



# GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

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

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Dear Members,

**Kevin Maltravers** (founder of Saints): following my previous Newsletter, we have received the sad news that Kevin has passed away. From everyone at GSFC we **send our condolences and best wishes** to Kevin's family and once again **Thank** him for setting up our **great Club** some 40 years ago.



**Season 2022-23** has now been completed. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone involved with GSFC this season, it's been especially **rewarding** to see the expansion of our girls section, we also **welcomed** a large number of players in our boys/mixed section in the older age groups – great to see so many **young people playing football** @ Saints.

**Massive** thanks to all our volunteers, managers, coaches and team administrators for their **hard work** this season. Our volunteer register currently stands at around 60 and is growing, massive **THANKS** to all for **dedicating** your time to our Club.

A round-up of how our teams finished the 22/23 season:

**U18G Diamonds**: Another **remarkable** season, characterised by an **exceptional display** of teamwork from a **dedicated group** of players **determined** to progress the team forward. In an evenly matched league, we finished roughly **mid-table**. Even the games, when the goals went against us, were always played in **great spirit**. It has been common to receive **compliments** from our opposition about the competitiveness of the game - the U18G don't give up! Surely our most unforgettable game was against Met Police for the last game of the season. Everyone was **over the moon** to get the equaliser 5 mins from time. **Amazing memories**.

This will also be the **last season** that this team will play together in its current form. Many of the team have been playing together since primary school and so it is truly the end of an era! I'm sure I am not the only parent who will miss watching this team play. We are **extremely proud** of their achievements and will **fondly remember** the drama of so many memorable Sunday morning games together. However, the football journey will continue (!! ) – because many of the team are keen to transition into the **Ladies team!**





I would like to [thank everyone](#) who has supported the team:

[Mark](#) who has [skilfully masterminded](#) the game strategy for every Sunday game

[Owen](#) for all the [expert coaching](#) on Monday evenings  
[Matt, Warren, Cliff and Stuart](#) who [energetically](#) ran the line for our games, or stepped in to help with coaching  
[Thomas \(and JG Speedfit\)](#) who sponsored our beautiful kit

[Claire](#) who [organised](#) the social extravaganza at the end of the season

All the [dedicated parents](#) who supported the team – especially the ones watching the games in the rain!



Everyone who has been involved with the team since the start; from [Justin](#) who started the team, to all the previous members who have played for the team in previous seasons.

And finally, [everyone](#) in the Guildford Saints club including the other coaches, and especially Dawn.

Roger Menday.



The 2022/23 season can be summed as a game of two halves for the [U12 Cougars](#). A [good start](#) with 6 wins from the first 10 games before the Christmas break was followed by 9 losses in the 12 games in 2023. A [rollercoaster](#) season featured no fewer than 4 penalty shootouts (victorious in two), the [most entertaining](#) of which followed a thrilling 6-6 draw with Reigate Youth. [Special mentions](#) to [Sam](#) who took the award for [Supporters' Player](#) of the year in his debut season for his staunch defending; [Theo](#) was recognised by his teammates for his continued versatility as goalkeeper, central midfielder and winger; and [Lucas](#) who's improvement and dedication earned him the [Managers' Player](#) trophy. A few players are moving on from the Saints at the end of this season: Joshua leaves on the back of three successive seasons as top scorer; Edward leaves to play rugby - I hope the exquisite drag-backs learned on the football pitch can come in useful in the scrum; Natty and Rory leave to play more hockey. [Best of luck](#) to you four and to the rest of the team staying on with the Saints and the step-up to 11-a-side. Cheers, Mark





**U13 Cobras** had a **successful** season in the SPL Premier League. After being 6-0 down after 20 mins in our first league match of the season, we were fearing the worst. But after a **change in formation** the boys started to click, and their **confidence built** as the season developed. We had our first ever red card in the County Cup, with a deliberate hand ball from the opposition. We were eventually **knocked out** of the County Cup by the eventual finalists Alfold FC. We were knocked out of the SPL Cup losing on penalties. We **finished 3rd in the league**, winning 12, drawing 1 and losing 5. The most pleasing result was a 2-1 loss against Sandhurst Town (league winners) who had beaten us 8-2 in the first match of the season. This showed how much the boys had **developed** and what a **stronger defensive** side we had become.

The boys voted **Taylor** as their **Players Player** for his goals, assists and all-round play. They voted **Asa** as their **most improved** player for his solid defensive play and leading the team from the back. **Managers Player** award and **Top Goal scorer** went to **George** who managed 46 goals for the season, **leading scorer in the league**.

**Thanks to Mike, Kevin, Tony** and the rest of the Saturday coaching team who have provided **great sessions** throughout the season. Looking forward to next season. **Thanks to all family and friends for continued support!** Marc & Phil

**U14 Hawks:** The team have come through a **challenging season** where wins were hard to come by. Every player has **worked really hard** through adversity and as a unit we end the season **faster, fitter** and **playing a better standard** of football. The **victories** we did have were made even more memorable as the team had to **really battle** for them. Individually **every player** has **improved** since the start of the season, and everyone has shown **great effort** in training and matches. **Dani** in goal was overwhelmingly voted **players player** of the season and he can be proud of the many great saves he produced for the team. We'd like to **thank all the boys' family and friends** for their support and we all look forward to coming together as a team again next season....  
John, Matt and Alan







**U11G Jaguars** team have progressed phenomenally throughout this season. Last season, the Jaguars 1<sup>st</sup> together, it's fair to say the team relied on individual ability. This year, they have learnt to play as a team; building from the back, learning to pass backwards as well as forwards. Four



players in double figures in terms of goals scored and the team defend in numbers with great tenacity – all of this testament to the brilliant job particularly Owen, Kevin and the rest of the guys do with them on a Monday evening. Win, lose or draw, the girls always leave the pitch with a smile on their face, and whenever we receive comments it's always regarding what fantastic spirit and togetherness this team have.

**Poppy Parker: Most improved player** award having grown hugely in confidence on the ball as the season has progressed. She is happy to play anywhere including in goal when required and does a fantastic job wherever you play her.

2<sup>nd</sup> season in succession **Kimberley Kelly scored in excess of 30** goals for the team (34 to be precise) to win the **Golden Boot**. Kimberley's improvement of her all round game and the number of assists she added to the goal count was most impressive.

**Faith Robinson** is quick, strong, excellent on the ball, a bit of a character, leader, and ultra reliable. It was for these reasons she was voted as my **Managers Player** of the Year.

In an almost unanimous decision amongst her peers - playing a year up, still just 9 years old amongst a team and opposition of mainly 11 year olds, she pretty much runs every game we play in. I think it says it all with the respect her teammates have for her ability and control in midfield to recognize what a wonderful player **Gaby Nguyen** is, who won our **Players Player** of The Year.

We are already looking forward to next season to see what heights this brilliant bunch of girls can reach next.





Another **strong season** in the books for the **U13 Pythons**. We have seen **personal growth** and **improvements in ability** at every position. Having started the season strong we had a **late dip** in form (sounds familiar) which saw us drop a position in the league. Outside the top two teams (who only lost 1 game each) we **missed out on bronze by 2 points** to Woking. In head-to-head matches with Woking we won earlier in the season and drew in the later stages, which looking back would have been the difference.

Despite missing out on silverware, we can be **proud of our performances** and how we dealt with adversity along the way. Putting the team's **courage into perspective**, due to injuries and illness we could only field 9 players against top of the league. At half time we were 3-1 up! We **didn't give up** the fight until the bitter end where fatigued we let them take the lead. We can certainly **hold our heads high** with a number of opposition managers **complementing** not only the **play**, but the **attitude** of the team.



**Huge thanks** from Angelo and Alex to the **parents** who have helped all season - not just as a taxi service - but for their support and help on match days running the line in the wind and rain and more! **Special thanks to Jess** for making sure we get to the right place at the right time and we have someone in black to oversee the game. Very excited to see the team after the summer with many familiar faces and a few new ones. We finish the season with a **successful cup run** in our last tournament of the year. Great performance from all the team who could make it on small pitches, with huge goals. **Well done** to the team for coming home with **the plate**.

**U8 Tigers** - It has been a **great journey** this year, with some new players joining and with the more established players **improving** week by week the U8 Tigers have had a **great season**.



I could not have done it without the help of the tiger parents who have been tireless and have really supported me and the children in every way. I fondly remember an 8:30 Kick off in -10C and the parents did not bat an eyelid. I truly appreciate everything.

As for the children, it is an absolute **pleasure to coach** them. They have been an **amazing** group and are pretty much a family. I am very much looking forward to seeing their progress next year when they move to 7v7.

Have a wonderful summer guys.



**Ladies-** This has definitely been a **tough** season for the ladies team, as we started the season with only 4 players from last season and building a brand-new squad. **Injuries** were another hurdle that they had to face as we had several very bad injuries throughout the season. But one thing is for certain these girls have **HEART** because no matter what



was thrown at them, they **kept working** away. I am so **proud** of them!

Now that the season is over a **brighter future** is on the horizon, as next season we will be joined by the **U18 girls** who have some **fantastic players**. I am very **excited** to start soon, what I am envisioning to be a great season. **Thank you girls**, for all the **effort** you have put in! I truly appreciate it! GO SAINTS! **Winners of the RESPECT award in Surrey Div 1 – Congrats Ladies.**

**PAN- What a team!!!** This team is **awesome**... There are not enough higher superlatives to describe this team. I have coached them for over 10 years, and they are basically my extended family. They are **hard-working, dedicated and passionate** about football. I'm sure I learn from them more than they learn from me. I have said this before, and I will say it again... They are the **highlight** of my week. As for the football played, they have had some **fantastic results** this year even though there was no silverware. We had a few new younger players this year who were **fantastic additions** to the family. I hope there are even more next year am looking forward to seeing what the next chapter will be!







**U9 Panthers** started the season after being joined with last years U8 Tigers. It took a few games for the boys and girls to get used to playing together. They had to learn how to **play together as a new team** and understand each other's strengths and weaknesses. On top of that, they had to adjust playing on a bigger pitch, moving from 5-aside to 7-aside.



The first few seeding games were **challenging** but as the season has progressed, we have **improved** a lot. The U9 Panthers have now completed a very **competitive** season where they have **drawn praise** from some of their opponents.



The team look forward to growing from strength to strength next season.

**U10G Pumas** have had an **amazing** season. They have grown on and off the pitch, **bonding** into a tight unit. Every player has **improved** their **footy skills** and have found their natural positions. The things that have **impressed** me most this season from the Pumas is their **dedication** to the team, their **hard work** and **never die attitude** in games. Multiple times they have scored **winning goals** in the last 30 seconds. (Much to the relief of the coaches and watching parents)

The highlight for this season was **winning the League cup**. Playing at home in the final in front of a large crowd of family and friends is something the girls, (and coaches) will never forget. Well done Pumas **you are all amazing**.. Enjoy the summer and look forward to more of the same next season.





**U17 Hawks** finished a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the SPL Championship Division and made it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Cup. The highlights were topping the division over Christmas and being the only team to beat the division winners. Harry Richings, our captain, won the team golden boot for his 16 goals, as well as being voted the 'player's player'. Jasper Allen was awarded Manager's player for his excellent centre back performance over the season. All the boys deserve credit for their dedication to the team, particularly Rufus, Ollie and Tom for going in goal at short notice.



**U17 Jaguars** have had a testing season on and off the pitch. The high - reaching the trophy final, the low - losing the trophy final. A potential end of season promotion was taken away by conceding a late equaliser in the last game meaning a mid table finish in a very tight league. Thanks goes to our long term sponsors MANYA BUILDING SUPPLIES for their continued support.

An absolutely thrilling season for the **U9 Lionesses** with no end of excitement. We faced some incredibly tough opposition (not least the Met Police!), but mostly came away with some brilliant results. The highlight however was how much the girls advanced in terms of their passing, using the space on the pitch and working as a team. A real pleasure to watch. Finishing the year by winning the Beacon Hill annual Summer tournament. 7 wonderful girls (Rosie, Rose, Layla, Missy, Lois, Elodie and Lila) who have become great friends. U10 here we come...







**U16 Swallows:** There is no denying it - results have **not been great!** I have to **praise** the boys for their **resilience** as our application to drop down a league was refused at the start of the season, and it has been an **uphill battle** in every game played. Losing some squad members early in the year did not help but the recruitment of both Harvey H and Harvey T has provided a **welcome lift** and they have slotted into the squad really well and did an absolutely **cracking job**. Overall, our issue has been the conceding of goals - many coming from silly mistakes or misplaced passes but, so many times in games, a lack of players (and therefore subs) has cost us energy wise towards the end of matches. We have always looked **dangerous** going forward and in two-thirds of our games - 12 out of 18 matches - we have **scored at least twice** and there are only three matches where we failed to score at all. **Thanks** to **Jacque** for running the line on a very regular basis and to **Kevin D** for his managerial assistance and all-round support. Wednesday training under **Kevin W's** stewardship has been **really positive** and I am in no doubt that every Swallow is a **better player** now than they were in September and this level of development will undoubtedly continue next season.



**U14 Saints** had another very **challenging season**. They were faced with very stiff competition in a good group and tried their **best**. Injuries and missing players worsened the situation, and multiple matches being called off due to the weather made things very stop-start. Despite the numerous losses, the boys continued to **improve and work together**. At every match, there were plays that showed **excellent skills** and **teamwork** and revealed the **potential** of the team. The players have shown **great dedication** and persevered when things seemed bleak; this resulted in **improved results** as the season progressed. They have been very **lucky to have Paul** to lead the team in **confidence** and **skill**, and to keep the boys **positive**. We all look forward to a better season and hope all the boys have a chance to shine. **Well done.**





At the start of the season half the **U12 Tigers** had **never** played competitive football before joining GSFC. Placed in the wrong division, the season was always going to be **challenging**, however we **finished strong** .. very strong. Teams that were beating us comfortably pre-Christmas, were no longer doing so and this is a **great testimony** to the progress made by our squad and especially the defensive players (Lauren, Joe, Patrick & Javen ) and of course the goalkeepers Finlay and Roni. Following injury to Roni in the second half of the season, Finlay found himself as our (near) full time goalkeeper .. having never played in goal prior to this season, and what a **great example** of someone stepping in without complaint and progressing to **hero status** within a short space of time. **Blessed** by our allrounders Henry, Oribim, Adam, Astin and Jaime (who, by the way, scored 3 times in his first debut season) we are now **creating opportunities** for us, and problems for the opposition. With Josh's record of a goal scored for every 3.5 shots taken, and Oli's ability to score 5 in just one game our next step is to learn to leverage our forwards. Very **pleased** to see Adam score (I believe) more goals in this one season than in his entire time here at GSFC thus far, a reflection on his ability **to read the game well** and be in the right place at the right time.

The **culture and camaraderie** of this squad has always been a particular strength of the Tigers and the parents should be **incredibly proud** of this group of young people. Plenty of examples here, but one that really springs to mind was when one of our newest players (Javen) scored his first goal and you'd have thought we'd **won the world cup** .. that's how pleased the **entire squad** were for him (totally oblivious to the fact we actually lost that particular game!). This is in part to both Patrick and Lauren's incredible ability to **boost morale** during the toughest moment. I am very much looking forward to next season and the challenges moving to 11-a-side will bring, the Tigers are in an excellent position to hit the ground running ! Panos







Formed in February, the **U9G Bobcats** progressed brilliantly in the handful of friendlies they played. In a matter of weeks they've really gelled, passing, moving and finding space like a team that has been playing a lot longer together. The season ended in style with a **hard fought**, well deserved **runners-up** medal at the **Camberley tournament**, defeating the strongest team in the tournament on route to the final. They should be **proud** of their efforts and can look forward to growing even more next season.

Alannah: A defensive machine with a great 'can do' attitude

Emmy: Our youngest player who's really held her own, often against much older girls

Evee: There's no position she doesn't want to play! Her excitement and enthusiasm is infectious

Evie: Our midfield general who knows how to cover some ground

Martha: A skilled player with a weapon of a throw-in

Bay: Our superstar striker who loves to smash them in the top corner!



It's been a **sparkling** season for the **U12G Emeralds**, which saw us **welcome** nine new girls into the squad. So many **highlights** from our **quarter final Cup** run, to great wins against Kew, Stoneleigh and Carshalton secured a very **creditable** league position, in a division almost



entirely made up of first team sides from other clubs. It is **testament** to all the girls new to Saints and regular competitive football this season, combined with **brilliant performances** from our seasoned players, and strong additions from Diamonds

in the New Year. The **team spirit** and **togetherness** amongst the girls has been **wonderful** to see grow over the season. It translated into clear **improvements** on the pitch, as well as many opposition comments about us being the toughest team in the league to beat, but also about the **good spirit** the girls play the game in. After a well earned break, mainly for the **wonderful parents** who support their girls hail, rain or shine , we hope to see everyone back next year.







**U12 Jaguars** Finishing **mid-table** at the end of the season in the **Premier Elite League** felt like a long shot when our new Jags squad (and management team) was put together a week into season back in September. The squad saw a combination of previous Jags (Henry, Jack, Dexter, Max G, Max F, Ben, Daniel and Goncalo), promoted Cougars and Tigers (Casper, Yasser, Thomas) and new recruits (Erlin, Harry) **learn and grow** week by week, to finish comfortably outside the relegation zone and looking upwards for season 23/24.

Our end of season awards saw special mentions for: **Jack (Supporters/Goal Scorer awards)**, **Max G (Managers award)**, **Harry (Players player)** and **Dexter (Team player)**. Special mention to the players moving up through the tiers over the last 12 months in Dexter, Thomas, Yasser and Casper, and a **warm welcome** to the players about to do the same for the year ahead.



**Vipers U13:** Our **first** season of 11 aside, and we had a **great start** to the season, winning and drawing quite a few games. However, in the new year we **struggled** with numbers and injuries to key players and lost quite a few matches in a row, however towards the end of the season we did manage a few draws and a win. Despite the run of losses, we **never gave up** and **remained positive**, and always tried to play. One of the highlights of the season was the silent weekend, although we lost the game, the boys were **outstanding** and were very **vocal** and **encouraging** of each other, which resulted in very competitive match in which we played some of our **best football**. The **attitude** of the team was **fantastic** despite losing, and the boys really **enjoyed** the game. They played with **freedom** which was a real **pleasure** to see. The opposition manager even made a point of **praising our team's attitude**, and how it made for a very **enjoyable game**. It also helped it was the first sunny Sunday of the year 😊.

Overall, despite this season being a struggle at times during the second half of it, the players always **played with enthusiasm** and **never gave up**.

A **special mention** should go to **Zed**, our captain, who was **fantastic** all season. Next season he will be moving up to the **top team** in our age group, Cobras. Also, to **Luca our top goal scorer**, who is moving up to **Pythons**. Both well-deserved **promotions** and we wish them both well, they will both be missed.

A big **thanks** to **everyone** who has helped during the season with setting up pitches, lift sharing etc., and an especially big thank you to **Gilbert for running the line** for us all season. Finally, we would not have had anywhere to play our matches, or anyone to referee, if it wasn't for all the admin **Ian** does each week, so the **biggest thanks** of all goes to him for all the work he puts in behind the scenes.



**U14G Sapphires** started the season the in **fine form** winning their first 2 games 4-1 & 5-1, we then suffered our first defeat of the season, having gone 2-0 up we lost 3-2 to NPL. We then went on a run of **1 defeat in 9 games** as the girls really turned on the style, scoring **55 goals** in 9 games!

Then as we started to look forward to a **title race** the team ran out of steam, we failed to win any of our last 5 games but ended the season as **league runners-up**.

This season was all about **hard work** and **enjoyment**, the girls played mostly with a **smile** on their face, **belief** in themselves and each other and results came because of this **great attitude** the girls had.

The season was capped off with a great end of season awards day in which **Ruby Jordan won managers player** of the year, **Keeley Grigg won parents player**, **Ella Dawar was most improved** and **Annie Bathurst won unsung hero award**. Ella Dawar, Keeley Grigg and Maisey Taylor had the most appearances on 17, while Freya May managed an **impressive** 22 goals in 15 games from midfield. Roll on 2023-24 when we hope the girls will continue to push themselves and maybe next season we can push for the title right to the end!!!!!!



Our 12 strong **U10 Lions** team had a **fantastic** season. The boys started off the season with a **win** and ended off the season as **runners up** of the **U11 Intermediate Cup** via a penalty shootout. They **worked hard** during the season and have won/drawn and lost games in equal measures. **Congratulations to Joshua** - who received the **Golden Boot Trophy** for scoring a whopping 22 goals for the season, **Harry O'D for Managers Player**, **Oscar B for Teams' Player** and **Harry N for most improved**

player of the season. Our fantastic coaches **Justin, Andrew & Dyfan**, you and your hard work **encouraged** the team through a tough season and for this we are grateful. Lastly a massive **thank you to King and Dave** for stepping in when we needed refs.

We are very **proud** of our collective efforts and look forward to season 23/24.





**U7 Leopards** continued to **perform well** during the spring season this year. Having started their first competitive season last September and suffering some early losses, the team found its footing over the next few months and since the start of 2023, the team have gone from **strength to strength** and have **not lost** a league match since. The team **welcomed** several new players during the last few months of the season. We played at the Guildford City tournament in June but were up against some strong competition. **Thanks to Jake and Ewan** for excellent coaching duties. Onward and upward for next season!



**U9 girls Panthers** have had a **great season** this year. They have **worked well** as a team and gone from **strength to strength**. We focused on passing and **team work** which they all took onboard. They are an **amazing** group of girls and we ended the season on a high note. Looking forward to next season playing 7aside.







What a season the **U13G Leopards** have had! Promoted to Division 3 after 5 weeks of the season, and then going on to be crowned joint **Champions of Div 3**. The **team spirit**, desire to win, and **commitment**, from every single one of the squad has been **exceptional**. Our record in league games speaks for itself: **23 wins**, 3 draws, 1 defeat. Another stat is that 9 different members of the squad made it onto the scoresheet this year, in fact, only our goalkeeper and the 3 players that play in defence have not scored (96 goals in league games in total) - this

highlights the way we play as a team, with everyone making a **major contribution**. Just as impressive as our scoring record, is our defensive and goal keeping stats, we **didn't concede** in 24 of our 27 league games, impressive!

Well done Leopards, you should all be **super proud** of an **amazing season**, roll on next year! p.s. I didn't have a photo with all of the girls on, we are missing Rhia on this one, sorry **Rhia** - as our **"Supporters Player of the Year"** you have been a star!



The season has been another **fun** one for the **U13G Panthers** this year, playing some **great football** and **enjoying** themselves on and off the pitch. The team was unable to defend their title by winning the league in consecutive campaigns - **leading the league** for the majority of the season they were overtaken in the final few games. The girls finished **third overall** (after finishing on equal points with second place with a better goal difference, but placings decided on head-to-head results). Hopefully finishing 3rd will **inspire** the team to try even harder next season when we move to 11-a-side, a challenge we're all looking forward to.

Outside of the league the girls had **good runs** in the cup competitions, narrowly missing out on semi-final appearances in the County and League cups. However, tournament football seems to be the format the Panthers particularly enjoy - **winning 5 out of the 6 tournaments** they've been involved in since the season drew to a close.

In sport winning is always good, but the team **spirit and camaraderie** across all the teams in the U13 age group is something the u13 coaches are proud of. Enjoy your summer girls - you and your parents deserve a nice rest after a long season. Oh, when the saints...



**U15 girls** "Very much like Arsenal, we were **top for the majority** of the season to be overtaken in the final few weeks. We still **exceeded expectations** finishing **4th** having been promoted the previous season.

The biggest **achievement** is for the majority of games **dominating** possession and imposing our style on the opposition. Each and every girl has **contributed** to our **success** this season, **Stats:** In a league of 12, we were second top scorers with the third best goal difference.

**Progress compared to 2021/22:** In attack we had **11 different goal scorers** vs 9 last year so still spreading the goals around and the team, and in absolute terms the golden boot got 4 more than last year. In defence, we kept **10 clean sheets**; double the 5 of last year and this in a season where we lost our captain from centre back and goalkeeper for weeks in the autumn. So in attack and defence there has been **great improvement** against better teams."

**Gothia Cup :** Inspired by the experiences of individuals in the team last year, most of the U15s are playing in the Gothia cup in Sweden this July. Bolstered by some girls from the U13s and 14s, they will represent Guildford Saints and we look forward to seeing how this amazing opportunity expands their football experience.

cheers

Kevin, Neil & Mike



**U12G Diamonds** have shown that **hard work and commitment** pays off. They started the season slow, getting to know each other and developing their 9 aside game. With their **desire** to **improve** and an **absolutely incredible** team **spirit** they ended the season in fine form with an unbeaten second half to the season, coming **runners up** in the league. They reached the **county cup final** and enjoyed a great day out against Crystal Palace. They capped off their season **winning the Camberley tournament** with a dramatic 15-16 win on penalties. They have created so many long lasting memories this season and we hope for another enjoyable upcoming season.





**U15 Hawks** : Hopes were high for the season ahead as we returned for pre-season training – we had a large squad of 20, as four former Eagles players had joined the U15 Hawks this season.

We were placed in the **Championship division** and were due to face many teams that we had played in prior seasons, as well as playing in the Junior and County Cups.

Key highlights for the year:

- Two players reached their **100 caps milestone** this season – **Harrison West** (24 goals, 12 assists) and **Leo Hector** (38 goals, 29 assists)
- We had our **best ever season** – P25 – Won 10, Drew 2, Lost 13 – Goal difference +11
- We finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 12 in the Championship
- We reached the **quarter finals of the Junior Cup** and were knocked out in the first round of the County Cup
- **Top goal scorer** with 33 goals and top assists with 13 assists for the season was **Riley Yarrow**
- **Players player of the season** was **Harrison West** and **Managers player** of the season was **Ben Colbert** (he played every minute of our 25 matches)

Many thanks to all the **parents** for their wonderful support during the season.

Andy & Julian







**U13G Wildcats** are a new team. In fact so new that at the beginning of the season they didn't have a manager or enough players and had to concede the first two games of the season. But, as the saying goes, "build it and they will come".

The team's first game was an **encouraging win**, but they then went on a **difficult** run through to Christmas. Despite this the girls **continued to improve**. They were **committed** at training sessions and gave their all in every game. It was genuinely **inspiring** to see them learning and **growing in confidence**, cheered on from the sidelines by their **fantastic supporters**.

The new year started with some **tough** games against teams at the top of the league but the Wildcats showed how far they had come, often **out-playing** the opposition. Results soon followed with some **fantastic wins**.

The final game summed up their season: against a team that had comprehensively beaten them at the beginning of the season they eased into the lead and when pegged back early in the second half the Wildcats upped their level and played some **fantastic passing football** to register a **quality win**.

The girls play every game with a **smile** on their face, they always **support** each other and they always give **100%**. It's been a **pleasure** and an honour to coach them. Bring on next season!





We hope you have enjoyed reading the team reports, some fantastic achievements this season across the age groups, especially teams who have faced numerous challenges throughout the season but have still found the team spirit and camaraderie to complete the season. Well done everyone.

We are now planning and looking forward to what our players/teams achieve next season.

A massive THANK YOU to all our sponsors this season, if anyone would like to sponsor a team next season please get in touch.

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We say Thank you and goodbye to the following volunteers wishing them well for the future:

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We also say farewell to one of our pro coaches : Owen, we will miss him but wish him well for the future in his new job & home.

Have a great summer, see you all again in September.

Dawn.