



GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

FA Charter Standard Development Club
Surrey FA's: Grass Roots Club of the Year 2020

Can we have our ball back please...

September 2021



Dear Members

We are into our 2nd month of the **21-22 football season** with the last of the seeding games for developmental teams taking place this weekend.



Our U8 Lionesses will be competing in their 2nd round of tournaments, **Good Luck**, girls.



We are still seeing new players joining us this season, which is **very exciting**, it's certainly a growth year for the Club. We are looking to introduce a **new U9 Girls team** and a **new U7 mixed team** into the leagues after half term. We extend a very warm welcome to all newcomers. Wishing everyone a **great season**.

Just a reminder that **training sessions will continue during the half term week** for all teams. There will be **no matches scheduled by the Leagues for 24th September** – except the Ladies team.

Apart from new players, we also have **several new volunteers** joining us this season:

U8 Lionesses: Matt Nunn

U10 Girls Jags: Fraser McArthur

U11 Girls Emeralds: Maciek Steffanski & Ian Mackie

U12 Girls: Lee Mawson & Ben Brown

U13 Girls: Jamie Randall & Paul Shears

U14 Girls: Mike Milton

U18 Girls: Mark Bushy

U7 Tigers: Dyfan Owen

U7 Lions: Emma Wilson-Wild

U8 Tigers: Trevor Matewu & Khalid Gamar

U11 Jags: Andy Papa

U12 Pythons: Roger Cheyne

U12 Vipers: Greg Nelson & Nick Shorter





U13 Saints: Ben Egbe
U14 Hawks: Julian Tedder

Many thanks for volunteering, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Now a couple of reminders:

Reversible bibs: remember to bring bibs to training and match day.

Kings Boot Policy: rules of using the 3G whether for training or match day – **studded boots must be worn**. Please do not let your child attend any sessions wearing trainers – they may be **asked to leave the session**. Wearing flat soled shoes over time will flatten the 3G, lets help keep this venue in **tip top condition for our players**.

We are **very excited** to announce that **Virginia Mitchell a GB Masters Athlete** will be delivering the 2nd workshop to our players on agility, reaction work and running techniques (sprints).

On Saturday 16th October, Virginia will be working with the following age groups:

10-10.30am U11 Tigers and U11 Cougars
10.30-11am U12 Cobras and U11 Jaguars
11-11.30am U12 Python's and U12 Vipers
11.30-12pm U13's



Each session will **last 30 minutes**, team training will take place either prior to your time slot with Virginia or after your athletics session.

We know you will **welcome Virginia warmly** and we are excited to see new techniques being offered to our members. Have fun and enjoy.





GSFC History: For all our new members, a bit of history on GSFC and how the Club started: In 1983 a group of parents whose children attended **St Peter's School in Merrow** – hence club colours, decided to start a grass roots Club so that their children could play football together. The Club was and is still run by a group of **dedicated volunteers**, some whose children are current members and others whose children have passed through the age groups but they have remained at the Club as volunteers.

Our current volunteers **overseeing the day to day** running of the Club:

Chairman: Alex Forbes

Secretary: Dawn Davies

Treasurer: Jason Peace

Kit & Equipment Manager: Alex Mazur

Safeguarding Officer: Kelly Mahdavieh



Team Managers & Administrators

Paid staff: Kevin Wilson-Wild & Pro Coaches.

Volunteers are a **very special part of grass roots Clubs**, without them GSFC would not be the great Club it is. Any **volunteers wishing to be a part of the Club** should contact Dawn Davies, Club Secretary.

In the early days fees were collected in the form of cash from players attending training sessions and match days. We have now moved on, utilising an online system for registration of players and collection of membership fees.

During 2010 we employed **Kevin Wilson (current Head Coach)** to oversee the delivery of our training programme. Today you can see the **result of this fortuitous meeting**, with all our training sessions being delivered by a Pro Coach . Prior to this, training sessions were run by volunteer parents. Kevin has implemented a syllabus for training sessions which is followed throughout the season. He also **works with Team Managers** to deliver sessions designed to help teams in any **areas identified for improvement**.

Today, we rely on parents to help with administration and match day duties, they are an essential part of our team without whom **our teams would be unable** to play matches.

Training venues have varied throughout the years, moving from St Peters to Bushy Hill School to Merrow CC. We now have the use of a fantastic facility at Kings with plenty of



space for our age groups to train on the 3G. Kings are currently pursuing planning permission for a Café in the adjacent building to the 3G pitch, which they are hopeful will be open for next season. There are also other projects in the pipeline to upgrade the grass pitches.

With 29 teams it is **impossible for all to play on the 3G** at Kings College we have therefore maintained use of pitches at Bushy Hill School, Greencroft, Stoke Rec and Chilworth.

Chilworth has been **identified as our 2nd hub**, this season being the home venue for our Girls section. We have introduced a 7v7 & 5v5 pitch on the site, together with Shalford Parish Council we are **committed to enhancing the quality** of this site and pitches. The girls have use of a pavilion to provide refreshments (place to stand when weather is bad!), together with WC's and changing rooms. The site currently hosts a 9v9, 7v7 & 5v5 pitch. There will shortly be a **Defibrillator on site**, plus we are talking to SPC about upgrading facilities, so exciting times ahead.

At this point I must say a **huge THANKS** to the girl's teams Managers and parents who are undertaking duties to keep the pitches in good condition for the girls and keeping the areas around the site/pavilion neat and tidy – **great team work everyone**.

GSFC has evolved over the years and we are still looking for ways to improve, enhance and develop our Club and young players, we are actively looking at alternative training sessions for our young people, Virginia Mitchell's workshop being the first we have implemented.

**Thank you Volunteers
you are helping us make a difference in our community**

Players required: We are looking for players to join our:-

Ladies team – Training Weds eves, Sunday league football – Thames Valley League

U16's (boys/Mixed) Training Mon eves & Saturdays – SPL Prem league

Enquiries, please contact Dawn Davies.



Whilst writing, we must **THANK our sponsors** for their **generous support** this season:-

U8 Lionesses: VIVID Homes
U9/U10 Girls: Plans with Purpose/Maidens Plastering
U11 Girls: Kellys Storage
U12 Girls: Arayaka
U13 Girls: Royce Turf
U18 Girls: JG Speedfit
U10 Tornadoes: Strank Roofing
U11 Jaguars: Any Base Any Place
U12 Cobras: Dunham Vardy Construction
U13's: Guildfoods
U13 Hawks: Porsche, Guildford
U13 Jaguars: Electric Bikes, Guildford
U14 Eagles: Carbon IT services
U14 Hawks: Air Social
U15 Swallows: FIT Renumeration Consultants
U16 Jaguars: Manya Building Services
PAN Team: Guildford Estate Agents



A special mention for [Maciek Steffanski \(U11 girls\)](#) for his work in contacting local companies looking for kit sponsorship. Maciek has **secured sponsorship** for the U8 & U11 girls teams kit, plus team jackets for U8 – U13 girls teams. **Great job, excellent** news for GSFC and our teams.

Until next time good luck to all teams playing in matches this weekend, enjoy, have fun

.....**Come on you Saints**.....

