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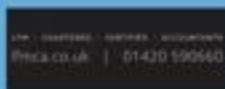
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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome back to the Memorial Ground for our first game with spectators since the COVID-19 lockdown. I hope that during this hard time that everyone has been able to stay as happy and healthy as possible.

All at the club were disappointed with the decision by the FA to null and void the 19/20 season so close to it's conclusion. Whilst we fully understood the reason to bring the season to a close we believe that there were far better option available to the FA than the one they seemed strangely keen to rush in to without fully consulting with the club's who were affected by the decision. In the Combined Counties we know that there was no consensus amongst the clubs for which method to end the season by and we also know that was the case with many other leagues at our level. We also know that of the 3 step 3 & 4 leagues only 1 was initially in favour of the null and void option, with one undecided and one in favour of PPG. Once they had agreed on the null and void option it seems that the fate of club's at our level was sealed. We made our objections known to the FA, the County FA, the CCFL, local media and our MP (as did many other clubs) but it was to no avail.

However, once the decision was final & had been challenged legally then we could have either continued to complain or accept it and forge ahead with our plans to progress as a club. We were shocked when our management team decided to move on to pastures new (& we wish them well for the future) but we believe that by appointing Colin as manager we now have a much more professional structure in place from training through to match days.

We've also worked extremely hard improving the ground and clubhouse and I wish to place on record my thanks to the volunteers and committee members who have given up their spare time to help with this.

A further improvement off the field has come with the club deciding to introduce a range of souvenirs (which you can see on display in the clubhouse) which we plan to start selling through our website in the very near future. Thanks to Paul Dale who has joined the committee over the summer and worked tirelessly on this.

I write these notes after our FA Cup exit on penalties at the hands of Western League Corsham Town on Tuesday night. The result was disappointing after being 2-0 up against 10 men with 11 minutes to go but we pick ourselves up and move on and we saw enough during the game to see that the squad is stronger than last season which is some feat considering that promotion was all but sealed before the lockdown. This season promises to be an exciting one

For today's game you will notice that we have introduced numerous COVID safety measures. These are recommended by both the FA and government to ensure that all spectators, players etc.. are as safe as possible from the spread of the virus. With this in mind I ask that everybody observes these measures for your safety and that of others

And last but not least, welcome to today's visitors from Dorking Wanderers Reserves and our match officials. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us

Enjoy the game

Paul Tanner

Chairman

MILLARD'S MUSINGS

Good afternoon and welcome back to competitive football at The Memorial Ground.

This return has been a long time coming. Almost six months without football has taken a considerable toll on many clubs, players and supporters up and down the country. As we return it's important to remember that, despite the fact we all love the game, there are many more important things in life than football. The fact we are all here today to enjoy a game of football should make us very grateful.

The fact the club is still active and thriving is testament to how this club is being run. This club is extremely ambitious which is one of the main reasons I accepted the Manager's role after Luke Turkington's departure. I have been tasked with bringing a greater professional approach to the football side of the club in doing so lining up the off field ambitions with football performances.

I cannot promise you success. I can promise that we will strive to build and develop a team that makes you proud to be a Farnham supporter. We will try to play the type of football that will hopefully make you want to return time and time again.



Without doubt our supporters will play a massive part in what I hope will be a successful season for us. We need you to help us when the going gets tough. We need you to travel to as many away games as possible to give us a "corner of claret" in hostile environments but most importantly I need you to support your players at all times.

Together let's develop a club, a team, a support that everyone is envious of!

Enjoy today's game.

Colin

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OUR HISTORY

Farnham Town Football Club is a senior level football club based In Farnham, Surrey, England.

Established in 1906 through the merging of Farnham Bungs (the Farnham Brewery) and the Farnham Star. The club was one of the founder members of the London Spartan League in 1975. They reached the Fourth Round of the FA Vase in the 1976-77 season and won the London Spartan League Cup in 1978 .

At the end of the 1979/80 season Farnham Town left the London Spartan League and applied to the Combined Counties League, their application was accepted and they finished 4th in their first season. The 1986/87 season saw Farnham take second place to Ash United in the league campaign. The glory days finally arrived in the 1990/91 season when the club won the league title. In the 1991/92 season, the Town got a clean sweep of the major trophies by winning the Combined Counties Premier League, the Dan Air Elite Cup and the Dan Air Challenge Cup. Having won the league, the club applied and were accepted to the Diadora League, however funds for necessary ground improvements could not be generated which resulted in the club not having a league to play in for the 1992/93 season.

In 1993/94 Farnham Town were accepted back into the Combined Counties League where they continue to ply their trade. From 1995-1998 Farnham finished in the top

six of the Premier Division for three consecutive seasons, in 1998-99 they finished in 13th position, then 10th in 1999-2000 before suffering relegation from the Premier Division in 2000-2001 season. They bounced straight back the following season but then endured four tough seasons back in the Premier Division, with bottom four finishes every season culminating in relegation back down to Division One in 2005-2006. Again, the club bounced straight back and in 2006-2007 they won the Division One title under the guidance of Barry Bridger, but were denied promotion due to the Memorial Ground not meeting the desired grading by the league. The club then spent another four seasons in Combined Counties Division One.

Farnham gained promotion from Combined Counties Division One in the 2010-2011 season after finishing second behind Worcester Park. In Paul Tanner's first season at the helm he gained automatic promotion back to the Premier Division at the first attempt, which after only retaining four members of the side from the previous year's squad - who finished mid-table, was quite an achievement. Paul Tanner's side also won the Combined Counties Fair Play Award for 2010-2011 after going the whole season without having a man sent off, a record to be proud of. In a very successful year for the club on the whole, Dean Nelson's reserve side finished second behind Mole Valley in the Combined Counties Reserve Division,



a record to be proud of. In a very successful year for the club on the whole, Dean Nelson's reserve side finished second behind Mole Valley in the Combined Counties Reserve Division, improving on fourth position the previous season. Farnham Ladies also finished second in their respective league to cap quite a remarkable season in Geoff Chapple's final season as Chairman. In 2011, Ray Bridger took over as chairman from Geoff Chapple.

The 2015/16 season saw the club lift the Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup whilst also reaching the final of the Aldershot FA Senior Cup

The 2017/2018 was ultimately one of disappointment to the club. A good start saw the club go on its best FA Vase run in decades, the defeat of higher league opposition in the County Cup and reaching 12th place on the back of a long undefeated run by early November. However defeat in the last minute of the FA Vase 2nd Round to Bridgewater Town marked a significant turning point and the club didn't win a single league match between 8th November and the season's end. This run led to the resignation of long serving manager, Paul Tanner, in February with first Paul Bonner and then Emmanuelle Boudine brought in to try and attempt to reverse the club's fortunes but alas it wasn't to be and The Town ended the season in last place and were relegated to the Combined Counties Division One. The one highlight of the latter half of the season however was the progression to the semi-finals of the Aldershot

Invitation Cup where they lost to eventual winners Hartley Wintney

Luke Turkington arrived as manager in the summer of 2018 along with Lee Pollard as his Assistant. There was little success in any of the cup competitions but in the league The Town made all the early running until hitting a sticky patch from mid-January until late February. The club recovered to finish the season strongly but with only 1 guaranteed promotion place this blip in form ultimately proved costly.

In the 19/20 season The Town were clear in 2nd place and looking certs for automatic promotion back to the Combined Counties Premier Division before the Covid pandemic struck and the FA decided to null and void the season. This decision saw Luke & his assistant move on to try their luck at a higher level with Alresford Town.

An extensive search with many high quality candidates interviewed saw The Town appoint the experienced and highly qualified Colin Millard as manager with long time servant of the club, Andy Sharratt, appointed as his assistant. The new gaffer has been able to keep the vast majority of last season's squad at the club and been able to strengthen it still further so hopes are high that the promotion taken from the club in 19/20 will be achieved this season

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DAY	DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	KO/RES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
TUE	01-Sep	Corsham Town	A	FA Cup EP	2-2	Ossai	H Mitchell	Smith	J Mitchell	H Oakley	MacDonald	Bauch
SAT	05-Sep	Dorking Wanderers Res	H	League								
TUE	08-Sep	Godalming Town	A	League								
SAT	12-Sep	Kensington & Ealing	H	League								
TUE	15-Sep	Chessington & Hook	A	League								
SAT	19-Sep	Downton	H	FA Vase 1Q								
TUE	22-Sep											
SAT	26-Sep											
TUE	29-Sep											
SAT	03-Oct											
SAT	10-Oct											
SAT	17-Oct											
SAT	24-Oct											
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SAT	27-Mar											
SAT	03-Apr											
MON	05-Apr	Easter Monday										
SAT	10-Apr											
SAT	17-Apr											
SAT	24-Apr											

All Midweek Home Games Kick Off 7.45

SAT 10-Oct Winners vs Petersfield Town H FA Vase 2Q



8	9	10	11	SUBS USED	GOALSCORERS	ADDITIONAL NOTES
op	Lloyd	Glass	C Oakley	Horwood	Meaton, Wheeler, Cardona	Smith, C Oakley



CCFL DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE



POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	AFC Hayes	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Ash United	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Bagshot	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Bedfont & Feltham	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	British Airways	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Chessington & Hook United	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Dorking Wanderers Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Epsom & Ewell	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Eversley & California	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	FC Deportivo Galicia	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Farnham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Fleet Spurs	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Godalming Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Jersey Bulls	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Kensington & Ealing Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Sandhurst Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Tooting Bec	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Walton & Hersham	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Westside	0	0	0	0	0	0

2020/21 PLAYER STATS



PLAYER	STARTS	SUB	GOAL	CLEAN SHEET
Richard Ossai (GK)	1	-	-	-
Fofana Aboubakar	-	-	-	-
Romaine Atkinson	-	-	-	-
Ben Bauchop	1	-	-	-
Ian Brooks	-	-	-	-
Elliot Cardona	-	1	-	-
Jack Cox	-	-	-	-
Connor Gales	-	-	-	-
Matt Glass	1	-	-	-
Bruce Harper	-	-	-	-
Charlie Horwood	1	-	-	-
Luke Larner	-	-	-	-
Wes Lennon	-	-	-	-
Ashley Lloyd	1	-	-	-
Oliver MacAllan	-	-	-	-
Jacob MacDonald	1	-	-	-
Max Meaton	-	1	-	-
Harvey Mitchell	1	-	-	-
Jack Mitchell	1	-	-	-
Kye Nash	-	-	-	-
Charlie Oakley	1	-	1	-
Harry Oakley	1	-	-	-
Rowan Sharratt	-	-	-	-
Tom Smith	1	-	1	-
Joe Sowden	-	-	-	-
Otis Taylor	-	-	-	-
Darren Wheeler	-	1	-	-





FA CUP HEARTBREAK

Tuesday 01 September 2020 FA Cup Extra-Preliminary Round Corsham Town 2 v 2 Farnham Town (Corsham Town win 4-3 on penalties)

The Town made the 165 mile round trip to Wiltshire on Tuesday night to take on Western League Corsham Town in the Extra-Preliminary Round of this season's Emirates FA Cup. Corsham were challenging for automatic promotion before the Covid-19 lockdown and have brought in management and numerous players from a higher level since then so The Town management team knew that this would be a tough game.

Despite this, The Town started the brighter of the 2 teams with the pace and trickery of Tom Smith & Harvey Mitchell down either flank proving a constant threat to the home side but as the game settled the home side, buoyed by a partisan crowd of over 200 spectators, grew in to the game and created the best chance when Town keeper Ossai could only watch as a vicious right footed shot from outside the penalty area smashed back off the bar and away to safety

Probably buoyed by the strong ending to the 1st half, The Town came out flying for the start of the 2nd & had took the lead by the 50 minute mark. When Harvey Mitchell was pushed to the floor some 25 yards from goal, Tom Smith stepped up to curl an absolute peach of a free kick over the wall and in to the top corner.

That goal clearly rattled the home side who started to get tetchy, on the back of the referee and begin to commit fouls and dissent for which they started to pick up cautions. One of these cautions was to prove costly a short while later when their #7 committed a reckless foul on Jack Mitchell and was sent off for a second bookable offence.

The Town really were in the ascendancy now & extended their lead on 76 minutes. In truth the ball had gone at least a yard out of play on our right flank before Jack Mitchell played a long ball forward. As the home side stopped expecting a throw in, Matt Glass played to the

whistle, beat one man before squaring to last season's top scorer Charlie Oakley who smashed the ball home from 12 yards out. Cue several minutes of heated arguments from the home players and crowd with the referee and his assistant.

Just 3 minutes later though the home side had pulled a goal back. The referee (possibly conscious of the stick he'd been receiving for Town's 2nd goal) awarded a very soft free kick just outside the Town penalty area. The free kick, whilst on target, wasn't struck with any great power but it squirmed through Richard Ossai's grasp 7 beyond his despairing dive to give the home side hope of pulling off a remarkable comeback.

And just 4 minutes later they had. Town substitute Darren Wheeler was clearly fouled in the centre of his own half but the referee was having none of it. Corsham took advantage of this, played it out wide before one of their substitutes smashed an unstoppable drive, low in to the far corner of the goal.

Both sides had chances to win it late on, but with nerves becoming a factor neither team could keep their composure in front of goal & the game finished 2-2

There are no replays or extra time in the FA Cup this season so we went straight to penalties. Both sides scored their first 2 before Ossai pulled off a great save to his right & Max Meaton put his penalty away to give The Town a 3-2 lead after 3 pens each. Ossai made another save from their 4th penalty before the referee (who had been poor all night) inexplicably blew to indicate The Town had won. His assistant saved his blushes & Jacob McDonald stepped up to take Town's 4th penalty but was denied by a great reflex save from their keeper. Corsham scored their 5th to make it 3-3 & Tom Smith stepped up to take the final penalty which was too close to the keeper and he made an easy save to take it to sudden death. Corsham scored their penalty before Town new boy Ben Bauchop saw his penalty saved by the legs of their keeper and the FA Cup dream was over for another year.

Despite the result The Town played really well and can consider themselves somewhat unfortunate not to be in the next round but the performance gives us plenty of hope for the season ahead

TOWN LINE UP

- 1 Richard Ossai
- 2 Harvey Mitchell
- 3 Tom Smith (Goal)
- 4 Jack Mitchell
- 5 Harry Oakley
- 6 Jacob McDonald
- 7 Ben Bauchop
- 8 Ashley Lloyd
- 9 Matt Glass
- 10 Charlie Oakley (Goal)
- 11 Charlie Horwood

SUBS

- 12 Max Meaton (Used)
- 13 Darren Wheeler (Used)
- 14 Ian Brooks
- 15 Elliot Cardona (Used)
- 16 Rowan Sharratt

Man of the Match

Tom Smith



DORKING'S FOOTBALL HISTORY It's a story combining nearly 200 years of rich local heritage with a remarkable modern day community success story. Football was first played in Dorking in the 1830s. The game was played in the street with the East and West of the town competing against each other in the annual Shrove Tuesday game. The first senior club, called Dorking FC, was formed in 1880 and became founder members of Surrey FA. Football in Dorking became quite literally central to the town in 1953, when a new stadium was built at Meadowbank - an iconic, picturesque location just behind the High Street. Among many memorable occasions in the Corinthian and Athenian Leagues, the stadium's high point came in 1992 when a record-breaking crowd saw the latest version of Dorking FC take on Peter Shilton's Plymouth Argyle in the first round proper of the FA Cup. Unfortunately, there was to be no happy ending as, not only did the visitors secure a narrow 3-2 win, but Meadowbank never witnessed such heady days again. Two decades of under-investment and decline saw a dilapidated Meadowbank stadium, once the pride of Dorking, closed for health and safety reasons in 2013.



Meanwhile, Dorking Wanderers FC had been established in 1999. Founder members Marc White, Peter Buckland, Mark Lewington, Ian Davidson, Lee Spickett and Penny Gregg entered a fledgling team into the Crawley & District League, with home games played at Big Field in Brockham. The club remained at its village location for eight years until, after several promotions it relocated to its current Westhumble home. This was a monumental project, which saw a huge off the field effort transform the once derelict site into a new, senior standard football ground. The promotions kept coming and, in 2015, the club finished runners-up in the Sussex County League, securing promotion to the Ryman League. The club gained promotion to the Bostik Premier League at the end of the 2016-17 season, after play-off victories over Hastings and Corinthian Casuals. After a season of consolidation in the Bostik Premier League, the club returned to its ancestral seat at Meadowbank, with a multi-million pound stadium in July 2018. The move delivered a new, state-of-the-art town centre home for Dorking Wanderers, and acted as the catalyst for a magnificent season in 2018-19 as the team won the Bostik Premier League by some 22 points. The club are now playing at their history ever level in the National League South. The Dorking Wanderers Reserves have a firm commitment to develop local talent for the first team. They are the final piece of the club's player pathway and ensure that the best local players have maximum opportunity to progress and represent their home town in the first team. The team compete in the Combined Counties League Division One under manager Carl Downs.

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NEXT UP AT THE

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GROUND

SATURDAY

12 SEPTEMBER

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KO 3PM



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Ben **Bauchop**
Ian **Brooks**
Elliot **Cardona**
Jack **Cox**
Connor **Gales**
Matt **Glass**
Bruce **Harper**
Charlie **Horwood**
Luke **Larner**
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Max **Meaton**
Harvey **Mitchell**
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Kye **Nash**
Charlie **Oakley**
Harry **Oakley**
Rowan **Sharratt**
Tom **Smith**
Joe **Sowden**
Otis **Taylor**
Darren **Wheeler**

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE Callum Peter

ASSISTANT Kevin Leggett

ASSISTANT Richard Hailstone



MANAGER Jordan Clark

Joshua **Barnett**
Drew **Churchwell**
George **Baker**
Oliver **Allen**
Connor **Burgess**
Jacob **Burton**
Ben **Dyson**
Callum **Coen**
Trae **Cook-Appiah**
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Javin **Dougan**
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Jakub **Saczek**
Will **Hearn**
Noah **Sapsford**
Max **Leitch**
Aaron **Maher-Murphy**
Liam **Maktari**
Callum **Manning**
Harvey **Trayfoot**
Bradleigh **Vaughan**
Joshua **Wells**
Dennis **Asante**
Max **Erwood**

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