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HISTORY OF GALA WILTON



Gala Wilton was formed in 1952 when a group of friends from the Wilton Road area of Gloucester City created a side known as 'Wilton Rover'. Initially they played their football in the North Gloucestershire League gaining limited success winning the FJ Pope Cup in 1956/57 and Division 1 in 1959/60. In 1970 the club moved to their present home at The Gala Club and then, in 1971 at the third time of asking, they were elected to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

They made an immediate impact in the League, winning Division 2 and beating local rivals Longlevens Star to the title. The following season they finished a creditable 5th in Division 1 and made an application to the County League. Initially they failed to gain membership losing out by one vote to Division 1 Champions Bishops Cleeve. However, it was consequently discovered that the Cheltenham side had misled the County League with regards to the distance from their changing rooms to the pitch and, on a second vote, Wilton Rovers gained membership. Although voted into the County League, the club still retained its membership of the GNSL courtesy of their reserves and, in 1978/79, they won Division 2 by a point from Walls United.

During their 12 seasons in the County League they achieved their best position of 3rd in 1980/81 behind Almondsbury Greenway & Shortwood United, but in 1984/85 they finished 18th and were relegated back to the GNSL. The following season they made an immediate return to the County League having achieved runners-up position to ICI Fibres in Division 1 of Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

That same season they also won the Diamond Jubilee Cup, a League Cup played for every four years at the time.

Having gained a return to the County League they remained in the League for just three seasons before they were relegated again. In 1989/90 they finished runners-up to St. Marks CA and, in the same season, they again won the Diamond Jubilee Cup but had changed the club name to Gale Wilton. After this second successive Diamond Jubilee victory, the club went on a downward spiral and, for one season, only fielded a single side.

The club reached a new low when they were relegated to the second Division of the North Gloucestershire League. The club met with limited success back in the North Gloucester League with the Reserve team winning Divisions 2 & 3 while the 1st XI reached the JO Roberts final only to lose to Westbury United. In 2002 the club transferred allegiances to the Cheltenham League and its fortunes started to change for the better. Several GFA cups and promotions later, the club regained promotion to the GNSL and in 2007-8 they won Division 2 by a clear 10 points from Dursley Town to enable them to return to Division 1 of Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

Since that time the club has had tremendous success within its youth set up, with the Under 18s doing the League and Cup double in two consecutive seasons.

2017/18 season was another challenging season, although a definite improvement on recent seasons. Finishing in 13th place, there was a definite feeling of turning a corner and getting stronger from here on.

Recruitment within the Club, from our successful U16s squad, should be a real boost this season.

We are looking forward to further improvement and are very excited to develop our youth players.

The 2021/22 season has seen the introduction of a 4th Team made up of long serving players and players from last season's Under 16s

NUNK's HALF TIME QUIZ!



1. In which year was the first European Championship held?
2. With three titles each, which two teams have won the most European Championships?
3. What is the name of the European Championship trophy?
4. With nine goals, who scored the most goals in a single European Championship tournament?
5. The Euro 2000 final between France and Italy was decided by Golden Goal. Which player scored the goal?
6. England's all-time leading European Championship goalscorer has a tally of seven goals. Can you name the player?
7. Which one of the following three teams has not won the European Championship: Denmark, Belgium or Greece?
8. Denmark notably won Euro 92, despite the fact that they did not initially qualify. Which team did they replace?
9. In which year did the European Championship expand from 16 teams to 24 teams?
10. Only one person has won the European Championship as a player and as manager. Can you name them?



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COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND UP

Saturday 8th April

Towards the top and it would appear that Bromley Heath United are probably the best placed challenger to overhaul Cribbs Reserves with a vital win at The Hawthorns versus Broadwell Amateurs. Broadwell had to dig deep for their side today and Bromley's strong forwards caused problems all afternoon with their air dominance. After just thirteen minutes the only goal of the afternoon came when a cross field pass into the goalmouth saw Olly Hanham rise above the home defence to head across to the unmarked Sam Edwards who clinically headed home. Broadwell's first effort came on 17 with Ben Fishwick shooting wide. On the half hour it looked like it was going to be two nil with Aidan Noble latching onto a long ball over but in came the saving tackle by skipper Jordan Locke. Broadwell pushed hard for the final 10 minutes of the half but couldn't break a resolute defence. The second period saw Bromley have a series of corners and throw ins with numerous chances including Trai Sackett's blast over from ten yards. Ethan Wilkin's did have a jinxing run through but didn't trouble Will Ferguson and Bromley came away with a well deserved victory if narrow 1-0 victory.

Gala Wilton ended their dreadful recent run at Fairmile Gardens against the awkward Ruardean Hill Rangers side. Gala looking to end their poor run had the ball in the net after four minutes but it was adjudged offside. Their fast start was rewarded on eight minutes when a good free kick from Connor Walters was met by Martin Smith who headed back across goal for Keiron Mace to tap in. Gala continued to press and Smith had a header just over. It was Smith again in the 22nd minute following good work down the right by Sluman but the volley went just over. Gala made it two on 38 minutes Walters was tugged back in the area and Craig Howell stepped up to smash the ball past Aaron Underwood. The second half was not very impressive with neither side producing any quality moments on goal and Gala seeing out a 2-0 win with a hardworking display.

WELCOME TO THE WELL



WHO'S WHO IN THE CLUB

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FIRST TEAM MANAGER CHRIS BRAIN

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SECOND TEAM MANAGER STEVE BLABY

SECOND TEAM ASSISTANT CHRIS POWELL

A TEAM MANAGER MARTYN LEACH

B TEAM MANAGER ANDY MARSH

PROGRAMME EDITOR MARK GABRIEL

Broadwell welcome our friends from Gala Wilton today. Gala is experiencing a up and down season, a recent run of four defeats in a row have done little for their aspirations of level six football. I am sure this will not deter them today looking to revenge a 3-0 defeat at home against Broadwell earlier in the month. Our first team start an arduous few weeks of football playing every Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday. Manager Chris Brain will be calling on our reserve team lads to help out over this difficult period. We have at the moment a number of injuries and looming suspensions which will certainly have a big impact on our cup final side on the 13th May.

Last week the reserve team lost 3-0 at home against Tredworth Tigers. Some sloppy play, silly free kicks and a penalty did little to help the cause. A difficult time for Manager Steve Blaby who to his credit has invested heavily in youth.

The A team returned from Westbury with heads held low last Saturday, the disbanding of the B team has done little to support the A team, numbers of players around is still low. Where have they all gone?

Monday saw us welcome Patchway to the Hawthorns a game which ended in a 1-1 draw. Patchway played well above their 2nd from bottom placing, dug deep and looked odds on to win the game from a cross come shot from Raphael Waugh in his first game for the team. Patchway keeper Alex Lippiatt in his first game for Patchway pulled off several good saves during the afternoon playing up to the home supporters with his continual time wasting tactics. After a series of corners and some intense pressure on 91 minutes a free kick awarded just outside the box saw Dan Brain step up and drive the ball towards the top corner which Keeper Lippiatt could only push into the net.

Our League cup final against Sharpness' will be Saturday 13th May 3-00pm KO at Henbury FC. Please let Pauline Brain know if you wish to come on the supporter's bus. Enjoy the game.

Broadwell AFC Committee

TODAYS SQUADS

BROADWELL

v

GALA WILTON

JACK WATKINS
KIAN SKIDMORE
JORDI LOCKE
BEN SCHILLER
BEN FISHWICK
DAN BRAIN
ETHAN WILKINS
AIDAN CREIGHTON
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Saturday 15th April 2023

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Broadwell Amateurs v Gala Wilton

Bromley Heath United v Cheltenham Civil Service

Cribbs Reserves v Patchway Town

Frampton United v Henbury

Hardwicke v Sharpness

Little Stoke v Rockleaze Rangers

Quedgeley Wanderers v Stoke Gifford United

Wick v Ruardean Hill Rangers

COUNTY LEAGUE TABLE 2022/23

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Cribbs Reserves	24	18	4	2	75	24	51	58
Bromley Heath United	22	14	4	4	33	17	16	46
Gala Wilton	25	14	2	9	56	50	6	44
Rockleaze Rangers	24	13	4	7	58	30	28	43
Stoke Gifford United	25	12	5	8	60	32	28	41
Cheltenham Civil Service	21	12	1	8	34	35	-1	37
Sharpness	23	11	3	9	46	40	6	36
Little Stoke	20	10	5	5	43	33	10	35
Broadwell Amateurs	21	10	4	7	29	24	5	34
Frampton United	23	9	5	9	40	34	6	32
Wick	21	9	4	8	43	38	5	31
Ruardean Hill Rangers	24	8	5	11	24	32	-8	29
Hardwicke	22	5	2	15	25	53	-28	17
Patchway Town	24	4	2	18	25	64	-39	14
Quedgeley Wanderers	24	4	2	18	24	76	-52	14
Henbury	23	3	2	18	27	60	-33	11

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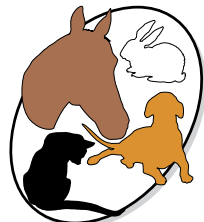
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THE GAFFER



What do you know about the “Gaffer” Chris Brain our first team Manager ? Very little a few supporters would say hence our quick synopsis of the ex-player / Manager.

Appointed at the start of the new season after Stuart Liddington returned to Lydney Town to accept the first team managers role, Chris was quick to volunteer for the vacant position and duly backed by the Football Committee. His first task was to secure the services of Guy Jones as his assistant, Guy has been with the club since

his departure from Bristol Rovers as a young boy, another loyal club member who has kept the train running when times were bad. Historically Chris began his football career playing for Broadwell Under 12s in 1982 playing up to the under 16s in 1996. His Senior career started with local rivals English Bicknor followed by Mushet & Coalway, and then with Harrow Hill in the County League. Season 1994/95 saw him return to the “Well” for the best 3 seasons of his career finishing top scorer for the club each season. 1998 saw Chris rupture his ACL forcing him to retire at the tender age of 29.



A period of time away from local football followed when he watched his beloved club Notts County Home and away. 2014 saw Chris return to his grass roots becoming Chairman of the newly formed Broadwell Youth Section, where he managed both of his boys Dan and Liam age groups. Since his appointment as Youth team chairman the youth section have blossomed, his under 18s were the first age group to go from under 6s to 18s together a remarkable achievement. The core of that team being our first team today. Chris still has an active role with the youth section from which we see the production line continually feed our seconds thirds and fourths with players. His appointment as seen the club progress to a top 2 position in the County league many were sceptic of his appointment, but he and the young lads have proven us all wrong, long may it continue.



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GOALKEEPER: JACK WATKINS - Jack has progressed through our youth system becoming the reserve team Number 1. An 18-year-old with potential to be a first team keeper for years to come. A particularly good line keeper who in season 2020-21 saved three spot kicks in a penalty shoot-out in the league cup.

GOALKEEPER: BEN REED - A goalkeeper with bags of experience. Ben learnt his trade at Cheltenham Town and Forest Green Rovers Academies before moving onto Yate Town (Southern League) and Cribbs FC (Western League) Recently joined the Army who stationed him away from home for the first year, now back eager to go.

DEFENDER/MIDFIELD: BEN SCHILLER - One of our few Senior players he brings a wealth of experience to the field having played for Lydbrook as a young boy Ellwood and Lydney Town in his senior years. Best position just in front of our defence or in the bar with the lads.

DEFENDER: HARRY NASH - From the B team to the A team to the reserve's this lad has progressed through the ranks to now be part of the first team squad. A big centre half still learning his trade who has a very quick turn of speed. One for the future here.

DEFENDER: DAN HUDSON - Started his career with local club Yorkley, a pacey centre back who can dish out a tasty tackle when required. Played at English Bicknor last season. Proven to be vocal in the changing rooms when required

DEFENDER: RYAN DAVIES - This lad has just come back to football after a 2-year absence due to a serious Knee injury. An 18-year-old no nonsense centre half who can make a telling pass. Another Product of the Cheltenham Town Youth Academy. Travels from Cardiff University every week to play.

DEFENDER: JAMIE KNIGHT - Joined us from Harrow Hill this season, scored with his first touch of the ball coming on as a substitute. Out for most of the season with an ankle injury returning at left fullback. Quick on the ball strong in the tackle.

DEFENDER: JACK KNIGHT - Another one from our successful Under 18s team very versatile can play defence or Midfield. Possesses a long throw that can cause the opposition problems.

DEFENDER/ATTACKER: KIAN SKIDMORE - One of our youth products who have adapted to Senior football with ease. Tricky left-hand side player, one of the best left footed players in the club. If he's as good as his Grandad Eric, we have a class player on our hands.

MIDFIELD: NATAHN DAVIES - All action midfielder who gets around the pitch well and doesn't mind a tackle. Played for Cinderford Town Under 18s before moving onto Harrow Hill in the Senior League made the step up to County league this season and settled in well

MIDFIELD: BEN FISHWICK - Joined us from Soudley, strong and pacey player having played for Forest Green Rovers at Youth level. Ben has been with the club for over six seasons, now established himself in midfield but can fill in at fullback if required, good club man.

MIDFIELD: JORDAN LOCKE CLUB CAPTAIN - If you're looking for an allrounder in midfield "Locky's" the man, quick to break up play, just as quick to set up an attacking move. Dead ball specialist, this lad gives 110% during the game, pity he wasn't as quick in the bar after.

MIDFIELD: DAN BRAIN - Another one off the youth production line. Dan started at Cheltenham Town youth released at the age of 15. A serious knee injury saw the lad miss 18 months of football but now he is back. At 17 he is a steady influence in midfield always available to receive the ball. Chips in with a goal now and then which is bonus to the team.

MIDFIELD: JAMIE BELFITT - A 16-year-old mini-me copy of his dad Steve but with a bigger engine. Hard working midfielder who throws in the odd, tasty tackle. Graduated from Cinderford Town Youth already proving to be an asset to Chris Brains squad.

FORWARD/DEFENDER: KRISTIAN BURNARD - Pacey committed and skilful youngster product of Gloucester City Youth team also had trials with W.B.A. Five seasons here at the 'Well.' Starting to make the leap from junior player to Senior team member terrific addition to the club. Pre-season saw him play at centre half. Part time male model during the week, enjoys photography, strange so does his girlfriend.

FORWARD: LIAM THOMAS - This will be Liam's fifth season at the club having joined mid-way through 2017-18. A young spontaneous footballer who can find the net from a number of acute angles. Pacey a centre backs nightmare, another player who may have his wings clipped with a little one at home.

FORWARD: AIDAN CRIEHTON - Joined us last season from Senior League side Lydbrook Ath. Flying winger with bags of speed and an eye for goal. Good wide player who likes to take fullbacks on. Moved to a full back role by Chris excelling in his new role.

FORWARD: ETHAN WILKINS - Ethan has worked hard to become a first team regular, serving his time in Reserve football. Ethan has a quick turn of pace, happy to take defenders on in a one-on-one situation. He knows where the net is, will prove to be an asset again this season.

FORWARD: TAYLOR BLABY - One of our successful u18 players. Taylor is an established goal scorer who is maturing into a particularly good Senior player. A great attitude combined with an extremely high work rate makes him a highly rated talent for the future.

BROADWELL AFC HISTORY

Broadwell Football Club was formed in 1905 by the local working men and originally played at "The Purples" Coalway. In the 1930s Broadwell moved to play at "Wynols Hill" where they stayed until 1947, when they moved again to what is now known as "The Hawthorns". This was done with the help of the two late trustees, Mr Bert Ruck, and Mr Frank Haviland.

Over the years various facilities were used such as "the Rising Sun", church hall, and the local working men's club. However, in 1963 with the help of the chairperson, Mr Rube Kibble, Secretary William Smith and committee men Mr Cyril Hamblin, a new changing quarter was officially opened by referee Mr Tom Finney.

These new changing quarters were totally funded by the club's own money after refusal of a grant by both the G.F.A. and F.A.

In 1982, a bar facility was opened by the late president Mr. Hubert Smith and seven years later a new bar, skittles alley, kitchen, and referees changing room were added by a dedicated bunch of Broadwell supporters and sponsors.

The football social club has a skittles team which has won various trophies. And a strong golf society which plays twice a year open to all club members young or old regardless of ability.

The football club currently run three senior sides, which play on a Saturday. Broadwell won the G.F.A. Senior Amateur cup north in its inaugural year in 1925-26 and reached the final on two other occasions, losing to Charlton Kings in 1947-48 and Bishops Cleeve in 1964-65. Other honours over the years have been the northern senior league division one championship in 1925-26, 1946-47 and division two runners up in 1976-77. Runners up in the G.F.A. Challenge trophy season 1998-99. Winning the Northern Senior league again in 1993-94 enabled them to gain promotion to the county league, before being voted from the league three seasons later.

Broadwell's most famous player was the late Colin Hamblin who was also went on to play for the county; a trophy cabinet in his honour is proudly displayed in the club house.

2006-07 Season the first eleven finished as runners up to Tuffley Rovers in Northern Senior league Division 1. After a run of eighteen games without defeat a bad run of five defeats in the last eight games stopped them winning the league. Broadwell lost to Tuffley Rovers at Harrow Hill in the GFA senior county cup final the same season.

Broadwell were crowned senior north county cup winners in season 2008-09 beating Shortwood Res 2-1 in the final at Slimbridge Afc.

Season 2009-10 the first team lost in the semi-finals of the GFA county cup and finished third in the league. The club continually finished in the top five for the next five seasons.

2014-15 Season saw the first team win the northern senior league title, win the Reg Davies memorial league cup, and come runners up to Brockworth Albion in the senior north county cup.

The clubs committee committed to changing room improvements and without any funding built new away changing rooms along with referee/assistants changing rooms, completed in April 2015. After a good first campaign finishing sixth under Gary Hurcombe the first team were managed by Lee Williams and Scott Albon finishing 12th in the league season 2016-17, reaching the final of the Les James cup losing to AEK BOCO 3-0.

Season 2017-18 saw Broadwell in the top five of the league for most of the season only to fall away at the later part due to the high volume of games played eventually finishing in seventh place. Broadwell did however jointly win the Respect league with Frampton United with a remarkable 100% record of no bookings for dissent. Season 2018-19 proved difficult for the club Manager Lee Williams and Scott Albon jointly retired from Management but continue their close links with the club. Season 2019-20 the club moved out of their comfort zone and appointed a manager from outside the club. Simon Beardsell ex Cheltenham Town Youth academy coach who stood down October 2019. The club were lucky to appoint immediately local coach Stuart Liddington ex Lydney Town, his task to improve on season 2019-20 league position. The extended period away from football due to Covid saw Stuart leave the club and return to Lydney Town 2020. First Team duties are now in the very capable hands of Chris Brain, who's task is to blend our successful under eighteen team into first team players.



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