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Haddenham Youth Football Club
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Introduction



*We come together on Club Presentation Day to celebrate another fantastic year for Haddenham Youth Football Club players – the **thirtieth season of HYFC!***

You can read reports of twenty youth teams, from the U5/6s starting their football lives all the way through to **U18s which wrapped up their youth football journey by winning the Division 2 title!** We say goodbye and good luck to the U18s boys after their fantastic achievements and offer a huge thanks to Roland Baldwin.

As you can see on the next page, the Club might be **celebrating four titles** by the end of this weekend. Achievements in leagues and cups are complemented by the qualities our players have developed during the season. **Resilience, confidence and friendship** stand out in our coaches' reports.

We are committed to even **more young people playing football, regardless of barriers.**

Chiltern Comets, the PAN-Disability team we run in partnership with Risborough and Wendover, goes from strength to strength under the guidance of Nick Cuthbert.

We have supported The JR Sports Group in staging **Haddenham Wildcats**, an FA-backed scheme for girls aged 5–11 to start football.

Girls' football at HYFC continues to attract more players, building on the success of the amazing Lionesses. A special thanks to Tara Medlicott who has spearheaded the expansion for HYFC.

The **HYFC Community Fund** ensures children from families who are struggling financially can still enjoy football, thanks to the sponsorship of Haddenham Park Care Home and support from Haddenham Village Fete.

We are a youth football club but are delighted to be the home of **Walking and Vets** football in Haddenham.

We're grateful to the **growing number of sponsors** which ensure HYFC players shine in their kit. Many teams have enjoyed **special experiences** beyond the pitch this season. We need more commercial support to deliver a full Club experience.

Woodways and Airfield players have benefitted from **additional training sessions** with highly qualified coaches. Several HYFC coaches have attained their **UEFA C coaching badge** this year as part of our commitment to raise standards. Our drive continues next season, supported by new committee member Paul Corrie.

Improving pitches remains our top priority alongside coaching standards. Poor weather has a significant impact on our season, especially at Woodways. We're making progress on improving maintenance at Woodways and the Airfield through Ade Small working with Haddenham Parish Council, Berks and Bucks FA and the Football Foundation.

With so much new housing planned in Haddenham the Club's **aspirations for a 3G facility** have been officially recognised. We're also working with several partners to secure access to new all weather facilities coming on stream locally.

We're already planning for next season, including the introduction of **3x3 football** for our youngest teams.

Before then, we're preparing our **Festival of Football** on the weekend of **Saturday 29 August and Sunday 30 August**. It's essential for Club fundraising to deliver enhanced coaching, better facilities and provide special experiences. Please volunteer and help us stage our biggest Festival yet.

Thank you to the coaches, volunteers and my fellow committee members who make football happen every week in a safe, inclusive and fun environment. Special thanks to parents and carers who entrust their children with us.

Most importantly, thank you to **every single player** for being part of our Club.

Alex Wagstaff
Club Chairman, May 2026

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Haddenham Park Care Home and Apartments

Haddenham Park Care Home is proud to support the **Young Person of the Year Award** because it reflects the values we care about; commitment, teamwork, and personal development.

We believe it's important to celebrate young people who show dedication both on and off the pitch, and to recognise the positive role sport plays in building confidence and character. Supporting this award is our way of encouraging the next generation and investing in the future of our community.



Trevor Steven – Club Patron

Played for Burnley, Everton, Rangers and Marseille as well as winning 36 caps for the national team. The right-sided midfielder's medals include an FA Cup, UEFA Cup Winner's Cup, seven Scottish Premier Division and three Scottish League Cup titles as well as French Ligue 1. He played in the World Cups of 1986 and 1990 as well as the 1988 and 1992 Euros.

Trevor is now CEO of charity Mindflow, founded by Causeway Technologies, which champions mental health and seeks positive change in the construction industry by harnessing the power of football. He lives in Buckinghamshire.

Highlights & Honours

Chiltern Comets PAN-Disability: Grown by around 50% and runners up in the Heart of Bucks Community Awards.

U5/6s: Have developed not only their football skills—such as dribbling, passing and teamwork—but also important qualities like listening, resilience and supporting one another.

U7s: We have focused on the core techniques; dribbling, passing, shooting and will continue with this ethos over and above 'winning matches.

U8s: The team was fantastic: listening, competing, scoring goals and winning games really bringing smiles to everyone's faces.

Tigers U9G and U10G: Girls who initially struggled to kick a ball are now doing drag backs that would make Chloe Kelly proud.

U9s: Following an incredible summer where we won the Aylesbury United and HYFC Festival of Football tournaments, this season has continued that success.

U10s: A season marked by growth, resilience, and a real sense of togetherness.... improved technical skills.... grown in confidence...equally important has been their attitude.

U11G: Finished at the top of their group in the cup competition.....out of around 20 teams, U11 Girls were one of only two teams to achieve this standard.



U11: Beat Aylesbury United Ducks FC 2-0 in the League Final at Thame United's stadium.



U12 Rangers: Heading into our final game next week, a draw or a win will be enough for us to secure the league title and get promoted!



U12 Colts: The final match of the season was the biggest game of our lives against second placed Florence Park with the winner taking the league title! Of course, we did it in style and convincingly won 5-0!

U13 Rangers: While we've taken a few losses along the way, the resilience shown has really stood out... determination paid off with some excellent results, including wins against teams at the top of the league.

U13 Colts: After beating two teams in higher leagues in the KO Shield, we faced Cumnor Minors in the final at Carterton FC, narrowly missing out 3-2.

U14G: We have continued to build from a solid foundation based on our principles of competing in every match we play whilst retaining our fun and friendly environment.

U14s: It's been a tough season in a tough league after a division title and a cup final in the last two years. As a team we were strong, physical, fit, relentless at times and clinical in front of goal. The spirit and resilience shown by the boys throughout the season was a major plus.

U15s: Although we didn't finish as high in the league as we did last season, we were always competitive and continued to work hard for one another.

U16G: On paper, this has been our most successful season: a fourth place finish, a Plate semi-final, and wins against teams who were playing above us last year...but the real success this year has been how much the girls have enjoyed their football.

U16 Blues: A real privilege to watch and coach; their love for this beautiful game as individuals and a team is just infectious. After a second promotion in two seasons the team rose to the challenge, finishing a very credible fourth.

U16 Rangers: Finished runners up in the league, narrowly missing out on top spot by only two points....squad have played together for many years....the friendships, team spirit and fun the boys have had was on display throughout the whole season... a fitting end of an era.



U18s: We won the Division 2 title. The last three seasons have seen this team going from strength to strength winning U16 Division 4, runners up U17 Division 3 and winning U18 Division 2.



Our Teams



PAN-DISABILITY FOOTBALL

Chiltern Comets

Chiltern Comets, which we run in partnership with Risborough Rangers and Wendover Junior FC, has grown by around 50% in the last season.

We now play monthly competitions at Oxford City in the BOBI league. All players have never played the game before so at the beginning we were receiving a bit of hammering, but now we are holding our own and have even won our first game.



In December we were runners up in the Heart of Bucks community awards.

We've had our first player leave us to go and join mainstream football, something his parents say he could never have achieved without the confidence gained through the Comets.

Berks and Bucks FA now send new starters along to see us to observe how to run a PAN-Disability football group which is a huge complement. We recently had a visit from MK Dons who are establishing their own PAN team and want to set up matches with us. They also invited us to their Dome for an afternoon of football.

We have had two bingo nights to raise funds as we want to keep Chiltern Comets free for all players. We have a Race Night planned on 20th June at The Bull Pub in Stoke Mandeville.

We have plans to start a new adult 16+ section.

Nick Cuthbert

MUGA

Haddenham Wildcats

This was the first year of the FA-backed Wildcats programme at Haddenham and it has been brilliant to see how quickly it has grown.

Led by Coach Callum and Coach Molly, the sessions have created a fun, welcoming environment where girls can come along, enjoy football, build confidence and make new friends.

Whether they were completely new to the game or have already enjoyed playing, every girl has been encouraged to get involved, have fun and develop at their own pace.

Across the year, we have had over 30 different girls take part in the programme, which is a fantastic achievement for our first year. It has been great to see so many girls coming back each week, growing in confidence and developing a real love for football.

The sessions focus on enjoyment, teamwork, learning new skills and creating positive experiences through sport. Callum and Molly have both done a fantastic job building relationships with the girls and creating an environment where everyone feels comfortable and included.

We are really proud of what has been built in the first year of the programme and are excited to continue growing Wildcats at Haddenham moving forward.

James Richardson, The JR Sports Group

WOODWAYS

U5/6s

This season with the U5s and U6s has been truly fantastic. From the very beginning, the children showed enthusiasm, energy and a real willingness to learn. For many, this was their first experience of football.

Watching them grow in confidence and ability has been incredibly rewarding.

Each week, they have developed not only their football skills—such as dribbling, passing and teamwork—but also important qualities like listening, resilience and supporting one another. The progress across the whole group has been outstanding and every child should be extremely proud of what they have achieved.



More than anything, they have been an absolute pleasure to coach. Their positive attitudes, smiles, and determination made every session enjoyable and they created a brilliant team spirit that stood out in training.

As we move forward with the U6s and into U7s, I look forward to continuing this journey and building on everything we have achieved. To the U5s, it has been a privilege to coach you. Coach Kat and I wish you all the very best as you continue your football journey.

Charlotte Lewis-Miles

U7s

The U7s 2025/26 season has been absolutely amazing, with so many achievements, developments and outstanding support from the parents and relatives.



We've all been on a journey together into the first year of Sunday matches, and all the coaches couldn't be prouder of the commitment and positive attitude of all the children.

We've had so many children enjoying the game and wanting to be involved in the matches (28 across the

season!), that we've had to find a way of rotating the squad to ensure fairness for each and every child. For this, we want to say a huge thank you to both parents and players for their understanding and patience. Our focus has been on ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone. We have focused on the core techniques; dribbling, passing, shooting and will continue with this ethos over and above 'winning matches'.

We introduced the 'Player of the Week' trophy to reward the person we felt had demonstrated the best listening, teamwork and effort for that particular week. We shortly followed this up with the Captain's armband for the player who displayed our focus behaviour 'bravery'. We are really pleased with the impact these have had; it's been a pleasure to be able to recognise and reward everyone throughout the year.

A huge thank you to everyone for your amazing support this year and a special mention to the many parents stepping forward to help with training, matches, putting goals away etc. - it is massively appreciated!

Nick Camplejohn

U8s

A really promising season that was hampered by bad weather.

Although early season results didn't always reflect how competitive games were, we integrated new players into the team and began to build a shape to our play and develop positions within our teams.

One of the highlights of the first half of the season was our away set of fixtures at Aylesbury United. Following a 'lively' training session on the Saturday we arrived at Aylesbury down to the bare bones squad wise, but the





team was fantastic: listening, competing, scoring goals and winning games really bringing smiles to everyone's faces.

Unfortunately, we lost a lot of football during a very wet and windy end of 25, start of 26, which slowed some of the momentum we had been building. Despite this, we kept seeing great numbers at training with the standard and engagement developing which led onto great availability for matches and we thank everyone who volunteered to take rest weeks when we were pleading every week!

The league season ended on a real high with four brilliant competitive games against Naphill giving real hope for what we can achieve going into next year.

Thank you to all our players for this year and we look forward to developing further next season.

Richard Watson-Darby

Tigers: U9G and U10G

In our second season together as U10s and U9s, our Haddenham Tigers grew as football players and people. Girls who initially struggled to kick a ball are now doing drag backs that would make Chloe Kelly proud. They became more confident in themselves and developed well as a group.



In the U10s, it was a three-part rollercoaster of a season. We went unbeaten for a long run, with an all-out attacking style, led by striker, Delilah. Billy and I thought we had finally cracked football coaching, but then found ourselves promoted to the top league, which resulted in a series of hard games that made us question why we do this.

However, we ended the season strong and on another run of great wins, including a 3-2 thriller as a fitting finale to the season, with amazing goal scoring performances from the two Emilys, a towering defensive effort from Amelia and box-to-box running from Millie and Imogen. It was a season of firsts. We had new players at the Tigers with Imogen and Lilly joining for their first season.

We enjoyed our first ever U9s game (and win!) with Lissie, Neve, Nancy, Chloe, Sienna and Lilly all playing brilliantly, and Poppy scoring her first (definitely not last) hat-trick.

It has been an honour to coach the Tigers U10 and U9 Girls.

Thank you to the parents for turning up and cheering in all weather (mainly rain); to Paul for adding a bit of professionalism to our coaching; Andy and Chris for stepping in when needed and we need to share an honourable mention to Tara for making this all happen each week.

Special thanks to our sponsor: edgeUD Bespoke Urban Design Consultancy.

Thank you, Tigers: you have been amazing!

Dwight Burden and Billy Hill

U9s

Following an incredible summer where we won the Aylesbury United and HYFC Festival of Football tournaments, this season has continued that success.

We successfully introduced the Harriers as our third side. Despite a challenging start, the Harriers improved significantly, achieving a fantastic mid-season run with only one defeat in twelve games.





The Hawks and Eagles also started strong, securing sizeable victories and losing only three of their first twenty games. As the league restructured, the competition became more challenging, providing the developmental environment we were looking for.

Throughout the second half of the season, all players continued to work hard and improve.

Overall, it has been a very successful season. We now look forward to competing in four summer tournaments, including our effort to retain the HYFC Festival of Football title.

Ben Buckingham

U10s

This season has been a fantastic journey for the U10s, marked by growth, resilience and a real sense of togetherness.

One of the most impressive aspects of the season has been the team's development. As the level of opposition and intensity of games increased, the U10s matched and excelled in all they have faced.

Not only have the players improved their technical skills but they've also grown in confidence. Week after week, it was clear that they were becoming more comfortable on the ball and more aware of each other on the pitch.

Equally important has been their attitude. The team consistently demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, respecting opponents, referees and each other.

Teamwork has been a real highlight with the players trusting one another, celebrating shared successes and supporting their teammates.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the coaches and parents. The encouragement from the sidelines and the dedication behind the scenes have created a positive environment where the players can thrive and enjoy the game.

The progress made by every player is something to be proud of and sets the team up perfectly for the U11s.

Matt Field

AIRFIELD

U11 Girls

HYFC U11 Girls have had an exceptional season, marked by both achievement and growth. This year, several new players joined, bringing fresh energy, enthusiasm and unique skills that quickly made an impact. Their integration into the team not only strengthened the lineup but also fostered new friendships and a vibrant team spirit that could be felt both on and off the pitch.

Now embarking on their third season, the team has continued to build on its successes, showing remarkable progress and resilience. Their determination and teamwork drove them to finish at the top of their group in the cup competition. This was out of around 20 teams where HYFC U11 Girls were one of only two teams to achieve this level, a testament to the dedication and talent within the squad.



The coaching staff, players and supporters have worked together to create an environment where everyone is encouraged to develop, learn and strive for excellence.

This collective effort is not only resulting in stronger performances but is also laying the groundwork for a brighter future in Girls' football. HYFC U11 Girls also played for HCJS and reached the semi-finals of the school tournament.

Harjeet Bhullar

James Wagstaff and Virgil van Dijk



U11's win League Final



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U16 Rangers
final match



Chiltern Comets



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Beyond the Pitch





U11s

This season marked our first step into competitive league football, and it has been a year full of learning, challenge and development across all three of our teams. With two sides competing in the South Bucks Mini League Soccer Conference and a third playing a programme of friendlies, every player has had the chance to grow and experience the game in new ways.

Our Harriers made solid progress as the season unfolded. After a challenging start, they adapted well to the new 9-a-side format. Their teamwork and willingness to learn has been clear throughout, and their efforts were rewarded with a place in the League Final. The team beat Aylesbury United Ducks FC 2-0 in the match at Thame United's stadium last weekend. It's a fantastic achievement, but more importantly, it reflects the way the group has embraced competitive football with enthusiasm.



The Hawks found themselves in a very competitive division, and the step up to 9-a-side football brought plenty of tough moments. Despite that, the players stuck together, worked hard and showed clear improvement as the season went on. Results didn't always reflect their effort, but their commitment was outstanding. They ended the season with two excellent wins against Thame United, a deserved reward for their progress. They finish stronger, more experienced and ready to push on next season.

Alongside our league teams, the Kites played ten friendly matches against local rivals, giving more players valuable game time and plenty of memorable moments, including two first-ever hattricks — a brilliant highlight of the season.

Across the year, 34 players represented the U11s. We are supported by a fantastic coaching team, and this season we say a heartfelt thank you to James Bowley who steps down after five wonderful years.

John Mitchell

U12 Rangers

HYFC U12 Rangers began its league campaign in the Oxfordshire C League for the second season, welcoming two new players to bring the squad to twelve. We started the season well, securing all three points with a 2-0 away victory at Greater Leys. Our cup run saw us record our season's biggest win, an emphatic 11-0 triumph over Quarry Rovers.



The season paused in December, with Rangers finishing fourth in the autumn league before restarting in January. We carried strong form into the winter/spring campaign, highlighted by an 8-2 away win against Didcot Casuals, whom we had previously defeated in last year's cup final. Key highlights include four clean sheets, only conceding five goals and several dominant performances.

Heading into our final game next week, a draw or a win will be enough for us to secure the league title and get promoted!

Michael Lister

U12 Colts

Wow, what a season the U12 Colts have had!

We kicked off the season at our Festival of Football where we had a brilliant day and picked up the silver medal.

The league games started as did our regular, twice-a-week training sessions and the hard work was paying off from the start with plenty of goals and wins coming our way.



The league cup competition started and we flew through every round beating some tough opponents on the way to our first ever semi-final. We did ourselves extremely proud managing a 2-2 draw against Donnington 2016 from a division above us but agonisingly lost on penalties.



Back to the league campaign where we didn't let up! We went 15 games unbeaten across all competitions and found ourselves at the top of the table. The final match of the season was the biggest game of our lives where we came up against second placed Florence Park. The winner would take the league title! Of course, we did it in style and convincingly won 5-0! 16 wins, 3 draws and 5 losses is a massive achievement for the players but most importantly we've had a fantastic amount of fun whilst doing it!

We're all really looking forward to the new season and, of course, we always welcome new players that want to join in the fun.

Bring on the 2026/27 season!

Sam Edmonds

U13 Rangers

The U13s made the decision to move into the Oxford League for the 2025/26 season, where we were placed in Division B. From the outset, it was clear we would be facing some strong teams, many from larger towns.

With a couple of new players joining, we've been running with a squad of fourteen. This has worked really well, giving us a committed group who turn up week in, week out. They've developed into a fantastic team of lads who are eager to learn in training and put that into practice on match days.

Throughout the season, the boys have been involved in some highly competitive games and have held their own against very strong opposition. While we've taken a few losses along the way, the resilience they've shown has really stood out. That determination paid off with some excellent results, including wins against teams at the top of the league.

The team has also received great feedback from opposition coaches, who have praised both their attitude and performances.



Stu and I are already looking ahead to the 2026/27 season. With a couple of new additions showing interest in joining, we're hopeful this will add healthy competition within the squad and continue to push the team forward.

A special mention to our new sponsor Flourish.

Daniel Bayliss

U13 Colts

This is our first season at 11-a-side and also moving into a new league where we didn't know any teams. So, it took some getting used to, including three quarter size pitches and goals.

We had a few new additions to our group that fitted in perfectly and started to learn the way in which we play. In the autumn side of the league we played seven, won three, drew two and lost two meaning we finished third and which we thought was a great start to adapting.

Then moving into the winter/spring time of the league, we again managed to finish third playing the same games and with the same results. But this time we scored a lot more goals, finishing second top goal scorers in the league. In this half of the season, we entered the KO Shield. After beating two teams in higher leagues than us,



we faced Cumnor Minors in the final at Carterton FC. On the day, we narrowly missed out, unfortunately losing the game 3-2.

So, all-in-all it was another fantastic season. It makes us very proud of everyone in the U13 Colts for their hard work, determination, want and desire. The way in which we



play is very demanding of the boys. And week after week they try their best. Two finals in two seasons is a massive achievement: we could not be prouder of our group.

Ben Johnson

U14 Girls

The team has enjoyed another amazingly competitive season in the Berkshire league with some amazing results.

Over the past three seasons we have continued to build from a solid foundation based on our principles of competing in every match we play whilst retaining our fun and friendly environment.

We welcome players of any ability to enjoy the beautiful game with us on our journey together.

We are lucky and very grateful to Bradmoor Farm and Florence Nightingale whose sponsorship and continued support allows us to enter more competitions and kit out



our team with match and training wear as well as extra equipment for training and matches. We cannot thank them enough alongside all the sponsors across the whole club.

Ade Small

U14s

It's been a tough season in a tough league for the U14s after a division title and a cup final in the last two years. We welcomed Alfie and Thomas who firmly established themselves into our squad. The spirit and resilience shown by the boys throughout the season was a major plus.

It's been a tale of two halves. Pre-Christmas, we played some great football with a spring in our step, dispatching teams from the league below in the cup - 7-0 Chesham and Stonesfield 7-1 - with ease and playing free flowing football with a 5-0 win against Garsington; 3-2 Rose Hill and Hook Norton away epitomised how we want to play as a group; tough to play against, energetic and fast on the break which saw us win 4-3. Against Banbury, who finished second in the league, we drew 0-0 in the first match of the season and narrowly lost 1-0 at their place but still a great performance that could have gone either way. As a team we were strong, physical, fit, relentless at times and clinical in front of goal.



After the Christmas break narrow losses and the phrase 'the result could have gone either way' was heard frequently. Our energy levels dropped, the importance of having a settled team showed and we lost momentum. Yet the resilience and teamwork remained excellent. We have ended up on the wrong side of narrow defeats by the odd goal here or there, but all games have been tight and it's a case of taking our chances and concentrating for the full 70+ minutes.

Richard Stevens was promoted from running the line at matches to team coach, injecting fresh energy and ideas into the team. Social outings have further cemented existing strong bonds across our brilliant group. We look



forward to next season and are seeking new players to add to the already strong squad over the summer.

We say goodbye to our outstanding goalkeeper Ethan as he ventures into the world of rugby. We could not have wished for a braver or more agile No 1 between the sticks over all these years. An excellent goalkeeper and great character; we wish him all the best in his new sporting venture.

Kevin Johnson, Alex Wagstaff and Richard Stevens

U15s

This season proved to be a challenging one for the team. While we didn't manage to replicate the cup run we enjoyed last year, the players continued to show commitment throughout the campaign.

We welcomed some new players into the squad this season, all of whom settled in well and proved to be excellent additions both on and off the pitch. At the same time, we said farewell to some long-standing players who decided to hang up their boots, and we thank them for their contribution to the team over the years.



Although we didn't finish as high in the league as we did last season, we were always competitive and continued to work hard for one another. There were plenty of positives to take from the season and we are already looking forward to the 2026-27 campaign.

Our main sponsor is Chiltern Railways – our thanks to the company and Alison Dixon for securing their support.

Paul Dixon, Alex Giles and Andy Learner

U16 Girls

On paper, this has been our most successful season: a fourth place finish, a Plate semi-final, and wins against teams who were playing above us last year. A 5-3 victory over Headington early on showed exactly what we're

capable of—although they had the final say, edging us 4-3 in a tight semi-final.

But the real success this year has been how much the girls have enjoyed their football. In a GCSE year, when the game competes with just about everything else in life, that enjoyment has kept them coming back week after week in numbers we've never seen before. We've gone from worrying about having a team to worrying about who doesn't get a game—even after losing our captain to a JPL side, an incredible leader who we wish every success.



A particular highlight has been nine players gaining referee qualifications; whilst some have found the sidelines too challenging, others have thrived and grown in confidence.

There has been real growth across the group: new players have brought pace and quality—particularly up front, leading to high-scoring games and multiple hattricks—while others have embraced unfamiliar roles with maturity and selflessness.

Many of this squad have grown up together through the club and that experience is now really showing, with our long-serving goalkeeper outstanding once again. Even the coaches have played their part—one dislocated finger in goal during training proving that no one escapes unscathed.

Traditionally, this is where the journey ends—but such is the enthusiasm and enjoyment in this group, we hope this isn't quite the end of the road, and that this team may yet have more to give in U17/18s.

Stephen Courtndage

U16 Rangers

2025/26 was a memorable season for a number of reasons, not least that it was our last after nine years together as a team!



The U16 Rangers finished runners up in the league, narrowly missing out on top spot by only two points. During the season, in the league the team won eleven, drew one and lost only four games.



The squad had a solid cup run, reaching the quarter finals and losing narrowly, to a strong team from a higher division.

We had a squad of sixteen players, many of whom have played together for many years. The friendships, team spirit and fun the boys have had was on display throughout the whole season.

In every match, the team played for each other, supported one another vocally in goal, defence and attack and became a really strong team with a clear bond.

We scored some memorable goals, a long range free kick or two, a couple of goalkeeper lobs and several hattricks!

Our goalkeeper and defence kept us in matches on several occasions providing the platform for the attackers to get the goals that allowed us to go on a nine-match winning streak between November and April! The coaches are extremely proud of what the team has achieved this season and over the last nine! 25/26 was a great season and a fitting end of an era!

Andy Duffin

U16 Blues

It's been a real privilege to watch and coach the U16 Blues team this season; their love for this beautiful game as individuals and a team is just infectious.

After a second promotion in two seasons the Blues did enter this season at the higher level with a degree of trepidation, but not a surprise, again the team rose to the challenge, finishing a very credible fourth in the league.

A group initially noted as a development squad, with many of our players in their first seasons of competitive football, this season has started to see a real

development both on and off the pitch, with the team shape progressing exceptionally, in regards to football skills, as friends and as young men.

The squad has continued to show a commitment to training and matchdays of 110%. With a drive which is second to none, which was more than demonstrated in our league game away at Thame, where the team was 3-1 down at half time and came back to win 4-5. Also, part way through our season where we lost our first choice keeper, to then have three outfield players volunteer to play in goal, and then finish the season with five clean sheets in our last eight games.



I am incredibly proud of our boys and wish them the best of luck in their end of year exams. Hopefully I will have the opportunity next season to return to coach many of them. Either way I am positive they will all go on to great things in the future as they are a fantastic bunch of lads, full of potential.

Steve Witty

CUDDINGTON

U18s

Twelve teams started the U18 league and played each other once with the outcome deciding if you were in Division 1 or 2.

Whilst we played really well against some teams from previously higher divisions, we didn't win enough matches and found ourselves in Division 2, which was the right place for us.

Our final game of the eleven was a great 4-4 draw against Chalfont, a strong Division 1 team. That set us up well for our five matches in Division 2 and we were fantastic, winning four straight matches and facing Thame in our last ever game. Beat Thame and we would win the league.

The game versus Thame was a really tough challenge - Thame was a Division 2 team at under 17. We were 2-1 down with three minutes left when we scored to finish the game 2-2.



Only Thame could now beat us on goal difference if they won their remaining games but they fell at the first hurdle a week later losing 2-1 to Beaconsfield. We won the Division 2 title.



L-R: Tom Haines, Ollie Baldwin, Freddie Evans, Seb Payne, Harry Baldwin, Fin Broomham and Jamie Lamb all started as U6s and went all the way to U18s.

The last three seasons have seen this team going from strength to strength winning U16 Division 4, runners up U17 Division 3 and winning U18 Division 2.

Roland Baldwin

SENIORS

Haddenham Hobblers

In June 2025 we made an appearance in a friendly tournament in Bedford. We won our first game against a very rough and angry Flitwick over 50s team, after which we found the next two teams were NOT friendly at all. We won against Maulden and drew the next match against a Bedford team. After witnessing the importance of win at all costs by the other teams we were due to play, we pulled out and came home. Although undefeated it was sad to see men over 50 still taking the game too seriously. They should be grateful that they can still play the game... and enjoy it. Which is what we promote at Haddenham.

We again attended the BUCKS Walking Football Cup at the AVA, Aylesbury. It was great that the guys wanted to take part with the requisite six players for the day. The competition had sixteen teams of mixed ages involved and Haddenham was up against a good Stoney over 55s team, Tring Athletic over 50s and Chesham United Ladies over 50s in our group stage.

A high scoring group, Haddenham and Chesham went through to the knock out stage with two goals for and one against over the three games! Quarter-final stage began and Haddenham was up against a strong and

determined Maidenhead over 50s. Haddenham held them to a 0-0 draw and then won 4-3 on penalties to reach the semi-final against MK Irish.... again. Again, HWF lost 2-1, but in open play, not penalties as we suffered last season.

September came and another match versus Amersham over 50s was arranged where Haddenham comfortably won 7-2.

We have also started a merged WF in Mill Lane, Chinnor on Wednesday mornings for the over 70s, and we are looking at the possibility of another session in Thame on Monday evenings.

We celebrated the 80th birthday of one of our members recently. Haddenham Walking Football is played on the HCJS MUGA on Friday evenings at 6.30pm. It is open for all abilities and ages from 45+ to 80 and beyond!

Andy Roff

Haddenham Veterans

In only our second season in the Oxfordshire 40s Veterans League Division 1, Haddenham Vets made steady progress from last season's inaugural FA 40s Vets League, where we finished mid-table.

With new players on board, we ended this season as runners up. Winning our final fixture 7-0 against the already Champions Prestwood, a very impressive win indeed, skippered by HYFC's very own Chairman Alex 'Wagga' Wagstaff.

Overall, we dug out some gritty results and found ourselves very unlucky in some narrow defeats. A great team spirit, and lots of banter on the way helped to consolidate a very happy bunch of friends..... Played 12, Won 8, Lost 4; For 32, Against 24.

Having won the Cup last season on a memorable day at Thame Utd, we unfortunately fell short this season losing on penalties in the semi-final against Prestwood. Currently the squad has 40 players signed on, with a good number of 50+ and a couple of 60+ old players belying their years. Next season, we are looking at maybe entering a 50s Vets team into the league.....watch this space!!

Finally, my thanks go HYFC for its support, Paul Moore and Dan Weller for registrations and pitch bookings, and other team members for 'chipping' in with all the other necessary behind-the-scenes work.

Gary McCarron



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Sunday PM**

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U9s • U13s • U15s**

All timings subject to change. Age groups for 2026/27 season.



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