Leatherhead & District Local History Society Potted Histories No 88 Ashtead Football Club



There has been an Ashtead Football Club since 1894 but games not organised on club lines were likely to have been played before this date. By 1898 the club had successfully negotiated with Ashtead Cricket Club to be allowed to play on their home games at Woodfield Lane in winter time for an agreed rent, this agreement continued for many years.

Football activities were necessarily much curtailed during the First World War, but the club flourished again when peace came, relocating to a pitch in Green lane. A fixture list for the 1921/22 season shows a full programme of games against clubs in Surrey, including Epsom, Sutton, Bantead and Carshalton. In that season they won the Sutton & District Charity Cup. The club continued with varying degrees of success before World War II intervened.

The Club was reformed after 1945 and since then games have been regularly played on Ashtead Recreation Ground in Barnett Wood Lane. There were many successes, for which the Club had every reason to be proud; these included becoming top of the Surrey Senior League (1st Division) in 1968 without losing a game. The 1980s was a highly successful period in the clubs history - 1980/81 South Eastern Intermediate League Cup Winners - 1981/82 Surrey Intermediate Premier Challenge Trophy Winners - 1986/87 Surrey Intermediate Premier League Cup Winners - 1987/88 Surrey Intermediate Cup Winners. In 1992/93 they were Surrey F.A.75 Year Long Service Award Winners. In 1995/96 they won the Surrey South Eastern Combination Intermediate League Cup and in 2000/01 the Surrey South Eastern Combination Senior League. Since then they have won various Sportsmanship awards.

For more information on the club I suggest you visit www.ashteadfc.co.uk

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