

## Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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### Fetcham Football Club



Fetcham Football Club 1935-36 (Winners Leatherhead Hospital Shield)

*Back Row - F. Beck,  
A. Johns, T. Busby,  
H.E. Jamieson (Chairman)  
W. Molloy, J. Simpkins,  
D. Gethin, J. W. Williamson  
Front Row - J. W. Stevens  
(Hon Sec/Treas ) G. Wild,  
W. E. Avery, E. R. Jenkins,  
F. Pratt, J. Thomas  
H. Booth, F. Littlefair,  
J. Lewer (Team Sec)  
(Team names courtesy of  
Ron Bullen)*

Very little is known about the early years of Fetcham Football Club, however, the History of Fetcham tells us that the club was founded in 1926 and that they played at Cock Lane. I can only assume they played in the Dorking & District League. Several of the players seemed to move back and forth between the local clubs namely Leatherhead Rose, Leatherhead United and possibly works side Leatherhead JEA. Maybe that is the reason the Club later became known as Fetcham Old Boys, who by the late 1930s were playing in the Sutton & District League. In Season 1939/40 the Old Boys won the Leatherhead Hospital Shield beating Leatherhead Rose 7-4 (aet), emulating the above. The name Old Boys was to continue for many seasons after WWII - before reverting to Fetcham FC who competed in various Intermediate Leagues. For many years the club enjoyed the patronage of Ernie Tinney, the popular former owner of Tudor Motors. On his retirement his two sons Dave and Todd continued running the garage until recently. They both played for the team over many seasons.

In 1944 Fetcham Sports & Social Club was founded by a small group of Civil Defence Wardens who wished to continue the comradeships made during the war years. Meetings were held once a week in the Church Rooms for Table Tennis and Darts, followed by Badminton in the Village Hall. A large Nissen Hut was purchased and erected on land between Nutcroft Grove and the railway embankment. It opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1949. By the 1950s a Football Team was formed, playing in the Sutton & District League. They also played at Cock Lane. The 'Hut' was to be the clubs home until 1962 when a new club house was built in Canon Way. I played four seasons for Fetcham Sports & Social FC. (1960-61 - 1963-1964) - Alas, neither of these clubs exists today.

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