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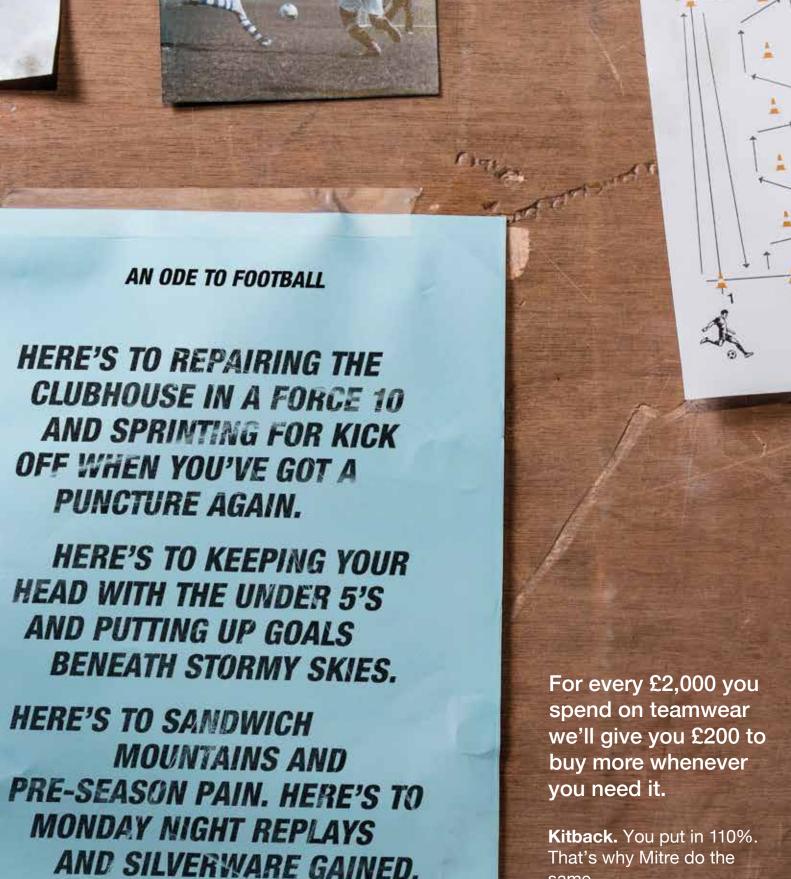
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## A WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

## **ALAN GOUT**

#### DORKING FC - BACK IN TOWN

Welcome to Dorking FC at Westhumble - our home venue for what is quite a landmark year in the history of our club.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today - all the players, management, staff and supporters of Cobham FC.

It's been quite a few weeks of change since we last played at home here, with some major announcements that have set a fantastic future for football in Dorking.

First and foremost, on behalf of everyone at Dorking FC, let me say a huge "Congratulations!" to our manager Danny Fox and to Kate Fox on the arrival last month of their first baby. Jemima Olivia Elizabeth was born just before midnight on Sunday 29th January. It's fantastic news – and we're just glad that Danny now has something other than football to keep him awake at night!

As you will probably know, following the premature birth of Jemima, Danny faced new demands on his time, looking after his wife and baby while also maintaining his professional life. Something had to give. So he decided that he was no longer in a position to continue as our first team manager. Danny has always been someone who only knows one way to do a job – with 100% total focus and dedication, so the Board fully respects his decision and we reluctantly accepted his resignation.

It's been an absolute pleasure to have Danny as our first team manager this season. He joined the Chicks last summer, securing his first managerial role at just 30 years of age, following an open and competitive recruitment process. He's like a whirlwind. His energy, drive and attention to detail have been extraordinary and he has made enormous progress on the club's vision in a very short time. He is a professional and principled manager, as well as a very talented coach. He has instilled discipline into the squad, created a regular and imaginative training regime, and overseen the progression of a number of young local players from the Under 18s to establish themselves as first team regulars.

Danny, his wife Kate and baby Jemima have our very



best wishes and we hope to see all three of them as our friends at a game soon.

Meanwhile, I am very pleased to say that Dorking FC legend Steve Lunn and Simon Coffey, the current youth team managers, have stepped in and taken over the running of the first team until the end of the season.

We are extremely fortunate to have such experience in our ranks to take over straight away. Steve and Simon's achievements with the youth squad this season have been superb, particularly in the Ryman Youth League, and it means there'll be a seamless transition with the club's policy of developing local young players for first team football continuing through the rest of the season.

Then, on Thursday, we announced along with Dorking Wanderers what will surely be seen as one of the major announcements in the long history of football in our town – the restructuring that sees Dorking return to being a one club town.

You can read the announcement in full, along with a Q&A about the future, later in this programme, but I would just like to emphasise what an amazing opportunity this creates for football in Dorking.

We're a small market town and a population of 11,000 people simply isn't enough to justify two football clubs. We've shown this season how two clubs can co-exist and prosper – but it still means a sharing of sponsorship and all the effort of volunteers, as well as providing barriers in a single local pathway for young talented players. To truly maximise our potential, we need one club.

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real chance to build a club that can compete in scale and scope with the likes of some of our illustrious neighbours, like Leatherhead and Sutton.

Dorking's football club has been several different entities with a number of different names over the past 137 years, and the agreement we've made in the Dorking Football Development Alliance will ensure that the history is continued.

Our not-for-profit company took the previous incarnation Dorking Football Club off life support in 2014 aiming to bring the wider football community together and return football to a new Meadowbank stadium. That has been achieved. Giving the town one club that will really fly with both a successful first team as well as all the community values we've instilled over the past few years is now the right thing to do for the future.

Next season promises to be a very special one in the illustrious history of Dorking football. So, please do read the announcement in full in this programme and, if you have any comments or questions, feel free to ask this afternoon, or email dorkingfc@btinternet.com.

Finally, we must congratulate Matt Dilger's Ladies team who have reached the League Cup semi-final for the second season running. Once again, the semi-final opponents will be Egham Town Ladies who host the tie on Sunday 5th March. Please put the date in your diary.

Enjoy the game today, and I hope to see you back here throughout the season and then, of course, on to Meadowbank later in the year.

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#### **DFC PLAYER PROFILE**





# JACK WISBEY

**Age**: 17

**Position**: Right or Left Back

Previous Club: Brockham Badgers FC and

Dorking Saints FC **Place of Birth**: Dorking

Lives: Dorking

**Occupation**: Student

When we reach the end of the 2016-17 season and start recording the highlights for posterity, you can be sure the name Jack Wisbey will feature prominently.

Dorking FC returned to playing in the town this season with a new manager determined to promote local youth talent into senior football, and discover a young core for his team that could represent the town for years to come.

Jack was among the first to make the step up, at just 16 years of age, and grabbed his chance. From being given a try out as a full back in pre-season, he quickly established himself as one of the first names on the team sheet. He more than held his own, in those early games he frequently won the popular vote as man of the match and, in a season that has largely been transitional for the Chicks with all the inconsistency that implies, Jack has quickly become one of the most consistent performers - the poster boy for Dorking FC's youth policy.

"My aim for this season has been to keep getting a starting place," he says, "and then to make sure I'm competing well against the better wingers in the top teams."

With a maturity that belies his years, Jack has done that - but still recognises he has a long way to go in the game. "Long term, I would love to get a chance to play in football's top tiers," he says, "and if that doesn't happen, it would be good to be involved in the game in some way. But for now I'm happy just to be playing regularly and keep learning."

Even through the cold winter months, the Ashcombe sixth former's enthusiasm and desire to win the ball has remained undimmed. "There's just something about football," he explains, "the passion is different from any other sport. And I love being in the team environment."

As a student, he specialises in design subjects, but football is certainly in Jack s blood. Back in the early 1950s, when Dorking FC was battling to get a new ground built at Meadowbank, his Great Grandfather got himself elected to the council to push the development through.

Now the Great Grandson, who has being playing football since he was four years old through local clubs like Dorking Saints and Brockham Badgers, is looking forward to being at the heart of football in Dorking when we all move back to the brand new Meadowbank later this year.

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## DORKING FC 0 REDHILL FC 2

**Saturday 17th December 2016**Combined Counties League Division One

Redhill came to Westhumble on the back of eight straight wins, and duly made it nine by the end of this derby game, but Dorking will take encouragement from the manner in which they competed for the full ninety minutes with their high flying opponents.

The Chicks' season won't stand or fall on results against a side that has assembled some of the best talent in the league and elsewhere, including former academy scholars, aiming to bounce back to the Premier Division at the first attempt. But manager Danny Fox, who is looking to develop a team around local players over time, will have been pleased by the performance of his three debutants, brought in to add experience to the side and help his nucleus of young players push on to the next level, building a platform for success in seasons to come when the club has returned home to Meadowbank.

With Richard Webber back in the starting line up and anchoring the midfield, Ross Defoe - a new arrival on dual-registration terms with Corinthian Casuals - provided a physical presence in the middle of the pitch. The Chicks took the game to their promotion-chasing opponents in the opening minutes and carved out an early chance as James Herouvin cut inside from the right wing and struck a low shot that rebounded off the post.

Slowly, Redhill got into gear with their attractive quick passing game, looking dangerous as they took full advantage of the still-excellent playing surface at Westhumble. But with Webber breaking up play in midfield before launching counter-attacking moves, and full backs Owen Hunte and Jack Wisbey in impressive form, the visitors found Dorking's defence resolute. On the first occasion Redhill were afforded a shot on target, 21 year-old keeper Charlie McTigue, on his debut, made a flying fingertip save to push the ball safely over the bar.

It took until 34 minutes for the Lobsters to get behind the Dorking back four and break the deadlock. A diagonal ball from deep in the Redhill half found Tony Halsey who



"Richard Webber returned to add experience anchoring midfield."

got to the goal line and cut back for Kieran Campbell to side foot into the net from the middle of the penalty area.

The goal took the wind out of the Chicks' sails, as Campbell had three further chances in the next few minutes, but Dorking recovered their composure to ensure they were still in the game at half time.

At the start of the second half, Dorking looked competitive once again. Some excellent link up play down the left between Richard Webber and new signing Cal Botterill opened up the Redhill defence, but Botterill's cut back from the dead ball line was just toe-poked away.

With the Chicks growing in confidence, there was an element of misfortune to Redhill's second goal on 71 minutes, as a ball driven across the box was diverted into his own net by the unlucky Owen Hunte, who had no choice but to get a touch on the ball under pressure from Redhill forward Chris Ransome.

Although the game was now beyond the Chicks, there was still time for some final heroics as Charlie McTigue was, perhaps a little harshly, adjudged to have brought down Kerry Kedze for a penalty. But the commanding keeper made amends with a superb stop from the resulting spot kick, diving low to his right to push the ball around the post.

Dorking FC: McTigue, Hunte, Wisbey, Gough, Conroy, Webber (Harmsworth 81), Botterill (Mothee 61), Russell, Defoe (R Lunn 74), Herouvin, Brazil Sub not used - Day

Report by Roger Mahony



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## COVE FC 2 DORKING FC 1

**Tuesday 27th December 2016**Combined Counties League Division One

t was the sort of game that made staying in to watch yet another Christmas re-run of The Sound of Music seem like a very attractive proposition.

Travelling to Cove, bottom of the table and without a home win all season, Dorking played as if merely turning up for this Bank Holiday Monday fixture would be enough to secure the points. Cove meanwhile, demonstrated why they have struggled in the league this season but, with a number of new players on show, did at least display some attacking commitment.

The Chicks were somewhat depleted with injuries, illness and enforced absences denying the team the services of a number of recently signed players and regular starters - and top scorer Jimmy Brazil could only begin the game on the bench. However, manager Danny Fox would have been looking for a far more positive performance from the players that he did have at his disposal.

Dorking began the game with a mid-Christmas break sluggishness that they never really shook off, and it was Cove who made the early running, The Chicks began passing the ball with greater conviction and a little more precision ten minutes in - a neat one-two between Brandon Watts and Darrell Mothee allowed Watts to drive forward, feeding Andy Miller who did well to work himself space for a shot, which was blocked and diverted behind.

From the resulting corner, panic in the Cove defence allowed the Chicks to bundle the ball into the net, only for the referee to rule out the goal and award a free kick for a foul committed in the melee.

Any further moves of quality were distinctly absent with wayward passing and unimaginative lofted balls leading to a scrappy encounter, and it took until nearly 30 minutes for the game to show any signs of life.

Dorking keeper Charlie McTigue was slow to react to a speculative punt over the top and, when he did come out, Cove striker Felix Laing was now favourite to reach the ball first. Laing's first touch was enough to take him clear and leave McTigue stranded outside his penalty



"Paul Gough's red card was the turning point in a poor game."

area. Paul Gough raced back to attempt to retrieve the situation, but succeeded only in bundling Laing over as he was about to roll the ball into the empty Dorking net.

A red card for Gough was inevitable and, despite McTigue getting a hand to the shot, Cove duly converted the resulting penalty, to secure a one goal and one man advantage.

Danny Fox introduced Jimmy Brazil for the second half and two excellent defence splitting passes by Andy Miller gave the ten-man Chicks hope but, on 65 minutes, Cove passed their way round a static Dorking defence and Lee Culliven side-footed the ball neatly into the corner to double the home side's lead.

As ever, it was Jimmy Brazil showing a never-say-die attitude and he nearly clawed his team back into the game when he chased down the Cove left back and stole the ball to run through on goal, but his shot from a tight angle was blocked well by the keeper's legs.

Dorking did find a lifeline on 78 minutes when Owen Hunte was tripped in the box and Miller sent the Cove keeper the wrong way from the penalty spot but, despite a nervy Cove side leading to a frantic final ten minutes, the Chicks rarely looked like rescuing a point.

Disappointed by possibly the poorest performance of the season, Danny Fox moved quickly after the game to tie up two new signings that he had been working in for some weeks - bringing in 19 year old AFC Wimbledon apprentice Louie Stanton-Cockle on loan, along with the experienced former Molesey striker Dariush Heravi.

Dorking FC: McTigue, Hunte, Wisbey, Gough, B Watts, Mothee (Brazil 46), Webber, Russell, Herouvin, Miller, Knight (R Lunn 61)

Subs not used - Day, Wye



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## DORKING FC 0 CHESSINGTON & HOOK UTD 5

**Monday 2nd January 2017**Combined Counties League Division One

Despite looking stronger than in their previous league outing, Dorking were unable to live with Chessington and Hook United, who showed exactly why they are now on a strong promotion push, scoring eleven goals in their previous three games.

The second largest crowd of the season came out for the Bank Holiday morning kick off, and the visitors looked determined to put on a show from the first whistle, with free flowing attacking football taking the game to the hosts.

For the first quarter of an hour, Dorking defended resiliently, with local teenager Will Conroy looking assured at centre back alongside Paul Gough and full backs Owen Hunte and Jack Wisbey in determined mood. So it was unfortunate for the Chicks that the opening goal was conceded somewhat tamely, a speculative shot from Ade Peters appearing to slip underneath returning keeper Tom Day.

There was further misfortune five minutes later when Hunte, suffering from illness, had to depart the field forcing manager Danny Fox into an early substitution in his defensive line.

Tom Day then stopped an almost certain second goal, saving superbly with an outstretched foot as Chessington's J Flack was put through one-on-one, but he could do nothing to prevent Peters doubling the visitors lead as he rose highest at the far post to head into the net from close range on 33 minutes. And Martin Gange put Chessington out of sight with a third, following a free header in the middle of the box shortly before half time.

The Chicks began to look more positive towards the end of the first half and managed to keep their rampant visitors quiet at the start of the second, with new signing Louie Stanton-Cockle having just arrived on loan from AFC Wimbledon, beginning to get more involved in central midfield and looking particularly competitive as



"On a bad day for the Chicks, Tom Day kept the score down."

he became more familiar with his new team mates.

It took until 73 minutes and a very special goal for Chessington to extend their lead, as Walter Figueira unleashed an unstoppable shot from outside the right hand side of the box. Dorking were forced into a further change as experienced midfielder Dennis Ongei, playing despite suffering with a virus, departed shortly after, and J Flack then wrapped up the scoring for the visitors by side-footing into the net after good work by Bas Morally getting round Wisbey on the left and cutting the ball back.

Dorking might have grabbed a consolation as Stanton-Cockle floated in an excellent cross for George Knight to head down, but the Chessington keeper got down swiftly to stop the ball right on the goal line.

A comprehensive defeat to promotion chasers made it a disappointing start to the new year for the Chicks, but manager Danny Fox was able to take encouragement from the debuts of Stanton-Cockle and second-half substitute Dariush Heravi and will be hoping their experience, alongside a fully-fit Ongei, provides the support needed for his team's core of local, youthful players to start showing their potential.

Dorking FC: Day, Hunte (Harmsworth 19), Wisbey, Conroy, Gough (Heravi 65), Ongei (Russell 78), Herouvin, Stanton-Cockle, Brazil, Knight, Mothee Subs not used - McTigue, R Lunn

## WORCESTER PARK FC 4 DORKING FC 3

**Saturday 7th January 2017**Combined Counties League Division One

A hugely improved Dorking performance saw the Chicks push their hosts all the way before just falling short in a thrilling seven goal game at Worcester Park.

A heavy pitch with a famously steep end-to-end slope gave little clues to the entertainment that would follow and Danny Fox's side, playing uphill, spent much of the first half camped in their own half, defending resolutely but leaving striker Dariush Heravi on his first start, largely an isolated figure up front.

Still there was a spirit in the Chicks that has been missing in recent weeks, and the manager will surely have been impressed by the work rate of defence and midfield, crowding out Worcester Park attacks and, when the hosts did break through, centre backs Luke Harmsworth and Under 18 graduate Will Conroy were quick to clear the danger, putting their bodies in the way when necessary.

Misfortune played a part when Worcester Park breached the Dorking defence on 19 minutes, as a searching ball into the box glanced off Harmsworth's leg and past keeper Tom Day into the net.

But there could be no excuses as Worcester Park doubled their lead just four minutes later. A free kick was whipped in from just outside the left hand corner of the box, and no one picked up the run of striker Joe Cheeseman who was first to the ball, touching it past Day.

Despite conceding two goals in short order, the Chicks stood firm and clawed their way back into the game on 30 minutes. In a rare forward foray, Jimmy Brazil combined well with Louie Stanton-Cockle, who spread the ball wide left to Darrell Mothee. The winger's floated cross was met by Brazil who looped a header into the corner of the net.

At 2-1 and a downhill half to come, Dorking believed had cause for optimism at half time but, after an even ten minutes at the start of the second half, Worcester Park extended their lead as a free kick into the box was only



"Andy Miller's scorcher launched the Chicks' fightback."

partially cleared, the ball falling to Archie Watkins ten yard out, who slotted the ball low into the net with his left foot.

The game appeared to be over when Worcester Park made it 4-1 on 70 minutes, but still the Chicks did not give up and Andy Miller gave hope just a minute later with an unstoppable strike from 28 yards.

A grandstand finish was assured following good work from James Herouvin whose cross from deep came off the head of a Worcester Park defended and pulled the score back to 4-3. A penalty shout went unheeded by the referee and the home side just held on.

Despite the disappointment of scoring three times away and coming home empty handed, Danny Fox will have been greatly encouraged by the performance. With recent signings Ongei, Heravi and Stanton-Cockle all still working their way to match fitness, there's every reason to approach today's crucial game at home to Farleigh Rovers with confidence.

Dorking FC: Day, Hunte, Wisbey, Harmsworth, Ongei, Conroy, Brazil, Stanton-Cockle, Heravi, Miller, Mothee Subs - McTigue, A Watts, Gough, Herouvin, R Lunn

### SHEERWATER FC 3 DORKING FC 1

**Saturday 11th February 2017**Combined Counties League Division One

Despite defeat, Dorking's new management team of Steve Lunn and Simon Coffey had plenty of positives to take from their first game in charge.

In truth, the scoreline was harsh on their young Chicks side, which matched Sheerwater for the first half and only ran out of steam later in the game.

With injury and absences denying Dorking a number of this season's regular starters, Steve and Simon brought in local centre back Steve Harcombe, and maintained the club's policy of promoting youth team players, with a debut for U18 midfielder Aiden Torpey.

The signs looked ominous in the second minute when a Sheerwater free kick wide left bounced through the penalty box completely unchallenged, and straight into the far corner of the Chicks' net, giving the hosts the simplest of early leads.

But the much-changed and youthful Dorking side steadily found their feet in the game with Torpey, Andy Miller and Will Hearn, returning on loan from Dorking Wanderers, looking busy in midfield.

Chances began to appear. Hearn hit a ball from deep, putting Ryan Lunn behind the defence wide right, but his inviting cross just eluded Miller and James Herouvin, while strikes from Miller and Torpey rose over the bar.

Meanwhile, with Harcombe looking impressive in defence alongside U18 graduate Will Conroy, Sheerwater were largely restricted to long-range shots. When the hosts struck from closer range, Chicks' keeper Charlie McTigue got down smartly to his right to hold the 10 yard effort on the line.

Dorking deservedly drew level a minute before the break as Torpey played in James Herouvin, who broke free of the defence before keeping his cool to place the ball under the Sheerwater keeper into the far corner of the goal.



"Dorking levelled deservedly through James Herouvin."

It was Sheerwater who enjoyed the best of the game after the break, but Dorking were resolute in defence, with a work rate that will have impressed the new management team. It took until the 74th minute, and a moment of great quality, for Sheerwater to breach the Chicks' back line - a chipped ball into the box leaving Robbie Wilson with a simple one-on-one to retake the lead.

With Dorking playing their first game for more than a month, players were visibly tiring as Sheerwater grabbed a third on 83 minutes.

But despite the defeat, Steve Lunn and Simon Coffey will have been pleased with the attitude shown by their young side in a battling performance with chances still being created up to the final whistle, even when the game was, in all likelihood, out of reach.

Dorking FC: McTigue, Brazil (Agent 65), Webber (Knight 57), Conroy, Harcombe, Torpey, R Lunn, Miller, Herouvin, Hearn, Stanton-Cockle (Bouzida 81)
Sub not used: Cox



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# AN EVENING WITH RICHARD SHAW



Last month, the club hosted an evening with Crystal Palace legend and current U23 manager, Richard Shaw.

From the 1990 FA Cup Final, through the record breaking 1991 season with the Eagles, to the truth about his tangle with Eric Cantona which ended with the mercurial Frenchman red carded and launching a kung fu kick into the crowd, Richard spoke entertainingly about his near-600 first class games over 22 years as a pro with Palace, Coventry and Millwall.

Answering questions for more than an hour and a half, Richard – a dedicated supporter of non-league football - also talked frankly about the state of the game today and, a subject close to Dorking FC's heart, the development of young players.

Our thanks goes to Richard Shaw for giving his time so generously for the benefit of Dorking FC, to everyone who came along and to North Holmwood Sports Club for freely accommodating us in their clubhouse.



# NEW LOOK FOR FOOTBALL IN DORKING

Dorking will have one significantly expanded football club next season following a bold new plan for football in the town, announced today by the Dorking Football Development Alliance.

The Alliance - formed last year by Dorking's two senior clubs, Dorking FC and Dorking Wanderers FC - has agreed that local football will be best served by one club that everyone can get behind with both a high-achieving first team and a comprehensive community set up at the forthcoming new Meadowbank stadium.

Dorking FC Chief Executive Jason Rabbetts says, "The past year's success of the Alliance has shown both clubs what we can achieve for local players, supporters and the town when working together. But Dorking's a town of just 11,000 people – too small to sustain two football clubs to their full potential.

"Even with the Alliance, having two clubs still means a duplication of resources, a sharing of the volunteer base and potential revenues, and barriers to the movement of local young talent through a single development pathway. So we have agreed to have just one club for the whole of this fantastic town to get behind."

As a result, Dorking Wanderers FC will expand by taking over the community football development role currently contained within the Dorking Football Development Alliance and at the heart of Dorking FC.

In addition to the first team, Dorking Wanderers will include a new Reserve / Development side, an Under 18 Ryman League squad, a new

Academy combining football with education, an enhanced local youth section from U7s to U16s and a first class women's football squad. As the sole senior club at the new Meadowbank stadium, it will also operate the clubhouse when it opens later this year while retaining Westhumble primarily as a training venue.



Dorking CEO Jason Rabbetts and Wanderers Chairman Marc White at the launch of the Alliance

The Chairman of Dorking Wanderers, Marc White, says, "The benefits to Dorking of one club are clear - economies of scale, unparalleled facilities for participation in football with Meadowbank and Westhumble under one management, and a genuine single pathway for local talent.

And looking ambitiously to the future, Jason Rabbetts adds, "By having all this activity within one club, Dorking has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to compete in scale and scope with some of the biggest non-league football towns across the south of England."

In practical terms, the plan means Dorking Football Club (1880) CIC Ltd, the not-for-profit company set up by local businessmen in 2014 that has restored a sense of community to Dorking FC and returned football to a new Meadowbank stadium will close at the end of this season. Following that closure, Dorking Wanderers FC will adopt the town's cockerel that has symbolised football in Dorking since 1880.

Marc White says, "The history of football in Dorking is a rich and proud one, stretching back to the 19th century when the original Dorking FC was a founding member of Surrey FA, while Dorking Wanderers is a modern community success story rising from park football to the Ryman league in just 18 years. We need to change senior football in the town for the benefit of all, but we will do it in a way that embraces and respects the history of the game in Dorking. The Dorking cockerel is already a part of our badge and will, as the town's recognised symbol, become more prominent."

The new Meadowbank offers a one-club Dorking the chance to compete with the best non-league towns in the South

As the sole senior club representing the town and with a new permanent home ground on the horizon, Wanderers also plan to review the club name following the changes, subject of course to the league and FA guidelines.

With Dorking Wanderers now carrying forward the flame for football for the town, Marc White is keen to pay tribute to the role played by Dorking FC in creating a bright new future.

"Dorking Wanderers and the wider football community owes a great debt of gratitude for the objectivity, pragmatism and leadership shown by the committee and board of Dorking FC. They have genuinely had the good of local football at heart, and their achievements in saving football at Meadowbank with an otherwise unthinkable multi-million pound development for the whole Dorking football community to enjoy must be congratulated.



Youth and Ladies Football remains at the heart of the future for Dorking

"Their project has been a real success and I hope that some of the talent, energy, and vision formerly at Dorking FC will take up my open invitation to make a contribution to the exciting, bigger future of Dorking Wanderers FC."

# THE RESTRUCTURING OF DORKING FOOTBALL Q&A

#### WHY ARE YOU MAKING THESE CHANGES? WHAT'S WRONG WITH HAVING TWO CLUBS?

By focusing all local energies and resources in one club with a successful first team, Reserves / Development side, Academy, U18s, enhanced youth set-up, women's team and fantastic facilities at both Meadowbank and Westhumble, Dorking will have a football club that potentially rivals other towns such as Leatherhead and Sutton in its scale and scope.

To make this a success, the town needs to be able to get behind one club, maximising revenue, resources and the local volunteer base with no duplication of effort.

Talented young players in the area will know they can go seamlessly within one hometown club from youth football, to Under 18s at an elite standard, stepping up through Development / Reserves and on to a highly successful first team, with no administrative or practical barriers to their progress.

#### IS THIS A MERGER OR A TAKEOVER?

Neither. Rules and regulations mean that it's rarely possible for two football clubs to merge or for one to take over another. As the town's one senior football club, Dorking Wanderers FC will be able to expand its activities, but the legal entity, ownership and management structure remain unchanged.

#### SO DOES THIS MARK THE END OF DORKING FC, THE HISTORIC CLUB FORMED IN 1880?

The town currently has two football clubs and, in order for there to be only one serving the community in the most effective way, it follows that one of them must close. In terms of the history, the clubs' two timelines are meeting before Dorking Wanderers takes the town's football heritage forward, but this shouldn't be seen as the end of an era.

Dorking's football club has been several different entities with a number of different names over the past 137 years. Dorking Wanderers takes on the mantle of Dorking's football club, just as Guildford & Dorking United FC did following a merger with Guildford City in 1974, before being reconstituted as Dorking Town FC a few years later and then

reverting to Dorking FC in 1981. This is the latest development in the rich and colourful heritage of Dorking football. It comes at a very positive time for the game in the town.

## FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS ARE TRADITIONALLY VERY PARTISAN. WON'T THIS UPSET SUPPORTERS OF ONE OR EVEN BOTH CLUBS?

In non-league football, many people just want to see their local team do well – the rivalry that exists in professional league football doesn't usually exist within a single small town. Both clubs have been working together positively this season and supporters have often socialised at games of both clubs. This development ensures one club for everyone in the football community to unite behind.

With the new publicly-funded Meadowbank stadium imminent, these changes are aimed at ensuring the widest possible use of the community facility and attracting interest in local football from many residents who have not previously engaged with non-league football in the town – while, at the same time, respecting the long-standing dedicated supporters who have enabled Dorking football to thrive and are rightly proud of its history.



#### **DFC UNDER 18s**



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The Under 18's home venue this season is Westhumble Playing Fields

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#### **DFC LADIES**

#### FEBRUARY 2017

HOME	Sun 19, 12:00	Abbey Rangers	League
AWAY	Sun 26, 12:00	Abbey Rangers	League

SYLPC = Southern Youth League Plate Cup SYFL = Southern Youth Football League RYL = Ryman Youth League Updated on Wednesday 15th February



# FIRST TEAM FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPOSITION	VENUE	COMP	KO/RE	SULT	SCORERS
SAT 13 AUG	FARLEIGH ROVERS	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	1-0	-
TUE 16 AUG	WORCESTER PARK	HOME	CCL Division 1	W	3-2	KNIGHT (21), R LUNN (41), MOTHEE (83)
SAT 20 AUG	AC LONDON	HOME	CCL Division 1	L	0-5	-
SAT 27 AUG	ASH UNITED	HOME	CCL Division 1	L	1-5	HUNTE (43)
MON 29 AUG	СОВНАМ	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	3-1	WATTS (80)
SAT 03 SEPT	FRIMLEY GREEN	HOME	CCL Division 1	W	2-1	WATTS (18), KNIGHT (69)
SUN 11 SEPT	BECKENHAM TOWN	HOME	FA VASE	L	1-4	K LUNN (39)
SAT 17 SEPT	EPSOM ATHLETIC	AWAY	CCL Division 1	W	1-2	MOTHEE (63), GOUGH (65)
TUE 20 SEPT	BALHAM	HOME	Div 1 Cup	L	1-6	KNIGHT (47)
SAT 24 SEPT	WORCESTER PARK	AWAY	CRRPCC*	L	2-1	BRAZIL (53)
SAT 01 OCT	SHEERWATER	HOME	CCL Division 1	D	2-2	BRAZIL (59), WATTS (73)
SAT 08 OCT	BAGSHOT	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	3-1	HEROUVIN (85)
TUE 11 OCT	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC	HOME	CCL Division 1	L	1-2	HEROUVIN (90+)
SAT 15 OCT	SOUTH PARK RESERVES	AWAY	CCL Division 1	D	2-2	BRAZIL (55, 83)
WED 19 OCT	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC	HOME	Surrey Premier Cup	L	3-4	KNIGHT (32, 36), BRAZIL (35)
SAT 22 OCT	COVE	HOME	CCL Division 1	W	5-2	A WATTS (26), MILLER (43), BRAZIL (46, 72), HEROUVIN (89)
TUE 25 OCT	CHESSINGTON & HOOK UTD	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	1-0	-
SAT 29 OCT	AC LONDON	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	3-2	DAVIES (40), K LUNN (88)
SAT 05 NOV	BALHAM	HOME	CCL Division 1	L	1-7	MOTHEE (29)
SAT 12 NOV	STAINES LAMMAS	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	2-1	MILLER (8)
SAT 19 NOV	<b>EVERSLEY &amp; CALIFORNIA</b>	HOME	CCL Division 1	L	0-2	-
SAT 26 NOV	REDHILL	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	2-0	-
SAT 03 DEC	EPSOM ATHLETIC	HOME	CCL Division 1	W	6-0	BRAZIL (25, 45, 48), OG (40), HEROUVIN (67), MILLER (80)
SAT 10 DEC	FRIMLEY GREEN	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	3-2	A WATTS (3), BRAZIL (17)
SAT 17 DEC	REDHILL	HOME	CCL Division 1	L	0-2	-
TUE 27 DEC	COVE	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	2-1	MILLER (78)
MON 02 JAN	CHESSINGTON & HOOK UTD	HOME	CCL Division 1	L	0-5	-
SAT 07 JAN	WORCESTER PARK	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	4-3	BRAZIL (30), MILLER (71), OG (88)
SAT 11 FEB	SHEERWATER	AWAY	CCL Division 1	L	3-1	HEROUVIN (44)
SAT 18 FEB	СОВНАМ	HOME	CCL Division 1	3PM		
SAT 25 FEB	BANSTEAD ATHLETIC	AWAY	CCL Division 1	3PM		

More to be announced...

OG = Own Goal

CCL = Combined Counties League

Div 1 Cup = RPM Records Division One Cup

\* Cherry Red Records Premier Challenge Cup

The First Team's home venue this season is Westhumble Playing Fields

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#### **STARTING XI**

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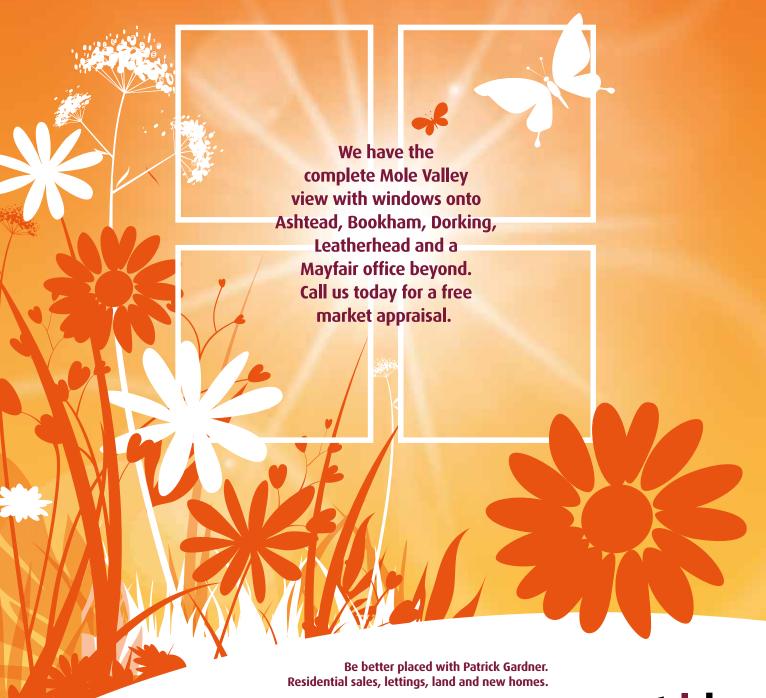
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# THE HISTORY OF DORKING FC

ootball has been played in Dorking since the 1830s. The first matches took place in the street. An annual game was staged every Shrove Tuesday in the High Street, preceded by a procession led by a band as well as men dressed as women collecting donations and carrying a cross.

On the left of the cross was a red, white and blue football, on the top a gold ball and on the right a red and green football representing the 'cockerel colours' of Dorking FC - the same colours we wear proudly today. The Shrove Tuesday game tradition continued until 1905 when it became outlawed - although the club is now looking at ways to reintroduce the historic community event.

Dorking Football Club was founded in 1880, shortly after the FA had defined formal rules for the game, and now lays claim to the title of the oldest senior club in Surrey. The cockerel logo was also immediately adopted as the club's badge. It still remains there today and is why we are affectionately known as 'The Chicks'.

The club first played at a pitch on West Bank before moving to Fairfield Drive and then on to Pixham Lane in the 1920s. In 1953 we moved to our current home location at Meadowbank - an iconic, picturesque location just behind the High Street, where the bells of St Martin's can be heard peeling during the games. The new stadium was the pride of the town with a capacity of 5000, including a stand accommodating 700, opened by the then FA Secretary Sir Stanley Rous.

In 1974 we joined forces with Guildford City to become Guildford & Dorking United FC for an ill-fated three year period, before being reconstituted as Dorking Town FC, and then reverting to the traditional named of Dorking FC in 1981.

On the pitch, our record over the years reflects the traditional highs and lows of non-league football, including many notable achievements as well as the occasional despair. In 1955 we became the first

Surrey club to defeat a professional team when we beat Folkestone 3-1 in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup in front of a record crowd of over 4000 spectators.

The late 1980s and early 90s are considered to be our glory years with cup victories and a league title, along with a promotion in 1989 followed by another promotion in 1993 to the Premier Division of the Isthmian League. In 1992-3 we won the Southern Counties Combination Cup and reached the first round proper of the FA Cup, losing a thrilling game 3-2 at home to Peter Shilton's Plymouth Argyle in front of TV cameras and a bumper crowd, many of whom still talk about it today while continuing to support the Chicks with a passion.

We continued to play at Meadowbank until 2013 when the ground was closed by the local authority on health and safety grounds. A lack of investment and years of decay came home to roost and the club, now playing in the Combined Counties League Division One, was forced to leave the town and ground share in Horley.

The future was uncertain for the Chicks but, in early 2014, a new Board of local enthusiasts took over control and set out on an ambitious plan to rebuild the club as a community and social enterprise that would re-establish itself in the town, developing local talent.

An agreement was made with Mole Valley Council for the ground at Meadowbank to be re-developed and Dorking FC have returned to playing in the town this year - initially at Westhumble Playing Fields before finally bringing football home to the new Meadowbank for the 2017-2018 season.

The new ground will feature the latest 3G artificial playing surface and, as well as having a new clubhouse, the site will also house the new headquarters of Surrey FA. Dorking will once again be very much at the centre of football activities in Surrey.



# OPPOSITION HISTORY COBHAM FC

cobham football club was formed by villagers in 1892 entering a local junior league. 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. In the 1930's they gained intermediate status and quickly achieved senior status in 1938 upon election to the Surrey senior league. After interruption by the war, Cobham became league champions in 1948/9 narrowly missing the double by losing the league cup final.

The club then 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. 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 floodlights were installed in1997/8 and were christened with a game against Conference side Woking.

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 Eric Strange and Dave Tippetts, the pride of place on the clubhouse wall goes to a picture of Reg Madgewick, who served as player, committee member and fund raiser. When he died 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 Madgewick Stadium in his honour. The hammers most recent silverware was in 2001/2 when they beat Bedfont FC 3-2 in the Combined Counties League Premier Challenge Cup.

After the stand went up in 2004, the club has been a mainstay in the Combined Counties Division 1. After a new committee was elected in 2015, the club has welcomed back Junior football with 14 sides to compliment the men's team and the new seated stand, fencing and turnstile were put in during April 2016 to allow the ground to achieve a Grade D.

With many of the towns businesses now on board as sponsors and suppliers, the Hammers are on a firm footing for progression and are delighted to have so many Committee members who have so many decades of service between them and their families who really have the club at heart.









































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