



# GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

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*Can we have our ball back please...*

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## EOS Newsletter

Dear Members,

We are now approaching the end of the 21-22 Season. An exciting season for the Premier League, but nothing in comparison to the season our 33 GSFC teams have experienced, some fantastic reports coming up.

This Saturday (28<sup>th</sup> May 2022) will be the last junior/mixed session of the season. The session will be a fun 4v4 format within each age group/team.

Midweek sessions also finish this week. Girls & Pan team training continues until the end of June.

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### Congratulations.....to Kevin Wilson, Director of Coaching

After 5 years of hard work, Kevin has passed his coaching A Licence. This is a massive achievement for Kevin and a fantastic benefit for all at GSFC.

In 2017 Kevin embarked on his journey, enrolling on the 1<sup>st</sup> ever FAW (Wales FA) Youth A licence specific to coaching professional academy player's aged 8-21. After 2 yrs of hard work, Kevin achieved the award. Whilst preparing for this award, he was given the opportunity to acquire the Full A Licence which opens a pathway to coaching senior professional players. Following extremely challenging and sometimes stressful times Kevin achieved this ultimate goal, awarded in 2022.

“I would like to say a huge THANKS to my wife Emma for her continued support. To acknowledge Guildford Saints who have encouraged and financially helped me to continue my personal development. Thank you to the Managers and players of the U16 Hawks and Jaguars who enabled me to run a practice 11v11 Session. A huge thank you to my friend and colleague Mike Horne who has provided advice and support throughout the process”.

GSFC are immensely proud to be able to boast we have a coach of this calibre with the experience and knowledge to develop and deliver a quality learning environment that will benefit all the children that train and play for Guildford Saint's. Congratulations Kevin.





GSFC – AGM  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Albury Cricket Club  
New Rd, Albury, Guildford GU5 9DB

Our Annual General meeting will take place as above. Meet time 8.15pm, meeting will start at 8.30pm. Licenced bar available. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Let's hear from our **Director of Coaching** on how the season has progressed before we hear from our teams: -

The aim of our Football programme is to create an environment where each and every child build's confidence and composure on the ball. Our coaching staff provide support for each player to help them be the best they can be. The club training syllabus focuses on individual ball mastery, working together in small groups and improving game understanding and in turn decision-making.

This season we used the expertise of Virginia Mitchell to enhance the movement skills of our young children. My ambition for next Season is to invite coaches from other sports to come in and provide workshops that will upskill both the player's and coaching staff in a range of techniques that will help their football ability.

The technical masterclass sessions have been well attended and I believe increases the amount of time on a ball. The more time each of our player's spend with a ball at their feet is vital for building self-confidence and enhancing individual technique.

We hope that the children have enjoyed the training programme this past season and have gained a level of expertise that will help them moving forward. Enjoy the break and recharge ready for preseason training in August.

### **Coaching Staff**

At the end of another Season, I would like to thank all the coaching staff who have been ever present and always professional in how they have delivered the coaching programme. They inspire the children to keep coming back week after week and make learning enjoyable. It was a huge loss to lose Jack Cotton at the start of the season however we



found an excellent replacement in Owen Stafford who has a positive impact on several teams who really enjoy his coaching style.

Peter Stimson hung up his gloves at the end of last season, but we were fortunate to recruit an excellent high quality Goalkeeper specialist in Brad Marshall who has a wealth of experience and has made a significant impact on all our Goalkeeper's. I do not remember such good numbers attending these sessions which is a complement to Brad's coaching practices and sessions.

Sadly, we will be losing Chris Milstead who has decided to stop coaching. He has inspired other coaches by the way he plans and delivers innovative training sessions to the children. He is a high-level coach and the club have really benefited from having him involved these past couple of years.

**GSFC Futsal:** We have 2 squads training on a Friday at George Abbot school U10-U12 and U13-U15 and currently have players on the waiting list. We play in a Surrey Futsal League at Dorking Sports centre with both team's winning their respective leagues. It would be fantastic to see more young player's embracing Futsal in the future.

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### Now for team news:-

**U13G Sapphires** :- After a difficult season in which the girls showed much **courage, determination and togetherness** throughout, a bad start turned into a **good finish**. We move on to 11 a side next season and have such a great team and togetherness already its **onwards and upwards** now for us! **Fantastic** group of girls and onto the next chapter at GSFC!





The **U13 Saints** have had a rough season, but despite this, have continued to **persevere** and grow in skills and **maturity** as footballers. The team has been beset by injuries and illness, compounded by repeated quarantines. They tackled the increase in pitch and goal size in the move to 11-a-side with **great enthusiasm** (rarely with subs to give tired legs a rest). Even when playing 9 v 11, the boys continued to try their best and show their capabilities. They were not able to gel as a team but moments of **brilliance** at each match showed their **enormous potential**. We are looking forward to seeing what they can do next season. A huge thank you to **La Casita** for sponsoring our kit this season.



**U16 Jags** have had a very testing season, initially struggling with numbers followed by injuries. The second half of the season has been a **substantial improvement** on the first but performances against stronger teams have been **significantly better** than against teams lower in the league. A **top half position** was attained on the last day of the season.



We look forward to a positive and progressive U17 season.

**Thanks** go to the always **supportive parents** and of course our long-term sponsors **MANYA BUILDING SUPPLIES**. Jason

What an **amazing** first season for the **U8 Lionesses**. We've played all over Surrey (mostly towards London!) and **won** the vast **majority** of our games. The girls have worked **super hard** and all **improved** so much. **Lots of fun** had by everyone. Can't wait until next season to play U9's.





**U12 Vipers:** Putting the league results to one side and comparing to previous years, the boys have **grown** and **developed** as a team and overall had a great season. They really showed just how well they can play by being one of only two teams that beat the eventual winners of the league, Mayford Athletic. This result, and some other **outstanding** performances such as very nearly winning a game when we were one player short,



shows that when the team **work hard** for each other we were a match for anyone in our league. With some better luck and finishing we would have won more games, with four draws out of 14 games showing just how tight some of the games were and how hard the boys played. We lost Jack early on in the season which did remove one of our big goal threats, as he decided to take up the offer of moving to the Pythons but the team were undeterred and this opened up **opportunities** for other players to shine, most notably **Tom** who ended up **top goal scorer** and won the **Most Improved Player** trophy. **Rhys** won a well-deserved **Players Player** trophy with nearly half the votes, with **Zed** also **receiving multiple votes** from his team mates recognising the hard work he puts in every match. Josh Hunt joined us part way through the season and although initially in defence, he was keen to have a go at goalkeeping and assisted both Tim and Oscar to share this role. As in previous seasons, **support** by the parents has been **excellent**, with a good number ever present to cheer on the team. We were sorry to see Justin step down and thank him for his **valuable contribution** over the previous years. **Thanks** also to Greg and Nick for stepping up to take over from Justin and help Marco out on the management team. A **big thank you** to Ian for all his hard work organizing the matches and referees, and **many thanks** to our resident linesman Gilbert as well.

Our **Under 8 Panthers** had another **cracking season**. Plenty of **wins** under their belt and every week they're learning to **play better as a team**. Several times in the league, the Panthers came back from 1 or 2 goals down and it was their never **give up** attitude that pulled them through.



A special mention to **Sophie Parker**, who has been an **absolute superstar** all season. Sophie is not only a great little player, but she has a great attitude to match. Our mixed Panthers team have played against a lot of very big, physical, all boys teams, and won. I'm sure I can speak for all the parents and grandparents that have been watching from the side lines, how **proud** we are of all our players - Well done Under 8 Panthers for another belter of a season.



The **U15 Swallows** have continued to have a mixed set of results in the SPL Premier League, not helped by a few niggling injuries and some annoying kick-off times (such as 12noon on Mother's Day in West London!). However, it has been **fantastic** to welcome **Matthew** and **Joshua** to our squad mid-season who have both settled in fantastically and put in some assured displays. The post-Xmas highlight was a 3-1 away victory over Virginia Water Ravens after being beaten by them at home. We also **finished on a high** with a brilliant 3-0 victory over Milford in our last match of the season. The **desire and determination** shown by the players in this game typifies their attitude in matches all season. **Big thanks** to **Thierry** for inspiring the boys in training and we are very excited to have made the move to Kings now for our Wednesday evening sessions. It continues to be a **pleasure** to work with such a fine bunch of players.



**Walking Football** - Mondays are always a blast. This group of individuals are amazing. They might be older in age, but in heart they are as young as a teenager. No matter how my day has been, this is definitely a highlight. The banter is great, and the football is superb. I have seen some of the best combinations and goals in this group. I hope we continue to grow next year and add some more players. Congratulations on a great year!





We were **delighted** to be coaching the **under 6s again** this year. They have had a **brilliant** start to their football journey and have mastered their ball control, shooting and passing. Big shout out to the parents who have **encouraged** their kids on every week to save our voices and we hope this age group can go on to have **BIG success** as they grow up. We can only imagine how much better they will get as they start playing matches next year. Jake and Ewan.



**U11 Jaguars** have had a **tough second** half of the season playing against the 4 teams in the top division. We won 2 games and lost 8, but 4 of those were just by one goal and didn't reflect the team's efforts. In some games we were the **better team** and created chances but didn't score. Another factor was Covid / illness which meant we struggled to get 9 players quite a few times. The **good news** is that all the boys are **improving** and we're hoping to have some success in the summer tournaments coming up.

**Thanks** to Dawn, the coaches, and parents for your support. Also, thanks to our sponsor "**Any Base Any Place**"

Paul & Andy





## LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 21-22

It has been an **exceptional Season** for the **U14 girls** who have played a style of football that has been **enjoyable** to watch and stuck to our game plan no matter the opposition. We have evolved considerably over the past 2 Season's through a combination of having worked together for 3 season's and understanding how we want to play and good recruitment. At the start of the season we took a 6-3 thrashing and following on from that low point went on an 18 game run of not losing a game including 15 wins. We were able to secure the **Division championship** by a clear 9 points.



I have thoroughly **enjoyed** teaching the girl's and am looking forward to next season challenging ourselves against teams in Division 1. It has been a real **team effort** and I would like to **thank** the **parents for providing positive support** each and every game. **Jason** for warming up our Goalkeeper, my assistants **Ben** and **Neil** for their input during training and on game days. A huge **thank you** to **Mike** for his hard work behind the scenes to enable the team to work like clockwork.

**Saturday U10/11 Training Group:** As a PE Teacher and educator, I have always worked with the philosophy that **every child matters** no matter what level of ability they are at. It has been a **great** to work with our mixed ability training group this season. They have turned up week in week out every Saturday with an **enthusiasm** that rivals any of the other groups. Hunger to learn, to take on new drills and topics and try to improve their skills and understanding of the game. The group have **really improved** over the season and have enabled us to invite some of the players into our emerging squads. These training groups are a vital feeder and give Guildford Saints the time to **develop new talent** over a period of



time so we can give them the opportunity of playing in a team. It has been a **pleasure** working with the children, **well done** to all of you and I am confident many of them will become a real asset to the Club. Tony.





It has been an **enjoyable experience** watching the **U7 Lion's** grow during the course of the season. They have learnt to play together as a team and have a **lovely understanding** of one another. I am **pleased** to have seen a real camaraderie between all the children they **work hard** for each other and play with real heart. The majority of games have been close although we have often lost by one or two goals. What has been **nice** to see is the level of passing that goes on throughout the team with each child trusting one another. I am **looking forward** to next Season with **great optimism** as the team continue to improve their individual technical ability and increase their game understanding.



**U7 Tigers**- These children have had a **fantastic first season**. They have got better week in week out. Once they found their rhythm there was no stopping them. They have really **gelled as a team** and worked very well together. I am very proud of them and am looking forward to seeing what they do next season. Congratulations guys on a **brilliant start** to your footballing journey.





The **U11 Tigers** had a great year in 2021/22. It was a year where we welcomed some new players to the squad with Evan, Patrick and Lucas making a great impact. At the same time, it was with pride we said so long to Dexter as he went on to join Jaguars having played brilliantly with us for many seasons. In terms of on the pitch it was a super competitive but very unpredictable season. Played 18, Won 7, Lost 7, Drawn 4. Goals Scored 36, Goals Against 39. One thing you can bank on with the Tigers team is entertainment. Lovely to finish off the season with a hard-fought friendly win against Horsham Tigers in which the best of this up-and-coming bunch was put on show. At the time of writing, we have yet to do our awards for the end of season and all players deserve a mention:

Goalkeepers - Thomas M & Lucas

Defenders - Lauren, Oliver, Patrick, Finn

Midfield - Olivier, Thomas B, Edward, Evan, Yasser, Oribim

Strikers - Josh, Adam

Thanks also to the willing parents that have supported the Manager in assistant referee duties and pre-match set up. Invaluable.

The **U8 girls Panthers** had an amazing first season playing in fortnightly tournaments, with lots of great results. They all developed massively over the year. Some started out being nervous to take the pitch, but they are all developing into confident footballers, happy to have a go at dribbling past the opposition or attacking the ball. The progression can be seen in their football skills, but also in their teamwork. The panthers have made us proud this year, and we really enjoyed coaching them and seeing them thrive on the pitch.





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Fantastic end to the season for the **U12 Pythons**. Having **won** the last few games of the season, we finished **joint top** in the league with Burpham to share the trophy. Huge **congratulations** to the kids who put their **heart and soul** into this season and **improved** week after week.

Defensively we have **grown in confidence** and never let the opposition have a moments rest. In transition we have been finding more space and playing good **progressive** football. When it comes to attack goals were being scored from midfield and through our strikers. These have been **great entertaining** games to watch!

Post-season we played several friendlies including a game of 11-a-side in preparation for the new format next season. It has been great integrating some of the newer players who are going to be fantastic additions. The **players and coaches are excited** about the prospect of stepping up next year and challenging for the title again!

**U12 Cobras** had another **enjoyable** season, playing some **attractive football** and developing well as the season progressed. **Big thanks** to Coach **Mike, Thierry and Kevin** for keeping the boys interested and engaged in the Saturday training sessions. **Big thanks** to all our **parents, family and friends** who **supported** the boys throughout the season.

Performance wise the boys had a **rollercoaster season** with lots of highs (last minute winners, grinding out results, **working hard** as a team) and a few lows (already forgotten :)). We finished the season **4th place** in our league, winning 6, losing 6 and drawing 2. **Golden Boot** joint winners with 8 goals each were awarded to **Dom, Ryan & Taylon**. The boys voted **Taylon** their **Players / Player**, voted **Kai Most Improved**. Phil and I voted **Santi Manager's Player**. Looking forward to 11 aside football next season and determined to improve our league position. See you all in September.

Marc & Phil





Another season completed with the **under 11 girls** and what a team the **Diamonds** have proved to be yet again. We started the season in the 5th tier way back in September and the girls quickly proved that as a team we were going places. The early games saw the Diamonds **winning very convincingly** scoring a lot of goals and being very **strong** defensively. We quickly got moved up to the 4th tier where we continued to dominate games and the girls **rose to every challenge**, we set them. Scoring goals for fun, while defensively being very well organised and in control.

In December we moved into the 3rd tier and we again looked to be in control of most games, we lost 1 game in this group while we went on to win most matches, despite moving up the tiers the girls continued to **grow as players**, the confidence the girls showed on the ball and the understanding to make



us difficult to score against was unbelievable. The girls got their **rewards** with another promotion to **tier 2** for the final part of the season. This saw us come up against some very good teams, but our girls continued to rise to the challenge.

We ended the season having **lost only 3 games** as we moved from **tier 5 to tier 2!** We rounded the season off with a convincing win at the Horsley 6 a side tournament at the end of April. Both Simon and Tim are so **proud** of what the girls have achieved this season, seeing these girls grow both on the pitch and in personality is an absolute privilege.

We will continue to push this group of girls hard to push them on to achieve their **potential** and as coaches **we thank all parents** for their **dedication** in getting the girls to both training and matches,

Once again, a **massive thanks to all the girls** it has been an **amazing season**, roll on 2022/23.





Starting the season with a jump from **U16 Girls straight to the U18 Girl's**, the team finished the season very **strongly** with an **excellent** set of results. The new 5-4-1 formation started to pay off, with strength in numbers in defence combined with an increasing confidence to counter-attack and take the opposition by surprise.

We **enjoyed** two particularly **memorable victories** against the top of the table team as well as the third placed team. The girls played particularly **brilliantly** with immense **courage and belief**, and fully deserved the morale boosting wins.

With a growing squad we are looking to go again next year. Looking forward to some training over the coming months and getting back to competitive games in September !



PAN Team: Mike & I have had the pleasure of working with this fine group of people this season. The **camaraderie & spirit** of the group is excellent. They love to play football, they look out for each other and at times this season have produced **amazing performances** and stunning goals. Attitude and commitment 100%. Monthly tournaments at Walton Xcel are always a pleasure to attend, to watch not only our PAN team but others in the surrounding Surrey areas. Pictured below, players from our Championship & League team. Several of whom has been with GSFC since the age of 10 when the team was first formed. Some players missing from the photo – they too are a **valuable part** of the PAN group. We are trying to recruit younger players, especially in the U12 & U16 section.





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This season has been a **great success** for the **U12G Panthers**. **Winning** the Byfleet 6-a-side tournament in their preparation for the start of the season we had high hopes for the girls in their first season of competitive football.

Initially the FA put the team in division 1 but after 2 matches and winning both games by large margins they moved us into the **Premier League**. The opening game was against Motspur Park and finished in a 2-2 draw and made everyone realise that playing in this division was going to be **hard work**. The girls won their next 2 games and then had to face runaway leaders Oxshott who had been scoring goals for fun. Panthers **played the best** they ever had winning the **game 5-0** and giving coaches, parents and girls a real sense of belief and the confidence that they could achieve something **special**. They took this confident attitude with them into all the games and were able to **win the league** in their penultimate game of season. Saints finished 11 points clear of second place having scored the most goals (60) and conceding the fewest (17), losing only one game on their way to the title.

The secret of the panther's success this season has been their **commitment to work hard** for one another and **play as a team**. Now they need to take this attitude into next season because as the **defending champions** every team will want to beat us. But we're sure they are up to the task and look forward to next season.

The girls and coaches are very **grateful to all the parents** who have **supported** the team. From putting up goals and taking them down again, to running the line we really **appreciate** any help you've given us.

Off the pitch it has been a great season too. The end of season 'do' for all girls age groups at Albury was a **fun event** with around 400 people there. We've raised money for the children's hospital ward with raffles and events, had Xmas mini tournaments (with visits from Santa in a fire truck!).

All in all, it has been an **amazing season** for the Panthers, so thanks to all the girls for playing with a smile and making it so **enjoyable for us all**. Look forward to next season, Oh when the **Saints go marching on**.

Lee and Andy





What a **fantastic season**. Our **U9 girls** have been **terrific** since our first game on 7th November 2021. We've played 18 games, won 11, drawn 4 and lost only three. Along the way we have scored **78 goals**. Our **Golden boot trophy** this season went to **Emo Stables** who scored 30 and was absolutely **magnificent** in front of goal. Emo really got us out of trouble a few times this season and will be remembered in 2021/22 season for some really heroic performances.

**Managers Player** of the Year went to **Martina Gonzalez Requena**. Martina scored 16 goals this season and has been absolutely **fantastic** for the team. We will miss her and her family next season when they move to Spain. This will be the first player to leave our team, and we wish them all the best for the future. A message to Martina., "please continue with your football, you are very talented and will be a credit to any team you end up with".

Our **Supporters Player** of the Season went to **Gracie Copp**. Gracie is a very popular player in our team and a very **strong** defender. Gracie reads the game very well and the tackles at times were just superb. I honestly look forward to seeing Gracie develop. Outstanding season Gracie, really well done.

Our **Most Improved** player was **Caitlyn McArthur**. Caitlyn has really grown into the game this season and in the last few games has shocked us with some resilient defending, and some fantastic solid shots, which were previously timid.

It's been great to see the **improvement** from the training pitch to games over our 18 competitive matches. The girls should be exceptionally **proud** of themselves. The spirit in the team and desire to win has been great to watch.

It is a shame to only award four special trophies at the end of the season, because they have **all been brilliant**. Eleanor with some strong tackles, runs and goals. Georgie also contributed some fantastic goals and came second in the supporter's vote. Lilwen would play wherever she was asked without any problems, was great at keeping the opposition at bay. Sienna was starting to look up and find a pass. In fact, one of the last goals, we scored this season, was superb, a pass from every player on our team before it hit the back of the net. It made all those cold Monday night training sessions worthwhile. Towards the end of the season Lila joined Pumas and has really excited us coaches and parents on the side lines. In just 5 games, Lila has scored 7 goals. I think there will be some **hot competition** for next seasons **golden boot**, especially as Aria has now decided to join the team for next season and in training looks amazing. Aria has been playing mixed boys' and girls' football elsewhere and has now decided to join our all girls Puma's squad.



This is really well timed as we move up to U10 and from 5-a-side to 7-a-side, so we are looking forward to some more game time for our girl's next season.

For me as coach, it has also been my first season involved at Saints and I can honestly say it's been the **best thing** I've done in a very long time. I **thank all** the players and families for the **unconditional support** they've given me and especially to **Mike and Ian** who have now also joined me in the coaching team.

Well done to all the Pumas on a **brilliant season**. We will work hard over the summer months to get ready for next season, as well as a couple of summer tournaments we have entered.

Keep being brilliant girls, keep practicing and enjoy the summer.

Cheers, Fraser 🏈 🗣️

**OH WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN** ❤️





The start of the season saw four new players join the **U14 Hawks** giving us a total of 16 players for the 2021/22 season.

We started the campaign with five seeding fixtures – some **good performances** with all players pleased to be back playing after the curtailed 2020/21 season. Our performances in the seeding games saw us placed in **Division 1** – the same division as in the previous season.

We settled into **a good rhythm** in the early games and played our **best football** when we kept the ball on the ground and used the full width of the pitch. After eight games we were 4<sup>th</sup> in the table having won 4, drawn 1 and lost 3.

It turned out that we had yet to play the best teams in the division and had a **hard second half of the season**. There were a lot of **close games**, but we often seemed to lose by the odd goal or two. The last eight games saw us win 2 and lose 8 and we ended up 7<sup>th</sup> in the league. We did save our **best game** to last by winning 10-0 away from home – a **fantastic** way to end the season.

The team developed a **great camaraderie** during the season, always trying their best and being very **supportive** to each other.

All players **contributed** during the season, with an average appearance of 18 games out of the 21 played. The end of season awards were given as follows:

**Top goal scorer – Riley Yarrow** – 25 goals (a record for the Hawks!)

**Top assists – Ollie Carr** – 12 assists (a record for the Hawks!)

Finally, **many thanks** to all the **parents for supporting** the team for the year, and **special thanks to Ben Yarrow** for warming up the goalkeeper before the game and running the line.

Andy & Julian





**U14 Eagles:** As we end the season it is time to reflect on another **eventful** one with plenty of high and not so high points. We started the season with fresh blood as we were joined by some much needed players to combat the ongoing Covid casualties, Franklim, Tom Lecoutre (one of the original U6s), James Bray and Ben Dineage have all been **welcome additions** to the team and have **performed well** and **improved** the team as the season developed.

We started the season in the very **top division** and played seeding games against all the best teams. Although we didn't manage to win the first few games, there were no embarrassments as **we held our own** against the 'Elite' teams and we even won the last game against a usually very strong Staines Llamas team!

As we ended the seeding games, we moved into our more comfortable and familiar division, the **Premier league**, where we have finished in a very respectable **3rd place**. We had some **noticeable performances** along the way with an 11 nil thrashing of Manorcroft as the stand-out **victory** of the season. With one point between us and the team in second, there is a sense of what-if when you consider us underperforming in several games and losing points against opposition we usually would beat.

As the season ended, we held our traditional end of season awards and congratulations to the following players:

Golden Boot: Jude Nixon  
Managers Player of The Year: James Bray,  
Team Player of the year: Ben Colbert,  
Supporters Player of the Year: Drew Reeves  
Players Player of The Year: Jack Wren





Despite a lot of changes throughout the season, the **U10 Tigers** have adapted well and have the **makings of a good team**. The players have continued to **improve** and it's particularly pleasing to see that they try and play the right way, and in the **right spirit**. When it all comes together, the team played some **great football** and has scored some impressive team goals. The players have shown they can play well in a variety of positions and have always **tried their best** and taken on instructions well. The aim for next season is to more consistently play at the standard they are capable of, and to **continue to develop** to play as a team in more specific positions. There are some great partnerships beginning to show on the pitch and the **team ethic is very good**. I'm particularly proud of how they have started to rally around each other and look out for each other. With the great coaching the club provides, there is no doubt they will continue to improve, and if the players continue to try their best, listen and practice lots, it is sure to go well. **Special shout** outs go to **Ryan** who made a big move over from America in the summer and has an amazing attitude and has continued to improve throughout the season, scored some good goals and made some great tackles. **Aiden, Leo and Alex B** all joined after Christmas and have made a massive impact on the team. Aiden came in as a goalkeeper, is a great learner and made some amazing saves. Leo has come in and shown his ability in all areas with great determination to chase back, great passing, a hammer of a shot and some amazing goals. Alex B has also joined later in the season and despite being a year younger, has shown great decision making, has a great strike and his composure in front of goal has been a joy to watch. All the boys are great lads which the rest of the team love playing with them. I'm looking forward to working with them all next season when we move to 9aside, and I have no doubt it'll be a very positive season.

What a **fantastic first season** for the **U10G Jaguars**. Given that this was a new team with many of the girls not really having played an awful lot of football before. We started with modest goals i.e., trying to string three or four passes together, aiming to pass out from the back and through midfield, a target of that first goal and so on. The **progress** was however quick, and we soon moved beyond those initial targets. The girls formed a **real bond and togetherness** as a group with a great sense of competitiveness among them too. The progress was that great it culminated in a **7 game winning run** at the end of the season and in my opinion played at times football way beyond their age group, which bodes well for the future.

The regular side are all fairly similar abilities and we have found upon a real balance in terms of a goalkeeper in Soraya, more natural defenders who read the game really well in Violet, Sophie & Drew. All action midfielders with Jasmine, Sophia, Livvy, and Edie and of course our pacy goal scorer in Kimberley.

I'm really **looking forward** to see how the team might **progress further** next season.





What a **fantastic second half** of the season it has been for **U11 Emeralds**. Since the start of the season, we have progressed leagues at every opportunity, and this was no different. Building on an **incredible defensive** 'we won't let them score' mentality, committed positional awareness and covering for each other across the field – and **Player's Player of the year Rhia** in goal - ensured an impressive 85%+ clean sheet ratio. Combined with 8 of the 11 in the squad scoring this season, and our season **Top Scorer Charlotte** supported by Isla M (AKA 'Tall') alongside Katie and Margot scoring critical goals to ensure victory in vital games, we closed the season on an **extremely strong run**.



When you add strong victories in our last 9-a-side practice games following the regular season, (including goal of the season from Jess – beating 3 players before blasting into the net from 20 yards,) we have seen **incredible progression** from all of the girls since Christmas.

Even more pleasing than the results has been the genuine development of the group in terms of **team spirit, camaraderie and working together** – in training and matches – that is building a winning mentality to take forward into next season. With a few key additions to the squad in the close season, we will be in the best possible position for the step up to the next level and continue the momentum from a great season for the whole team.

**Ladies**- This has been a tricky season. Still affected by the pandemic and with lots of key injuries we have **fought bravely** this year. These players **never said die!!!** As a result, they ended the season with a 3-game winning streak scoring 14 goals and conceding only 2.

I am very proud of these **fantastic players**, and I am hoping that next year we are even stronger and can achieve some silverware in our new League. Let's go Saints!!!





A **mixed season** for the **U11 Cougars** with 12 wins, 9 losses and the first ever draw in five seasons! 71 goals scored and 75 conceded suggests some balance to the season, but most of those scored came in 2021 and most of those conceded in 2022, mostly reflecting the step up in the quality of opposition the team faced this year. But the boys learnt from their adversity and **finished the season on a high** with an exhilarating 5-3 win over Hook Youth. **Special mentions for Caspar** in winning the **Players' Player** of the season: his teammates recognising his energetic and tireless running from midfield; **Raffi** in winning the **Supporter's player** of the year, with his excellent reading of the game in both central defence and midfield; **Edward** won **Manager's player** of the year for his commanding performance from central defence, superb dribbling out from the back and an unwavering commitment to the team. **Well played everyone.** Mark



I would like to say a big well done to **U10 Tornados**, this season has been our **best yet**. We have moved up in the seedings and have had some very nice wins, where we have played some **excellent football**. This season we have really concentrated on positions and passing, the team have **worked well together** and have a **positive attitude** giving each other confidence. I can really see the commitment and desire to do well in the players and for the team. Tuesday night training continues to be a big success with players all saying how much they learn from it. Next season will be interesting with the offside rule, but I am sure we will **continue to grow** even further up the seedings, plus when going 9v9 they will receive more game time for the team, **special thanks** once



again to **Andy & Mark** for all their continued help for the team really is appreciated plus **thanks** to most of all the **parents** for your support-thanks also to all Guildford Saints as a club for your help and support & guidance, really looking forward to our summer tournaments plus our end of season presentation.

Here's to next season 🍀 Alan.



## U8 Tigers – Winners of the U8 Simon Headley Trophy 2022

We had an **amazing season** as the **U8 Tigers**. We started the season in a lower league, got promoted and lost only 1 game in the league above. The players **improved** a lot from last season where we lost most of our matches. We **finished the season on a high**, winning the Simon Hedley Fun Festival on 22 May. We are all excited about what the season ahead will bring.



**U10s Lions** 2021/22 Season - the team have had **some ups and downs** during the course of the season...initially a **very strong start**, winning most of their matches meant that they were then ceded into a more challenging group. The teams that we played were not technically better, but all had a very strong player in their team (typically a striker!), which meant that although they played well and worked as a team, they were often undone by goals from one player.

The team **responded resiliently** and were able to get a few more wins under their belt when they dropped a level. The team suffered a little bit for a period with not having a consistent squad available. I am quite amazed at how they have **all grown and developed** over the season, becoming more **resilient, robust and technically** aware.

Best of luck to Charlie, Ethan and AJ who will be leaving us this season. I look forward to the next season with Ava (up front as usual), Albert, Will, Dex, Senna, Champ, Alex and Julian - playing with a 9 a-side format will be exciting. We will continue training over the summer break, and hopefully get some friendlies in before the season starts again. **Well done Lions** and I look forward to the end of season trophy awards.



A **big thanks** to all the **parents for their support** and a special **thanks to Steve, Louise and Rafa** for their help coaching and organising (especially when I wasn't there!). Finally, a big thank you to Dawn, Alex and the coaches on a Saturday for giving up their time to help the players, the club and its ever expanding community - **have a great summer** everyone! Paul C



A massive **THANK YOU** to all our team sponsors this season: Your support is much appreciated.

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Finally, we must say a huge **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers, who make GSFC a great grass roots Club, without your help, support and input this club would not run as smoothly as it does nor be as successful as it is. Thank you for all your positive, hard work this season. Enjoy the summer break, see you again in September for another exciting season.

As with most season's, some volunteers step down from their posts, this year is no exception, we are sorry to lose the following from our team: -

Riccardo Castagna U8 Tigers  
Matt Hawsworth U8 Panthers  
Dale Wren U14 Eagles  
John Siely U16 Hawks  
John Forster U16 Hawks



Dale, John & John have been with their teams since U7's, they have done a tremendous job during their time with us and will be missed. Wishing them all well for the future.

We look forward to welcoming new volunteers to our team in September.

To our dedicated Committee Members:

Alex Forbes – Chairman  
Jason Peace – Treasurer  
Alex Mazur – Kit & Equipment  
Kevin Wilson – Director of Coaching



Thank you for your help and support this season, as ever you have been amazing.

Have a great summer everyone.  
Dawn.

