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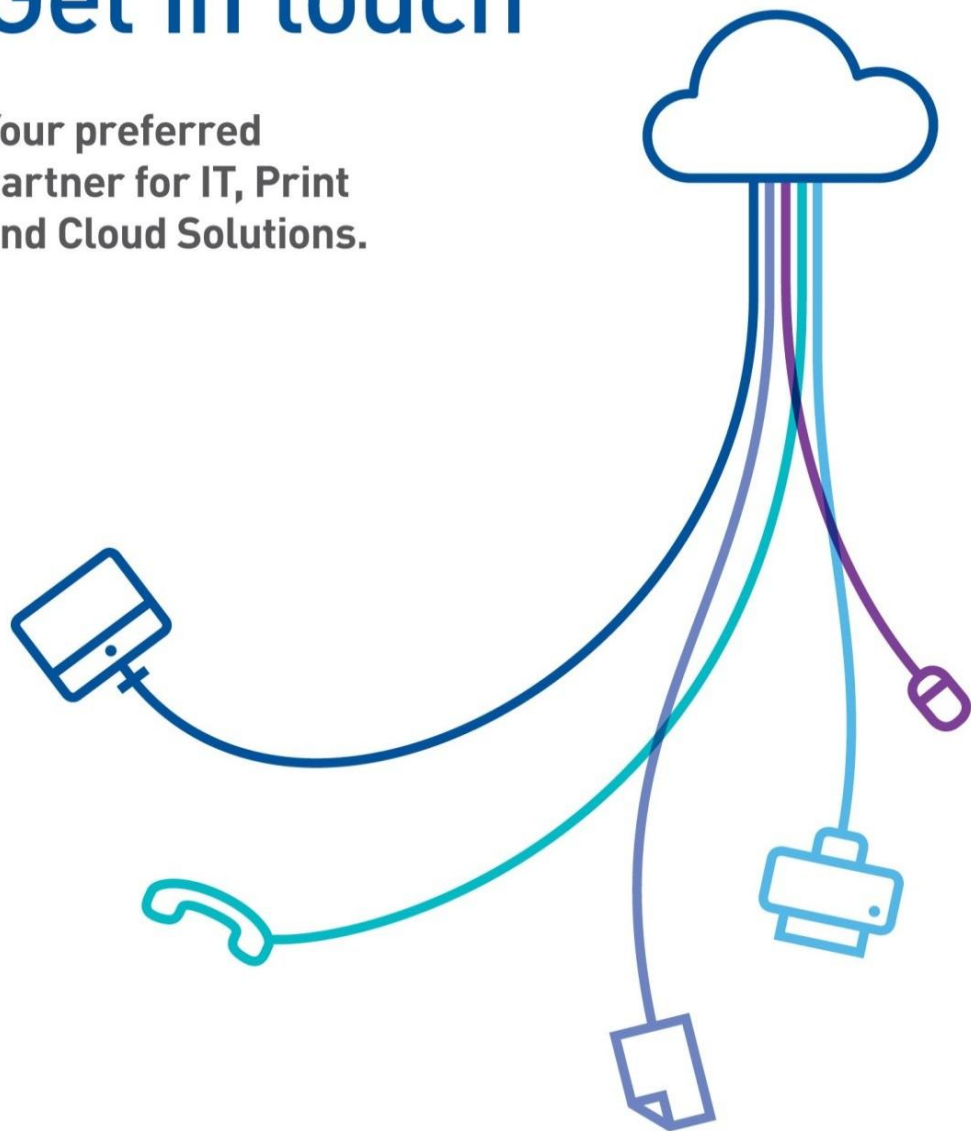
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The YM story since 2009

2009 saw the departure of the YM First Team Manager for the previous nineteen years, John Suter. John was replaced by Chris White, who steered them to promotion back into the Isthmian League in his first season in charge. The 2009-10 season YM achieve eleventh place and their highest ever points total in the Isthmian League. At the end of the season Chris White left the club to take over as First Team Manager of Worthing. The following two seasons saw the First Team in a state of flux, with a number of managers and players coming and going, until the run in to the end of the 2011-12 season, when Peter Buckland stepped in to steady the YM ship, and saving the club from relegation by winning the last game of the season. Buckland then built a squad for the 2012-13 season which produced a respectable mid-table finish. The nucleus of this same squad then pushed on in the 2013-14 season to become real promotion contenders - though finally losing out on that accolade thanks to an 89th minute Littlehampton Town winner on the final day of the season. Nonetheless 2013-14 was an impressive season, with YM reaching the semi-finals of the Sussex Senior Cup and winning the RUR Cup on penalties in their final game of the season.

In comparison to 2013-14, YM viewed the 2014-15 campaign as a huge underachievement. A respectable fifth placed Division One had to be set against YM's poor record in the season's cup competitions, with all cup at an end in the first half of the season.

2015-16 season saw the Sussex County Football League renamed the Southern Combination Football League (SCFL) and the top division renamed as the Premier Division. YM finished in fourth place in that season and in 10th position in 2016-17 season. Non-league league restructuring meant that there were two promotion places were available for season 2017-18 and in a determined effort to gain promotion YM led the division for several months before falling away to a fourth-place finish. However, significant progress was made in cup competitions as YM bowed out of the FA Vase at the First-Round stage away at the eventual Vase winners Thatcham Town. The club also reached the final of the Peter Bentley League Challenge Cup for the first time in many years. However, YM were defeated by league champions Haywards Heath Town.

Season 2018-19 saw YM put in a challenge in the league. However, disappointing results in the final quarter of the campaign saw YM finish as runners-up by nine points to champions Chichester City. 2019-20, and 2020-21 seasons were voided due to restrictions imposed on sporting activities during the national Covid-19 emergency. The following three seasons, with club record appearance maker, Dean Carden in charge, saw the First team regularly finish in mid-table. However, during the 2023-24 season, the club achieved another RUR Charity Cup triumph, by defeating Haywards Heath Town in the final. The 2024-25 season was a challenging time for the club as Dean Carden resigned as First Team manager. Liam Giles took over as First Team manager, and he steered the team to a 12th place finish. 2025 saw the then 127-year-old Horsham YMCA FC undergo a name change as it has now become Horsham YM FC. Season 2025-26, with Liam Giles continuing as First Team Manager, saw the First Team reach the promotion play-offs, in which they were beaten by Guernsey FC, and a run to the quarter-finals of the Sussex Senior Cup. During the season, the club purchased the ground from the YMCA Downslink organization, and thus hope securing the future of football at the Gorings Mead site for many years to come.



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Horsham YM Football Club Statement 11.08.26

Horsham YM Football Club would like to place on record its sincere thanks to Liam Giles and his management team, who have resigned from the club with immediate effect. Their efforts both on and off the pitch have been greatly appreciated by everyone connected with Horsham YM. In particular, last season's fantastic achievement in reaching the playoffs was a memorable moment for the club and a reflection of the dedication shown by the whole management team and squad. We thank them for their contribution to Horsham YM over the past 18 months and wish them every success for the future.

The club has now appointed an interim management team who will take charge of team matters until permanent appointments are made.

Greetings, and welcome to the Herbert Direct Stadium for this Isuzu FA Vase First Round Qualifying tie against Combined Counties Premier Division South side EPSOM & EWELL (The 'Salts'). Our visitors seem to have made a steady start to their season with three points from their three league games, and a win in the FA Cup. No doubt the YM players and team management will know that the side will have to be at their very best if they are to progress to the next round of the FA Vase.

After today, YM have a trio of home fixtures ahead of them, in the league against FOREST ROW on this Tuesday coming, and the against LANCING on the 22nd. This is followed by a SCFL Peter Bentley Challenge Cup tie against our near neighbours, ROFFEY. League matches at NEWHAVEN and then at ROFFEY round-off the August fixtures.

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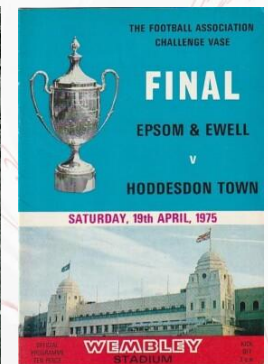
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OUR VISITORS

THE EPSOM & EWELL STORY (THE 'SALTS') SINCE 1974

In the 1974–75 season, the club won the league and the League Cup, as well as reaching the final of the FA Vase, losing 2–1 to Hoddesdon Town at Wembley Stadium. The club were promoted back to Division Two of the Athenian League and were runners-up in their first season back in the division, resulting in promotion to Division One. In 1977 the club transferred to Division Two of the Isthmian League, which they won at the first attempt, earning promotion to Division One. In 1979–80 the club won the Southern Combination Challenge Cup, beating Hampton 7–2 in the final, which was played at Hampton's home ground.

Epsom & Ewell remained in Division One until the end of the 1983–84 season, when they were promoted to the Premier Division after finishing as runners-up in Division Two under manager Adrian Hill. However, when Hill left the club to join Croydon in 1985, the club struggled; they finished bottom of the Premier Division in 1985–86, resulting in relegation back to Division One. The following season also ended in relegation, with the club placed in Division Two South for the 1987–88 season. League reorganisation in 1991 saw them moved to Division Three, where they remained until another round of reorganisation resulted in the club being placed in Division One South. However, they were relegated to Division Two at the end of the 2003–04 after finishing bottom of their division.[6] In 2006 they were transferred to the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League when Division Two of the Isthmian League was scrapped. In 2012–13 the club won the Combined Counties League Premier Challenge Cup with a 3–0 win over South Park in the final at Cherrywood Road.

The 2017–18 season saw Epsom & Ewell finish second-from-bottom of the Premier Division, resulting in relegation to Division One. At the end of the 2020–21 season the club were transferred to Division One of the Southern Combination League. In 2022–23 they were runners-up in Division One, qualifying for the promotion play-offs. After defeating Selsey 6–5 on penalties in the semi-finals (after a 0–0 draw), they beat Wick 2–1 in the final, earning promotion to the Premier Division South of the Combined Counties League. In 2024–25 the club won the Southern Combination Challenge Cup for a second time, beating Abbey Rangers 1–0 in the final.



Epsom & Ewell at Wembley 1975. The team photo in the match programme.
Back Row: Ted Yorke, Johnny Eales, Steve Jones, Chris Page, Dave Worby, Alan Webb, Trevor Lee.
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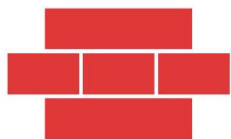


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Date	Time	Comp	Opponents	Result
01/08/26	15.00	LEAGUE	AFC VARDEANIAN	2-3
04/08/26	19.45	LEAGUE	BILLINGSHURST	1-1
08/08/26	15.00	FAC	PEACEHAVEN & TELESOMBE	1-2
15/08/26	15.00	FAV	EPSOM & EWELL	
18/08/26	19.30	LEAGUE	FOREST ROW	
22/08/26	15.00	LEAGUE	LANCING	
25/08/26	19.30	PBC	ROFFEY	
29/08/26	15.00	LEAGUE	NEWHAVEN	
31/08/26	11:00	LEAGUE	ROFFEY	
06/09/26	15.00	LEAGUE	LINGFIELD	
19/09/26	15:00	LEAGUE	LITTLE COMMON	
26/09/26	15:00	LEAGUE	HAYWARDS HEATH	
03/10/26	13:30	LEAGUE	GUERNSEY	
17/10/26	15:00	LEAGUE	SEAFORD TOWN	
24/10/10	13:30	LEAGUE	MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE	
31/10/26	15:00	LEAGUE	EASTBOURNE UNITED	
07/11/26	15:00	LEAGUE	AFC VARDEANIAN	
10/11/26	19.30	LEAGUE	BEXHILL UNITED	
14/11/26	15:00	LEAGUE	BILLINGSHURST	
21/11/26	15:00	LEAGUE	LINGFIELD	
28/11/26	15:00	LEAGUE	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	
06/12/26	15:00	LEAGUE	PAGHAM	
12/12/26	15:00	LEAGUE	NEWHAVEN	
19/12/26	14:00	LEAGUE	GUERNSEY	
28/12/26	11:00	LEAGUE	CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK	
02/01/27	15:00	LEAGUE	WICK	
16/01/27	15:00	LEAGUE	ROFFEY	
23/01/27	15:00	LEAGUE	BEXHILL UNITED	
30/01/27	15:00	LEAGUE	HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN	
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