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ISTHMIAN DIVISION 1 SOUTH CENTRAL

TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS: HANWORTH VILLA



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Bedfont Sports (0)	0	0	(0)	Thatcham Town
Binfield (0)	1	2	(1)	Westfield
Guernsey (1)	3	3	(2)	Chertsey Town
Hanworth Villa (0)	0	2	(0)	Walton & Hersham
Marlow (0)	1	1	(1)	Merstham
Northwood (2)	3	1	(0)	Ashford Town (Middx)
South Park (0)	1	1	(0)	Tooting & Mitcham United
Southall (1)	2	2	(2)	Sutton Common Rovers
Uxbridge (1)	1	0	(0)	Chipstead

## TODAY'S TEAMS

<b>Binfield FC</b>	<b>vs</b>	<b>Hanworth Villa FC</b>
<i>Harvey Rackley-Hayes</i>	<b>1</b>	<i>Gary Ross</i>
<i>Kai Hobbs</i>	<b>2</b>	<i>Ben Geraghty</i>
<i>Luke Brophy</i>	<b>3</b>	<i>Aston Numm</i>
<i>Johnny Denton</i>	<b>4</b>	<i>Leon Solomon</i>
<i>Liam Gavin</i>	<b>5</b>	<i>George Wells</i>
<i>Lewis Pegg</i>	<b>6</b>	<i>Tom Bender</i>
<i>James Beauchamp</i>	<b>7</b>	<i>Theo Crawford</i>
<i>Harrison Bayley</i>	<b>8</b>	<i>Finlay McNab</i>
<i>Conor Lynch</i>	<b>9</b>	<i>Kyen Nicholas</i>
<i>Connor Holland</i>	<b>10</b>	<i>Jordan Ellis</i>
<i>Harvey Harry</i>	<b>11</b>	<i>Dontaye Whittaker</i>
<i>George Winser</i>	<b>12</b>	<i>Gagandeep Samra</i>
<i>Brad Pagliaroli</i>	<b>14</b>	<i>Anthony Folkes</i>
<i>Steve Ngungu</i>	<b>15</b>	<i>Baboucall Bijjarra</i>
<i>Massimo Giamattei</i>	<b>16</b>	<i>Guy Ansah Palmer</i>
<i>Will Shaw</i>	<b>17</b>	<i>Emmanuel Etskine</i>
	<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b>	
<i>Garry Haylock</i>	<b>Mgr</b>	<i>Simon Haughney</i>
<i>Roger Herridge</i>	<b>Asst</b>	<i>Paul Thomas/Leon Solomon</i>
<i>Keith Pennicott- Bowen</i>	<b>Coach</b>	<i>Chris Balchin</i>
<i>Amy Coglan/ Carl Bennett</i>	<b>Therapist</b>	<i>Sophie Waldron</i>

### WELCOME TO OUR OFFICIALS

Referee	Oliver Morris Sanders
Assistant	Reece Woodham
Assistant	Ryan Woods

**Welcome  
to  
Binfield FC  
from our  
chairman,  
Andy Cotton**



Binfield FC offer a very warm welcome to everyone for tonight's Pitching In Isthmian South Central League game against Hanworth Villa Football Club.

We played Hanworth in November in a very competitive game which saw the Moles concede two late goals in a game that could have gone either way in the end. Our opponents currently sit in 11 th place in the league and with a couple of games in hand which could see them pushing very close to a play-off place come the end of the season.

Hanworth Villa FC were founded in 1976. They played in various West London leagues, making their way up the football pyramid before being promoted to Division One of the Combined Counties League in 2002-03. The club were Combined Counties Premier Division North champions in 2021-22, earning promotion to the Isthmian League. Their Club Officials are the best of people who provided us with a very warm welcome the last time we visited the club, and we are looking forward to meeting up with them again where we will reciprocate the super hospitality that we received.

The Moles come into today's game on the back of a an extremely disappointing run of form over the last 5 games where we have only picked up a single point. With an almost full squad and quality everywhere you look there's little in the way to excuse the run that we've been on, if we have any serious ambitions ourselves this season, then now is the time to wear the shirt with pride and give nothing short of 100%.

As always, there are no easy games in this league and no such a thing as a "much win game", but things could get very interesting if we turn a corner and go on a run that our squad and quality are capable of doing.

Let's hope today's game is another cracker. To our friends at Hanworth Villa – welcome again to Hill Farm Lane.  
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Andy Cotton  
Chairman



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Sat 3 Dec	I L D 1 S C	Away	Chipstead	1	1	92
Mon 2 Jan	I L D 1 S C	Away	Marlow	2	2	283
Fri 6 Jan	I L D 1 S C	Home	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	3	0	212
Sat 14 Jan	I L D 1 S C	Away	Chertsey Town	2	1	522
Sat 28 Jan	I L D 1 S C	Away	Bedfont Sports	2	1	101
Tue 31 Jan	I L D 1 S C	Home	Basingstoke Town	0	1	338
Sat 4 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Home	Southall	1	1	185
Tue 7 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Home	Uxbridge	2	1	90
Sat 11 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Away	Guernsey	1	3	649
Tue 14 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Home	Thatcham Town	2	2	114
Sat 18 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Away	Tooting & Mitcham United	0	2	130
Tue 21 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Home	Guernsey	1	2	79
Sat 25 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Home	Westfield	1	2	94
Tue 28 Feb	I L D 1 S C	Home	Hanworth Villa			





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*Hopping about on one leg or two. I visited Woking to catch up with my old club, Wealdstone. The fact you have another two pages in this programme on Wealdstone is purely coincidental. I was disappointed Wealdstone didn't play in their new Brazil away kit, but the good news, you're up to date, this was only last Saturday.*

**111. Saturday 25 February 2023 - National - Attendance: 2,889**  
**Woking (red & white halves/black) 1-1 Wealdstone (blue/white)**

**⚽: Cardinals (28 mins) Stones (77 pen)**

**Ground: half a mile out of Woking town centre, easy walk from station**

**Pitch: one end 'gone', rolled flat, this will bake hard when dry**  
**Weather: cold easterly wind, intermittent sunshine, 6 C or colder**

**Travel: 🚗 - Miles: 52 - 📶: ✅**

**My first look at the non-league fixtures picked out Dartford v Oxford City and Badshot Lea v Jersey Bulls. Ware v Walthamstow (finished 4-6) was truffled with, but only briefly and all were deemed largely insignificant and you can add Cadbury Athletic to the small list. I wanted a local game - too much travelling recently. For my second reading, I noticed my beloved Wealdstone were playing at Woking. Once I'd unearthed a chance of watching the mighty Stones, all previously stated became unfit for consumption. This is a fixture I must have attended at least ten times over the years. No Victor today, as he's practicing his Spanish in Portugal. Today, Wealdstone are not using Brazil's kit, preferring their own blue and white. 'Looks clean and smart', said a Woking supporter. For all the coffee in Brazil, Wealdstone are currently riding high in 11th place in the league table, an elevated position, far in advance of their potential, but they try to make the best use of their limited resources.**

**Wealdstone started on the offensive, shooting high, then wide, luckily Woking were not shooting at all. Woking had a knack of keeping the ball and playing some pretty football, but play for both teams was condensed into a sixth of the pitch. Wealdstone had the better chances to score and once in on goal, they found Woking's keeper in good form. He produced one great save from a cross-shot and smothered a run in on goal. Woking's goal was a surprise and came from an error near the corner-flag. Stones left-back gave away the ball, as Woking crossed and set up a simple header. The Stones defenders were largely absent, they expecting their no.3 to clear the ball. Wealdstone became subdued, but at no time did Woking look like adding to their goal tally. Half-time 1-0.**

**No real change to style of play, as Woking were not going forward, Wealdstone were preferring the sideways and backwards pass. Into the last 15 minutes and the Stones came to life. Wealdstone scored an unlikely penalty, finished on top and were slightly unlucky not to take all three points. The penalty was a strange decision. I didn't see anything and yes I was watching. If anything, I expected the foul to be given against Wealdstone, but it wasn't. Woking didn't complain either and after the usual delay, the penalty kick was fired in off the Woking goalkeeper's fingers.**

**I didn't come here to see the Stones lose and they didn't. Somehow, just somehow, they managed a 1-1 draw.**

**Star rating: ★★ out of 5.**

Basingstoke stay seven clear, Walton make it eight in a row, Woods go third, and we've wins for Uxbridge on a day of draws

After eleven consecutive victories it was no wonder that Basingstoke Town sat at the top of the pile, and they looked to be on the road to win twelve as Paul Hodges put them ahead against Leatherhead on ten minutes, to the delight of most of the seven hundred and fifty three watching on. The Tanners chances of a comeback were reduced when Jerry Puemo saw red with twenty minutes to go, and the hosts made sure when Brody Peart made it two just before the end. Many months ago we suggested that anyone finishing above Walton & Hershaw would be promoted. The Swans will still be focused on ensuring that nobody finishes above them, but our second place side had a tough trip to Hanworth Villa. Having won their last seven, Walton were flying- but the Villains are always difficult to defeat and it took seventy one minutes for the opener to arrive, Eddie Simon giving the Swans the lead. John Gilbert made things rather more secure with a second for his side nine minutes from time, and that was that. Walton remain seven points behind the leaders with a game in hand- and our image is courtesy of the club.

Marlow had climbed to third place after winning their last two, and wanted to make that three in a row as second bottom Merstham came to call. It was the visitors who went ahead, Jordan Wilson with the goal on thirty two minutes, but the hosts levelled with ten minutes left, Toby Raggett with the equaliser. Marlow are very good at winning from losing positions, but they couldn't do it this time, the Moatsiders recording their twelfth draw of the season and staying six points from safety.

Long-time leaders Northwood had slipped to fourth after a run which had seen them lose five of their previous six- but they took the lead against Ashford Town nine minutes before the break, and quickly added another. Gareth Chendlik got the first and Dan Williams the second, and Williams made it three-nil with twenty minutes left to end the contest- although Lindell Stewart got a late consolation for the Tangerines. Northwood are up to third.

Chertsey Town were on the road, then the plane, then the road, as they travelled to the Channel Islands to take on a buoyant Guernsey. The Green Lions finally climbed out of the bottom four in midweek with a win at Binfield, and hoped to stay there- but they had to come from behind three times to take a point. That man Ross Allen was- as usual- responsible for their success, scoring a hat trick, the last of his trio coming right at the end to earn his side a share of the spoils. Jonathan Hippolyte opened the scoring for the Curfews on twenty one minutes, but five minutes later Allen got his first of the afternoon, from the spot. Bryan Taylor very quickly restored away advantage, before that man Allen did it again ten minutes after the break. Just after the hour Glenn Yala put the visitors ahead for a third time, and this time it looked as if they'd hold onto it, until Allen decided otherwise.





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before it became too dark. The club had a unique distinction of appearing in the BBC's first two live FA Cup match broadcasts. The big one was in season 1949-50 and a home FA Cup tie against Colchester United and a game Wealdstone recorded as "paired with a side renowned for its cup-fighting qualities and one of the very biggest of professional clubs. The 'stones triumphed 1-0 in front of a crowd of just under 10,000 and the BBC cameras were there for a live broadcast. Wealdstone reached the first round of the FA Cup for the first time, losing 0-1 to Port Vale.

Trevor Bailey, the former Essex and England cricketer, played football as an amateur and was in Leytonstone's side that beat Wealdstone in a fourth round FA Amateur Cup Replay in 1949. Bailey scored twice at Lower Mead in front of the 'stones record attendance of 13,504. He was also part of the BBC Test Match Special commentary team for 26 years.

My father made reference to two Polish players who joined Wealdstone immediately after WW2 and as true amateurs became the first two foreign players to play in England. A bit before the time of Ossie Ardilles and Ricky Villa, but I'm certain the impact was the same. As yet, I can't find a reference to them. I have requested some help from 'stones number one supporter. Hopefully he will do his homework. With a bit of research Victor Klarfeld came back with the names of Henryk Mikrut and Henryk Wegrzyk, as the two Polish gentlemen in question. Victor added, "they were both forwards and played in Wealdstone's 1952 Athenian League winning side, scoring 53 goals between them. Thank you and well done Victor.

My last reference is taken from an emerging player, who described his pre-match build up. Mr W.F. Showler will be remembered as being one of the 'stones finest right-halves and served as player, club official and later placed in charge of the first team. I quote: "The hour is 2.57 p.m and the kick-off timed for 3 o'clock. In each goalmouth 11 players are having their preliminary ball practice, while the spectators wait impatiently for the appearance of the referee. Somewhere in the vicinity of the dressing rooms, two team secretaries in common with hundreds of their kind throughout the country, at this time, breathe sighs of relief, happy in the knowledge that they each have a complete team on the field of play and with three minutes to spare. Lucky chaps, these two secretaries.

[Below: Wealdstone's former home at Lower Mead]





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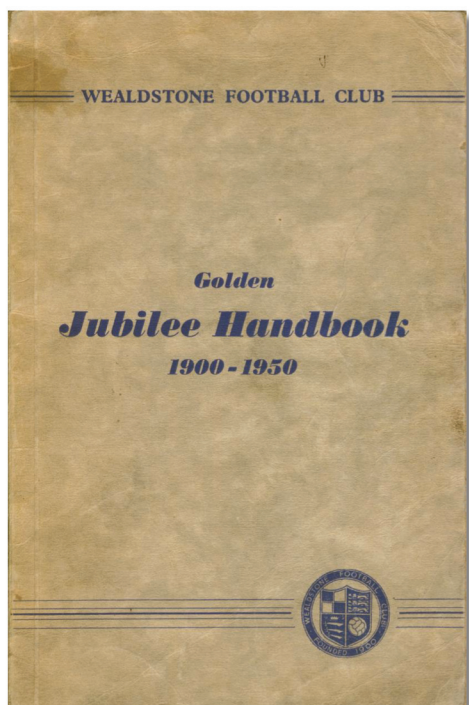
*It's quite easy to produce a multitude of match reports and one day I will slink back into old habits, but until then I will try to enlighten you with tales of a forgotten era. Keeping that in mind, I was given a copy of Wealdstone's 1950 Golden Jubilee Handbook and with the help of Victor Klarfeld, I came up with this for Wealdstone FC's programme. Just to reiterate the point, I do the occasional radio broadcasting, football reports for local newspapers and the odd days work for Binfield FC. I still haven't been paid by the Harrow Observer, but the salted peanuts from Binfield are top quality.*

Inevitably this was a thoroughly good read, filled with nostalgia. Wealdstone are my team, but I knew very little about the club from pre-war times and you're talking about over six decades ago. My father described to me references of post-war cup exploits, with 30 coaches parked up around Rosslyn Crescent, opposite Wealdstone's Lower Mead ground, taking over 1,000 'stones fans to the away games.

Most fans won't know that Wealdstone's first Wembley Stadium appearance was in war-time on 3 June 1942. Wealdstone earned their place in a Wembley final, beating Napier Athletic, Finchley and Southall on their way to the final of the Middlesex Senior Red Cross Cup. R.A.F. (Uxbridge) were their opponents, who fielded several professional players in their line up. Wealdstone won 5-2 after extra time, with the scores tied at 1-1 after 90 minutes. The book describes this game, however no photographs other than one portrait of skipper Charlie Barker. The opening line begins "Travel in comfort would not be a very apt slogan, if applied to a rush-hour train between Harrow and Baker Street" and it still isn't. Wealdstone have since won two more finals at Wembley and have a 100% record at the stadium.

Another fact to catch my eye from 1945 was the Wealdstone's full-time score versus Golders Green in a Herts & Middlesex League match. Golders Green were soon to be renamed Hendon, but the blues recorded a bumper harvest of 23 goals, whereas Golders Green could only manage 11 in reply. This was probably why Match of the Day was invented, but much easier for the 'goal of the month award', when all the goals scored could be adjudged from one game - well 23 of them.

In October 1946, the first live televised football match was broadcast by the BBC from Barnet's home ground Underhill. Twenty minutes of the game against Wealdstone were televised in the first-half and thirty five minutes of the second-half



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Ashford Town (Middx) v Basingstoke Town

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Chipstead v Marlow

Leatherhead v Guernsey

Merstham v Uxbridge

Sutton Common Rovers v Binfield

Thatcham Town v Hanworth Villa

Tooting & Mitcham United v Southall

Walton & Hershaw v South Park

Westfield v Bedfont Sports



## *The View from the Dugout* Garry Haylock

Welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters to Hill Farm Lane, I hope they enjoy their short stay with us and have a safe journey home.

This is another of our postponed games and we are now almost at the end of the rearranged schedule and I know that I am looking forward to playing only on Saturday's, mainly because it gives us the chance to actually work on some of the areas where we have been lacking in recent weeks.

Given our recent run of results, anyone could be forgiven that we have lots of things to work on! However, the most difficult thing for me personally has been the view that we have actually played quite well and even though we have lost a number of games, I haven't been disappointed with our overall performances, just the number of individual errors that we have made.

The most important of any team's toolbox of skills is their mental mindset and although this will be affected by fatigue, it takes strong players to deliver every week and that has been the most impressive element of Basingstoke's rise to the top of the table. Just a few short weeks ago they came to Binfield and we were comfortably the better team but managed to lose the game, they have players who can deliver every week and this consistency is invaluable.

Putting together that kind of run is now essential for us if we are to achieve our potential this season and I am firmly convinced that these players have everything that is required to do this, starting tonight.

In other news, it was painful as a Liverpool fan to watch Manchester United get back to winning ways at the weekend with a trophy, it is with begrudging admiration that I congratulate them on their return to form and although I don't in any way wish them continuing success, it looks like they have a determined manager who will deliver success on his terms, I don't think this will be his last trophy.

We welcomed back George Winser and Taylor Morgan last weekend, both left for different reasons and we were poorer for their departure, I am delighted that both are with us again and although work commitments may make it hard for Taylor to commit fully, I think both he and George raise the quality of the group and increase the competition for places, which is always a good thing.

Enjoy the game



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By Jon Couch IT'S the debate which has raged on in Non-League football for years but one which, up until now perhaps, has consistently been likened to flogging a dead horse.

But now it appears there could be light at the end of a long dark tunnel. With all but a couple of National League clubs are operating full-time – and often out-performing many of their League Two counterparts – surely it's only right that the idea of increasing the number of promotion places from the top-flight to the Football League to three is revisited? At their current pace, the National League's top three of Notts County, Wrexham and Chesterfield are all on to go through the 100-point barrier – and it wouldn't be a surprise if they all (only) exceeded 90. But with just one automatic promotion spot, and six ultimately battling it out for the second place through the play-offs, there are going to be some very disappointed clubs when the bubbly has dissipated in a few months' time. This week, NLP editor-at-large Matt Badcock spoke to three of the Football Conference's unlucky losers from over the years – Non-League legends from the last decade who missed out on promotion by the narrowest of margins, despite enjoying ground-breaking campaigns.

Wrexham fans still talk about their 98-point season. A cloud has hung around since 2012 when they missed out to Fleetwood Town by five points. In the play-offs, they had their second chance wrecked in the semis by a Luton who finished 18 points behind. "It's talked about all the time, the 98-point season," legendary defender Mark Creighton told us. "That was the chance we should have got out. "To have a season as solid as that and not go up because there's only one automatic is poor – it's a kick in the b\*\*\*\*\*s of every single person who worked their nuts off to get to that position. "Play-offs are a lottery. You have one bad game and it ruins you. That's what we had two years on the bounce. If you don't perform even for half of one of those games, it's over, it's done. That's what happened."

Kidderminster Harriers felt similar pain the following year. Steve Burr's side racked up 93 points but Mansfield Town won it on the final day, finishing two clear. Kiddy went out in the semi-finals, ironically to Wrexham. "If I remember right, we lost the first five games and then we drew the next five," said Kyle Storer, who this week left Solihull Moors to join Nuneaton Borough. "We were bottom of the league after ten matches and didn't have a win to our name.

"Then we went 26 unbeaten. It was an incredible run and we got it to the last day of the season.

I say we lost it on the last day, we actually lost it the week before when we drew with Woking. We were 2-0 up and should have won and it would have been in our hands. "The biggest disappointment was we'd beaten everyone in the top six twice."But it was heartbreak – 93 points, put that run together and then lose the play-offs to a team 13 points below us. It was tough to take."

Steve McNulty won the title with Fleetwood and Luton Town but had to navigate the play-offs with Tranmere Rovers. They did it eventually but only a year after finishing on 95 points, four behind Lincoln City. They lost in the final to Forest Green Rovers. Like Creighton and Storer, McNulty, now manager at Bootle, believes it's time for an extra spot. "Obviously I was down at Luton and they'd struggled to get out," he says. "You've got Wrexham in there now, Chesterfield and teams like that. "But, on the other hand, it would also be good for these so-called smaller teams. I was in the league when the Cowleys took Braintree into the play-offs. It would be great for them to have that extra chance where they can get into the EFL."

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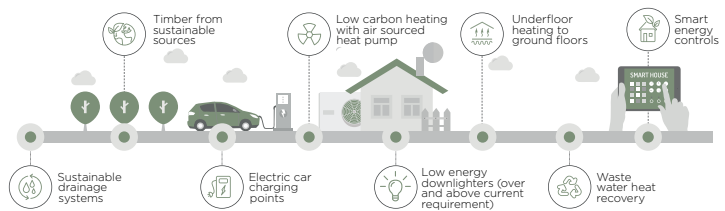
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	1	Basingstoke Town	29	22	2	5	72	26	+46	68
	2	Walton & Hersham	28	20	1	7	65	33	+32	61
	3	Northwood	28	16	1	11	44	35	+9	49
	4	Marlow	27	14	6	7	47	33	+14	48
	5	Chertsey Town	29	13	7	9	56	36	+20	46
	6	Binfield	27	12	6	9	47	36	+11	42
	7	South Park	28	12	5	11	35	42	-7	41
	8	Southall	28	9	12	7	39	32	+7	39
	9	Thatcham Town	28	10	9	9	41	36	+5	39
	10	Westfield	27	10	9	8	38	33	+5	39
	11	Hanworth Villa	27	10	9	8	40	43	-3	39
	12	Uxbridge	27	9	8	10	35	33	+2	35
	13	Leatherhead	28	9	7	12	30	38	-8	34
	14	Chipstead	26	9	6	11	34	39	-5	33
	15	Ashford Town (Middx)	27	10	3	14	37	61	-24	33
	16	Guernsey	27	7	6	14	27	52	-25	27
	17	Bedfont Sports	29	5	11	13	35	50	-15	26
	18	Sutton Common Rovers	30	7	4	19	35	62	-27	25
	19	Merstham	27	3	12	12	31	48	-17	21
	20	Tooting & Mitcham United	27	4	8	15	24	44	-20	20

## South-Central Table

## Binfield - 2022-23 Fixtures and Results

Date	Comp	H / A	Opponents	Moles	Op	Att
Sat 13 Aug	I L D 1 S C	Away	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	1	0	107
Tue 16 Aug	I L D 1 S C	Home	Chertsey Town	1	1	221
Sat 20 Aug	F A Cup	Away	Kidlington	3	0	126
Sat 27 Aug	I L D 1 S C	Home	Merstham	4	0	89
Mon 29 Aug	I L D 1 S C	Away	Basingstoke Town	2	0	560
Sun 4 Sep	F A Cup	Away	Holyport	1	0	326
Tue 13 Sep	F A Trophy	Away	Marlow	4	0	130
Sat 17 Sep	F A Cup	Home	Tonbridge Angels	4	0	389
Tue 20 Sep	I L D 1 S C	Away	Thatcham Town	4	0	165
Sat 24 Sep	F A Trophy	Away	Thame United	2	1	167
Tue 27 Sep	I L Velocity Cup	Home	Marlow	3	0	87
Sat 1 Oct	F A Cup	Away	Beckenham Town	3	5	275
Tue 4 Oct	I L D 1 S C	Home	Sutton Common Rovers	3	2	104
Sat 8 Oct	F A Trophy	Away	Hendon	*0	0	188
			* Moles won on pens			
Sat 15 Oct	I L D 1 S C	Away	South Park (Reigate)	0	3	109
Tue 18 Oct	I L Velocity Cup	Away	Basingstoke Town	2	0	205
Sat 22 Oct	I L D 1 S C	Home	Walton & Hersham	0	2	221
Sat 29 Oct	F A Trophy	Away	Tavistock	1	2	202
Tue 1 Nov	B & B Senior Cup	Away	Amersham Town	1	2	16
Sat 5 Nov	I L D 1 S C	Away	Hanworth Villa	2	2	127
Tue 8 Nov	I L D 1 S C	Away	Westfield	1	2	130
Sat 12 Nov	I L D 1 S C	Home	Bedfont Sports	3	1	91
Sat 19 Nov	I L D 1 S C	Away	Southall	1	2	75
Tue 22 Nov	I L D 1 S C	Home	Tooting & Mitcham United	4	1	112

Next Game at Hill Farm Lane



Isthmian League

# South Park

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Kickoff 1500

Admission £10 and £5 Concessions U16' £1





# HANWORTH VILLA FOOTBALL CLUB

## Brief History of Hanworth Villa

Hanworth Villa, 'The Villains,' was formed in 1976. In the early years, the team struggled in Division one of the Hounslow & District League, scoring a goal was usually celebrated with a public holiday. During a close season, following hard work by Jimmy Connors, the team was completely rebuilt and this led to them finishing as Division 1 Champions.

The following Season saw the club start an incredible run in the league, which finished 68 matches later, with the 'Villains' winning the Hounslow Premier League and the West Middlesex Divisions one and two championships. The success continued with Hanworth being elected to the newly formed Middlesex County Football League in 1984/1985.

From 1980 the club had a nomadic existence but in 1997 moved to their current headquarters at Rectory Meadow. This move led to the formation of Hanworth Villa Sunday and a new reserve team, being an amalgamation of teams from The Sawyers Arms, The Queen Dowager and Feltham Railway Club. A Chiswick League double in 1992/1993 and a 19-0 Cup Final victory in the National Railways Cup cemented the successful amalgamation.

Following hard work by Dave Brown the club was granted a lease at Rectory Meadow. At last the team had a permanent home and could set about converting an existing pavilion into a clubhouse, which has become known as the 'Ranch'. With a permanent base, Villa were also able to concentrate on improving the level of football, and in 2002/2003 a notable performance by the Saturday first team was to win 'the treble' of the Middlesex County Premier Cup, the Open Cup and the Middlesex County League. After another Premier League title in 2004/2005, with a record number of points, it was decided to move on and the club were elected to Division 1 of the Combined Counties League in 2005/2006.

It took a while to adapt to the new level of football, but in the second season they managed to win the Challenge Cup. The following season, 2007/2008, the team managed to successfully defend the Challenge Cup and also narrowly miss out on the league title, finishing a credible second. However the lack of facilities at the 'Ranch' prevented promotion to the Premier Division.

The club were determined to ensure that the situation should not arise again and with typical determination the committee managed to raise the funds to ensure that floodlights and a spectator stand were installed in time for the 2008/2009 campaign. The effort was not in vain as once again the team finished second and following a successful ground inspection Hanworth Villa were promoted to the Combined Counties Premier League for the 2009/2010 season

The debut season was as expected difficult with points being few and far between and it was not until the second half of the campaign that the team came to terms with the standard of football required. By the end of the season the team had collected enough points to finish 17<sup>th</sup>, three points clear of relegation.

The first season taught the club a lot and changes were put in place to allow for a more comfortable second season, in which not only did the team finish in 5<sup>th</sup> position in the league, but also reached the finals of the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup and the Southern Combination Cup. Unfortunately they were to lose in both.

The 2011/2012 season will live long in the memory of all concerned at the club as being their most successful in national competition. In the FA Cup the team, after victories over Shrivenham, Bedfont Sports, Wembley, Aveley and Slough, lined up against AFC Totten for a place in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round proper, a rare achievement for a team competing at national level 9. In a very close encounter AFC won 3-2.

In the FA Vase the team reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> round losing to Herne Bay, one of the beaten semi-finalists that year.

In 2013/2014 the team were successful in achieving a double, in winning both the Middlesex Premier League Cup and the Southern Combination Cup.

At the end of the 2015/16 season the club appointed former Queens Park Rangers and Fulham defender Rufus Brevett as their new manager. Rufus had previously managed at Arlesey Town and had coached at Banbury United.

Under the Management of Rufus and his team, Bobby Watson, Carl Cleaver and Cliff Angol the team won the Middlesex Senior Charity Cup with a 3 – 2 win over Spelthorne Sports. It was the second occasion in three years that the team have won this trophy.

In December 2018, by mutual agreement, Rufus Brevett stepped down as first team Manager with Louis Carder-Walcott, previously Assistant Manager at Westfield FC, being appointed shortly after.

Following a poor run of form at the start of the 2019/20 and with no positive signs of recovery it was, mutual agreement, decided that Louis would step down as Manager of the club. In November 2019 the position was filled by Simon Haughney and his management team of Paul Thomas and Leon Solomon.

The players responded well to this new team and with the addition of several new signings performed well, despite the distractions of the Covid pandemic. Not only did they remain unbeaten in the ten matches played during the suspended 2020-21 season, they also set a new club record by progressing to the last 16 of the F A Vase, narrowly losing to Long Eaton United on penalties.

Last season proved to be the greatest in the history of Hanworth Villa FC and, in winning the inaugural Combined Counties North Premier Division and with it promotion to the Isthmian League, the club achieved their highest position in senior football since the formation in 1976. The most remarkable record of all is, however, that the team remained unbeaten throughout the league season.

## Honours

2002/03	Middlesex County League Champions Middlesex Federation League Cup Winners Alec Smith Middlesex County Premier Division Cup Winners
2004/05	Middlesex County League Champions
2006/07	Combined Counties League Division One Cup Winners
2007/08	Combined Counties League Division One Cup Winners
2011/12	Southern Combination Cup Winners
2013/14	Combined Counties Premier Challenge Cup Winners Southern Combination Cup Winners
2015/16	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Winners
2017/18	Middlesex Senior Charity Cup Winners
2021/22	Combined Counties League Premier Division North Champions