.Ritman, C.Rose |
| 31/08/77 | Wed | Isthmian League 2 | H | Molesey | **4-2** | G.Butler, R.Parkin, S.Delaney, T.Tuite |
| 31/08/81 | Mon | Isthmian League Cup 1 | H | Aveley | **2-1** | J.Hunn (pen), M.Francis |
| 31/08/85 | Sat | Isthmian League  Premier Division | H | Hendon | **5-3** | M.Sorensen, C.Miles, T.Tuite, R.Lewis, D.Hanks |
| 31/08/91 | Sat | F.A. Cup  Preliminary Round | H | Walton & Hersham | **1-5** | T.Tweedy |
| 31/08/96 | Sat | F.A. Cup  Preliminary Round | A | Burgess Hill Town | **1-4** | P.Meredith |
| 31/08/99 | Tue | Isthmian League Cup Preliminary Round | A | Clapton | **4-0** | S.Hatton (2), S.Miller, J.Hall |
| 31/08/02 | Sat | F.A. Cup  Preliminary Round | A | Corinthian Casuals | **1-1** | S.Huckle |
| 31/08/13 | Sat | Combined Counties Premier Division | A | Ash United | **3-2** | K.Hough (2), R.Burns |
| 31/08/15 | Mon | Combined Counties Premier Division | H | Raynes Park Vale | **3-1** | o.g., K.Hough (2) |
| 31/08/18 | Fri | F.A. Vase 1q | A | Lingfield | **1-6** | R.Griffin |
| **Historical Decades** | | | | | | |
| ***90 years ago – Epsom Town F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 31/08/29 | Sat | Friendly | H | Godalming | **6-1** | R.Stimson (3), R.Marlow (2), F.Behn |
| ***70 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 03/09/49 | Sat | F.A. Cup  Extra Preliminary Round | H | Guildford | **6-0** | L.Hanton (2), F.Marshall (2), B.Cutter, J.Collins (pen) |
| ***60 years ago – Epsom F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 29/08/59 | Sat | Corinthian League | A | Slough Town | **2-3** | J.Bangs, J.Sorensen |
| ***50 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 30/08/69 | Sat | Athenian League 2 | A | Wingate | **0-1** |  |
| ***40 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 01/09/79 | Sat | F.A. Cup  Preliminary Round | H | Arundel | **1-1** | T.Pommell |
| ***30 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 29/08/89 | Tue | Isthmian League Cup Preliminary Round | H | Collier Row | **1-1** | C.Hadingham |
| ***20 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 31/08/99 | Tue | Isthmian League Cup Preliminary Round | A | Clapton | **4-0** | S.Hatton (2), S.Miller, J.Hall |
| ***10 years ago – Epsom & Ewell F.C.*** | | | | | | |
| 01/09/09 | Tue | Combined Counties Premier Division | H | Chessington & Hook United | **3-0** | R.Bedj Bedj (2), R.Burns |
| **History Corner – 31st August** | | | | | | |
| **90 years ago today** we hosted Godalming in a friendly match at West Street, winning 6-1 with Reg Stimson, the former Woking and Kingstonian player, scoring a hat trick. These matches were official competition back then, not like today’s pre-season friendlies. Back then, clubs were allowed one "trial” match before getting involved in league or cup business and those were the equivalent of the preparatory month that we have now.  **87 years ago today** we defeated Sutton United 3-2 at Gander Green Lane in another challenge friendly match. We played our rivals quite frequently back then, largely due to our close location to each other, and we would defeat them on four separate occasions this season, including contests in the Amateur Cup and the Surrey Charity Shield, when we won over there 3-2 again; that time we would have to wait a further 75 years before winning there again!  **84 years ago today** we defeated Grays Athletic 4-0 in our opening match of the season with Jackie Pullen scoring a hat trick for us. This was a London League Cup tie and it looked like a good start as Grays were regularly one of the challengers, but it didn’t work out for either of us that season as they came ninth and we were a place below them, while Tilbury ended our interest in the Cup in the following round. It would be our worst season on record at that time and remains our worst pre-war season in history, despite having Pullen (34 goals) and Jimmy Jones (22 goals) in our line-up. We also achieved our record winning score this season, but more about that in October.  **73 years ago today** Don Ralph scored four goals on his debut; a feat unmatched at our club before or since, as we thrashed the Post Office Engineers 5-1 at West Street in a London League match. It would however prove to be another false dawn and again we would finish in tenth place out of fourteen clubs, matching the 1935/36 season. (see programme)  **39 years ago today** we were just starting off on our worst season in history and opened up with six straight defeats in the Athenian League, scoring just one goal and conceding 23!! One of these defeats came at perennial cellar-dwellers Wingate, who thumped us 5-0 at the now long lost Hall Road ground. It sits under the access road to the M1 in Hendon, buried forever. A bit like our hopes that season as we finished with just ten points all year, less than half the tally of the club above us!  **34 years ago this week** we had happier memories this day as we hosted Hendon at West Street as members of the Isthmian League Premier Division, although it didn’t start well as we trailed 3-0 after half an hour, but pulled two goals back before the interval and turned it around in the second half to win 5-3 and sit in second place in the entire Isthmian League behind Yeovil Town. This was our highest ever placing, but it was all downhill from that point, being relegated at the end of the season and the following year too! | | | | | | |

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| **Match and Ball Sponsorships – 2019/20** | | | |
| ***Opponent*** | ***Date*** | ***Match Sponsor*** | ***Ball Sponsor*** |
| **Fleet Spurs** | 03/08/19 | Club President - Stella Lamont | |
| **Godalming Town** | 20/09/19 | Paul Merritt | |
| **Tooting Bec** | 27/09/19 | EEFC Management Committee | |
| **Kennington (FA Vase)** | 31/08/19 | Geoff Dyke – celebrating his 70th birthday | |
| **AFC Hayes** | 21/09/19 |  | |
| **Farnham Town** | 28/09/19 |  | |
| **FC Deportivo Galicia** | 19/10/19 |  | |
| **Kensington & Ealing Borough** | 26/10/19 |  | |
| **Sandhurst Town** | 09/11/19 |  | |
| **Dorking Wanderers Res** | 23/11/19 |  | |
| **Bedfont & Feltham** | 14/12/19 |  | |
| **Westside** | 28/12/19 |  | |
| **British Airways** | 11/01/20 |  | |
| **Cove** | 25/01/20 |  | |
| **Ash United** | 08/02/20 |  | |
| **Chessington & Hook United** | 22/02/20 |  | |
| **Eversley & California** | 21/03/20 |  | |
| **Walton & Hersham** | 31/03/20 | Tony Foster | |
| **Bagshot** | 04/04/20 | Nathan Lambert | |
| **Jersey Bulls** | 13/04/20 | Club President - Stella Lamont | |
| **Unknown**  **(Surrey Premier Cup)** |  | Might be at home – date unknown | |
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| **Match sponsorship costs just £60.00!**  **Sponsorship includes:**  **Admission, programmes and hospitality for three people.**  **A full page advert in the programme and mascot for the day (if required).**  **Also, you get to choose the player of the match, who will receive a prize**  **If you are interested, just speak to a Committee Member,**  **or drop me an email at: richard.c.lambert@gmail.com** | | | |



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| ***Buildbase F.A. Vase***  ***First Qualifying Round*** | | | |
| ***Saturday, 31st August 2019 - Kick-off 3.00 p.m.*** | | | |
| **Epsom and Ewell**  (Royal Blue & White hoops) | **V** | | **Kennington**  (White with Black trim) |
| **Squad** | **NUMBERS** | | **Squad** |
| **Felix Davies** |  |  | **Tom Barnes** |
| **Reisse Griffin** |  |  | **Harry Stow** |
| **Adam Heagney** |  |  | **Jordan Tomsett** |
| **Lloyd Connelly** |  |  | **Adam Phillips** |
| **Chris Head** |  |  | **Tommy Penfold** |
| **Chaz-Lee Martin** |  |  | **Gary Clarke ©** |
| **Joe Bonass-Ward** |  |  | **Sam Brown** |
| **Louis Chin** |  |  | **Tom Scorer** |
| **Todd Murphy** |  |  | **Gary Lockyer** |
| **© Scott Murphy** |  |  | **Sam Conlon** |
| **Sean White** |  |  | **Dale Horton** |
| **Bobby Bennett** |  |  | **Luke Hughes** |
| **Jake Robinson** |  |  | **Dan Cook** |
| **Rory Lewis** |  |  | **George Latham** |
| **Ashley Thompson** |  |  | **Charlie Owen** |
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| **Toby Funnell** |  |  | **Jack Negus** |
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