



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...

May 2023



Dear Members,

GSFC was formed in 1983 by a couple of parents looking to provide inclusive football for their son's and their friends. We have had news that one of the founding members of GSFC, [Kevin Maltravers](#) currently residing in Spain is in ill health. GSFC send their best wishes to Kevin along with a massive [Thank You](#) for his work in the early days of setting up the Club:-

Kevin Matravers a local Guildford (football loving) man had been keen to get his son Paul into into a local footie team. In the early 80's there was not a lot of youth football around Guildford offering inclusive football that Kevin thought was right for Paul.

Kevin took Paul to Guildford City FC and after a few training sessions thought it was time to set up another team in the area.

The [objective](#) was to start a club with a very [good standard of coaching](#) where every player would have their own ball at training, [learn new skills and the sessions would be fun](#).

Kevin, along with good friend [Bernard Pickering](#) (who is sadly no longer with us) formed Guildford Saints FC. Training and matches were originally played at St Peter's School playing field (where the Saints name/club colours derived from).



The club started with 1 under 11's side and Kevin and Bernard's training standards philosophy definitely paid off as the club went on to win their [first league title in 1985](#).

Kevin left the club in 1987 by which time there were 10 teams of different age groups playing at GSFC.

As we are now in our [40th season](#), I am sure Kevin will be extremely proud of the current GSFC set up, our ethos, inclusivity and our growth. An [amazing achievement](#) for all involved with GSFC, past and present.



Congratulations to our U17 Jaguars for reaching the U17 Trophy Cup – Runner’s Up.

Our Jaguars faced Yateley in the U17 Trophy Cup on Sunday 7th May @ Bedfont Sports FC, it was not to be for u17 Jaguars who competed well for an hour holding higher division opponents to 1-1 before conceding goals chasing the game.



The last Cup Final this season will be played Sunday 21st May 2023:-

U10 Lions v ACE @ Guildford City’s ground 10am KO

All supporters welcome.





Kit for Cameroon: Thank you for all the **generous donations** of kit/footwear. If you have kit or footwear you would like to donate, Coach, Thierry will be at Kings tomorrow – Saturday 20th May throughout the morning, please drop off your donations to him. This will be the last chance to donate as the shipment will be leaving the UK at the end of May.



Sports kit can be any type of clothing or old football kits.

EOS Presentation: Saturday 13th May 2023 saw the 1st of our EOS presentation events @ Chilworth (Brookwood Sports Field). Massive **THANKS** to the organisers for a great afternoon: **Lee Maidens, Andy James, Tim Hall, Simon Bigrave and helpers.**





Great to see so many Saints and their parents in attendance enjoying the sunshine, bouncy castles, football and socialising. (parents were not allowed on the bouncy castles!)

We look forward to our 2nd EOS presentation on Saturday 20th May @ Chilworth for our Girl's teams. Have fun everyone.



FREE physical activity sessions, leading to the chance to attend a family-friendly celebration day on 17 June.

[The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games \(activesurrey.com\)](https://activesurrey.com) enables 7-16 year olds to have fun with friends and learn new skills. The local activity sessions start after Easter and run for 6-8 weeks, in locations across the county.

The programme targets young people who are most in need and don't have access to the sort of sporting opportunities that others take for granted. No specialist kit or equipment is required for this opportunity and all sessions are FREE.

To register a young person, visit [Surrey Youth Games \(riderhq.com\)](https://riderhq.com) **Registration closes 21 May 2023**

If you require any further information, please contact emma.das@surreycc.gov.uk or your local [borough or district council lead](#).

Reminder: Last training Saturday training sessions: 27th May 2023
Last mid week training sessions for boys/mixed teams: W/C 22nd May 2023

Girls/Pan Team continue training until end of June 2023
Futsal session will continue until the end of the academic year.

AGM: 14th June 2023 8pm start @ Albury FC – reports to follow.

