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HISTORY

Cobham Football Club was formed on Friday 5 November 1886 by Founding President, Hon. Alan Egerton MP and villagers connected with the local Coffee Tavern. The Vicar offered to supply it with a football. On 4 November 1890, The Evening Telegraph reported on the death of our Centre Half, Arthur Smith, following injuries sustained in a match vs Kingston Wanderers. In 1892, the Club affiliated to the Surrey FA. The home ground was never settled with various fields around the outskirts of the village being used at different times. During the late 1920's they played in the Kingston and District League winning division 1 in 1928/29 and 1929/30. Following the Club gaining intermediate status in 1933, Cobham won the Surrey Intermediate League Cup (Central) in 1933/34 and 1935/36. The Club achieved senior status in 1938 upon election to the new Surrey Senior League.

The war years between 1939 to 1945 saw a vote to agree a temporary merger with the Avorians Sports Club to form Cobham Avorians to ensure local football continued.

After the War, the Club made home at Cobham recreation ground until 1955/6 when it moved to Anvil lane also known as the Leg o' Mutton field. The club took its nickname from the word anvil and thus became the Hammers. Phil Walker and Trevor Lee of Millwall FC and Cricketer Bob Willis of Surrey & England are amongst famous ex-players.

During the 70's, 80's and 90's the club had a really good local feel with the ground being a vibrant hub of football. The World Famous Rock Band, Moody Blues, played an Annual Charity Match at Cobham Football Club, giving us our record attendance of 2,000 in 1974/75. The floodlights were installed in season 1996/97 and were christened with a game against Conference side Woking FC on 18th February 1997. The Hammers were founder members of the Combined Counties League moving up from the now defunct Surrey Senior League. They finished second to Ash United in 1998/9. Amongst long serving stalwarts

such as Dave Tippetts who first joined the club in the 1980's, the pride of place on the clubhouse wall goes to a painting of Reg Madgwick, who served as player, committee member and fund raiser. When he died in 1995, he requested his ashes be scattered on the pitch and left all his worldly possessions to the club and the decision was made to rename the ground The Reg Madgwick Stadium in his honour.

The Club won the Combined Counties Premier League Challenge Cup in 2001/02 beating Bedfont FC 3-2. After the stand went up in 2004, the club was a mainstay in the Combined Counties Division 1 under the overall guidance until 2015 of the late Ken Reed who died in 2018.

After a new committee was elected in 2015 led by Dave Tippetts, the club has built its Junior football with 16 sides to compliment the men's team and the new seated stand, new fencing and the dual turnstile were put in during April 2016 to allow the ground to achieve a Grade D (Step 4) rating. 2017/2018 saw the club promoted to the Combined Counties Premier Division under the guidance of Sam Merison and the introduction of an Under 23 side to support the first team. In August 2019 the club was awarded the status of FA Charter Standard Club. During the covid years, Cobham enjoyed record cup runs in the FA Cup (1st qualifying round) and last 16 of the FA Vase in 2020/21. The club most recent trophies are the unique weekend double achieved by Pete Doherty's Under 23's winning the Surrey Elite Intermediate League's Reserve Division Covid Cup & Challenge Cup in 2021 beating Frimley Green Under 23's & Virginia Water Reserves both on penalties. This adds to their 2019 triumph over SCR FC under 23's also on penalties to win the Combined Counties Development League Cup. Committee Stalwarts such as Ewemade Orobator and Mark Cornish have helped to grow the club and gain many of the town's businesses on board as sponsors and suppliers, the Hammers are on a firm footing for progression with the town and families at the heart of our plans.



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OUR VISITORS TODAY - RAYNES PARK VALE FC

Tuesday 12th April 2022



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We would like to offer a very warm welcome to the committee, supporters and players of Raynes Park Vale.

The Vale come to us during a great season which has likely seen them just miss out on promotion after a valiant effort over the last few months playing catch up to the sides occupying first and second.

This is our second meeting this term with our opponents having played them already in the return league fixture. In rather one sided game, Rayne Park ran out 4-0 winners that day and are visiting us off the back of a narrow 1-0 loss to promotion clinchers Walton & Hersham on Saturday just gone.

For us, the cup matches at the end of the season cannot seem to come round quick enough with most matches having that end of season feel to them at present. The lads will need to pick themselves up after a poor result to Farnham on Saturday and look to finish the league campaign as strongly as possible.

Enjoy the game.

Dave Tippetts - Cobham FC Chairman

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Raynes Park Vale FC

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Manager: Josh Gallagher

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THE OPPOSITION



Raynes Park Vale FC was formed in 1995 following the merger of Raynes Park and Malden Vale (formed 1967) but the club's true origins lie in the Southern Railway Football Section when the first local team started. Although a victim of the 1963 Beeching spending cuts the club had some early successes in the 1932/33 Middlesex League and some cup victories to earn the Railway Athletic Association Cup and the Southern Railways Orphanage Cup.

The Southern Railway club reformed, post-Beeching, as Raynes Park FC in 1964. RPFV's home colours of black and red stripes are now proudly reflected in the colours of the Raynes Park Vale FC team. Raynes Park FC fielded five senior teams with two playing in the Surrey Premier League and a third in the Surrey South-Eastern Combination

In the meantime local team Malden Vale FC were enjoying some success in a variety of leagues that existed between 1967 and 1995 including the North Surrey Youth League, Sunday Sportsman League, South Thameside League & the Surrey Combination League and London Spartan League before emerging into the newly formed Combined Counties League winning that league's title at the first attempt.

A runners-up position in the Dan Air League (with BAE Weybridge snagging the top spot) saw the club promoted to the Diadora League Division 2 South where they remained until the end of the 1993/94 season when managers Mick Brown & Ged Murphy left the club to join Hendon. Much of the squad followed and the team finished bottom the following season. In 1995 the two clubs, Malden Vale and Raynes Park FC merged to create the club we now know: Raynes Park Vale F.C.

The new club immediately joined the Combined Counties Football League and currently play in the league's Premier League, Tier 9 in the national league pyramid. Their best finish was in 1997-98 when they finished in fourth place at tier 9. They have participated in both national Cup competitions apart from a brief period at the start of the 2000s. The club's reserve team won the Combined Counties Reserve League in 2002-03 and 2005-06 before it joined the Suburban League for the 2006-07 season. The reserve team was disbanded for financial reasons before rejoining the combined counties reserve league for the 2011-12 season under the management of Terry Tuvey. In the 2012-13 season the reserves achieved the league & cup double. The cup being won with a 2-0 win against Worcester Park Reserves in the final. The Reserves also won the fair Play award in both 2011/12 & 2012/13, the 1st team winning the Premier award in 2011//12. The Combined Counties League took the decision to disband the reserve league at the end of the 2012/13 season so for the 2013/14 season they re-joined the Suburban League. Midway through 2013/14 Lee Dobinson stepped down as 1st Team Manager to take over as Club Chairman from Fred Stevens. Former AFC Wimbledon Player Gavin Bolger stepped up to take over as 1st team Manager. Gavin Bolger played 107 times for AFC Wimbledon from 2002 to May 2005 scoring 27 goals from midfield.

The 2019/20 season saw some major changes in the organisation and management of the club with local businessman and supporter John Dalton becoming Chairman and Josh Gallagher replacing Gavin Bolger as manager at the start of the 20/21 season.



PLAYER PROFILE

Name:

James King

Nickname:

Kingy / Colin / Longy

Position:

Centre Back / goal threat

Reflecting on 200 games for the Hammers:

It's been an absolute pleasure to play over 200 games now for Cobham FC. This last season has been particularly enjoyable as Captain. I've enjoyed my time here and although we have had some good competition at Centre Back over the years, it has spurred me on and thankfully I've always managed to stay in the managers first XI. I've been here so long I actually used to play at the back with the Gaffer!

Best Game:

Over the time, there has been some particular highlights, mainly in the Cup competitions. Last seasons FA Vase run was epic and the Clapton win away was a good day, the whole, thing, the executive coach, the performance and then being able to enjoy a couple of drinks just before the Christmas lockdown came in.

Best Partner:

I've really had two main partners at the back who have played the majority of games with me, and impossible to pick between them. Martin and Darty have both been great to play with and they look like they'll end up with the same trim too.

The Future:

I've been enjoying my football this season and we have had some particularly good defensive displays. Roll on 300 games!





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According to the Elmbridge Local Football Facility Plan (LFFP)

National funding partners have significantly increased investment to accelerate efforts to deliver more and better football facilities for the grassroots game and this plan proposes a programme of 11 priority projects for potential investment that will transform local football facilities, including 3G FTPs, improved grass pitches, changing rooms/pavilions/clubhouses and small sided facilities.

This LFFP will be the go-to document for football facility investment in Elmbridge. It does not however, guarantee the success of future funding applications; each priority

project identified will still have to follow an application process to show how it will deliver key participation outcomes, be a good quality, sustainable facility and demonstrate suitable match-funding.

Nonetheless this is great news for Cobham Football Club whose were scored against two principal factors: deliverability and outcomes (quality, inclusivity, sustainability, engagement and usage).

To see the Cobham FC's report go to APPENDIX A:

<https://lffp-prod.ff-apps.dh.bytemark.co.uk/local-authorities-index/elmbridge/elmbridge-local-football-facility-plan/>

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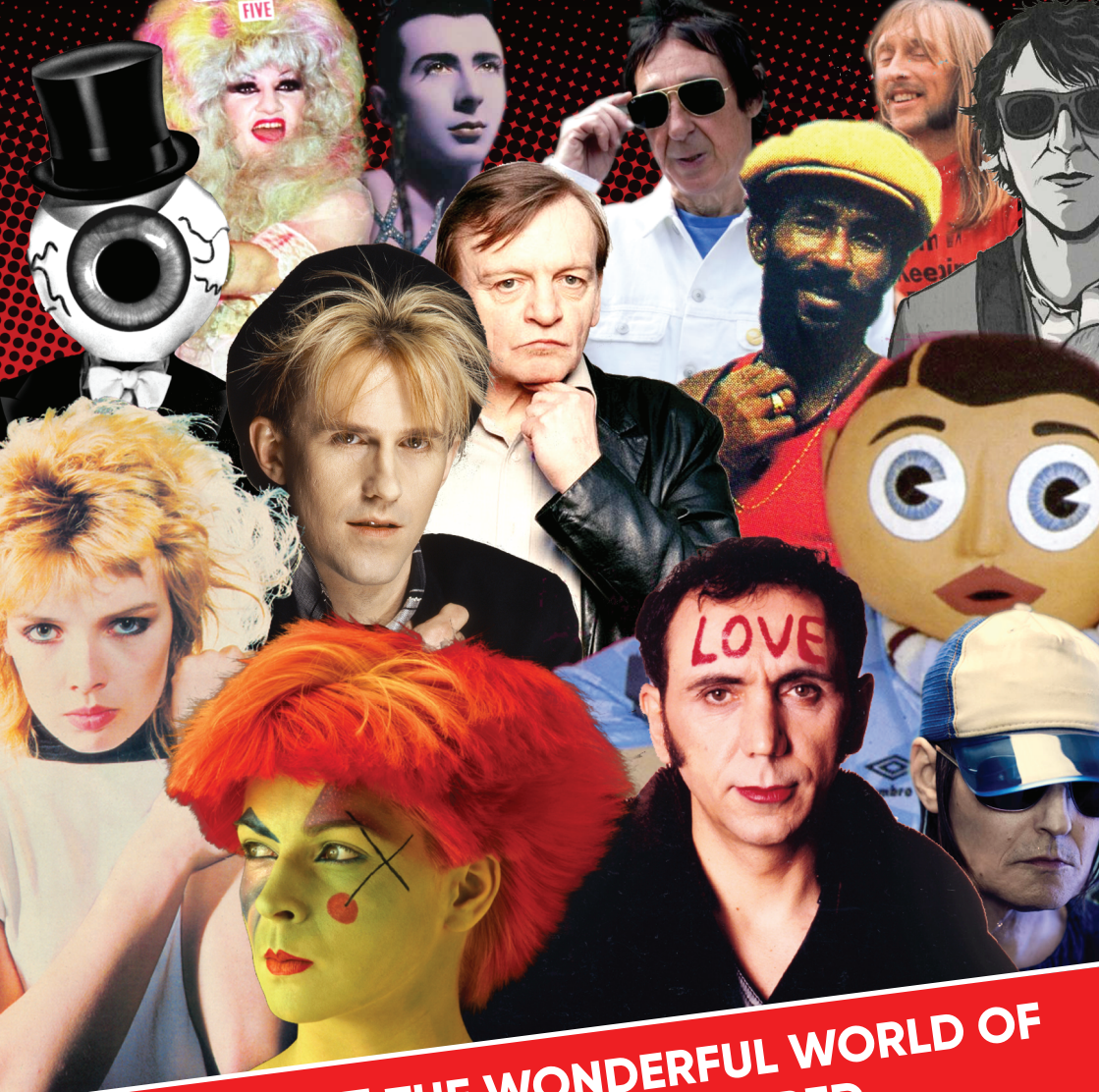
16 Cobham FC teams including boys, girls, youth, U23's, men's 1st team and over 300 members will now benefit from the FA Charter Standard accreditation.

Launched in 2001, The FA Charter Standard Programme is The FA's accreditation scheme

for grassroots clubs and leagues. Its goal is to raise standards in grassroots football, support the development of clubs and leagues, recognising and rewarding them for their commitment and achievements.

Huge thanks goes' to the Cobham FC Committee, juniors and youth managers, and especially Sam Merision who has been instrumental in this process.





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PREMIER DIVISION TABLE



#	Team	Pl	HW	HD	HL	AW	AD	AL	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
1.	Walton & Hersham	36	16	1	1	10	6	2	26	7	3	87	28	59	85
2.	Beckenham Town	34	14	3	0	12	2	3	26	5	3	97	31	66	83
3.	Raynes Park Vale	34	11	3	3	11	3	3	22	6	6	90	39	51	72
4.	Badshot Lea	35	11	3	4	10	6	1	21	9	5	91	44	47	72
5.	Jersey Bulls	34	7	5	3	13	4	2	20	9	5	86	31	55	69
6.	Redhill	34	7	6	3	12	3	3	19	9	6	72	36	36	66
7.	Horley Town	35	7	4	8	10	2	4	17	6	12	61	57	4	57
8.	Sheerwater	36	7	3	8	8	2	8	15	5	16	67	77	-10	50
9.	Balham	33	7	3	6	6	2	9	13	5	15	51	47	4	44
10.	Camberley Town	36	5	2	11	8	3	7	13	5	18	43	56	-13	44
11.	Farnham Town	35	5	2	10	7	4	7	12	6	17	60	68	-8	42
12.	Knaphill	36	6	8	4	3	7	8	9	15	12	52	65	-13	42
13.	Cobham	34	3	8	5	7	2	9	10	10	14	45	52	-7	40
14.	Colliers Wood United	36	7	0	12	4	5	8	11	5	20	40	62	-22	38
15.	Guildford City	35	6	3	9	4	3	10	10	6	19	49	78	-29	36
16.	Fleet Town	35	5	1	12	6	1	10	11	2	22	56	78	-22	35
17.	Frimley Green	33	5	2	10	5	3	8	10	5	18	39	69	-30	35
18.	AFC Croydon Athletic	35	4	7	7	2	4	11	6	11	18	43	81	-38	29
19.	Banstead Athletic	33	2	2	12	3	4	10	5	6	22	38	82	-44	21
20.	Molesey	35	2	3	13	0	3	14	2	6	27	28	114	-86	12



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