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## DAVID ROGERS

INTERIM EDITOR

Welcome to Champion Hill and an exciting brand new season!

As you may have noticed, we have been busy over the summer holidays redesigning and redeveloping the matchday programme.

Our soft launch programme in the new format was published for the Altona game. We have taken feedback from the fans and it has been overwhelmingly positive. We will be happy to take further feedback so please come and see myself or Tom Bale in the bar after a game.

Along with a new look design, we are bringing you new engaging content; including interviews with the management and players, a brand new Junior Rabble section, interviews with people from around the club and articles from our fans, young and old.

If you would like to get involved, please email: [media@dulwichhamletfc.co.uk](mailto:media@dulwichhamletfc.co.uk).

We will also be producing a digital edition which you will be able to download to your phone or tablet so watch out for news on this.

Before I sign off, a big shout out to Paul Hamilton whose help and advice was invaluable in the design process.

Enjoy the game!

## BEN CLASPER

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



**Welcome back to Champion Hill, I hope you enjoyed the summer break.**

It couldn't have been a busier, tougher, more unpredictable pre-season if it tried and I have so much to talk to you about. Sadly, as you will see from the new programme format the editors have cut my word count in half which is probably for the best as I could have taken up the whole publication.

So, we'll take a different approach this season, I'll keep you up to date with club news in this column and then we'll add larger articles when I have bigger topics to cover as I know how much you value the detail.

I am looking forward to this season, the nerves are still there but feel different this time, they come from a feeling of expectation and of believing we can win this league. It is a far cry from the feeling of constantly looking over your shoulder.

With a new squad and a new approach patience will be key, I would love to hit the ground running but I suspect this is going to be a marathon not a sprint.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope we can give you the season you deserve and those thanks also extend to our sponsors who always make us feel like their priority is the club and being part of our community so we look forward to hosting them throughout the season, starting this evening with Buildteam whose superb looking new TO stadium banner is making its home debut.

The start of our home league campaign is our first chance to look forward but sadly it will also mark the passing of our friend and former player, Kimm Connett, following his sudden and unexpected death last week. Kimm was incredibly excited about the season ahead and I hope we can do him proud.

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## HAKAN HAYRETTIN

MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to Champion Hill.

Firstly, I'd like to address our wonderful supporters, I hope to see our fans come down in their thousands tonight and give them a good result and performance to be proud of again.

I want to credit my squad for the performance they put in on Saturday at Hashtag. They worked hard, we had lots of injuries and had to change things, and I am incredibly proud of them. They dug deep, and we got something out of the game, we just couldn't quite hold on for the win.

As far as season openers go, that was a tough one. We have said to the squad all summer that it will be a tough league this year, it won't be easy, but I did say we were going to be a side that is organised and resilient.

We didn't start great, but after the red card, we got into the game, and when we did, we looked a good side.

20 new players have been added to the side, it will take a bit of time to gel,



but they were excellent with ten men on Saturday. It was a backs-against-the-wall job and I thought we were worthy of a point. I'd also like to say how excellent Jack Ruddy was too. He's made about four great saves during the game.

Enjoy the game tonight and make yourselves heard.

# AWAY DAYS



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Take the A23 and M23 out of London and follow to J11. Exit onto the A264 and follow for 6.5 miles until the roundabout with the A24. Take the first exit and follow for 3.5 miles. At the Hop Oast Roundabout, take the first exit onto the B2237, the ground will be on your right.

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# MATCH REPORT

## HASHTAG UNITED 2 HAMLET 2

by Jake Egelnick: Saturday 12 August 2023 : Attendance: 399 : Referee: Adam Merchant

Two goals from Luke Wanadio wasn't enough for 10-man Dulwich to overcome Hashtag United as the Hamlet got their 2023-2024 campaign underway with an incredible 2-2 draw in Essex, with Jack Ruddy providing heroics in goal following a 22nd minute red card to Manny Parry.

The Tags almost went ahead in the third minute when a lovely ball over the top of the Dulwich defence required two stern challenges from Sanchez Ming to nullify the Hashtag threat.

It was a long ball in the 22nd minute that would cause the red card as Parry lost his man Zuhdu, before dragging him down at the edge of the box, earning Dulwich the unwanted record of the first dismissal in the Premier Division this season. Greg Halford's resulting free kick at the edge of the D went just wide.

Despite the red, it was the Hamlet who scored first thanks to a bit of magic from Wanadio in the 35th minute. The winger latched onto a pass from Kreshnic Krasniqi at the edge of the box then went this way and that, before taking a shot that kept low and crept into the bottom corner beyond the outstretched arm of James Philp.

When the half time whistle went, Dulwich had been forced to use all three of their subs with Ryley Scott and Elliott Romain injured, and Ade Shokunbi sacrificed in a tactical change.

After an early chance for Anthony Jeffrey,

Hashtag started to utilise their man advantage with a series of well-worked attacks, with Ruddy denying Sam Cornish from range.

A volley from Max Cornhill forced another incredible reaction save from Ruddy. The save was so good that some of the Hashtag fans had already started celebrating a goal. The Scot then single-handedly kept out shot after shot, including two great headers from corners, then parried away a fizzing volley from Zuhdu, before making an incredible dive to his left to keep out a curling shot from Hassan.

The Ruddy wall finally fell in the 73rd minute when Hassan took the ball close to the byline, with his cross coming off the foot of Cem Tumkaya and into the Dulwich net, with the ball seemingly going out for a goal kick before being crossed.

It didn't matter, as moments later we once again found the back of the net through Wanadio, who burst past Harry Haysom before drilling the ball into the bottom left corner.

Alex Teniola wasted a glorious chance to level, but just when it felt like Dulwich would come away with all three points, in the 94th minute a speculative shot from Toby Aromolaran from the edge of box took a deflection and looped over the diving Ruddy to share the points.

**Player of the match : Jack Ruddy**

**DHFC Line-Up:** 1 Jack Ruddy, 2 Sanchez Ming, 4 Mark Ricketts (c), 5 Michael Chambers, 6 Manny Parry, 7 Luke Wanadio, 8 Ryley Scott (15 Kreshnic Krasniqi 35'), 10 Anthony Jeffery, 16 Ademola Shokunbi (12 Cem Tumkaya 23'), 18 Jerome Binnom-Williams, 19 Elliot Romain (9 Danny Mills 45+2')  
**Unused Substitutions:** 11 Miquel Scarlett, 20 Richard Pingling  
**Goalscorers:** Luke Wanadio 35', 76'  
**Yellow Cards:** Jack Ruddy 73' **Red Card:** Kreshnic Krasniqi 78'

**Hashtag United Line Up:** 1 James Philp, 2 Matthew Wooldridge, 3 Nathan Smith (14 Alex Teniola 67'), 5 Harry Haysom, 6 Max Cornhill (c) (9 Toby Aromolaran 66'), Sakariya Hassan, 10 Sam Cornish, 11 Wyan Reid, 15 Greg Halford, 17 Percy Kiangebeni, 20 Suleyman Zuhdu (8 Lewis Watson 73') **Unused Substitutions:** 4 Thomas Anderson, 12 Misha Djemaili **Goalscorers:** Sakariya Hassan 73', Toby Aromolaran 90+4'

# CLUB NEWS



## KIMM CONNETT (1956 - 2023)

Last week brought the devastating news that our former player Kimm Connett had passed away suddenly at the age of 65. Kimm played for us during the 1970s and 80s, scoring 64 goals in 202 appearances, helping us win the Isthmian League Division One title in 1978. Like his father Pat, Kimm was synonymous with the Hamlet, going on to be the chairman of the Former Players Association. Our chairman Ben Clasper wrote the following about Kimm.

We were devastated to learn of the sudden death of Kimm Connett. This is a loss that will be felt not only throughout our football club, with whom his family are most closely associated, but all other clubs, businesses and communities with which he was connected as there was no one more giving, more supportive and more proactive than Kimm.

Kimm was pink and blue to his core following in the footsteps of his father Pat Connett, both of them not only excelling

for the Hamlet on the football pitch but also continuing their support, work and volunteering beyond their playing days. I am sure there will be countless more comments and articles that will recount his playing career in far greater detail than I can from those there to witness it first hand, not least covering the famous Isthmian League Championship in 1978 under manager Alan Smith.

Whilst I was a little young to have watched Kimm in action on the pitch I can speak volumes of his contribution in recent years as during my five years as Chairman he became a friend and confidante as he helped the club reconnect with former players, was a constant source of support and introduced me to other clubs he thought we could learn from as we rebuilt our club after staring into the abyss in 2018. Whenever there was something I needed help with there would inevitably be a response within days either offering to provide that help personally or giving me the name of a contact from his seemingly endless football and business network who may be of service. Every single offer was genuine, unconditional and followed up on. For a club that had recently passed into the ownership of supporters with little experience in football, other than standing on the terraces, Kimm's perspective, knowledge and advice was something I was becoming increasingly reliant on and unusually confident in investing in as, like his dad before him, I knew he would be in it for the long haul through good or bad. His

love and support for our club was deep-seated and unconditional.

One of my first complaints when I took over the club was the lack of any connection with past players as I could see from following the Hamlet to away games that other clubs had an abundance of support and expertise from their old boys and so I was introduced to Kimm only to find that he was the hub of a superb network from his playing days and it has been an honour to spend time with all of them. My biggest regret is the only headache Kimm ever gave me was his group was so popular there were far too many to accommodate in a boardroom on a match day and we spoke often about the expanded facilities we would have in the new stadium to give them all the welcome they deserved, it is heart-breaking that he won't be there to host it.

I feel fortunate that I was able to spend the recent Tooting & Mitcham friendly with Kimm and Alan walking them through the new squad and the pre-season progress, they were both a huge support through the bad times of the season past and so I was excited to hopefully share the good times ahead. All we spoke about after was what else he could do for the club and the final text I received from him on the weekend was yet another offer of support to step in and fill a gap after telling him we had an impending departure. That was Kimm, every problem, every ask, every gap, first in line, first to offer, first class.

The gap he leaves will hurt, then grow as we have lost one of the few people we could all turn to, and he would always have been there for the Hamlet.

Dear Kimm. Thank you. I will miss you dearly. The club was honoured to have you. Our love and thoughts are with your family, and I hope we can be of some support in return.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Following our relegation from the National League South, it has been a summer of change for Hakan Hayrettin and his side. Just three members of last year's squad have remained at Champion Hill, with a further 20 players arriving from elsewhere. Here is the current squad list ahead of tonight's game:

Sanchez Ming (Retained)  
Danny Mills (Retained)  
Kreshnic Krasniqi (Retained)  
Jack Ruddy (Cowdenbeath)  
R'avan Constable (Hanwell Town)  
Craig Braham-Barrett (Tonbridge Angels)  
Michael Chambers (Billericay Town)  
Jerry Gyebi (Hungerford Town)  
Cem Tumkaya (Cray Valley PM)  
Jerome Binnom-Williams (Maidstone United)  
Manny Parry (Welling United)  
Miquel Scarlett (Eastbourne Borough)  
Momodou Jallow (Tooting & Mitcham)  
Mark Ricketts (Boreham Wood)  
Luke Wanadio (Dover Athletic)  
Ryley Scott (Dagenham & Redbridge)  
Anthony Jeffrey (Billericay Town)  
Alfie Allen (Millwall)  
Ademola Shokunbi (South Shields)  
Kaya Hansson (Bromley)  
Adrian Clifton (Maidenhead United)  
Elliott Romain (Ebbsfleet United)  
Richard Pingling (Haywards Heath Town)

# CANVEY ISLAND FC

**FORMED** 1926  
**STADIUM** Park Lane  
**CAPACITY** 4,100  
**MANAGER** Brad Wellmen  
**NICKNAMES** The Gulls, The Islanders



The Club was founded in 1926, but unfortunately most of the early records of the Club were lost in the devastating East Coast floods of 1953. The club were very successful during their days in the local leagues, winning many cups and league championships. During these years, the club appointed Denis Neville as manager, his first job after leaving his position as Dutch National Team manager.

Facing a threat to their existence in the late 1980s, former player and local businessman Jeff King took over as manager, pumping funds into the club, and fortunes changed for the better.

1993 brought an Essex Senior League title and semi-finals of the FA Vase, before successive promotions from the Isthmian League Divisions 3 and 2 followed in 1995 and 1996.

1998 and 1999 brought successive promotions to reach the Isthmian Premier, before the club had its greatest day at Villa Park in 2001. In front of more than 10,000 people, Ben Chenery's early goal saw them beat Conference side Forest Green Rovers in the FA Trophy final.

A club-best run to the FA Cup Third Round followed in 2002, which included wins over Football League Wigan Athletic and Northampton Town, and the Conference was finally reached in 2004, but a cup double was narrowly missed as they lost to Hednesford Town in the latest Trophy Final.

After King removed his financial interests in 2006, the club had to resume playing in the Isthmian League, starting in Division One North before a nine-year stint back in the Premier Division between 2008 and 2017, before relegation befell them.

Play-off heartache occurred in the first year back in the North as Haringey Borough beat them in the final, before Mark Bentley led them to the proper stages of the FA Cup and a live tie on the BBC in 2020-21.

Brad Wellmen became manager in October 2021, and led them to a second-placed finish, with Brentwood Town beaten on penalties in the play-off final. Last season also saw them reach the play-offs upon their return to the Premier Division, this time losing on penalties to Aveley.

## KEEP AN EYE ON...



### Evans Kouassi

33-year-old well-travelled striker who has been with the club since 2020. Has scored more than 50 goals for the club since arriving, with 31 goals coming in all competitions during the 2021-22 season as the Gulls achieved promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division. Evans was named the Supporter's Player of the Season that year and would back this up by netting another 24 times as they finished 3rd in 22-23. Scored the winning goal in injury time against Haringey Borough on Saturday.



### Conor Hubble

Attacking midfielder aged 28. Has played more than 100 games for the club since arriving in the summer of 2020 from Maldon & Tiptree, having also played for Colchester United, Leiton, Billericay Town and Coggeshall Town. The former QPR youngster scored some vital goals in the run to the Second Round of the FA Cup in 20-21, including in Round One at Banbury United. Has reached double figures for goals in the past two seasons from midfield to help the Gulls reach the play-offs in both Division One North and the Premier.

## HEAD TO HEAD

07.01.17	Park Lane (League)	0-1
27.08.16	Champion Hill (League)	1-2
24.10.15	Park Lane (League)	2-1
08.08.15	Champion Hill (League)	3-0
07.02.15	Champion Hill (League)	0-3
04.10.14	Park Lane (League)	2-1
15.02.14	Park Lane (League)	1-2

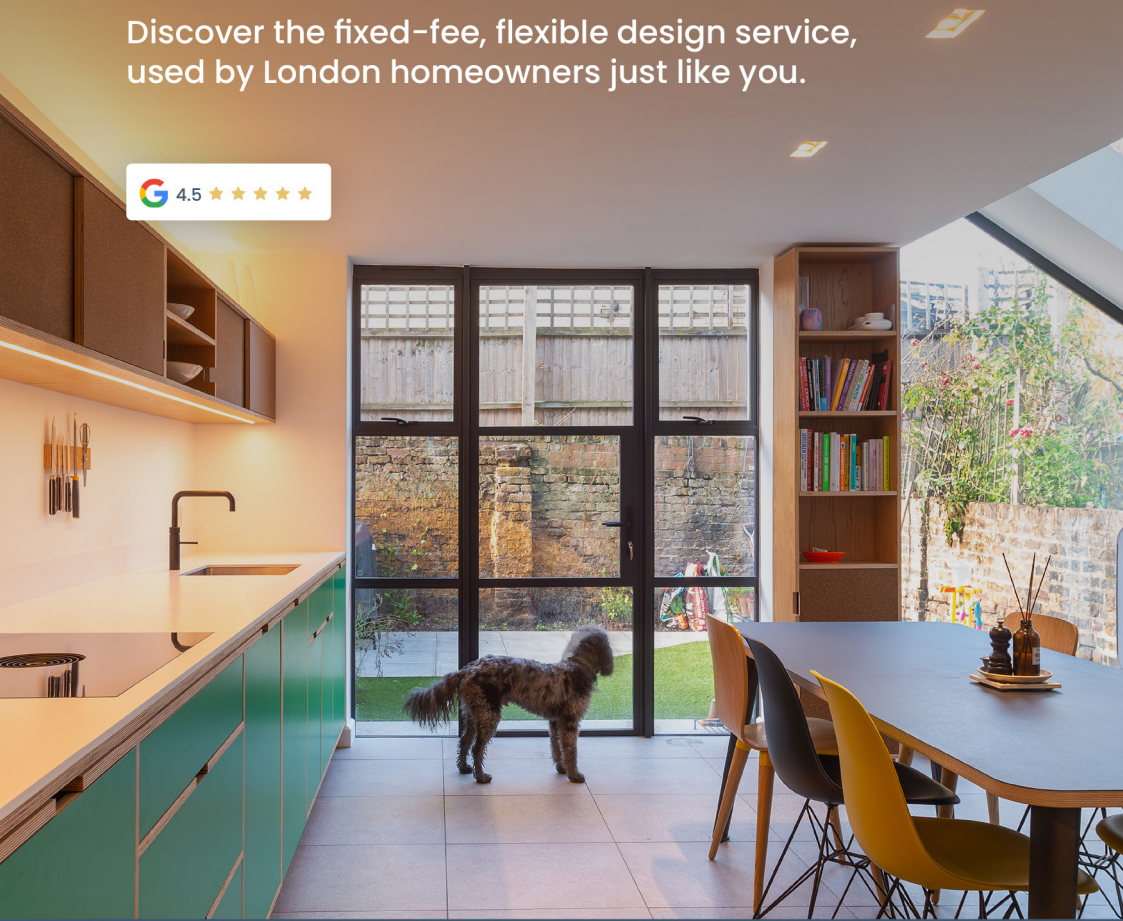
## RECENT RESULTS

12.08.23	Haringey Borough (H)	3-2
08.08.23	West Ham U21s (H)	0-2
05.08.23	Lowestoft Town (A)	4-1
01.08.23	Grays Athletic (H)	1-1
29.07.23	Bowers & Pitsea (H)	0-2
25.07.23	Southend United (H)	0-1
21.07.23	Heybridge Swifts (A)	0-1

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## VIEWS FROM THE TOILETS ADJACENT

**Preparations for the first home game of the season are an uneasy amalgam of practicality and superstition for me. In pursuit of the former, scarves are ironed, legs shaved, and dogs wormed. Manipulating the Fates' plan for The Hamlet is however a less prosaic endeavour.**

A lot of us will have our own personal matchday superstitions. Lucky pants donned perhaps or a charmed turnstile ingressed. Famously, manager of Birmingham City, Barry Fry would go for a gypsy's in each of the four corners of St. Andrews to lift an ancient curse. While I follow Fry's lead during the course of most matches, this is incidental, out of necessity and very much in the facilities provided.

But I do have my own personal set of irrational routines, which include cobbing the first piece of gyro meat I purchase over my left shoulder and patting the mural of my dead dog. During the dying days of last season, I also had it in my head that wearing my threadbare 2012 promotion scarf was swinging fortune our way. But ultimately that didn't pan out at all as planned. So back to the hand knitted one this year, plus maybe pin an old Edgar Kail button badge from the 2018 promotion season to my lapel. Thing is, any decent football tactician needs to experiment with their combinations; be prepared to change and do whatever it takes.

Turning to matters more corporeal, we've seen some radical off-season pruning

(Haking back?) of the Dulwich Hamlet squad under the wise tutelage of Messrs Hayrettin and Harris. And while I'm sure most of us are relieved at that, the scale of change makes the process of putting players' faces to names a bigger pain in the aris than usual. Now it is for every fan to adopt their own memory methodology. What I do is try to connect a new name with a player's visual trait. So, I'm hoping Mark Ricketts has bandy legs, Elliott Romain has a shock of green leafy hair, and Jerome Binnom-Williams has similitude to an over-zealous quality control operative overseeing and rejecting the shoddy work of a Welsh employee.

Spare a thought too for Champion Hill's songwriters as they look to radically edit the terrace songbook. There are some open goals thankfully (my Ping-a-ling, My Ping-a-ling, I want you to play with my Ping-a-ling!). But otherwise, Bernie Taupin himself would struggle with what our Rabble composers are facing. Best I could come up with was "Cem Tumkaya, your defence is terrified." But not sure that works given the boy's a stopper. Bring back Ellis Green I say.

So here we go, into a new season with ambition but also trepidation; like an ill-advised nocturnal shortcut across Greendale. Let's hope we make it to the other side in good order, having regained our mojo and given Billericay the home and away tonking we so owe them. That's all I want to see. Up The Hamlet.

# FREUNDSCHAFT

**This summer, we had the absolute pleasure of welcoming our dear friends from Altona '93 over to London, to celebrate the 130th anniversary of our two great sides. Whilst the standout moment of the four-day trip was undoubtedly the latest clash on the pitch between the two sides, there was plenty of laughter and enjoyment to be had in the other events held that weekend, with plenty more memories added to those from 2015 and 2018.**



## Thursday

The weekend would begin at the Shirker's Rest Pub in New Cross, with Words, Words and more Words the order of the day in a chat about football books. On a thoroughly enjoyable evening, bookworms were treated to talks from Mark Coverdale, Vincent Raison, Michael Wagg, Gen Williams, Jack

McInroy and Jan Stöver, all providing extracts from books written, fanzines produced, or articles scribed.

## Friday

After a lunchtime trip to the Thames Beach on the Southbank, the evening's entertainment would be at local club

Peckham Town, who took on Stonewall in a friendly, two clubs who share the same morals and ethos as the Hamlet and Altona. The German fans, who enjoyed experiencing the World's Smallest Stand, were treated to an exciting game which ended even at 1-1 and saw a record attendance of 283 inside the Menace Arena.

## Saturday

The Hamlet training ground was the first port of call on Saturday morning, with the two Supporters' sides facing off against each other, and whilst not as high scoring as the clash between the sides from July 2012, a 13-8 win for the Germans, there would still be plenty of goals as the Hamlet ran out 5-1 winners.

And so, to the main attraction of the weekend, the Jäger-Kail Cup. The Hamlet had won so convincingly five years previously

in Hamburg, but the away side had always prevailed in this fixture in the four previous meetings.

The players emerged onto the pitch to a cacophony of noise from the Dog Kennel Hill end of the ground, where the two sets of fans were trading chants in the afternoon sun, with the rain clearing just moments before kick-off.

Despite the Germans being further into their pre-season schedule, it was the Hamlet who dominated the play in the opening 45 minutes, with Anthony Jeffrey looking lively in particular, hitting one shot into the side netting in our best chance.

We made 11 changes at the interval, and it would be the visitors who started to enjoy more possession. Julius Zaher had already caused problems in the Hamlet penalty area, when in the 55th minute, he was found in space to lace a shot past R'avan Constable.



We weren't behind for long, with Michael Chambers backing up his brace in Hamburg with a finish from a corner in the 63rd minute, and from here we pressed for a winner. However, it would be the visitors who would earn the trophy as Zaher reacted to a fumble from Constable thirteen minutes from time, with captain Fynn Rathjen lifting the Jäger-Kail Cup in front of both sets of players before taking it over to the travelling fans.

The party atmosphere continued late into the night, with DJ sets, live music from The Maze, and a kit raffle to start the fundraising for our planned trip to Hamburg for 2025.

### Sunday

After a late night and plenty of drinks consumed in the clubhouse, Sunday brought a much more tranquil change of pace. The Champion Hill pitch was swapped for the bowling greens of Peckham Rye, with some friendly lawn bowl games and a few more beers (well, for those who could stomach them!)

From here, it was time to unwind in the park and enjoy each other's company one final time before journeys back to Hamburg began.

Neither Brexit nor Covid could keep us apart, and we cannot wait to return to Germany in two years' time for the 100th anniversary of when Adolf met Edgar. Freundschaft forever!





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ANTHONY JEFFREY

**Dressing room nickname?**

AJ.

**Which team do you support?**

Arsenal.

**Biggest joker in the dressing room?**

Adrian Clifton, but he's also the worst-dressed!

**Best player you have ever played with and against?**

With, Serge Gnabry. Against, Kyle Walker.

**If you didn't play football, which sport would you play?**

Athletics, the 100m.

**Greatest moment in football?**

Playing for my national team Guyana.

**Favourite film?**

Coach Carter.

**Karaoke choice?**

Let's Get It On – Marvin Gaye.

**Favourite meal?**

Oxtail and rice.

**Worst food to eat?**

Indian.

**Best goal you've ever scored?**

A last-minute winner for Dover at Wrexham, cut inside from the left flank, beat two men and hit one into the far corner!

**If you had a superpower, it would be?**

Ability to read minds.

**What is a random fact about yourself?**

I speak three languages, English, French and Spanish.

**Best game you've watched live?**

Arsenal 2-1 Barcelona in 2011, we beat a great side with Arshavin scoring a winner.

**Ultimate 5-a-side team?**

Neuer, Saliba, Ronaldinho, Neymar, Henry.

**Most treasured piece of football memorabilia?**

Signed pair of boots from Thierry Henry.

**Most famous name in your phone book?**

K-Trap.

**Biggest fear?**

Rats, I'd leave the pitch if I saw one!

**One piece of advice you would give your younger self?**

Stay patient.



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# INTERVIEW

## CRAIG BRAHAM-BARRETT

**In the early weeks of the 2007-08 season, Craig Edwards had just taken the managerial job at Champion Hill, the club had ended the previous season in eighth in Division One South of the Isthmian League, and the average attendance at home had been 322 fans. One player used in those opening games was a young winger named Craig Braham-Barrett, who would play four games before disappearing to Potters Bar Town. Now, sixteen years after first donning the pink and blue, Craig is back as a vastly experienced full-back and ready to help his beloved Hamlet make a swift return to the National League South.**

***Cast your mind back to life at Dulwich Hamlet in 2007, what is it like now compared to then?***

It is completely different now; it feels like a proper club. When I came here in 2007, it was at the start of my career and one of the first examples of men's football I had, but since I've come back, it feels so professional. I've played for a lot of clubs in the last 16 years but when I walked back through the door, I was amazed by the work that goes on here. A lot of teams at this level won't have access to the facilities we've got at Dulwich. I played here when we might get 300 fans, now there are 500-600 just for nights in pre-season, I can't wait for the fans to come through the turnstiles on matchdays and play in front of them, especially if we are playing well.

***Did you ever see the club having the rise***



***in attendances that we've enjoyed over the last decade and the progress up the pyramid?***

I did, because it is a massive club, there aren't many non-league clubs in London with this stature, it had all the potential, along with another five or six that haven't made that same progress. The only thing missing from this club is for it to be in the National League, but hopefully with the squad that we've got, we can hopefully push on towards that objective one step at a time. This club deserves to be much higher than it is and hopefully we can help change that this season.

***And you have a real personal connection with the club don't you Craig?***

A lot of people won't know this, but this was my first club in senior football, I came out of the Aspire Academy to play for the first team. It was the first club that gave me a chance after I dropped out of a professional academy. This place means the world to me, my auntie lives on the next road just off Lordship Lane and I grew up around here. The Domino's by the station was my Friday night takeaway! I'd walk through St Francis Park on a Saturday and watch games and imagine playing on the pitch. However, I was only here for a few games in 2007 but now I hope I can give something back to the only club which I can honestly say is close to my heart.

***Why was now the right time to return?***

I've come here from a club who, I don't

want to say lacked ambition, but just wanted to stay at the level they were playing at, but here at Dulwich I feel like I have joined a club that wants to push on, not just to Step 2 but beyond that as well, I think my ambitions match those of the staff, and I just hope that the season goes well for us.

***How did you find pre-season?***

Tough! But in a good way! At this level, you don't expect to experience the level of training we have had this summer, it was a nice surprise to see how professional things are done here, from the manager to the coaches, the kitman to the club staff. Also, the facilities here are second to none, I've played in the EFL, and these facilities are easily on par with what I experienced in League 2, and they are only going to get better. Hopefully the club keeps growing, especially with the large fanbase and new stadium to come.

***What will it take to be a successful squad this season?***

The fans will be important to us with their level of support, but also, I have never seen a group of players come together and gel as much as we have on and off the pitch. A united group is worth a few points as that togetherness can drag you through games. If we are all singing from the same hymnbook, we all get our heads down, we all do our individual jobs and work as a team, we will be in and around it come April.

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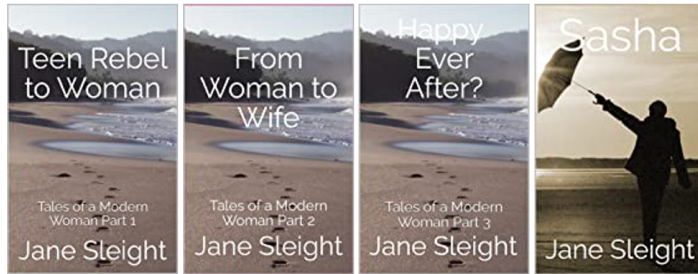


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**Coming soon...**Jane's latest novella is due for publication in Autumn 2023. **Son of the Furrows** is a romantic novella with a supernatural twist.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

ROB HYNEMAN

Welcome back to Champion Hill for the new season. As always, we have lots of exciting plans for the season ahead; a mixture of some old favourites and some new additions! Our focus throughout the season will be supporting and highlighting the fantastic work of charities and organisations in the local area. This evening we welcome guests from Westminster House Youth Club.

### Westminster House Youth Club

Established in 1888 by Westminster School, WHYC are one of the oldest youth clubs in the country. From the early days of the boys club in Soho to the modern facility they operate today, Westminster House Youth Club has always been looking out for young people living at the margins of our society. Dulwich Hamlet Football Club is very proud to support the fantastic work of this local charity who make such a huge impact on the young people of Peckham, Nunhead and the surrounding area.

Despite the success of WHYC over 130 years, funding is always a challenge for them with the future only getting worse. They always manage to make a little go a long way, but resources are increasingly stretched. Dulwich Hamlet will be donating the club's share of the 50/50 raffle this evening to support the continuing work of WHYC. If you are interested in donating to keep this brilliant local resource for young people going, a link to their Just Giving page can be found via the QR code on this page.

### The Albrighton Centre – Community Fridge

This season, we will continue to support

and promote the work of our friends at The Albrighton Centre. Located just across the road from Champion Hill, their support has been invaluable to the local community in the last few years.

The club will continue to have a permanent foodbank drop off point in the main reception for anyone who wants to donate.

At our home game against Hastings United, on Saturday 19th August, we are looking to a huge collection for our local foodbank. We are asking all fans to bring a non-perishable donation to the game; there will be drop off points around the ground on the matchday.

Currently, The Albrighton Centre are in particular need of tea bags, any type of cleaning product (washing machine powder/pods), bleach and toilet paper.

### Get Involved!

Got a question about one of our community initiatives or an idea for one this coming season? Are you are involved with or know of a local youth group that would like to take advantage of our free community ticket offer? We would love to hear from you! Contact Rob, DHFC Community Lead, via: [community@dulwichhamletfc.co.uk](mailto:community@dulwichhamletfc.co.uk) or @DHFC\_Community.

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# DHFC WOMEN



**After finishing last season in fourth place in the league, and reaching Round Two of the FA Cup, Ryan Dempsey's side are preparing for another shot at promotion to Tier 4.**

As with any side, there have been changes this summer, with last year's Player's and Supporter's Player of the Year Madi Parsonson departing for league rivals Fulham, whilst defender Chana Hinds will also face the Hamlet this year, now wearing the colours of Dartford. Ella Wales-Bonner, a founding member of the side, has also moved on, joining London Seaward.

However, there have also been players coming through the door. Teenager Shakira Kafero-Roberts arrives having top scored in the Eastern Region Football League for Haringey Borough last season, whilst former Huddersfield Town defender Jodie Lodge has filled the gap left by Parsonson's departure. Twin defenders Tia and Morgan Searle have arrived from AFC Wimbledon, having worked with Jamie Broughton at

Crystal Palace in the past, whilst Phoebe Read joins as a hard-tackling midfielder.

On the pitch, it has been a successful summer for Ryan Dempsey's side, with four wins and a draw from their six friendlies. The victories have come against Rising Ballers (1-0), Welling United (5-0), MK Dons U23s (4-0), and Crawley AFC (4-2), the draw coming at QPR in a battling 2-2 draw, with only AFC Wimbledon earning a win over the Hamlet (1-5).

The competitive action begins this Sunday, August 20th, with a tough trip to Princes Park to face Dartford, before visiting Saltdean United the following weekend. Our first home game is on September 3rd against last season's runners-up Ebbsfleet United. Tickets are on sale on the Dulwich Hamlet Women tab on Fanbase, adults are £4, concessions £2, and U13s are free. If you are a current fan or yet to sample a Spicy Sunday, we hope to see you come down and join the Pepper Army!



# DULWICH HAMLET FC IS PROUD TO BE AN OFFICIAL PARTNER

At the club we are proud to support HerGameAt the club we are proud to support Her Game Too, with their slogan of 'Football is a game for all' keeping with our ethos and morals at DHFC. Her Game Too seek to eradicate sexism in the beautiful game and to allow women and girls of all ages to feel safe in being at games and sharing their opinions about football. Meet our representatives below!

## KATE

I am Kate. A born and bred South-East Londoner. I have been coming to Dulwich Hamlet since roughly 2012 but over the past 2 seasons I have been coming regularly. Becoming a Her Game Too Ambassador was a no brainer for me as I am a massive football fan and I want to see more women enjoying and participating in the game both on and off the pitch. Of a weekend, if I am not at Champion Hill, I can usually be found at a gig, indoors gaming on my PS5 or in Liverpool, my second home, watching LFC and visiting family.

## EMMA

I'm Emma, I'd never been into football before I moved to London in 2018, and my brother and sister were already regulars at Dulwich. My first game here was the first game back at the Hill on Boxing Day 2018, so really one for the history books! I've been hooked ever since! I especially enjoy being part of the Pepper Army and cheering on the women's team. When not at the Hill, I work in International Development, sing in choirs and craft - in lockdown I crocheted a kingsize pink and blue

striped blanket!

## SARAH

Hello! I'm Sarah, a Dulwich Hamlet supporter since 2015; not quite an oldie, not quite new gen. I've grown up on a diet of football, pies, and Bovril with my first ever game being a thrilling 0-0 in the then Division Three, Bristol Rovers v Exeter City. At Dulwich Hamlet, I am a past Trust Board Member, having worked within the community umbrella, and continue to work on projects such as the Multi-faith and Quiet Room, launched very recently. And of course, getting more and more women into football as a HGT Ambassador!

## JESS

Hi, I'm Jess, I've been coming down to Champion Hill since 2017 after adopting DHFC as my local club. This has had a massive impact on my belonging in SE London and feeling part of club that is not just about football but also having a positive impact on the wider community. I've always worked in male-dominated industries where I've used football as one of my key skills in getting to know people and it's really worked over the years and always initially causes a bit of surprise! When not footballing, you can find me out and about in nature somewhere!

We are all here to make Dulwich Hamlet the best football club it can be. If you see something happening and you wish to report it, please find one of us in person at a game or report to:

[hergametoo@dulwichhamletfc.co.uk](mailto:hergametoo@dulwichhamletfc.co.uk).

# GROUND REGULATIONS

1. All persons entering the ground are subject to these regulations and do so at their own risk.
2. The Club reserves the right to eject, ban or prosecute any person guilty of any of the following offences:
  - a. Entering the field of play before, during or after the game.
  - b. Using obscene or abusive language, or persistent swearing.
  - c. Being drunk or under the influence of drugs.
  - d. Making vulgar gestures.
  - e. Making racial gestures.
  - f. Racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic or discriminatory abuse, chanting or harassment.
  - g. Interfering with the comfort, enjoyment or safety of others.
  - h. Impeding the normal activities of the Club, its staff and officers.
  - i. Bringing the Club into disrepute by any means.
3. The following articles must not be bought within the Ground – knives, fireworks, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to the Ground. Furthermore, the following are strictly forbidden:
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- b. The climbing up onto floodlights, stands, building, roofs or structures, fences and the like.
  - c. The throwing of any missile, object or projectile.
  - d. The blocking of walkways and pedestrian routes by any means.
  - e. The playing of ball games adjacent to all buildings and/or areas populated by visitors to the Ground.
  - f. Allowing any animal to roam off the leash within the ground boundaries.
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**The Club reserves the right to alter/ amend/update these regulations as necessary and will inform all concerned through the normal communication routes.**

## JUNIOR RABBLE

Welcome to our new dedicated pages focussing on our junior fans.

We will be bringing you puzzles, competitions, fun things to do around the ground and articles written by our young fans.

This evening we bring you Spot the Difference. Can you find nine differences between the two photos? Find the answers at the bottom of page 43.





# Ever thought of volunteering to help your local football club?

There are many different volunteer roles in non-league football and Isthmian League football clubs need your help with them.

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# Join the Supporters' Trust



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**DHST works closely with DHFC to support and promote the club, strengthen links with the community, co-ordinate volunteer support, and design and sell club merchandise. DHST holds a significant shareholding in DHFC on behalf of our members and the wider community.**

**Our vision is that Dulwich Hamlet will be a beacon of quality in non-league football – a viable and sustainable football club at the heart of its local community, protected for that community by its structure, ownership and values, and with a secure long-term home in East Dulwich whose facilities serve all local people.**

Support these aims by joining DHST at the Mega-Container or online at [www.dhst.org.uk/join](http://www.dhst.org.uk/join)

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## SUPPORTERS' TRUST NEWS

**Welcome home everyone! The start of a new season, with expectations almost as high as our attendances. Thanks for all the support last time out, let's keep that up and help the team navigate a way towards a promotion push.**

Since we last all saw each other we have had our Trust Board AGM, and we have been delighted to welcome Michael Wagg and Chloe Rowlett to the Board as new representatives. The Trust exists to give our fans a voice, and to support the club where we can. If you are not already a member then please do think about joining – get over to the Mega Shed (next to the Mega Container shop) to learn more and maybe even sign up.

Enjoy today's game, go grab some new merch from the shop (more on that below) and here is to a great 2023/24 season!

### **Merchandise – Kit Launch 2023/24**

Yes, we have shirts for sale, and Lordy are they beautiful. As always, the shirts are likely to be big sellers, and we only get deliveries of them a few times a season, so buy early and buy often to avoid disappointment. We will be stocking in a range of sizes, and are freezing prices to keep them the same as last season – come by for more details and to size yourself up.

Alongside new stuff we still have all your old favourites, so swing by the Mega Container before the game, at half-time, and also after the final whistle to pick up a bargain or two.

**Renew your membership!** Trust membership runs on a season-to-season basis, and our new 2023/24 membership is now live (from

1 August). Please note - membership does not automatically renew, so if you are able to continue to support us in our work, visit our website to renew, or come to the Mega Shed on a match day and sign up there.

If you were not previously member, then why not sign up! Joining the Trust helps to support our work and ongoing aim to ensure that Dulwich Hamlet has a secure long-term future in East Dulwich. It's an annual £10 for adults, £5 concessions and £2 for under-18s.

**100 Club – it could be YOU.** The 100 Club is a monthly lottery run by the Supporters' Trust. Funds raised are invested in Dulwich Hamlet Football Club at the discretion of the DHST Board, with the joint aims of benefitting supporters and acquiring a significant shareholding. Each month, there is a first prize of 25% of the takings, and a second prize of 15% of the takings. Winners are determined by a random draw including all chance numbers bought in the month. The 60% of funds not returned in prizes are retained by the Trust and used to help fund our work and support the Club.

In July our winners collected prizes of over £200 (1st) and £125 (2nd) - with a further £500 going to support the work of the Trust and Club.

**Test Your Trivia.** Which band, hailing from Canvey Island, scored a string of hits in the late 1970s including 'She's a Windup', 'Milk and Alcohol' and 'Sneakin' Suspicion'?

- a) Dr and the Medics
- b) Dr Feelgood
- c) Dr Hook

# CLUB RECORDS

## FA AMATEUR CUP

**Winners (4):** 1919/20, 1931/32, 1933/34, 1936/37; **Semi Finalists (4):** 1908/09, 1921/22, 1928/29, 1934/35, 1955/56

## FA TROPHY

**Quarter Finalists (2),** 1979/80, 2016/17

## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

**Champions (4):** 1919/20, 1925/26, 1932/33, 1948/49; **Runners up (8):** 1921/22, 1923/24, 1929/30, 1930/31, 1933/34, 1946/47, 1958/59, 2017/18; **Division 1 Champions:** 1977/78; **Division 1 South Champions:** 2012/13; **Premier Division Play-off Winners,** 2017/18; **Premier Division Play-off Finalists:** 2010/11, 2012/13

## ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP

**Finalists (2),** 2010/11, 2012/13

## ISTHMIAN CHARITY SHIELD

**Winners,** 2013/14

## LONDON SENIOR CUP

**Winners (5),** 1924/25, 1938/39, 1949/40, 1983/84, 2003/04; **Finalists(5);** 1905/06, 1907/08, 1920/21, 1927/28, 2001/02

## LONDON CHALLENGE CUP

**Winners,** 1998/99, **Finalists (2),** 1991/92, 1999/2000

## OTHER TITLES

**Norwood Charity Cup,** 1889/1900; **Surrey Charity Shield,** 1902/03, 1905/06; **South London Charity Cup,** 1918/19; **Kings College Hospital Cup** 1924/25 (also joint winners 1921/22, 1923/24, 1926/27); **Bromley Hospital Cup** 1921/22, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1948/49); **Liege Tournament Cup,** 1928/29; **Guernsey Victory Cup,** 1932/33, 1948/49; **Connaught Hospital Cup,** 1932/33 (joint winners); **Oxford Hospital Cup,** 1935/36; **Wycombe Hospital Cup,** 1953/43; **Harris Cup,** 1954/55, 1955/56; **Mayes Memorial Cup,** 1959/60, 1960/61, 1964/65; **Kennedy Cup,** 1996/97, 1998/99, 2003/04, 2007/08; **Muir Memorial Cup** (joint winners 2000/01)

## SURREY SENIOR CUP

**Winners (16 times - record),** 1904/05, 1905/06, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1919/20, 1922/23, 1924/35, c1927/28, 1933/34, 1936/37, 1946/47, 1949/50, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1973/73, 1974/75; **Finalists** 1911/12, 1931/32, 1932/33, 1937/38, 1950/51, 1967/68

## LONDON CHARITY CUP

**Winners (9);** 1919/20, 1920/21, 1922/23, 1925/26, 1927/28, 1928/29, 1947/48, 1956/57, 1957/58; **Joint Winners (3),** 1910/11, 1923/24, 1930/31

## SURREY SENIOR SHIELD

**Winners,** 1972/73

## SURREY CENTINARY SHIELD

**Winners,** 1977/78

## SOUTH OF THAMES CUP

**Winners (4),** 1956/57, 1957/58, 1958/59, 1959/60

## SOUTHERN COMBINATION CUP

**Winners,** 1973/74

## SOUTHERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE

**Champions (2),** 1901/02, 1903/04

# PLAYER RECORDS

DEBUT	PLAYER	LEAGUE		CUP		2023/24 TOTAL		DHFC CAREER	
		APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS
-	Alfie Allen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.08.23	Jerome Binnom-Williams	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
25.08.07	Craig Braham-Barrett	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
18.10.11	Michael Chambers	1	-	-	-	1	-	141	7
-	Adrian Clifton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	R'avan Constable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Jerry Gyebi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Kaya Hansson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	Momodou Jallow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.08.23	Anthony Jeffrey	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
06.08.22	Kreshnic Krasniqi	(1)	-	-	-	1	-	32	-
03.08.19	Danny Mills	(1)	-	-	-	1	-	141	52
22.08.09	Sanchez Ming	1	-	-	-	1	-	270	23
12.08.23	Manny Parry	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
-	Richard Pingling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.08.23	Mark Ricketts	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
12.08.23	Elliott Romain	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
12.08.23	Jack Ruddy	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
-	Miquel Scarlett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.08.23	Ryley Scott	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
12.08.23	Ademola Shokunbi	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
12.08.23	Cem Tumkaya	(1)	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
20.12.14	Luke Wanadio	1	2	-	-	1	2	31	4

Own Goals

NOTE: Substitute appearances for this season are shown in brackets, e.g. (1)

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE 1)** Away sign is missing from dugout. **2)** The man in the blue t-shirt (top left) has lost his bag. **3)** Hak's Dulwich Hamlet badge. **4)** Sanchez has missing stripes on his shirt. **5)** Altona player's number has change to '4'. **6)** Sanchez is holding a different football. **7)** There is a dog sleeping on the touch line. **8)** Security man at the back has gone. **9)** Freddie Clasper has changed his shorts for tracksuit bottoms

# ISTHMIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	GD	PTS
Carshalton Athletic	1	1	0	0	5	3
Folkestone Invicta	1	1	0	0	4	3
Enfield Town	1	1	0	0	3	3
Canvey Island	1	1	0	0	1	3
Hornchurch	1	1	0	0	1	3
Margate	1	1	0	0	1	3
Billericay Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
Chatham Town	1	1	0	0	1	3
Lewes	1	1	0	0	1	3
Dulwich Hamlet	1	0	1	0	0	1
Hashtag United	1	0	1	0	0	1
Cheshunt	1	0	1	0	0	1
Hastings United	1	0	1	0	0	1
Haringey Borough	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Horsham	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Whitehawk	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Bognor Regis Town	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Cray Wanderers	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Kingstonian	1	0	0	1	-1	0
Concord Rangers	1	0	0	1	-3	0
Wingate & Finchley	1	0	0	1	-4	0

# FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORERS	GATE
12.08.23	Hashtag United (A)	2-2	Luke Wanadio 39', 76'	399
15.08.23	Canvey Island (H)			
19.08.23	Hastings Utd (H)			
26.08.23	Horsham (A)			
28.08.23	Chatham Town (H)			
09.09.23	Billericay Town (A)			
16.08.23	Hornchurch FC (A)			
23.09.23	Concord (H)			
30.09.23	Cheshunt Utd (A)			
14.09.23	Kingstonian (H)			
21.09.23	Whitehawk (A)			
24.09.23	Wingate & Finchley (A)			
28.09.23	Potters Bar Town (H)			
04.11.23	Haringey Borough (A)			
11.11.23	Margate (H)			
18.11.23	Folkestone Invicta (H)			
25.11.23	Cray Wanderers (A)			
02.12.23	Bognor Regis Town (H)			
09.12.23	Lewes FC (A)			
16.12.23	Enfield Town FC (A)			
26.12.23	Carshalton Ath (H)			
30.12.23	Horsham FC (H)			
01.01.24	Chatham Town (A)			
06.01.24	Hashtag United (H)			
13.01.24	Hastings United (A)			
20.01.24	Potters Bar Town (H)			
27.01.24	Haringey Borough (H)			
30.01.24	Wingate & Finchley (H)			
03.02.24	Margate FC (A)			
10.02.24	Hornchurch FC (H)			
17.02.24	Concord Rangers (A)			
24.02.24	Cheshunt Utd (H)			
02.03.24	Kingstonian (A)			
09.03.24	Whitehawk FC (A)			
16.03.24	Lewes FC (H)			
23.03.24	Bognor Regis Town (A)			
30.03.24	Billericay Town (H)			
01.04.24	Carshalton Ath (A)			
06.04.24	Enfield Town (H)			
13.04.24	Canvey Island (A)			
20.04.24	Folkestone Invicta (A)			
27.04.24	Cray Wanderers (A)			

# DULWICH HAMLET FC

**FORMED** 1893  
**STADIUM** Champion Hill  
**CAPACITY** 3,334  
**MANAGER** Hakan Hayrettin  
**NICKNAMES** The Hamlet, The Rabble



The Hamlet are back in the Isthmian League for the 2023-24 season for the first time since 2018 following five years in the National League South.

Those five seasons at Step 2 represented the highest level achieved during our 130-year history but ended in heartbreak on the final day of last season. Only needing a point to avoid the drop against Chippenham Town, the side would lose 1-0 in front of a sell-out 3,334 at Champion Hill, with other results elsewhere condemning us to relegation.

The club with the famous pink and blue shirts can boast an illustrious past as a giant of the amateur game. Our story began back in 1893. During that summer, Lorraine 'Pa' Wilson was handed a sum of one shilling and eight pence by a couple of keen young footballers and asked to start a Dulwich Hamlet Football Club. He tackled the task with great relish and over the next thirty years, helped to build Dulwich into a powerful force.

The early days were tough. The club's

original ground in Woodwarde Road had no changing facilities. On match days the players used to walk half a mile to get from their dressing room to the pitch, often carrying the goalposts, crossbars, and corner flags with them.

Dulwich made their competitive debut when they joined the Camberwell League in 1894-95. The following season the championship of that league's 'B' Division became the first entry in our honours list. After achieving senior status in 1900, we won our first Surrey Senior Cup in 1905, and still hold the competition record with 16 wins, most recently in 1975. In 1907, Dulwich gained election to the Isthmian League.

During the First World War, the legendary Edgar Kail joined Dulwich. In his fourteen-year career, Kail scored 427 goals, and played three times for the full England side, scoring twice on his debut against France. Kail helped Dulwich to league titles in 1920, 1926 and 1933, two FA Amateur Cup triumphs in 1920 and 1932, and the London Senior Cup in 1925.

Another Hamlet legend of that era was goalkeeper Bert Coleman who gained a full England cap in 1921, keeping a clean sheet against Wales. Dulwich's other major successes between the wars were further Amateur Cup wins in 1934 and 1937, and another London Senior Cup victory in 1939.

Dulwich were quickly into their stride post-war and in 1949 they were Isthmian League champions for a fourth time. In 1950 they lifted the London Senior Cup again. One of the most popular players of the period was left-winger Tommy Jover whose career goals tally for Dulwich has only been bettered by Kail. Tommy completed more than seventy years service as player, official and President from 1985 until his death in 2008. The club's main stand is named in his honour.

Dulwich went through a lean spell during the 1960s and 70s, culminating in relegation from the top division. However, they bounced straight back under manager Alan Smith, winning the Division One championship at the first attempt in 1978.

Since the phasing out of amateur football in the 1970s, Dulwich have been semi-professional and compete in the FA Trophy. Their best run so far in the competition was in 1979-80 when they reached the quarter-finals, this was repeated in 2016-17.

As the 1980s progressed, the club fell on hard times again and despite a London Senior Cup success in 1984 they struggled

in the Isthmian League, being relegated to Division One in 1990. It took two years to return, an exciting finale to the 1991-92 campaign saw the Hamlet earn promotion on the final day of the season.

Dulwich were able to celebrate their centenary by moving into a new stadium. For a long time, our old ground was the mecca for amateur football, opening in 1931. In 1933, Kingstonian and Stockton played in a record-breaking 20,744-strong crowd for the FA Amateur Cup Final. Due to disrepair, the old ground had to be altered to satisfy safety regulations. In 1991, Sainsbury's redevelopment of the area demolished the stadium.

Frank Murphy transformed us into championship contenders again in the mid-1990s, before the decade ended with a run to the FA Cup First Round under Dave Garland. The club also lifted the London Challenge Cup in 1999, beating Uxbridge 2-1.

Relegation occurred again in 2001, which brought a long spell back in Division One. Promotion was almost regained under Martin Eede in 2004, however a 4-5 penalty loss to Wealdstone in a promotion play-off ended those dreams. Three days later, we beat Tooting & Mitcham United for our fifth and most recent London Senior Cup title.

Eede was succeeded first by Wayne Burnett and then Craig Edwards, before the arrival of former player Gavin Rose in the summer of 2009 as manager gave the club an upturn in fortunes. After

a mid-table finish in his first year, he took the side to the Division One South play-off final in 2011, only to lose 4-3 to Leatherhead after extra time.

Rose would lose the final again 12 months later, but undeterred, 2012-13 would bring joy. Blending a mixture of experience with exciting youngsters, the Hamlet were involved in a scintillating title race with Maidstone United, with the season going to the final weekend. Against Burgess Hill Town at home, a second half strike from Xavier Vidal earned the point we needed to secure the title.

2017-18 brought more success, as we ended with a club-record 95 points in second place. This was made even more impressive by the fact that we had been evicted from Champion Hill that March, with home games at Tooting & Mitcham United. Leiston were beaten in the semi-

final, before goalkeeper Amadou Tangara was the hero in the final, saving two Hendon penalties in the shootout after a 1-1 draw, with Dipo Akinyemi striking the winning spot-kick to send us to the National League South.

Life at Step 2 was a rollercoaster, with a 14th-placed finish in our first season. The following year brought an appearance in the FA Cup First Round, televised live on BBC1 against Carlisle United. 2021-22 brought us a 10th-placed finish, the highest position in the club's history.

Last season, the club parted company with Rose after 13 years in charge, with Paul Barnes replacing him. However, a loss of form in the spring saw another change, as Hakan Hayrettin came in, but despite keeping us in the running for survival, that defeat on the final day condemned us to the drop.

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