

**RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE – WEEKLY NEWS AND MATCH BULLETIN**

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**LEAGUE NEWS LEAGUE NEWS**

**SEASON 2007-08 WELCOME**

“Best wishes to all Member Clubs of the Ryman Football League in season 2007/08.

“Last season the three Divisions were particularly competitive, with two titles only being settled on the last Saturday of the season, and I see no reason that 2007/08 will be any different.

“We warmly welcome the seven new member clubs to our League, competing in a very strong Premier Division and two regional First Divisions.

“At the same time we have had to say goodbye to a similar number of clubs, and we wish them every success and enjoyment in their respective new Leagues this season.

“Hopefully, we will also see success in the national cup competitions – the FA Cup and the FA Trophy – as well as in the respective County Cup games.

I also look forward with much anticipation to the newly formed Youth League having a very successful first season.

“Good luck to every Club in our League, and thank you for your support.”

Alan Turvey

Chairman

**ISTHMIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE APPOINTS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FA**

The Isthmian League Board of Directors has asked Alan Boon to be the League’s representative on the Council of The Football Association. The appointment follows the restructuring of The FA, allowing the League to have a representative on their Council for the first time.

Alan, who has been a member of the League’s Board of Directors since 1992, is Chairman of Premier Division Staines Town Football Club.

Alan Turvey, Ryman Football League Chairman and a current member of The Football Association, said, “I am very pleased that the Board have supported Alan Boon’s nomination. Alan has a vast experience of our level of football, both with his Club and the League, and I know he will prove to be an excellent representative of the League at Soho Square.”

Alan Boon added, “I am delighted to have the opportunity to represent the League, and after 35 years at grass roots football, and coming from a football club background, I hope I can contribute something at The FA. I want to be a spokesman for both the Ryman Football League and non-league football.

**RYMAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE STATISTICAL REVIEW –SEASON 2006/07**

The tenth edition of “The Statistical Review of the Ryman Football League” – 2006/07 season is now available.

The book includes players’ League appearances, results of League and Cup matches, goalscorers and attendances of the 66 clubs.

Also included is an index of players in alphabetical format of each player used in the Ryman League and their regular playing position.

The book costs £5.50 + 70p (1st), 60p (2nd) or £1.30 (Europe) postage.

Copies may be purchased from: **Mike Wilson, 71 Elm Road, Slade Green, Kent DA8 2NN**

**HAYES FC – JOHN BOND SENIOR**

It is with great sadness that Hayes Football Club have reported the passing away of John Bond senior who died peacefully at his home on Sunday, 5th August after a lengthy illness. John worked tirelessly as an officer and Director for Hayes Football Club for more than forty years and will be greatly missed at Church Road. We offer our sincere condolences on behalf of the League to his family and his Club.

John's funeral will take place on Monday, 13th August at St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Road, Hayes at 1pm with the internment taking place at Cherry Lane Cemetery, Shepiston Lane, Hayes an hour later.

John's life will then be celebrated back at the Football Club following the internment.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM SEASON 2005/06 - STEP 1 TO 5 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION**

The Football Association have confirmed the procedures relating to promotion and relegation at the conclusion of season 2007/2008. Set out below are the details of how this will operate, taking into account the changed structure for this season.

Therefore, the following procedures will apply:

###### **Step 1 and Step 2**

The clubs finishing in the bottom four places at Step 1 at the end of the playing season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2. They will be replaced by the clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 2 together with a further two clubs which win a series of play off matches involving those clubs finishing in a play-off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 2. In exceptional circumstances where a club in positions 2 to 5 does not meet the criteria to enter the play-offs they should be replaced by a club finishing in the next eligible position. Clubs finishing below position 7 would not be considered.

###### **Step 2 and Step 3**

The clubs in the bottom three places in each of the two divisions at Step 2 at the end of the playing season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3. They will be replaced by the clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 3 together with a further three clubs determined by a series of play off matches involving those clubs finishing in a play-off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 3. In exceptional circumstances where a club in positions 2 to 5 does not meet the criteria to enter the play-offs they should be replaced by a club finishing in the next eligible position. Clubs finishing below position 7 would not be considered. The promoted clubs will also be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2.

###### **Step 3 and Step 4**

The clubs in the bottom four places in each of the three divisions at Step 3 at the end of the playing season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographical appropriate division at Step 4. They will be replaced by the club finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 4 together with a further six clubs to be determined by a series of play off matches involving those clubs finishing in a play-off position (normally positions 2 to 5) in each of the divisions at Step 4. In exceptional circumstances where a club in positions 2 to 5 does not meet the criteria to enter the play-offs they should be replaced by a club finishing in the next eligible position. Clubs finishing below position 7 would not be considered.

The promoted clubs will also be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3.

###### **Step 4 and Step 5**

In normal circumstances, the clubs in the bottom two places in each of the six divisions at Step 4 will be replaced by the twelve most suitable clubs from the leagues at Step 5 as determined by the LC. Each of these leagues will nominate the club finishing in 1st position subject to meeting the entry criteria and wishing to be considered for promotion. In the event of the 1st placed club not being nominated, the club finishing in 2nd position can be nominated subject to the same criteria. Both the clubs relegated from Step 4 and the clubs to be promoted from Step 5 will be placed in a feeder pool and allocated to the most geographically appropriate league.

In the event that there are more clubs qualifying for promotion than spaces available, priority will be given to the Champion clubs in Step 5 leagues. If there remains vacancies, clubs finishing in 2nd place in Step 5 leagues will be ranked according to the average number of points gained per games played.

Clubs seeking promotion from Step 5 to Step 4 must make application in writing to The Football Association, copied to their existing league, by 31st December in the relevant year. The application must be accompanied by the agreed grading fee, as determined by the LC, which is non refundable. The Football Association will arrange for ground grading visits to take place before 31st March in the relevant year. A final list of clubs eligible to be considered for promotion will be published by 15th April. Final promotion will be subject to the criteria outlined in the paragraph above.

**REPORTING OF RESULTS**

Results of matches should be telephoned by the home Club to Mike Wilson, the League’s Results Co-ordinator, **immediately** after the match on 01322 332064 (or faxed on 01322 332065).

The following information is required:

Result of match

Attendance

Home team goalscorers plus time of each goal

Away team goalscorers plus time of each goal

In addition to Ryman League, Youth League, Isthmian Cup and other Isthmian Cup Competition matches, the home team must telephone the above information for results of all FA Cup/Trophy and County Cup matches. On occasions where a Ryman league team is playing away from home against a club that is not a member of our League, then the Ryman League club must telephone Mike Wilson with the details as above.

**MATCH OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES**

Match fees for match officials are increased by £5.00 for each official, whilst travelling expenses remain unchanged from last season.

They are as follows:

Referee match fee £45.00

Assistant referee match fee £30.00

Travelling expenses 27p per mile

The match fees, inclusive of travelling expenses, for officials in the Ryman Youth League are:

Referee match fee £35.00

Assistant referee match fee £20.00

**MATCH OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

A reminder that Contributory League Match Official appointments are no longer distributed by The FA by post but are available online at:

<http://www.TheFA.com/ContributoryLeagueOfficials>

This link can also be accessed by visiting [www.TheFA.com](http://www.TheFA.com), selecting THE FA tab at the top of the page, then Refereeing on the left of the page, and then clicking the link to Contributory League Officials. Appointments will be available in accordance with the dates outlined below.

September - Week Commencing 13th August 2007

October - Week Commencing 17th September 2007

November - Week Commencing 15th October 2007

December - Week Commencing 12th November 2007

January - Week Commencing 10th December 2007

February - Week Commencing 14th January 2008

March - Week Commencing 18th February 2008

April/May - Week Commencing 17th March 2008

**RYMAN LEAGUE CLUBCALL - TELEPHONE 09066 555 777**The Ryman League ClubCall is the League's official telephone information service. The line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

ClubCall presents a daily bulletin of news and interviews. We like to speak to the clubs that are in the news each day.

All the match results are available on the ClubCall line each midweek night after around 10pm and every Saturday after 6pm.

Calls are charged at 60p per minute. The call revenue helps the Ryman Football League.

RYMAN LEAGUE CLUBCALL

Telephone 09066 555 777

**RESULTS RESULTS**

**Saturday 4th August 2005**

***Herts. Charity Cup – First Round***

Ware 3 – 2 Hemel Hempstead Town 91

Stevens 76, 80 (pen), Neilson 78 Roberts 36, 86 (pen)

**FIXTURES FIXTURES**

**Tuesday, 14th August, 2006**

***Herts. Charity Cup – First Round***

Potters Bar Town vs. Cheshunt

**Saturday, 18th August, 2007**

**Premier Division**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Ramsgate

Ashford Town (Middx) vs. AFC Hornchurch

Billericay Town vs. Hastings United

Boreham Wood vs. East Thurrock United

Folkestone Invicta vs. Wealdstone

Harrow Borough vs. Carshalton Athletic

Heybridge Swifts vs. Hendon

Leyton vs. Harlow Town

Maidstone United vs. Horsham

Margate vs. Chelmsford City

Tonbridge Angels vs. Staines Town

**Division One North**

AFC Sudbury vs. Aveley

Arlesey Town vs. Brentwood Town

Dartford vs. Maldon Town

Great Wakering Rovers vs. Waltham Forest

Ilford vs. Ware

Northwood vs. Canvey Island

Potters Bar Town vs. Edgware Town

Tilbury vs. Redbridge

Waltham Abbey vs. Wivenhoe Town

Wingate & Finchley vs. Bury Town

Witham Town vs. Enfield Town

**Division One South**

Ashford Town vs. Kingstonian

Chipstead vs. Walton & Hersham

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Chatham Town

Cray Wanderers vs. Whyteleafe

Horsham YMCA vs. Dover Athletic

Leatherhead vs. Metropolitan Police

Molesey vs. Croydon Athletic

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Burgess Hill Town

Walton Casuals vs. Dulwich Hamlet

Whitstable Town vs. Eastbourne Town

Worthing vs. Sittingbourne

**Monday, 20th August, 2007**

**Premier Division**

Chelmsford City vs. Boreham Wood

**Division One North**

Aveley vs. Great Wakering Rovers

**Division One South**

Dover Athletic vs. Cray Wanderers

Kingstonian vs. Corinthian-Casuals

**Tuesday, 21st August, 2007**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch vs. Billericay Town

Carshalton Athletic vs. Ashford Town (Middx) *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

East Thurrock United vs. Margate

Harlow Town vs. Heybridge Swifts

Hastings United vs. Maidstone United

Hendon vs. Leyton

Horsham vs. Folkestone Invicta

Ramsgate vs. Tonbridge Angels

Staines Town vs. Harrow Borough

Wealdstone vs. AFC Wimbledon

**Division One North**

Brentwood Town vs. Tilbury

Bury Town vs. Witham Town

Canvey Island vs. Potters Bar Town

Edgware Town vs. Wingate & Finchley

Enfield Town vs. Ilford

Maldon Town vs. AFC Sudbury

Waltham Forest vs. Northwood

Ware vs. Waltham Abbey

Wivenhoe Town vs. Dartford

**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town vs. Chipstead *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

Chatham Town vs. Ashford Town

Croydon Athletic vs. Worthing

Dulwich Hamlet vs. Horsham YMCA

Metropolitan Police vs. Whitstable Town

Sittingbourne vs. Leatherhead

Walton & Hersham vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Whyteleafe vs. Walton Casuals

**Wednesday, 22nd August, 2007**

**Division One North**

Redbridge vs. Arlesey Town

**Division One South**

Eastbourne Town vs. Molesey

**Saturday, 25th August, 2007**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch vs. Harrow Borough

Carshalton Athletic vs. Billericay Town

Chelmsford City vs. Maidstone United

East Thurrock United vs. AFC Wimbledon

Harlow Town vs. Folkestone Invicta

Hastings United vs. Ashford Town (Middx)

Hendon vs. Tonbridge Angels

Horsham vs. Boreham Wood

Ramsgate vs. Leyton

Staines Town vs. Heybridge Swifts

Wealdstone vs. Margate

**Division One North**

Aveley vs. Wingate & Finchley

Brentwood Town vs. Northwood

Bury Town vs. Great Wakering Rovers

Canvey Island vs. Waltham Abbey

Edgware Town vs. Ilford

Enfield Town vs. AFC Sudbury

Maldon Town vs. Arlesey Town

Redbridge vs. Witham Town

Waltham Forest vs. Tilbury

Ware vs. Dartford

Wivenhoe Town vs. Potters Bar Town

**Division One South**

Burgess Hill Town vs. Molesey

Chatham Town vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Croydon Athletic vs. Cray Wanderers

Dover Athletic vs. Leatherhead

Dulwich Hamlet vs. Worthing

Eastbourne Town vs. Corinthian-Casuals

Kingstonian vs. Horsham YMCA

Metropolitan Police vs. Chipstead

Sittingbourne vs. Walton Casuals

Walton & Hersham vs. Whitstable Town

Whyteleafe vs. Ashford Town

**Monday, 27th August, 2007**

**Premier Division**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Staines Town

Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Wealdstone

Billericay Town vs. Chelmsford City

Boreham Wood vs. Harlow Town

Folkestone Invicta vs. Ramsgate

Harrow Borough vs. Hendon

Heybridge Swifts vs. AFC Hornchurch

Leyton vs. East Thurrock United

Margate vs. Horsham

Tonbridge Angels vs. Hastings United

**Division One North**

AFC Sudbury vs. Wivenhoe Town

Arlesey Town vs. Bury Town

Dartford vs. Aveley

Great Wakering Rovers vs. Brentwood Town

Ilford vs. Redbridge

Potters Bar Town vs. Ware

Tilbury vs. Canvey Island

Waltham Abbey vs. Edgware Town

Wingate & Finchley vs. Waltham Forest

Witham Town vs. Maldon Town

**Division One South**

Ashford Town vs. Sittingbourne

Chipstead vs. Chatham Town *(kick-off 11.30a.m.)*

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Croydon Athletic

Cray Wanderers vs. Dulwich Hamlet

Leatherhead vs. Walton & Hersham

Molesey vs. Whyteleafe

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Kingstonian

Whitstable Town vs. Dover Athletic

**Tuesday, 28th August, 2007**

**Premier Division**

Maidstone United vs. Carshalton Athletic

**Division One North**

Northwood vs. Enfield Town

**Division One South**

Horsham YMCA vs. Eastbourne Town *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

Walton Casuals vs. Metropolitan Police

Worthing vs. Burgess Hill Town *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

**Friday, 31st August, 2007**

**Premier Division**

Maidstone United vs. Staines Town

**Saturday, 1st September 2007**

**Premier Division**

AFC Hornchurch vs. Chelmsford City

AFC Wimbledon vs. Harrow Borough

Ashford Town (Middx) vs. Heybridge Swifts

Billericay Town vs. Leyton

East Thurrock United vs. Hendon

Folkestone Invicta vs. Boreham Wood

Harlow Town vs. Ramsgate

Horsham vs. Carshalton Athletic

Margate vs. Tonbridge Angels

Wealdstone vs. Hastings United

***FA Cup – Preliminary Round***

AFC Sudbury vs. Bury Town

Arlesey Town vs. Brentwood Town

Arundel vs. Molesey

Aveley vs. Berkhamstead Town

Burgess Hill Town vs. Westfield/Banstead Athletic

Corinthian-Casuals vs. Raynes Park Vale/Deal Town

Dartford vs. Leatherhead

Daventry United/Raunds Town vs. Edgware Town

Dulwich Hamlet vs. Three Bridges/Wealden

Dunstable Town vs. Wingate & Finchley

Eastbourne Town vs. Kingstonian

Enfield Town vs. AFC Hayes

Erith & Belvedere vs. Ashford Town

Farnham Town/Ringmer vs. Chatham Town

Godalming Town vs. Worthing

Haringey Borough/Wembley vs. Ware

Harwich & Parkeston vs. Ilford

Horsham YMCA vs. Tunbridge Wells/Chessington & Hook

Littlehampton Town vs. Chipstead

London Colney/Langford vs. Potters Bar Town

Maldon Town vs. Eton Manor/Colney Heath

Merstham/Hythe Town vs. Whyteleafe

Metropolitan Police vs. Croydon Athletic

Redbridge vs. Woodford United

Redhill/Sidley United Vs. Dover Athletic

Rothwell Town vs. Canvey Island

Sittingbourne vs. Wick/Chertsey Town

Tilbury vs. Great Wakering Rovers

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Cray Wanderers

Waltham Forest vs. Halstead Town/Wellingborough Town

Walton & Hersham vs. Hassocks/Rye United

Walton Casuals vs. Eastbourne United/Sevenoaks Town

Thamesmead Town/Egham Town vs. Whitstable Town

Witham Town vs. Waltham Abbey

Wivenhoe Town vs. Biggleswade Town/Concord Rangers

**PLAYER MOVEMENTS**

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| **Player** | **From** | **To** | **Date** |
| Keehan, Joe | Worthing | Horsham YMCA | 11th August 2007 |

**FIXTURE CHANGES TABLE**

**Premier Division**

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| **Match** | **Original Date** | **New Date** |
| Harlow Town vs. Heybridge Swifts | 22nd August 2007 | 21st August 2007 |
| Harlow Town vs. Wealdstone | 10th October 2007 | 9th October 2007 |
| Harlow Town vs. AFC Wimbledon | 31st October 2007 | 30th October 2007 |
| Maidstone United vs. Carshalton Athletic | 29th August 2007 | 28th August 2007 |
| Maidstone United vs., Staines Town | 1st September 2007 | 31st August 2007 |

**Division One North**

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| **Match** | **Original Date** | **New Date** |
| Wivenhoe Town vs. Redbridge | 25th September 2007 | 26th September 2007 |
| Wivenhoe Town vs. Canvey Island | 30th October 2007 | 31st October 2007 |
| Wivenhoe Town vs. Maldon Town | 20th November 2007 | 21st November 2007 |
| Wingate & Finchley vs. Potters Bar Town | 22nd September 2007 | 23rd September 2007 |
| Redbridge vs. Arlesey Town | 21st August 2007 | 22nd August 2007 |
| AFC Sudbury vs. Witham Town | 16th October 2007 |  |
| Brentwood Town vs. Bury Town | 16th October 2007 |  |

**Division One South**

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| **Match** | **Original Date** | **New Date** |
| Chipstead vs. Chatham Town | 27th August 2007 | 27th August 2007 – kick-off 11.30 a.m.) |

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**RYMAN YOUTH LEAGUE**

**FIXTURES FIXTURES**

**Monday, 20th August, 2007**

Worthing vs. Leatherhead *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

**Thursday, 23rd August, 2007**

Kingstonian vs. Maidstone United

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Carshalton Athletic

**Wednesday, 29th August, 2007**

Carshalton Athletic vs. Horsham *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

Tonbridge Angels vs. Worthing

**Thursday, 30th August, 2007**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Staines Town

Horsham YMCA vs. Croydon Athletic *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

Leatherhead vs. Burgess Hill Town

Maidstone United vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

**Monday, 3rd September, 2007**

Burgess Hill Town vs. Tonbridge Angels *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

Horsham vs. AFC Wimbledon

Worthing vs. Carshalton Athletic *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

**Wednesday, 5th September, 2007**

Staines Town vs. Horsham YMCA *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

**Thursday, 6th September, 2007**

Kingstonian vs. Tooting & Mitcham United

Maidstone United vs. Leatherhead

**Tuesday, 11th September, 2007**

***FA Youth Cup – Preliminary Round***

Faversham Town vs. Maidstone United

**Wednesday, 12th September, 2007**

Tonbridge Angels vs. Staines Town

**Thursday, 13th September, 2007**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Croydon Athletic

Horsham YMCA vs. Kingstonian *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

**Week beginning Monday, 10th September, 2007**

***FA Youth Cup – Preliminary Round***

Burgess Hill Town vs. Epsom & Ewell *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

Colliers Wood United vs. Carshalton Athletic

Faversham Town vs. Maidstone United

Horsham vs. Godalming Town

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Fareham Town

Worthing vs. Leatherhead *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

**Sunday, 16th September, 2007**

***Sussex FA Youth Cup – First Round***

Patcham United vs. Burgess Hill Town

Horsham vs. Ferring

**Wednesday, 19th September, 2007**

Carshalton Athletic vs. Burgess Hill Town *(kick-off 7.30p.m.)*

Croydon Athletic vs. Staines Town

**Thursday, 20th September, 2007**

AFC Wimbledon vs. Maidstone United

Kingstonian vs. Horsham

Leatherhead vs. Horsham YMCA

Tooting & Mitcham United vs. Worthing

**Thursday, 27th September, 2007**

Kingstonian vs. Leatherhead or Worthing

**Week beginning Monday, 24th September, 2007**

***FA Cup – First Round Qualifying***

Bromley vs. Faversham Town or Maidstone United

Burgess Hill Town or Epsom & Ewell vs. Woking

Colliers Wood United or Carshalton Athletic vs. Horsham YMCA

Croydon Athletic vs. Hayes & Yeading United

Dulwich Hamlet vs. AFC Wimbledon

Hanwell Town vs. Staines Town

Horley Town or Margate vs. Tonbridge Angels

Tooting & Mitcham United or Fareham Town vs. Horsham or Godalming Town

Worthing or Leatherhead vs. Sutton United or Arundel

**HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS**

**HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS FC**

Heybridge Swifts FC have a new Programme Editor, Noel Tilbrook, 65 Heywood Way, Heybridge, Maldon Essex CM9 4BH – Telephone 0780 243 4508, fax 0870 803 2456; email: [noel@steponsafety.co.uk](mailto:noel@steponsafety.co.uk)

Previous programme editor, Tony Foster remains a valued member of the Swifts Management Committee, continuing as Press Officer.

**TILBURY FC**

Club Secretary Mark Southgate has a new email address - [dsouthgate@kestrel-liner.com](mailto:dsouthgate@kestrel-liner.com)

**TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED FC**

Tooting & Mitcham Football Club have a new Programme Editor with immediate effect – Steve Taylor, 16 Rickwood Park, Beare Green, Dorking, Surrey RH5 4PP – telephone 01306 711559 (home) or 0770 454 0667 (mobile) – email prog@tmufc.co.uk

**TOOTING & MITCHAM UNITED FC - YOUTHS**

With effect from 1st October, the Tooting & Mitcham United Youth team will move their home match night to Wednesday evenings.

**NOTICEBOARD**

**HORSHAM YMCA FC**

Club Secretary Bob Brading is away from Sunday, 19th August to Saturday, 26th August. During this period all correspondence and queries relating to football matters should be addressed to Robin Bishop, Rojena Cottage, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6NH – telephone 01403 891622 and 0796 620 2955 (mobile);

e-mail [ronin.bishop@t-d-s.com](mailto:ronin.bishop@t-d-s.com) and rbishop@rojena.fsnet.co.uk

**SITTINGBOURNE FC**

Club Secretary John Pitts is away from Saturday 11th August to Friday 24th August. During this time please contact Peter Potts – telephone 01634 389668, mobile 0778 590 6627 or email [peterpitts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:peterpitts@blueyonder.co.uk)

**WHITSTABLE TOWN FC**

Club Secretary Alan Gower will be on annual leave Wednesday 8th August to Thursday, 23rd August 2007Contact during this period is Club Chairman Mr Tony Rouse – telephone 01227 360315, mobile 0781 491 9830, email [amr@btconnect.com](mailto:amr@btconnect.com) or [tonyrouse@onetel.net](mailto:tonyrouse@onetel.net) or Fixtures Secretary Phil Gurr  - telephone 01227 263787 or email [pgurr@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:pgurr@ukonline.co.uk)

**CLUB GOSSIP**

**AFC WIMBLEDON**

***CHERRY RED RECORDS TO SPONSOR FANS' STADIUM***

AFC Wimbledon is pleased to announce that the club has agreed a deal with Cherry Red Records to sponsor the Fans' Stadium. The ground will now be known as "The Cherry Red Records Fans' Stadium."

Cherry Red has been a corporate sponsor of the club since it was started five years ago and is owned by Iain McNay, who is a member of the Dons Trust Board and Chairman of AFCW PLC.  Cherry Red also sponsors the Combined Counties League, the Middlesex Counties League, and several minor cup competitions, as well as the Non-League Newsdesk Annual and the Football Traveller weekly non-league listing magazine.

Cherry Red Records was started nearly 30 years ago and is one of the most prolific independent record labels in the UK, releasing over 300 albums last year.  The company also has very active DVD and Book divisions.

Cherry Red Chairman Iain McNay said, “I have been a Dons Supporter now for 36 years and have found the last 5 years since AFC Wimbledon has been formed incredibly exciting. Cherry Red is really happy to step up its involvement with the club as it becomes more and more professional in the way it is operating, and the ambition of reclaiming its league status becomes more and more realistic.”

AFC Wimbledon Commercial Director, Ivor Heller, said “as Commercial Director of AFC Wimbledon one of my greatest ambitions has been to sell the naming rights of the stadium. We are extremely grateful to Iain McNay for his company, Cherry Red Records, generous sponsorship.

“I hope this will encourage other businesses from within our fan base to get more involved with the Club. The only way that AFC Wimbledon will continue to grow is by further investment from within. We all know what the rewards will hopefully be - a successful football team!”

Chief Executive Erik Samuelson said "Cherry Red is a great company to be involved with because it has consistently demonstrated its commitment to non-league football over the years and, very importantly, the company has an approach to business ethics which mirrors ours. Our thanks to Iain for making this happen."

**CARSHALTON ATHLETIC FC**

**MBE for Robins V-P (Vice-President that is)**

Carshalton Athletic Football Club are delighted to congratulate John Braden on his award of an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Most days, come rain or shine, John leaves his home in Carshalton in the early hours to start his job as a milkman in the Raynes Park area and his willingness to do that little bit extra, particularly for the elderly and the less mobile, means that he is held in high regard by his customers and local residents.

The award of the MBE is official recognition for his services to the community.  Outside work John is one of the Robins' growing band of Vice-Presidents and his avid support for his local team has seen him travelling from Andover to Accrington to cheer on his favourites, rarely missing a game home or away.  Well done John and best wishes from everyone at the Club and the Ryman Football League.

**DOVER ATHLETIC FC**

Ryman League side Dover Athletic have won planning permission to build a new clubhouse at their Crabble home.  
  
The work is due to start at the end of the upcoming season and will replace the current Centre Spot building.   
  
Chairman Jim Parmenter said: "It is imperative we raise the necessary funds to give fans a much more comfortable facility which we will all be proud of."

**DOVER ATHLETIC FC**

Dover Athletic Football Club is delighted to announce that SeaFrance Dover-Calais ferries will be the Club’s new main sponsors for the 2007-2008 season. The five figure sponsorship represents a significant deal for the club and DAFC Director Roger Knight has expressed his excitement at the tie-up with such a high profile company.

Roger Knight said: “I am delighted with the new sponsorship agreement. Over the past few years I have discussed with SeaFrance the possibility of sponsorship, Sarah has always been very supportive and to finally agree terms as our Main Sponsor is a massive boost for the club. The agreement will be signed on 31 July 2007 and we are very much looking forward to a long and prosperous relationship with SeaFrance”.

SeaFrance Head of Marketing, Sarah Staughton added: “We are very excited about this sponsorship deal with Dover Athletic Football Club. SeaFrance wants to work more closely with the Dover community and help the club to regain its position back in the Conference League (last time was 2001-2002 season) in a few years time. With Andy Hessenthaler and Darren Hare now working with the club we can see great potential for the future especially with the community based youth projects which we hope will allow us to forge our position as an integral part of the local community.”

SeaFrance will sign the agreement on 31 July at the Crystal Palace game, confirming the company as the Club’s main sponsor. The deal means the SeaFrance name will appear on all the first team home and away kits, club programmes, publications, marketing material and advertising perimeter boards and signage at “The SeaFrance Crabble Stadium”.

**HARLOW TOWN FC**

Harlow Town have made their biggest signing of the summer, not on, but off the pitch, bringing in a new assistant manager.  
  
Gordon Boateng will join the Hawks' management line-up, which includes Ryan Kirby as player/manager and Tommy Cunningham as director of football, with Bill Songhurst now overseeing the new youth, ladies and disability teams.  
  
The 26-year-old former Capital League manager at Bishop's Stortford is looking forward to the challenge.  
  
"It's a big opportunity to be working alongside Ryan Kirby at Harlow," said Boateng. "The structure of the club is fantastic. It's a different class. I know about the Ryman Premier League, and I know what it takes to push the club forward."  
  
Boateng has spent the last 18 months managing Brimsdown and Harlow boss Kirby is delighted to have him onboard ahead of the new season.  
  
"While I'm still playing its difficult doing everything on my own so Gordon coming is a massive plus. He will be a great help coaching wise. He thinks the same way as me and knows lots of players who like and respect him which can only benefit us."

**HORSHAM YMCA FC**

Horsham YMCA manager John Suter has quit as Sussex County Team manager. The county has this season switched from the South West Counties Championship to a midweek Home Counties competition which bans players above County League standard.

Suter felt he was unable to select a squad with the limitation. He said: "I know about Ryman players and chose a few from Hastings, Worthing and my own club. Also, I had a good network of County League managers like Dave John, Danny Hinshelwood and Harry Smith who recommended players from their league.

"But to have the whole squad based on the County League is a bit different. I didn't think I was qualified to pick all the squad from a league I don't know that well.

Suter had managed Sussex for seven years.

**KINGSTONIAN FC**

Kingstonian Football Club are delighted to announce a deal with Kingston University to secure new training facilities for the coming season and beyond at the 55 acre Tolworth Court sports ground.

Joint-Chairman Malcolm Winwright commented, “We are excited and somewhat relieved to have finally found somewhere with a real desire to assist the club and develop a long term relationship with us. The site will shortly undergo a massive development project following a £1m grant from the Football Foundation to further enhance its facilities and that will benefit us all. This is clearly a big step forward for the town’s University and, now also, Football Club.”

Manager Alan Dowson adds, “We started training at Kingston University last week and I am delighted about the move. It’s a big asset to know where we will be training every week, and we will benefit from the quality of facilities there. It’s not just a one-way arrangement, as myself and my backroom staff will be on hand to lend support to the University on the footballing side of things.”

**KINGSTONIAN FC**

***Kingstonian unveil significant sponsorship***

Kingstonian Football Club are delighted to announce three significant sponsorship deals for the forthcoming season.

The club will be bearing the name of TMG Fire & Security Ltd across their famous colours as shirt sponsor with immediate effect. TMG Director Calvin Avery will additionally be joining the board of Kingstonian FC Ltd in a Non-Executive role as Marketing Director. He comments, “I am delighted to be involved with Kingstonian, both on a personal and professional level. I was brought up in Ham and taken by my mum to watch the K’s as a youngster so it has gone full circle for me, so to speak. I am looking forward to building a strong association between our company and the club.”

In two other deals announced before the friendly against Millwall recently, Jemca Toyota will be sponsoring player tracksuits and advertising in the award-winning matchday programme, whilst Shanghai Furniture Company have pledged to sponsor the club’s travel and logistics over the coming campaign.

Kingstonian Joint-Chairman Malcolm Winwright comments, “This is significant progress for the club, signing with three great companies such as TMG, Jemca and Shanghai Furniture. They have demonstrated confidence and belief in Kingstonian, and we hope that this will encourage others to come forward and work with us in every way possible.”

**METROPOLITAN POLICE FC**

During recent seasons the Metropolitan Police Football Club have encountered increasing problems with pitch drainage due to severe compaction.  Not only did this hinder drainage but it also restricted grass root growth, which has resulted in large slices of the surface being displaced when the ground is wet.

As there was no cheap solution to the problem, during the close season the Club has had the entire top surface removed, various treatments carried out which should improve drainage and facilitate grass root growth, and the pitch re-seeded.  Additional work has also been necessary to repair the pitch irrigation and drainage system.

With the recent wet weather this has encouraged grass growth and there has been no reports of surface water forming anywhere on the pitch. All the work has gone according to plan.

The result is a Non-League pitch at the moment which is probably one of the best in the Ryman Football League, if not in the South-East of England.

**RAMSGATE FC**

Ramsgate have re-signed 19 year old striker Karl Barron, who proved to be a prolific goal scorer for both Ramsgate Reserves and then Margate Reserves last season, on a two year contract.

Speaking at Southwood last week Barron confirmed “I’m happy to be re-joining Ramsgate, a club that is showing ambition and give local players a chance. I told Robin Trott last night I had decided to leave and join Ramsgate and he asked me to stay at Hartsdown Park, but I wanted to go to a club that will show the same belief in me as I have in myself, and for the first class training that is second to none in the county.”

Assistant Manager Danny Ward said of his new signing “The first time Karl came to my notice was last pre-season when he played in some of our pre-season friendlies, and showed plenty of good promise, but was probably not fit enough or sharp enough at the time for 1st team football. He played for our Reserves until Christmas but for personal reasons moved to Margate. I’ve kept an eye on his progress all the time he’s been there and didn’t think we’d get an opportunity to get him back so soon, but because of different reasons we have managed to. He could possibly be one of the best goal scorers to come out of the region in years, and he is exactly the kind of player that Ramsgate like – a local hard working player who wants a chance to play 1st team football, and deserves that chance to prove himself. Comments from people who saw Karl play last season all seem to be happy with what he did and if he gets anywhere near his 1 goal/game average that he did last year I’m more than happy to take a chance on that.”

**STAINES TOWN FC**

Hampton & Richmond striker Victor Asombang has become the first of Alan Devonshire's Ryman League Premier Division winning squad to quit the club.

The former Kettering Town frontman, who scored twice in 11 appearances for the Beavers last year, has signed for Staines Town after being deemed surplus requirements for this season's Blue Square South campaign.

Devonshire last week confirmed he could not guarantee the big striker regular first team football and Asombang complete a switch to Wheatsheaf Lane on Monday after impressing in trial matches against Maidenhead United and Beaconsfield SYCOB.

**DAVE WILSON TROPHY**

Buoyant Banstead Athletic landed their first silverware on the eve of the new Combined Counties League Premier Division season by triumphing at their Merland Rise home.

Graeme Banyard's men became the inaugural winners of the Dave Wilson Trophy following the pre-season tournament which was staged in memory of long serving groundsharers Epsom & Ewell's secretary Dave Wilson who died, 56, last year.

Banstead won last Saturday's final in front of 110 fans following a 4-1 penalty shoot-out success against Ryman League Division One South club Molesey.

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**ASHFORD TOWN (MIDDX) FC - THE PARAKEETS ARE BACK!**

It was a source of wonder for visiting supporters to the Ashford Town (Middx) ground from other parts of the country during the last two seasons when large flocks of green parakeets, prevalent in the area, had come flying in at dusk to roost in the trees at the edge of the ground, often looking as if they may take the visiting keeper with them as they swoop in.

Then they disappeared for a while but they have now come back and once again in August there were large numbers of them in evidence, surely a photographer’s dream as the green of the birds contrasted with the low orange of the setting sun. Quite a sight.

**Bruce Badcock**

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