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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME - SEASON 2022-23
 TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023
 KICK-OFF 7.45 P.M.
 ISTHMIAN DIVISION 1 SOUTH CENTRAL
 TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS: SOUTH PARK (REIGATE)

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Saturday 4 March 2023
Isthmian Division 1 South Central
Attendance: 68
Sutton Common Rovers 0-3 Binfield



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Chipstead (1)	2	1	(0)	Bedfont Sports
Leatherhead (0)	2	0	(0)	Thatcham Town
Marlow (1)	2	0	(0)	Tooting & Mitcham United
Merstham (0)	0	2	(1)	Binfield
Northwood (1)	2	1	(0)	Westfield
South Park (0)	1	0	(0)	Ashford Town (Middx)
Uxbridge (0)	1	3	(0)	Walton & Hershaw

TODAY'S TEAMS

Binfield FC	vs	South Park FC
<i>Harvey Rackley Hayes</i>	1	<i>Zack Basey</i>
<i>Kai Hobbs</i>	2	<i>James McElligot</i>
<i>Massimo Giamattei</i>	3	<i>Sam Tutt</i>
<i>Johnny Denton</i>	4	<i>Ryan Healy</i>
<i>Liam Gavin</i>	5	<i>Tom Drinkwater</i>
<i>George Winsler</i>	6	<i>Corry WaltersWright</i>
<i>James Beauchamp</i>	7	<i>Ethan Ford</i>
<i>Harrison Bayley</i>	8	<i>Ben Jordan</i>
<i>Conor Lynch</i>	9	<i>Finlay Johnson</i>
<i>Connor Holland</i>	10	<i>Sam King</i>
<i>Harvey Harry</i>	11	<i>Melford Johnson</i>
<i>Luke Brophy</i>	12	<i>Matthew Faithorn</i>
<i>Brad Pagliaroli</i>	14	<i>Tyler Anderson</i>
<i>Steve Ngungu</i>	15	<i>Elliot Cross</i>
<i>Brandon Curtis</i>	16	<i>Balai Dembele</i>
<i>Will Shaw</i>	17	<i>Kelvin Manuel Massango</i>
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<i>Garry Haylock</i>	Mgr	<i>Tom Cope</i>
<i>Roger Herridge</i>	Asst	<i>Adam Pittwood</i>
<i>Keith Pennicott- Bowen</i>	Coach	<i>Charlie Bright/Roy Jacobson</i>
<i>Amy Coglan/ Carl Bennett</i>	Therapist	<i>Louise Weekes</i>

WELCOME TO OUR OFFICIALS

Referee	John Perry
Assistant	Jake Atkinson
Assistant	Manny Chandwani

**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 South Park Football Club.

We last played South Park in the league in mid-October in a game which was heavily influenced by two questionable sending offs for the Moles in the space of as many minutes before half time, just as we were comfortably winning the game by the odd Sean Moore goal. Going down to 9 men resulted in us conceding 3 goals in very short order before the

half time break. We all expected the worse for our chances of playing a full 45 minutes with only 9 players, but we managed to not only defend so resolutely, but we actually dominated large parts of the game and South Parks goalkeeper was the man of the match with 3 unbelievable saves.

The game was a turning point in our season as we lost 2 players to suspension and also picked up a couple of injuries and therefore lost key players for crucial subsequent cup and league games. We are hoping that with a full squad being available to us this evening that we are allowed to show what a good side we are.

Our opponents currently sit in 9th place in the league some 4 points behind us so it's all to play for today as we look to try and get ourselves back into play-off contention. This is the business end of the season, and this fixture will likely be key in terms of where we end up at come the end of April.

The Moles come into today's game on the back of a very impressive away performance at Merstham on Saturday and with the next two league games being at Hill Farm Lane we hope as many of you as possible will be with us cheering on the team.

Our boys have really started to put in performances which match their quality and I'm certain that today's game will see us continue to show how very competitive we can be in the league.

Let's hope today's game is another good one and that we end up being able to play the whole match with 11 vs 11.

"C'mon you Moles"

Andy Cotton
Chairman

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Sat 26 Nov	I L D 1 S C	Home	Leatherhead	2	1	201
Mon 28 Nov	I L Velocity Cup	Home	Sutton Common Rovers	0	1	92
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 (Middx)	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 Utd	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	0	1	74
Sat 4 Mar	I L D 1 S C	Away	Sutton Common Rovers	3	0	68
Tue 7 Mar	I L D 1 S C	Away	Northwood	0	0	92
Sat 18 Mar	I L D 1 S C	Away	Walton & Hershaw	1	5	382
Sat 25 Mar	I L D 1 S C	Away	Merstham	2	0	379
Tue 28 Mar	I L D 1 S C	Home	South Park (Reigate)			
Sat 1 Apr	I L D 1 S C	Home	Northwood			

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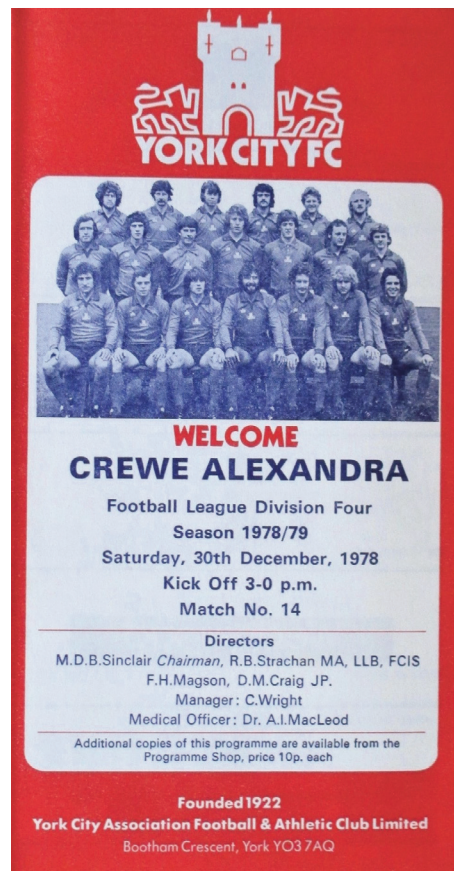
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PMW'S RAMBLINGS - INSIDE THE PROGRAMME WITH DAVID HANDLEY

INSIDE THE PROGRAMME

**York City v Crewe Alexandra 30 December 1978 (match postponed)
Score: 1-0 when eventually played on 1 May 1979 - Attendance: 2,009.**

I've considered reviewing this programme several times over the last few months. But, as there's next to nothing to it, slid it back into the pile. However, it is an official programme and is of its time. So today is its day.

It's essentially a fold-out leaflet, with a cover, two pages of club info and the line-ups on the last page. The reverse is four pages of smallish adverts, broken down into six per page. There's no price on it, although it does say that additional copies are available in the programme shop for 10p. I'm not sure if it was given away free at the turnstiles with admission. Admin will know, I'm sure.

So what to say when the photos really say it all: as it's the last match of 1978, manager Charlie Wright reflects on the progress that has

been made at the club over the last calendar year. He also is grateful to the York City lottery (plugged on the line-up page) that had been up and running for almost a year now and has funded the bulk of those changes. Below that is the "City News Desk" that mainly deals with the ticketing arrangements for the upcoming FA Cup match with Luton.

On the facing page Crewe don't get much of a look in. There's not really any space; save for a handful of pen pictures. Below there's a fourth division league table where Hartlepool have been highlighted instead of Crewe. The line-ups are on the back page and that's that really.

York City finished the season in 10th place. Crewe Alexandra ended up rock bottom of Division four, but were re-elected.



Walton are breathing down the neck of Basingstoke, and it's a good day for most of our promotion chasers with wins for Marlow, Northwood, Villa, Curfews, Moles, Sparks, Chips and Tanners

Hanworth Villa enhanced their own promotion prospects- and blew the title race wide open- with a narrow victory at leaders Basingstoke Town. Stoke, who had won fifteen in a row prior to this match, saw a goal from Theo Crawford immediately after the restart end that record- and more importantly from their point of view, allow their lead at the top to be cut to one point. The Villains remain in fifth spot, and most of the one thousand and twenty eight watching on went home miserable, whilst the away fans were ecstatic.

Second place Walton & Hershaw needed a Stoke slip-up, and they will be delighted with that defeat for their rivals- but the Swans still needed to do their bit if they were to capitalise. They did just that, winning their thirteenth match in a row as another Eddie Simon hat trick- that means that, rather incredibly, he has taken home a match ball from each of his last four matches (and five times this season)- gave them victory over Uxbridge. Simon's goals came in the forty ninth, fifty eighth and sixty ninth minutes, and Mark Bitmead's last consolation for the hosts made little difference. Congratulations to the Swans number nine on a magnificent feat- image from the club.

Third place Marlow's match with Tooting & Mitcham United was important at both ends of the table. Stuart Pearce was watching on as the hosts continued to impress, and strengthened their hold on third place with a two-nil win. Khalid Simmo scored for the third match in a row to give his side the lead on twenty minutes, and the Terrors hopes of snatching an equaliser were ended when Alex Filipe saw red with thirteen minutes to go. Louis Rogers almost immediately made it two, and the Terrors find themselves fourteen points from safety, nine from the possible lifeline of a relegation play off, with only five matches to go.

Northwood, in fourth, got back to winning ways with a narrow victory over Westfield. The Woods went ahead nine minutes before the break, Shane Cojocarel with the opener, but the visitors levelled on the hour, Jake Baxter with his first goal for his new club from the spot. With fifteen minutes left Micah Jackson restored home advantage, and soon afterwards both sides went down to ten men, Junior Paiva and Didi Ndombe seeing red.

The worldflow Stadium hosted another match critical at both ends, as Merstham welcomed Binfield. The Moatsiders have closed to within three points of safety, but their seven match unbeaten run came to an end as a goal in each half gave the Moles victory. Conor Lynch scored both of them, taking his tally to eight in twelve matches. The only consolation for the hosts is that all of their closest relegation rivals lost, too.

South Park Reigate had won only one of their previous ten as Ashford Town came to call, but they picked up a valuable three points when Finlay Johnson grabbed the only goal of the game midway through the second half.



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PMW'S RAMBLINGS - A TALE OF TWO BRENTFORD GOALKEEPERS

I was invited to research the heroics of two ex-Brentford goalkeepers. I remembered the unfortunate Chic Brodie, but the name of Gary Cakebread also came into the conversation, not that I could place him. I knew Brodie's career was ended by an angry exchange with a dog, but on research I found that Cakebread had a most exceptional career.



Brentford's penalty box travelling at full pelt and crashed into Brodie. Keeper, Brodie described the incident as a tackle or a old fashioned shoulder charge. Brodie subsequently had to be taken off to hospital, after being in severe pain. These days, the dog would have received a red card, three games ban and a substantial loss of dog biscuits.

Mr MacDougall, a very good friend of mine, asked for the research and now I've found the answers. What a name, Ted MacDougall? He has dined out on the back of scoring nine goals in a FA Cup game versus Margate, when really he spent all his time grading grains for finer flour, before transferring to the Magic Roundabout.

Chic Brodie is your man, more or less, then my friend mentioned Gary Cakebread. Both were custodians of the net for Brentford during the 60's. Cakebread was famous for something non-football-wise, but it seems Brodie wasn't. Cakebread was nowhere to be found, until I was given the correct name. It seems that Gerry Cakebread would have been more helpful. That was my friend's fault, or it could have been wax in my ears.

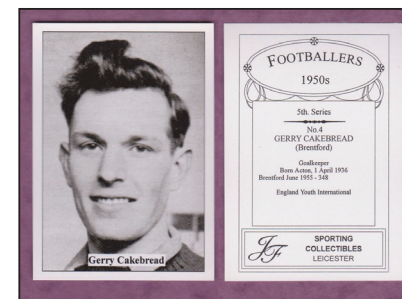
How unlucky can you be? If you are given the goalkeepers jersey and go between the posts, beware! Charles Thomas George Brodie had a lengthy career at Brentford, but in hindsight he was taken down by some dodgy doggy.

Brodie's career came to a crunching halt by a bounding hound of medium size, who sunk his teeth into Brodie's leg. In November 1970, a dog ran onto the field of play during an away match at Colchester United. The dog built up some speed, joined in with a home attack and played a one-two. The sheepdog reached

The injury ended Brodie's professional career. Although you'll probably find yourself laughing when you see the video (it is on YouTube), it proved to be a very serious, as the injury brought the Scot's career to an abrupt end, suffering a shattered kneecap. Brodie talked about the incident, saying that "The dog might have been a small one, but it just happened to be a solid one."

Gerry Cakebread was Chic Brodie's predecessor. He was a junior at Brentford and played in their semi-final of the FA Youth Cup in 1952. He made his first team debut, as an amateur in 1954 and racked 348 games over the following few seasons, until he lost his place to Chic Brodie in 1963. Cakebread joined Hillingdon Borough in 1965-66 and stayed for two seasons. Some years after retiring, he reappeared and played in one game for Minehead at the end of his career, helping them out as an emergency keeper for their final league game of the season in 1976.

Cakebread did National Service in Royal Air Force and played football for the Royal Navy. He worked for the Admiralty, as a professional draughtsman. He was awarded an OBE for his work on hydrographics at the Ministry of Defence. A third goalkeeper was brought to my attention, a certain Arthur Wilkie of Reading. His biography must wait for another day.



*P.M.W. - Revised
November 2021.*

PMW'S RAMBLINGS - THREE YEARS AGO

On Monday 16th of March 2020, Boris dropped a Coronavirus bombshell and it was the end of the football season. I can't say 'he was wrong', so on that basis 'he must be right'. The World Health Organisation and the Scientists must give the best advice and I'd be a fool not to adhere to the warnings, as much as I don't like them. Any government would have been advised to do the same - that's why you have world experts. It seems, we are 2-3 weeks behind Italy, which is why the government have taken such drastic action. I wonder, what the 'black plague' was all about?

I'm certain all sports at all levels are now closed for the foreseeable future and even with a downturn in activity, it is difficult to see football returning to our lives within six months. This could be a particularly long lay off with lots of serious implications for the sick and elderly, which probably I fit half that category. Many clubs may go out of existence, simply not being able to take the financial strain and under any new set up the leagues may look nothing like what they were.

Recently, I witnessed two males in a public toilet in Launceston not washing their hands before leaving and a couple of days later a little boy rushing out of the cubicle at Eversley & California neither doing the decent thing. I can only assume they come from dirty families and households, where basic hygiene is completely ignored. That is why the first part of the advice was to wash your hands properly, simply to avoid passing on germs and infections. That will always be the first form of defence.

I'm not a doom and gloom merchant, so part of my ethos going forward is to help, play my part and do everything necessary, so I'm not the one that is accused of failing the system. I see plenty of advice along the lines of 'be kind'. I'll try, very, very hard. In closing, four of my friends went into self-isolation today, all announced on Facebook and I wish them all the very best in the world, as I do everyone else I know. Meanwhile, the final, final score was Eversley & California 1-2 Walton & Hershaw.

147. Saturday 14 March 2020 - Combined Counties Division 1 - Attendance: 54
Eversley & California (white & blue) 1-2 Walton & Hershaw (red & white trim)
Scorers: Eversley & California (10 mins) Walton & Hershaw (12 & 79 mins)
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New Ground: Halls Way, Eversley, Hook, GU46 7RU, evidently not the real California, not up to my usual standards, but needs must, a well manicured cricket ground at the front, 3G hockey pitch over the back and lots of playing fields alongside, two pages in the programme from Craig Dabbs - actually I wondered if this would be my final game of the season
Pitch: rough and ready, as expected - Travel: car / driving, M25 and M3
Weather: rainy start to the day, slight improvement, moments of brightness, 11 degrees C

On Saturday morning I opted for Eversley & California, which was odd, as that was where I had decided on the previous evening. Least I didn't change my mind, although I did have a few sniffles and snorts. Soon, Eversley & California robbed the visitors keeper and the ball bobbed in for 1-0. Walton & Hershaw equalised with a slow motion free-kick. The ball was deflected across the face of the goal and took ages to reach the far corner for 1-1. The brightness of the opening ten minutes gradually deteriorated, with the onus on Walton & Hershaw to dominate. Half-time 1-1.

Lots of frenetic attacking by Walton & Hershaw came to nothing. They slashed over from six yards and the battering continued with numerous misses. Then, a left footed free-kick from way out on the right was flicked on and nodded in. At last, the score was at least in the favour of the superior team, but only by one. The referee was good and would have been better if the players had only got on with it, as he kept asking. I'm wondering, if this will be my last game for a while, as from after this game the Combined Counties League will shut down for two weeks.

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Isthmian League - South Central Division

Bedfont Sports	v	Leatherhead
Binfield	v	Northwood
Hanworth Villa	v	Guernsey
South Park	v	Uxbridge
Southall	v	Chipstead
Sutton Common Rovers	v	Merstham
Thatcham Town	v	Chertsey Town
Tooting & Mitcham United	v	Ashford Town (Middx)
Walton & Hershaw	v	Basingstoke Town
Westfield	v	Marlow

The View from the Dugout Garry Haylock

Welcome to the players, staff, officials and supporters of South Park for our re arranged game this evening, this will hopefully go ahead and be the last time we have re schedule a match - weather permitting!

We approach the game tonight in decent shape with a couple wins, a draw and a defeat in our last four game which is much better than our last home game when we were facing a series of defeats. What has been pleasing is that we are now keeping clean sheets with three in our last four games, I have always felt that to be successful, not conceding is absolutely critical and as a coaching staff we have been pushing this during training.

Now that the deadline for signing players has passed, every team will now have to work with what they have and I have to say that I was very pleased not to lose any players as depleting our squad at the moment would have been soul destroying! Our league is now looking like most of the positions at the top are settled with really only one play off place remaining.

We feel that although we are not mathematically certain of getting there if we win all our games, we do believe that putting a run together now could catapult us into that final place. The big issue is whether we can extend our recent form to the end of the season, I have always felt that the biggest challenge for teams is consistency and we are working hard to achieve this.

Having played Walton and Hershams recently, it is easy to understand why they are on the winning run they are at the moment and this weekend sees Walton and Basingstoke face off in what could be a championship decider, there should be a huge crowd to watch and I really wouldn't like to predict a result. I think that Walton have more quality but Basingstoke are also high quality and seem to have the players to deliver the consistency I discussed earlier.

Whatever the remainder of the season holds, we can only try and deliver performances, produce results and see what the footballing gods have in store for us

Enjoy the game



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WATCHING Gareth Southgate lead England out for a European Championship qualifier can only mean one of two things - either it's time to prepare for more international tournament heartache, or it's Non-League Day. Naturally, at NLP Towers we much prefer the latter we have a saying that every day is Non-League Day and for that we are truly grateful. But for those supporters of Premier League and Championship clubs, it's an opportunity to see how the other half live – and maybe even enjoy a VAR-free weekend of football in its purity.

Set up as social media experiment by James Doe in 2010, Non-League Day was inspired by pre-season trip to watch Queens Park Rangers play at Tavistock. So now, on an international weekend when the elite clubs sit it out, it's the chance for your local clubs to take centre stage and show the community just what they have to offer. It's a concept that suits all. While football fans across the country get the chance to explore a new environment closer to their front doors, it also provides a platform for clubs to promote the importance of more affordable volunteer-led community football.

This is a world, remember, where kick offs are predominantly at 3pm, ticket prices are realistic, you can often stand (and drink!) anywhere in the ground and will always be guaranteed a warm welcome by people who run their clubs for a love of the game. Supporters also come along in the knowledge the money taken at the turnstiles does not line the pockets of the multi-billionaire owners who run Premier League clubs of today, but often funds thriving youth set-ups, projects and facilities which are of benefit to the whole community.

Backed by Premier League and Football League clubs, MPs, celebrities, media organisations, charities, Non-League Day has now grown to become an integral part of the domestic football calendar and has been extremely well received by fans with attendances soaring to record high numbers in many cases.

Last week, ahead of England's Euro 2024 qualifying double header with Italy and Ukraine, we caught up with James, an old friend of The NLP, and he revealed something quite incredible. Just as he was preparing for this weekend's latest instalment, James received a LinkedIn message from the new directors of Spanish La Liga giants Athletic Bilbao! They told him just how much they liked the concept of Non-League Day and want to do something like this in the Basque Country to help re-engage with their community and highlight grass-roots football in the region.

In January, James and his team flew out to Spain to meet them and received the five-star treatment on a tour of their training ground before visiting their stunning headquarters and a game in the evening.

In support of Non-League Day here today, a group of them came over to attend Dulwich Hamlet's game against Oxford City – and they even arranged travel packages for supporters to make the trip with them from Bilbao. "When I first came up with the idea of Non-League Day, I didn't expect it to go beyond my circle of friends," Doe told us.

"To be national would have been a miracle, let alone further afield. Non-League Day itself is not the thing – it's all about the clubs, the players, the teams.

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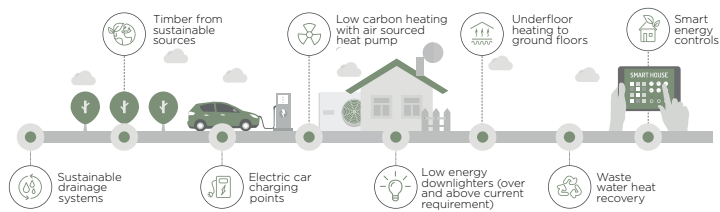
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	3	Marlow	33	17	9	7	57	36	+21	60
	4	Northwood	34	19	2	13	49	39	+10	59
	5	Hanworth Villa	32	14	9	9	47	47	0	51
	6	Chertsey Town	33	14	8	11	61	44	+17	50
	7	Binfield	32	14	7	11	53	42	+11	49
	8	Southall	32	11	13	8	43	37	+6	46
	9	South Park	32	13	6	13	37	49	-12	45
	10	Westfield	33	11	11	11	43	41	+2	44
	11	Chipstead	33	12	8	13	44	48	-4	44
	12	Thatcham Town	33	11	10	12	48	46	+2	43
	13	Leatherhead	32	12	7	13	39	41	-2	43
	14	Uxbridge	33	10	10	13	46	43	+3	40
	15	Guernsey	33	10	8	15	38	59	-21	38
	16	Ashford Town (Middx)	33	10	4	19	40	78	-38	34
	17	Merstham	32	6	13	13	37	52	-15	31
	18	Sutton Common Rovers	34	8	5	21	39	68	-29	29
	19	Bedfont Sports	33	5	13	15	39	56	-17	28
	20	Tooting & Mitcham United	33	4	8	21	26	58	-32	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

Northwood

Saturday 1st April 2023

Kickoff 1500

Admission £10 and £5 Concessions U16' £1



SOUTH PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

SOUTH PARK (REIGATE) FOOTBALL CLUB – A BRIEF HISTORY

South Park Football Club was formed in 1897 and immediately became founder members of the Redhill & District Football League along with other local clubs Godstone, Meadvale and Reigate Priory Reserves. The club remain members of the league today.

Although the facilities were basic the early matches were played in the original sports field which was in upper South Park between Crescent Road and Church Road. In 1925 under the direction of Canon Gregory from the local church, the football club together with the village cricket club formed the South Park Sports Association with the aim of the Association to provide sport and sporting facilities for the people of South Park. Within a few years it was realised that this new concept would be better served by an improvement in facilities and playing conditions. Fortunately for both club's suitable land existed in Whitehall Lane, the clubs current home and with the co-operation of the public spirited landowner, Harold Swannack, four acres of ground were purchased there. Always strapped for cash in these early years, the money was raised for the field largely by public subscription, which included door to door collections.

In order to preserve the land as a permanent sports ground, great foresight was exercised in vesting the land and subsequent purchases of further lots of two acres and four acres making ten acres in all in the National Playing Fields Association, now known as Fields in trust. The land became known as the 'King Georges Field' from 1935. The changing rooms were located on the far side of the field from Whitehall Lane at the bottom of the number two football pitch. Although the facilities were an improvement on their previous home they remained basic.

In 1997 the football club celebrated its Centenary year, the highlight of which was a celebratory dinner held at Reigate Manor Hotel at which over 150 people attended. Many players both past and present attended along with guests from The Football Association and Surrey County Football Association. The club was presented with its own unique framed certificate from the Football Association to mark this occasion.

The club was once again celebrating in 1998 when Geof Thatcher was awarded a Gold Medal by the Football Association to commemorate over 50 years service to football, the whole period with our club dating back to the war years when the club only played friendly matches as there was no competitive football during the war.

2001 saw Reigate Town Football Club move to South Park and the club became known as South Park & Reigate Town Football Club. In 2002 the club saw the formation of the first girl's team to play under the clubs name and we now have four girl's teams. The following year saw the introduction of the youth team who are currently playing in the Southern Youth Floodlight League. The youth team played their home matches at Merstham Football Club from 2003–2007 as at the time we did not have floodlights.

For the 2003/04 season the club reverted back to its original name of South Park Football Club. In February 2004 the club became only the fifth in Surrey to be awarded the status of 'FA Charter Standard Community Club'. In 2006 the first team were promoted to the Combined Counties Football League and as our new changing facilities were being built played their home matches at Cranleigh. In their first season in the Combined Counties League the team finished in seventh place in the league. 2007 saw the completion of our new changing rooms and the erection of floodlights around our main pitch. This ensured that our first and youth teams could now play their home matches in South Park.

The 2008/09 season saw another landmark in the history of the club when we hosted Shoreham in our first ever FA Vase game. The 2009/10 season saw the club finish in their highest position (6th) since joining the Combined Counties League. The club has continued to progress and in August 2010 our stand will be erected which will give us the ground grading required for the first team to gain promotion. The 2010/11 season will see the club participate in the FA Cup for the time with an away tie against Greenwich Borough in the extra preliminary round. This game was covered by ITV Sport to start their Road to Wembley coverage as were our subsequent ties against Horsham YMCA and Cray Wanderers. The first team won the Surrey Premier Cup Final and the Lemon Recordings Division One Challenge Cup in addition to being promoted to the Premier Division of the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League.

The 2011/12 saw South Park finish in eighth position in their first season in the Combined Counties League Premier Division. A good run in the FA Carlsberg Vase saw us reach the Fourth Round where we were beaten by Whitley Bay, the Vase winners for the previous three seasons. Playing in the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time Park beat Ryman Premier League Kingstonian and Leatherhead before finally being knocked out in the quarter finals by Conference South Sutton Utd. Season 2012/13 saw the club reach the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup with Budweiser where we played Metropolitan Police in front of a club record attendance of 643. The team finished the season in 4th place in the league and reached the league cup final.

The 2013/14 season saw South Park win the Combined Counties League Premier Division and in doing so gain promotion to the Isthmian League Division One South. Our first season at step four saw us finish in a creditable 14th position. Each season has seen us improve on the previous season's league position with an 8th place finish in 2016/17. The 2016/17 season also saw us reach the 2nd Round of the FA Trophy where we drawn away to Tranmere Rovers. South Park finished the 2017/18 season in 13th place in the league. They also reached the semi finals of the Surrey Senior Cup for the first time. Malcolm Porter announced that he would be stepping down as manager due to business commitments at the end of the 2017/18 season. Mick Sullivan was appointed as manager however after a poor start to the season the club accepted his resignation in mid October. Jay Lovett was appointed manager and took charge of his first game at the beginning of November. Park went into the final game of the season needing to match Molesey's result to retain their step 4 status. Park gained a 3-2 victory to secure their Step 4 status.

The Sparks made a solid start to the 2019/20 season however manager Jay Lovett resigned at the beginning of November to take up a similar position at Burgess Hill. Martin Dynan was appointed as Manager in mid November. He guided Park to the ¼ finals of the Surrey Senior Cup and maintained their mid table position before the season was abruptly halted due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The 2020/21 season curtailed after 8 games due the pandemic. The 2021/22 season saw Park sitting in mid table in late January when Martin Dynan resigned. The club acted swiftly and appointed Redhill Manager Harrison Williams. Harrison and his management team settled in quickly and Park finished in 9th place in the league.

Ahead of the 2022/23 season the club name was amended to South Park (Reigate) FC.

It must also be noted that without the tireless efforts of the late Fred Dearmun, Geof Thatcher, Ray Wilson and Geof Arnold to name but a few, the club would not be in the position it is today.