



The AGENDA – was circulated to Clubs by e-mail on 23rd June 2025

PART ONE – looking back at last season

i) Minutes of Annual General Meeting 10 June 2024.

- ii) Any business arising from Minutes of the 10 June 2024.
- iii) Receive and adopt Annual Report 2024-25.
- iv) Receive and adopt the Statements of Accounts 2024-25

Delivered by League Chairman John Plummer

John's full report is included in tonight's pack and covers these topics: John likes to use his report to publicly acknowledge the contribution made by every single member of the Committee.

The trial registration process at U7 to U10 implemented so smoothly by Michelle and Shelly which despite a few issues worked well and received good feedback from clubs; allowing the system to be extended for age groups up to U13

The usual early season problems of some teams not being ready to play – despite the efforts of our registration team, Sarah, Hazel Beverly, Kevin B, Kevin R, Eddie, Adam plus the aforementioned Shelley and Michelle.

Praise for the new members of the Committee – E.G. Beverley and Adam who have enhanced our registration team.

Chris, Rae, Rumel and Gayle joined the Fixtures team – and experienced a baptism of fire due to the weather. As early as Week two, the 1st Round of the Cup was washed out. Due to repeated bad weather the cup schedule was decimated; we were resetting games week after week. The Fixtures Secretaries were adjusting fixtures late every Sunday night because some teams were not reporting un-played games until Sunday evening.

Praise for Joe and Paul for overcoming the weather disruption and completing the small sided and 9v9 cup competitions. "It was an outstanding effort".

Need for Managers to appreciate that there is no automatic award of points, on the same day, and we don't recognise goal difference – if they knew that we could reduce e mails to fixtures secretaries by half.

We have 131 clubs and 945 teams on our system as I write this report. We have new clubs joining every year and it takes time for them to settle in. I would like to mention here the work Val does in helping clubs become England Accredited.

Thank You for their 'behind the scenes' work to Compliance Officer Sue W – for her diligent checks and for her help to clubs and to Rocky for his time-consuming role collecting fines. The League Treasurer was also singled out for praise.

Sincere thanks to all of those who attended our cup finals – our Cup Final Crew - it is a huge task to provide the final. Many of the officers mentioned above attended games with some doing most -joined by Rose, Debbie and Sue C from the Competitions and Events Team.

Our Welfare Officer Anita has dealt with some unpleasant cases this year and ensured they progressed promptly to the relevant county associations - responding to clubs or even parents.

The safeguarding issue of spectators, most of whom are parents, abusing children verbally and even physically. It's also managers and coaches constantly abusing referees, especially young referees who are being harassed out of the game. We have had Under 7 games abandoned this year, I would ask Club Secretaries and Chairs to talk with their committees and get these people out of the game. If they don't respect players and referees, then youth football is not the place for them.

Derek has endured a very difficult year but throughout all his personal difficulties he has stuck to his role as Secretary. I cannot say strongly enough what this says about his sense of duty.

Derek's workload at times has been close to untenable and the problems put to him have ranged from the crucial to the ridiculous. It is not Derek's place as General Secretary to answer questions or field complaints from parents and managers who have not spoken to their Club Secretary -, but he does so with good grace.

This will be my last report as Chairman, I began in youth football as a parent of three sons thirty years ago and after being involved constantly since then in club, league and county posts. It is now time to stand down and leave the role to a younger person. It has been a pleasure to serve with this committee.

John Plummer Chairman

Treasurers Report

Financial Statements – as distributed to Clubs by e-mail on 23rd June 2025

League Treasurer **Steve Davis**

- Later AGM extended 'financial year'
- Financial Statements cover a period of 13 months to 31st May.
 Statements sent to Clubs on 23rd June
- Snapshot in time

Source of our Income: FEES and FINES

FEES: £32,265 down from £48,345

FINES: **£16,875** down from £22,455

Q: Why were the Team Entry Fees down from £48,345 to £32,265?

A: Because of pledge given at last years AGM that 100% of the fines collected would be redistributed to returning clubs.

So – more than £22,000 was deducted from your Entry Fees. Would otherwise have been more than £54k. The average discount was 41%.

Fines: down by almost 25% (from an increased number of member clubs).

Nobody likes getting a fine and they can usually be avoided with greater attention to detail – and this 25% reduction suggests that last season a lot more people made greater effort to follow the rules and procedures. **Thank you to everyone who did their bit**.

But fines of £16,875 is still a big number – so there's scope for improvement.

However – **GOOD NEWS ANNOUCEMENT** –

100% of the fines collected, will again be **redistributed** to returning member clubs – by a reduction to next season's team entry fees.

Your Club Fees – Discount averaging 30%

Some Clubs - good at incurring fines; and also slow to pay them – so the fine gets doubled and is even more of a waste of their money.

To **HELP these clubs** stop wasting even more money on Doubled Fines, we are invoking Rule 6 (I) which will require a small number of clubs to pay a **FINES DEPOSIT BOND.** This will help them to stop wasting their funds – and it will reduce league admin.

Overview

- Expenditure was greater than Income by £1,596
- Offset by interest in the Deposit Account of £770
- In practical terms and despite the huge £22k discount on fees we effectively broke even on the season.
- This encouraged us to repeat last year's pledge to redistribute 100% of fines.

The largest item of expenditure was Trophies at

£25,912.94 (up 6.7%) but this included the purchase of numerous brand-new

Cups and Shields which should now last for many years to come.

Cup Finals- cost of staging

59 Finals

Spring: £11,141

5 Venues

Autumn: £1,230

12 Dates

NEW CUPS for awarding to teams at Finals

With the permission of the families and clubs we were honoured to name two of the new Trophies in memory of two young players who had tragically died during the previous year.

- The Jaiden Shehata Memorial Cup (Woodcote Juniors FC)
- The Daniel Qevani Memorial Cup (Forestdale FC)

These two cups will hopefully be in circulation within the league for many future years

- League Treasurer for 21 seasons and Assistant Treasurer before that.
- Rocky Horton 29 completed seasons covering various roles.
- IS THERE ANYONE IN YOUR CLUB WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN JOINING US FOR NEXT SEASON?

- Auditor last year was David Wright MRICS whose grandchild once played for Selsdon Jnr and R & R – but who no longer has any association with a league club. Later in the agenda we will be proposing that he continue for another year.
- Invoices for next season's entry fees will be issued on or about 1st

 August. (Fines Bonds to help the few, at the same time).
- League Bond Invoices for newly elected clubs will be issued shortly.

 "Thank You" to all Club Secretaries for their help and cooperation last season.

Questions

 Back to the Chairman to seek approval to adopt the Treasurer's report and Statements.

Season **2025-2026**

Golden Jubilee Season



- v) Presentation and Election of New Clubs.
- vi) Constitution of the League Season 2025-26.
- vii) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- viii) Appointment of Auditors.
- ix) Alteration of League Rules
- x) Dates for commencement and conclusion of 2025-26 season.

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As at 6th of July 2025

- 110 Clubs completed applications representing 823 teams
- 19 Club applications either not completed or not started, estimate number of teams 100
- 6 New Clubs representing 14 teams
- 9 More Club enquiries with 5 Clubs pledging 9 teams
- Possible total number of teams 946
- Total number of teams already pledged on the website 846 of which 112 are girls only.
- The total number of teams showing on the Web site as at 12.00pm today is now 880 of which 104 are girls only.

vi) Constitution of the League Season 2025-26.

Re-adjusting the estimated teams, the age groups could be;

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	
Mixed	60	94	98	106	106	91	75	
Girls	-	-	5	10	19	23	19	
			U14	U15	U16	U16/17	U17/18	Total
Mixed			68	53	46	-	42	839
Girls			16	13	-	6	-	110

vi) Constitution of the League Season 2025-26.

- U7 to U10 Play in Ladder, U11 in Groups of 8 teams U12 will form 8/9
 Divisions U13 will form 7 Divisions U14 will form 6/7 Divisions U15 will
 form 4/5 divisions U16 will form 4 Divisions U17/18 will form 4 Divisions.
- League Challenge Cups from U12 to U17/18 League Shield from U12 to U17/18 League Trophy from U12 to Possibly U15.
- In the Girls competition there will just be a Gold Cup from U9/10 to U11 and then a League Challenge Cup from U12 to possibly U16/17.
- Autumn Trophy Competition at U10 and U11
- Spring Trophy Competition at U7 to U11.

vii) Election of Officers and Management Committee.

viii) **Appointment of Auditor –** Proposed by Management

Committee: **David Wright MRICS**

Steve Davis

ix) Alteration of League Rules

Compulsory changes imposed by the FA

Six modest changes made by the FA this summer – so modest that they did not even bother to explain their rationale. Topics are: Protests, Appeals, Voting, Definition of a Virtual Meeting.

ONE NEW CLAUSE – added to Rule 20 about Abandoned games.

20 (E) 6. Where a Competition Match has been **abandoned for any reason both Clubs must, within 24 hours, give notice to the Competition Secretary.** Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Changes recommended by the Management Committee:

To update the 'old wording' where it has become overtaken by current practice or where additional clarity is considered helpful.

- **4.(E)** need for FA Portal and League website to contain same details of Club Officers and Officials.
- **8.(A)** and **15 (C)** to routinely allow for a July AGM and for a financial year end of 31st May.
- **18.(A)** applies to ages U14 and older: **'Permission to Play'** (**P2P**) procedure for when a newly registered player's laminated ID card has not arrived back at the club. **Explains the conditions for a P2P.**

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- **18.(B)(iv)** and **20.(A)(iii)** and **22.(B)(iii)** clarity about the consequences for teams missing the registration deadline for their first competitive game and not being able to ask for a Fixture Break to get round it. (U12 and older teams).
- **20.(J)** to acknowledge that most games are arranged without a compulsory phone call which was what the old wording required. The wording now describes the website notification procedure.

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23.(E) and **23.(B)(v) – Referees and Payment –** to acknowledge that many clubs now prefer to pay appointed referees by bank transfer.

To clarify the correct procedure when a Panel Referee is appointed; including the requirement to tell the referee in advance when a bank transfer is the clubs preferred method of payment and confirm the timescale for payment.

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To clarify the **different procedures** for Age Groups with **ID cards** and those with **Squad lists**

- **18.(A)** –Registration procedures
- **20.(K)** Evidence of eligibility to play in a match
- **20.(L)** Match Day procedures

x) Dates for commencement and conclusion of 2025-26 season.

Sunday 21st September 2025

Sunday 10th May 2026 *

*the league programme may be extended for games that could have an effect on championship or runners up places.

AGENDA PART TWO – continued

- xi) Registration Secretaries details for 2025-26.
- xii) Any other business of which notice has been given and accepted as being relevant to the A.G.M.

Secretaries Announcements.

- Roll Call.
- Presentation of outstanding Division Awards.
- The Club Motion previously listed has been withdrawn by the Club

