

THE OFFICIAL REIGATE PRIORY FC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

REIGATE PRIORY

Football Club



VS GUILDFORD CITY

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THE NEW DEFENCE, RH6 8SP
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST
KICK OFF: 3PM

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ABOUT US

Reigate Priory's history can be traced right back to 1870, not long after the FA was actually formed in 1863.

In 1871, the club was one of only 15 teams that contested for a £20 silver trophy, the first ever FA Challenge Cup competition.

Reigate Priory were also present when the Surrey FA (founded in 1887) decided to become affiliated to the FA on the 16th March 1882. The club was one of the original 10 teams present at the meeting that took place in Guildford.

At the same time a County Senior Cup competition was introduced. The first winners of the Surrey Senior Cup were Reigate Priory who were victorious six times before the end of the century.

Priory also made an excursion into European Football in 1910 where they won the International Cup du Nord beating Cercle Athletique Paris 3-0 in the Final.

The Reigate Priory Veterans (over 35's) continues to be an integral part of the club, enabling ex players, coaches, managers and club officials to meet up regularly and play other established Vets sides.

Reigate Priory continue to expand its Youth Section and will be represented by over 50 Youth Teams from as young as 9 to as old as 18. The junior teams have fed the men's teams with many of our exciting young players. The Youth Section have also been awarded FA Charter Standard status.

Reigate Priory continues to develop with an increasing number of teams for the new season enabling the club to provide an extended football experience catering for a variety of levels. Each year we welcome new members to Reigate Priory, so if you are interested in joining an established, friendly and sociable club then please don't hesitate to contact us.



Ray Connolly

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Club Chairman





MANAGER'S NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome back to The New Defence for the first time this 26/27 season.

A very warm welcome to our guests and SCFL newbies Guildford City today who have come down from the Combined Counties Premier, effectively on a straight swap with Godalming.

So not only is it new opposition today, we also have new additions to the management team with Arun Field joining our landlords Horley Town. I'm over the moon to welcome back to RPFC Eric Bennedetto who spent the 24/25 season with us before a 'secondment' to Dorking for the 25/26 season. We've also added a brand new face in Matt Bowers who has been exceptional in pre-season, working the lads like a drill Sargent! Matty has enjoyed playing spells at Billingshurst, Banstead Athletic, Molesey and Chipstead and gained coaching experience at Spelthorne last season.

We sadly said goodbye to handful of players over the summer including Jordan Markey, Brad Dell, Joe Elbishlawi, Brad Johnson, Jack Crofts, Sam Remfry, Felix Dudley and Will Street. We wish them all the very best moving forward. Excitingly though, we added lots of talent over the summer. Widely regarded as the best goalkeeper in the league, Andy Greaves joins from Oakwood alongside attacking midfielder Paul Johnston who caused us problems when we played them last season. Ryan Wilcox is a 21 year old, towering centre back with so much ball playing ability, previously at Lingfield and Trenham. George Dawson was a target of mine last season and brings additional steel to our CB options having signed from Ripley Village. Layo Adebajo (athletic right back) and Jack Appleby (technical and battling centre mid) follow Matt Bowers from Spelthorne to join the Priory. Javaan Campbell is a product of the Arsenal academy and even got an international call up for England at U15 before getting a 1 year pro deal with Barnet. Jav can play anywhere in the front line. Brad Hazelden steps up from our youth section & Visionary Academy having impressed with goals galore and pace for days in pre-season. Finally, we also see the return of bagsman Tommy McKenna having been with Horsham YM last season.

I'm also delighted to announce Andy Jones as our new captain with Kyle Carton as vice captain for the 26/27 season.

New season, new management, new players - same ambition. With a 2nd place finish and falling short in the playoffs last season, the desire is greater than ever to get to the promised land of Step 5 and The FA Cup!

We have a really tough start with a recently relegated Step 5 side today, followed by the early title favourites in Infinity & Saltdean. Let's get a solid start under our belts with 3 points today!

Please get behind your new and returning Priory lads and let's go again!

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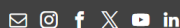
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Tinned meat casseroles

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THE SEASON

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Walcountians	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arundel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Clanfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Dial Square	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Dorking Wanderers B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	East Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Guildford City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Halisham Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Infinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Jarvis Brook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Loxwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Mile Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Oakwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Reigate Priory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Ringmer AFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Saltdean United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Selsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Shoreham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Westfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Worthing United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



RECENT RESULTS



WHAT'S ON IN THE SCFL?

Division 1



Type	Date / Time	Home Team	Away Team	Venue	Competition	Status / Notes
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Arundel 	VS 	Ringmer AFC	ARUNDEL FOOTBALL CLUB	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Cianfield 	VS 	Saltdean United	WESTLEIGH PARK	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Dial Square 	VS 	East Preston	BROOKWOOD COUNTRY PARK (KNAPHILL FC)	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Hallsham Town 	VS 	Dorking Wanderers B	THE BEACONSFIELD	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Infinity 	VS 	Mile Oak	SIDLESHAM RECREATION GROUND	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Jarvis Brook 	VS 	AFC Walcottians	LIME KILN PLAYING FIELD	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Oakwood 	VS 	Westfield	OAKWOOD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Reigate Priory 	VS 	Guildford City	HORLEY TOWN FC	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Shoreham 	VS 	Selsey	SHOREHAM FC	Division One
Div1	08/08/26 15:00	Worthing United 	VS 	Loxwood	ROBERT ALBON MEMORIAL GROUND	Division One

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1ST TEAM PLAYER STATISTICS

2025/26

Top Goalscorers		
Player	Appearances	Goals
Lee Peacock	28	17
Will Street	37	17
Sam Bull	33	16

Top Assists		
Player	Appearances	Assists
Sam Bull	33	12
Will Street	37	12
Bradley Johnson	34	10



THE VISITORS

Guildford City

1921 - 1974

In May 1921 Guildford were accepted into the Southern League, the equivalent of today's National League. 1927 saw Guildford become a Diocese and coupled with the planned cathedral the club was renamed Guildford City. In 1928-29 City were drawn at home to QPR in the FA Cup First Round proper and won 4-2 in front of almost 8,000 spectators. The pre-war years saw another famous FA Cup victory, this time over Reading, whilst 1937/38 saw Guildford City win the Southern League Championship for the first time. The following year a record crowd of 9,932 spectators crammed into Joseph's Road to watch an epic FA Cup tie against local rivals Aldershot.

In 1951, City sold future England cap Jimmy Langley to Leeds. Another League Championship was achieved in 1955-56, and in 1967-68 Guildford embarked upon a memorable FA Cup run. Leading 2-1 at Brentford in the First-Round proper, the match was abandoned due to snow. A 2-2 draw in the rearranged fixture saw 7,289 fans at Joseph's Road roar City on to a famous 2-1 victory in the replay.

A further 8,774 saw City fall narrowly to Newport County in the Second Round.

In 1974 on-going financial problems came to a head and the Club merged with Dorking. The final game at Joseph's Road was played on 12 February 1974, when City beat Folkestone 2-0 in front of 625 fans. The club limped on for a further two seasons playing as Guildford & Dorking at Meadowbank before finally succumbing on 9 December 1976.

1996 – Present

The club re-emerged as AFC Guildford in 1996 when the then Mayor John Woodhatch persuaded Bournemouth FC to change its name and move to the new Spectrum Leisure Centre. Renamed Guildford United after one year the club played in the After a brief spell in the Surrey Premier League, Guildford joined the newly formed Combined Counties League, winning Division One in 2003-04. In 2005 the club was re-named the historically significant 'Guildford City' after an absence of thirty years.

2007-2008 saw City claim a runner up finish in the CCL Premier League, under the management of Scott Steele and Lloyd Wye. Then a period of struggle was halted by the inspirational appointment of Kevin Rayner who took charge in spring 2009. Rayner's second season saw a magnificent FA Cup victory at Isthmian Premier Tonbridge Angels, a run to the 4th round of the FA Vase and also the CCL Premier Division Championship. A second CCL Championship was gained in 2012, resulting in an emotional return to the Southern League after a gap of 38 years. That first Step 4 season saw a creditable ninth place finish in the Central division.

At the conclusion of 2012-13 Rayner departed to Chipstead. In November 2013 Rayner returned to lead an ultimately unsuccessful battle against relegation. After a poor start to the 2014-15 CCL season, Kevin Rayner departed in November to be replaced by Donovan Chislett who saved the club from relegation in an exciting climax to the season.

Since that time a succession of managers including former Godalming & Farncombe manager Dean Thomas, Steve Dormer, Chris Balchin, Tristan Rees, Paul Barnes, Pete Ruggles and Carl Taylor have held the reins. After a series of lower table finishes the side were eventually relegated in 2025-26 to Step 6 in the Southern Combination League (SCFL). In a club reset local born Luke Simmonds was appointed manager in May 2026, and he will lead a predominantly local playing squad into their new challenge in the SCFL.



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RESERVE TEAM

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Uckfield Town First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	BN Dons Saturday First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Balcombe First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Crownhurst First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Cuckfield Rangers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Cuckfield Town First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	EMC Academy Mens First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Frenches Athletic First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Holland Sports First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Hollington United First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Lindfield First Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Reigate Priory II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Rotherfield First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Westfield II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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U23 TEAM *Update*

Unfortunately, this season we will not be fielding an U23 side. Despite the tireless work of the Committee especially; Ben Smythe, Ben King, Andy Michelmores and Matt Phebey, we do not have the amount of players coming through from the youth this season that we did last season.

This is due to most players choosing University from last seasons U18's, as well as those who stayed in Reigate last season either going travelling/to University also.

This is NOT the end of the U23 side. It is just a pause for now. We hope to restart the team again next season.

Folding the team this year helps with an additional problem we are also trying to solve, where we are looking for a B Team Manager. Ben King will help the A team allowing us to better stretch resource to help the B's.

Any questions or suggestions, please reach out to Ray Connolly, Stevan Micic or Chris Parsons.





A TEAM

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Caterham FC First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Charlwood Village First (Saturday)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Crawley & Maldenbower Panthers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Crawley United First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Frenches Athletic Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Gatwick Warriors First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Ifield First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lindfield Reserves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Reigate Priory A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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B TEAM

League Table

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	East Grinstead Harriers First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	FC Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Forest Row III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Forgewood First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Ifield II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Oxted & District II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Reigate Priory B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Reigatians IV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Royal Earlswood 1sts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





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C TEAM

League Table

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1	Caterham FC II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Furngate FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Gatwick Warriors II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Horley A.F.C. II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Lingfield II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Oxted & District U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Reigate Priority C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Reigatians V	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Royal Earlswood II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Worlingham II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0





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