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Good evening and welcome to our first home game of the season albeit that it is at 2pm as at the time of writing the Oakwood FC due to us not yet having access to the ground at Godstone Road. A big thank you to all who have enabled this switch and to the players, management and match officials for agreeing to the change in venue and date.

This is our third competitive game of the season, our road to Wembley in the FA Cup came to an abrupt end at Newhaven last Tuesday in a penalty shootout, disappointing as we were on top for so much of the game. More disappointingly we suffered a heavy 6-1 defeat to Lancing on Saturday. Clearly the home side were keen to make up for last season's lack of promotion due to the abandonment of the season but I'm sure the players will have been disappointed by the result.

Tonight we welcome Langney Wanderers who like us have had a mixed start. A good 3-1 win over Tower Hamlets has seen them progress in the FA Cup but came crashing down to earth on Saturday also with a 6-1 reverse but at home to Pagham in the league. A lot for both teams to play for tonight.

Saturday sees our return to Godstone Road when we welcome Lockwood in a reversed

fixture. Note that this fixture will kick off at floodlights still haven't been properly tested after the enforced break. The following week the reserves welcome Aldershot Town.

It's been a strange and difficult few months for all grassroots football and it's great to be back even if there are new procedures to be followed. In order for the grass roots game to be up and running again there are stringent rules and regulations we must all follow, players, management and spectators alike. Please help us out by following these to the letter and assisting in complying with any request made to you.

The good news is that at the moment football at our level is the only way of watching the game live so please encourage all of your friends and family to come along and discover the delights of supporting your local non league team.

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It's been a long time coming but nonleague football is finally back. The extended break due to the dreaded c-word gave us some time to assess things as a club and make some changes. Most of you will know by now but Mike Moore was unanimously voted in as the new Chairman and he has already had a really busy 6 months in charge. This section of notes is not long enough to give detail to the extensiveness of his work so far but some notable pointers are: creation of U23 team, new coaching set-up throughout 1st team, reserves and U23s, expert grounds work at the club, brand new kits and tracksuits throughout the club, efforts to reconnect the senior and junior sections of the club, development of our relationship with the cricket club and LSA.... the list goes on.

As you can see, the club is in a transition period where, through Mike's leadership, we will become a better organised and more self-sufficient entity in the long term. The challenge is to maintain the levels on the pitch whilst the infrastructure is implemented off it. We started pre-season on the 25th June in an attempt to build better fitness levels than we have in previous seasons. It's been a slog but the numbers that we have had and the sessions put on by the coaching team have been really impressive. Unfortunately, we have lost a couple of players and not yet been able to bring in too many new faces which will always be the way when we can't match playing budgets of opponents. However, as always, we believe the togetherness and hard-work of the group of players we do have will stand us in good stead for the 20/21 campaign.

We've had 2 fixtures so far, Newhaven away in the FA Cup and Lancing away in the league. At this level, they probably don't come much harder than that. Unfortunately, we lost on penalties at Newhaven after a very positive display and then had a bad afternoon at Lancing losing 6-1. Tonight's game gives us the opportunity to quickly put things right and get our first points on the board. Thanks to Langney for making the trip and Oakwood hosting us, we will be back to the Lair on Saturday for a home fixture against Loxwood KO 2pm.



Lingfield FC was formed in 1893, initially competing in the now defunct Edenbridge & District League for the first 20 years of its history. Throughout virtually all their history the club has retained its distinctive red and yellow colours, albeit in a variety of guises. After much success in junior and local intermediate football the club applied to join the Sussex County League (and senior football) in 1980, but were turned down after the ground was deemed inadequate. However, Lingfield had more success with the Combined Counties League, which they joined the following season (1980/81). In 1981/82 Lingfield finished as runners-up in Division Two of the Eastern Division.

Lingfield installed floodlights for the first time in 1983 and they were christened with a match on 2nd March against Brighton, a game that drew a crowd of 1,200. With floodlights in place, the club was finally accepted into Division Two of the County League, with the promise of less traveling and more local derbies to look forward to. After three seasons however, they were relegated to Division Three, and intermediate football once more.

In 1993/94 Lingfield returned to senior football as runners-up to Bosham, but it proved to be a brief return, with relegation following the next season. In 1997/98 however, the club was promoted once more, this time as champions of Division Three, but again struggled to maintain senior status. In 2000 they finished bottom but avoided the drop, but were not as lucky with an identical finish the following year. 2001/02 saw Lingfield close to dropping out of the League altogether after they finished bottom of Division Three, only to be saved by the merger of Ansty Rangers and St. Francis Hospital to form St. Francis Rangers. The following two seasons however, saw a steady improvement, finishing 3rd in the table (albeit 8 points behind second-placed Bexhill United) in 2004/05. The club also reached the final of the Division 3 Challenge Cup, but lost 1-3 to Rustington. In 2005/06 the Club fulfilled its promise of the previous season by going one better and returning to senior football after an absence of five years as runners -up to champions Peacehaven & Telscombe. Lingfield

finished five points clear of third-placed Rustington, but the West Sussex club was once again to prove their nemesis in the Challenge Cup, beating Lingfield 12-11 on penalties after the two sides had drawn 1-1 in normal time. Astonishingly, the shoot-out saw no fewer than 32 spot kicks taken!

In 2006/07 the club finished in 10th position but in 2007/08 under manager Steve Perkins Jnr, secured promotion to Division 1 for the first time in their history by finishing as runners-up to East Grinstead Town. In their first season in Div 1 in season 2008/09 the club finished in a highly respectable 8th position, under manager Steve Perkins Jnr.

In 2009-10 season Lingfield finished in 10th position in Div 1

In 2010-11 season Lingfield finished in 11th position in Div 1

In 2011-12 season Lingfield finished in 7th position in Div 1

In 2012-13 season Lingfield finished in 6th position in Div 1

In 2013-14 season Lingfield finished in 15th position in Div 1

In 2014-15 season Lingfield finished in 17th position in the SECL

In 2015-16 season Lingfield finished in 8th position in Div 1

In 2016-17 season Lingfield finished in 5th position in Div 1

In 2017-18 season Lingfield finished in 3rd position in Div 1 and promoted to the Prem Division

In 2018-19 season Lingfield finished in 8th position in the Prem and also won the Surrey FA Premier County Cup

In 2019/20 season Lingfield's season was abandoned and was null and void due to Covid-19



#### LEAGUE HONOURS

Sussex County Football League Division Two: Runners-up: 2007-08 Sussex County Football League Division Three: Champions: 1997-98 Runners-up: 1993-94, 2005-06 Combined Counties Football League East Div.: Runners-up: 1981-82 Redhill and District Football League Division One: Runners-up: 1958-59 Mid-Sussex Football League Premier Division: Champions: 1992-93 Surrey Intermediate League Premier Division 'A': Champions: 1977-78, 1978-79 Surrey Intermediate League Premier Division 'B': Champions: 1976-77 Surrey Junior League: Champions: 1913-14 Edenbridge and Caterham League: Champions: 1934-35, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1952–53 Runners-up: 1948-49 East Grinstead League: Champions: 1932-33 Edenbridge League: Champions: 1905-06, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1911–12, 1912–13, 1913–14, 1922–23, 1929-30

#### CUP HONOURS

Sussex County Football League Div. Three Cup: Runners-up: 2004-05, 2005-06 Redhill and District FL Alderman Daniels Cup: Runners-up: 1968-69 Surrey County Centenary Cup: Winners: 1977-78 Surrey FA Premier County Cup: Winners: 2018-19 Surrey Intermediate League Cup: Winners: 1977-78, 1978-79 East Surrey Charity Cup: Winners: 1977-78 Runners-up: 1960-61 Edenbridge Charity Cup: Winners: 1971-72, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1992-93 Runners-up: 1961-62, 1978-79 Edenbridge and Caterham Challenge Cup: Winners: 1961-62 Runners-up: 1960-61, 1962-63 Oxted and Limpsfield Cup: Runners-up: 1956-57, 1958-59, 1964-65 Caterham and Purley Cup: Runners-up: 1960-61 Edenbridge Hospital Cup: Winners: 1922-23 Horley Hospital Cup: Winners: 1935-36 East Grinstead Shield: Winners: 1932-33 Oxted Hospital Cup: Runners-up: 1960-61 Oxted Charity Cup: Winners: 1971-72 Keith Hinckley Memorial Cup: Winners: 1991-92, 1992-93 Kenny Brown Memorial Trophy: Winners: 1991-92



The club was established in 2009/2010 and joined the Lewes & District Sunday League. In 2012 they applied for membership of the East Sussex League, gaining entry to the Premier Division for the 2012–13 season. The club were Premier Division champions at the first attempt, winning 17 of their 18 league matches, and were promoted to Division Three of the Sussex County League.

Langney were Division Three champions the following season but were unable to be promoted to Division Two as their ground did not have floodlights. However, after finishing third in Division Three in 2014– 15 the club were promoted after planning permission was secured for floodlights.

In 2015 the Sussex County League was renamed the Southern Combination, with Division Two becoming Division One. The 2016–17 season saw Langney win the Division One Cup, beating Southwick 3–0 in the final.

The club initially played at Shinewater Lane, the former ground of Shinewater Association, but due to problems with the pitch they played at Eastbourne United Association's Oval ground during the 2016 -17 season, before moving to Eastbourne Borough's Priory Lane ground for the 2017–18 season on an initial three-year agreement. The 2017/18 season proved to be a huge success on and off the pitch, Langney finished runners up in the SCFL Div 1 and losing semi-finalists of the Division 1 cup.

2018/19 saw the club enter the FA Cup for the first time in its short history. The club ultimately succeeded in its initial target of staying in the SCFL Premier division when they finished 15th out of 20 teams.

The 2019/20 season we continued to improve, the club was placed 9th before its early cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the clubs new under 23 development squad won the Sussex FA U23 Challenge Cup in it's first year.



DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	KO/RES
01 Sept	Newhaven	Α	FAC EP	D 1-1 *
05 Sept	Lancing	Α	SCFL	L 1-6
09 Sept	Langney Wanderers	Н	SCFL	7:45pm
12 Sept	Loxwood	Н	SCFL	2pm
15 Sept	Little Common	Н	SCFL	7:45pm
19 Sept	Forest Park	Α	FAV 1Q	3pm
26 Sept	Broadbridge Heath	Α	SCFL	3pm
29 Sept	Eastbourne Town	Н	SCFL	7:45pm

#### STARTING XI

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\* Lost 4-2 on Pens





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1	Lancing	1	1	0	0	6	1	5	3
2	Pagham	1	1	0	0	6	1	5	3
3	AFC Uckfield Town	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
4	Eastbourne United	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
5	Alfold	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
6	Crawley Down Gatwick	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
7	Saltdean United	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
8	Horsham YMCA	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
9	East Preston	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
10	Little Common	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
11	Horley Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
12	Newhaven	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
13	Loxwood	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
14	Eastbourne Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
15	Hassocks	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
16	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
17	Broadbridge Heath	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
18	Steyning Town	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
19	Langney Wanderers	1	0	0	1	1	6	-5	0
20	Lingfield	1	0	0	1	1	6	-5	0





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This is particularly relevant in our behaviour towards match officials. Everyone who partakes in the game at this level does so because they love and enjoy it, whatever side of the fence they are on. Spectators, officials and players have disagreed with match officials since football began and regularly make their views known. However this should not degenerate into personal abuse towards match officials who are doing their job.

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

> I WILL: • Remember that children play for FUN

· Applaud effort and good play as well as success

· Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them

· Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from

· Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area

· Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do

· Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials

· Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism

· Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

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