

## MATCH DAY PROGRAMME

Chairman David Lee and everyone at Selsey Football Club would like to welcome you all to the Seal Bay Stadium for today's Southern Combination Division One game against Copthorne FC.

Please enjoy our facilities today and we hope you are treated to a good game which is played in the right spirit.



Saturday we entertained Copthorne at the Seal Bay Stadium, bright sunshine and a great day out for our us receiving there awards from the youth league before the game and then being mascots for the day, was only spoiled by a competitive Copthorne side and a game of missed chances.

The final result being a 1-1 draw where as in the second half IF we had of converted our chances we could of maybe taken all 3 points.

The last few weeks we have been a little wasteful in front of goal not taking chances and also conceding sloppy goals, Saturday we found ourselves behind after not taking two good chances to go ahead. Within minutes of this a shot from the Copthorne forward cannoned back off the post hitting Corey Burns and then flying in.

The lads to there credit did keep trying to do the right things and got the rewards after having two goal bound efforts well saved by the visiting keeper. Another two or three half chances went begging and with Copthorne relying on the break aways it looked like it was going to be a day of frustration, but with five minutes remaining and free kick into the box from Higgins-Pearce was mis-judged by the keeper and with the ball dropping into the net behind him Angelo Harris making sure the ball went over the line. This gave the visiting team a few more nervous moments before the referee blew for full time. Sometimes when its not your day you have to keep going right to the final whistle and the lads did this and got what they deserved on the day.

**Daren Pearce** 

got a point.





## SELSEY FC CLUB HISTORY

Selsey Football Club was formed in 1903 and played at various grounds before setting up home at the High Street Ground in the late 1940s. Selsey were a formidable force in the West Sussex Football League and dominated the league in the 1950s. Their record in the West Sussex Football League before applying for promotion to the Sussex County Football League was the envy of many. They won Division One on six occasions in 1937/38, 1954/55, 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59 and 1960/61, together with the Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup on four occasions in 1955/56, 1956/57, 1957/58 and 1958/59.

They also added the Sussex County FA Intermediate Cup trophy to their haul in 1958/59. Selsey made the step up to the Sussex County League in 1961 and made an immediate impact in Division Two, finishing runners-up to champions Shoreham in their first season. Selsey gained promotion to Division One in 1963/64, ending the season as champions and were also winners of the Division Two Invitation Cup. The club remained in the top division for five years before being relegated in 1969. The highlight of their early existence in the County scene was when they appeared at the Goldstone Ground, Brighton and were narrowly beaten by Eastbourne Utd 1-0 in the Sussex Senior Cup in season 1962/63.

A return to the top flight was achieved in season 1975/76, again as champions, but within two seasons the club once again found itself back in Division Two. They then endured a further nine seasons in the lower division until they gained promotion back to Division One for the third time in 1986/87, as runners-up to Pagham. Their two chances of cup glory during that time came in 1984/85 when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup losing to local rivals Chichester City 2-1 and in 1986/87 when they were eventual winners. Once back in Division One Selsey managed to survive for four seasons, until finishing bottom in 1991 with just 12 points. They had another chance of silverware in 1989/90 but again failed in the final when they lost to Langney Sports in the John O'Hara League Cup. They made amends by winning the County League five a side tournament at the Brighton Centre under Manager Joe Laidlaw. The club then had a period of success when they were runners up in the Division Two Cup in 1994/95 and then winners the following season, together with winning promotion to Division One again in 1995/96.

The club then enjoyed its longest spell in Division One, a period of eight years. It also had its most successful time, when Danny Hinshelwood took control of the club in 2000. Season 2001/02 saw them win the SCFA RUR Cup and the following year saw them lift the John O'Hara League Cup. In 2000/01 and 2001/02 the club finished 4th on both occasions, their highest finish to date. Problems behind the scenes at the club, however, saw them start the 2003/04 amongst the favourites for relegation. The annual curtain-raiser - The Norman Wingate Trophy - did little to dispel those feelings, as Whitehawk thumped a woeful Selsey side 6-1. The remainder of the season followed suit as Selsey were relegated to Division Two.

Following two seasons of rebuilding and re-structuring, and with Danny Hinshelwood back in charge the 2005/06 campaign saw Selsey back to something like their best. They gained promotion back to Division One and in 2006/07, they finished in 8th place. They also won their way through to the SCFA RUR Cup final again in season 2007/08, but could not record their second triumph, losing to Three Bridges. A 15th place finish kept them in Division One. Another cup final appearance was to come Selsey's way in 2011/12 when they played Rye Utd in the SCFA RUR Cup, but again could not record a win and lost 2-0. In 2011 the club made improvements to the ground in line with the FA ground grading requirements and now has a ground worthy of its County League status.

Selsey's 2012/13 season saw some highs and lows. League wins at Hassocks and Redhill were the pick of the bunch and an emphatic 4-0 thumping of Rye Utd avenged the cup final defeat from the previous season. A total of eleven league wins and twelve draws saw Selsey finish 18th in the league, only avoiding relegation by four points.

The following season started with great enthusiasm and optimism. Ex Brighton and Hove Albion favourite Adam Hinshelwood was in charge of the side and things looked good for the new campaign. However, a far from bright start saw Selsey draw their first game and lose their next three before beating local rivals Chichester 2-1 at home in the league. Early exits were recorded in the FA Cup and FA Vase and their league form was inconsistent. This form led to Hinshelwood resigning as Manager when they lost away to 2nd Division outfit Broadbridge Heath in the SCFA RUR Cup. Ryan Pharo took over the hot-seat and stabilized the ship, recording notable victories against Pagham and Hassocks. Pharo's rein at the Club however was short-lived and he was removed from his post in March. The Club decided to take on a Youth policy and the need to promote from within. Steve Bailey was promoted to the position of Manager and with half the first team squad leaving the Club it was a difficult end to the season. They lost seven of their last eight matches only winning the last game of the season at home to Lingfield 3-2 to secure their place in Division One for another term.

The 2014-15 Season proved to be a very difficult time for the Club. The first team struggled in the league and never looked like holding onto their position in Division One. They ended the season in bottom place with only eleven points and were relegated to the newly formed Southern Combination Football League. Their cup exploits did not fare any better with defeats in the first round of each competition.

The 2015-16 season again proved to be tough for Steve Baileys' side. It took until the second week in October before they recorded their first league victory. Early Cup wins in the Peter Bentley Cup and Division One Cup were an improvement on the previous term, but unfortunately the side went out of these competitions before any silverware came their way. For the third season running Selsey were needing a result on the last day of the season to prevent relegation. A 1-1 draw at home to Southwick was sufficient for the team to retain its Division One status and plan for the season ahead.

2016-17 saw an improvement in the league and Selsey finished in a respectable 7th position with 53 points. Again, there were early exits in the cup competitions but some good performances throughout the season, suggested the Club was heading in the right direction.

Much was expected in season 2017-18, but Selsey were unable to improve upon the previous season's finish. They maintained a mid-table position when they finished 9th on 47 points. The side fared no better in the cup competitions and the season ended up a bit of a disappointment. It was at the end of this season that a managerial change was made. Steve Bailey was replaced by explayer Daren Pearce, who had previously been in charge at near-neighbours Sidlesham FC.

2018-19 saw an immediate improvement and the 1st team ended up in 5th position with 66 points. The National and County cup competitions were not favourable to Selsey and interest in these, was again, lost in the early rounds. However, the U18s were dominant in the league. They not only won the U18 West Division, but they also won the SCFL Champions of Champions final. Things looked very bright for the club moving forward.

The next two seasons were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Season 2019-20 was terminated in March 2020 and, whilst season 2020-21 got under way, it, also, was not concluded.

Fortunately, a lot of the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted for the commencement of the 2021-22 season and this started on Saturday 31st July. Selsey finished in a mid-table position with 55 points. The emphasis of the Club was now on developing young players and a plan was put in place to try to achieve this. The cup competitions were, again, not successful.

2022-23 saw Daren Pearce remain in charge with the remit to keep developing youngsters and to improve upon the previous season. A strong finish to the season saw the 1st Team qualify for the last play-off place. They then had to visit Epsom and Ewell in an attempt to reach the paly-off final, but they lost out on a penalty shoot-out after holding their hosts to a 0-0 draw. However, they had delivered on the remit for the season and the Club continued to develop. An U18 side was added to the list of teams within the Club, together with the fully associated Selsey FC Womens teams.

## TODAY'S OPPOSITION: BILLINGSHURST FC

The club was established in 1891, and later joined the West Sussex League. They won the Division Two title in 1972–73 and went on to win Division One the following season. Following relegation the club won the Tony Kopp Cup and the Division Three North in 1979–80 and then Division Two North in 1982–83. They were Division Two North champions again in 1992–93, before winning Division Three Central in 1998–99 and Division Two North in 2006–07.

In 2010–11 Billingshurst won the Centenary Cup with a 2–1 victory over Newtown Villa in the final. After winning the Malcolm Simmonds Memorial Cup and the Premier Division title in 2011–12, the club moved up to Division Three of the Sussex County League, which was renamed Division Two when the league became the Southern Combination in 2015. In 2015–16 they finished fifth, earning promotion to Division One.

Source: Wikipedia



### **Latest Results**



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# LEAGUE STANDINGS SOUTHERN COMBINATIONS LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

POS	Team	Р	W	D	L	F	А	GD	PTS
1	Roffey	12	10	1	1	48	10	38	31
2	Dorking Wanderers B	13	9	2	2	36	13	23	29
3	Worthing United	11	7	3	1	24	10	14	24
4	Godalming Town	12	7	2	3	22	10	12	23
5	Seaford Town	11	7	0	4	32	19	13	21
6	Montpelier Villa	12	6	1	5	23	25	-2	19
7	Forest Row	12	6	0	6	26	22	4	18
8	Chessington & Hook United	11	5	3	3	22	26	-4	18
9	Alfold	12	5	1	6	22	28	-6	16
10	Arundel	11	4	3	4	19	12	7	15
11	Selsey	11	4	3	4	14	20	-6	15
12	Wick	11	4	2	5	25	27	-2	14
13	Billingshurst	12	3	2	7	24	30	-6	11
14	Copthorne	12	3	2	7	26	40	-14	11
15	Banstead Athletic	10	3	1	6	16	24	-8	10
16	Mile Oak	11	2	3	6	12	25	-13	9
17	Oakwood	11	2	0	9	9	30	-21	6
18	East Preston	11	1	1	9	9	38	-29	4



## SELSEY EC WOME

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The FA Women's **National League** 

Manager Rhys Griffiths

**Assistant Manager** Craig Seacombe

**DS Squad Manager** Dan Groombridge







**Next Fixture:** 



**Sunday 22nd October** Seal Bay Stadium

## SELSEY FC U18S

**Goalkeepers** Alfie Lee Ryan Matlock

Defenders
Peter Blanks
Matthias Budd
Will Banham
Ethan Turner
Ty Couzens
Marcel Tourmentin
Henry Waller

Tobie Appleby Jamie Simpson Oscar Lee

Midfield

Lennon Ayling Matthew Horsefield

Charlie Banham

### **Forwards**

Nathan McIlwain Will Scannell Ronnie Marwood Hayden Morey Tom Fleming Tom Flaherty



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Selsey 1st Team

Manager

Daren Pearce

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Martin Hinshelwood & Tom Henton

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**Selsey Women** 

Manager Rhys Griffiths

**Assistant Manager** 

Craig Seacombe

Coach

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