

GALA WILTON FC

Saturday 25th November 2023



v Rockleaze Rangers

Gloucestershire County League

2023-2024 season



MARCLIFF
Plumbing & Heating Merchants





Sponsors of Gloucestershire County Football League

An independent company established in 1976 based in Yate - South Gloucestershire

We pride ourselves on our knowledgeable and helpful staff
together with large availability of plumbing & heating materials
including our recently refurbished bathroom & shower showroom with over 20 displays



Opening times
Monday to Friday - 8.30am-5pm
Saturday - 8.30am-12.30pm

Call 01454 324994
Visit www.marcliff.co.uk
Find us on Google for a 360°
virtual tour of our showroom

You can find us at
1-3 The Badminton Centre
Station Road - Yate



CLUB HISTORY

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.

After securing their status in Division 1 of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, the first team won the "Reg Davis Memorial" Cup and finished 3rd in the 2011/12 season. The following season they won the Northern Senior League by 13 points, gaining promotion to the Gloucestershire County League, and completed the double by winning the Reg Davis Cup again.

Since then the club has managed to consolidate their place in the County League with various solid finishing positions; finishing runners up in the 2013/14 season, and several top 10 placings. We finished 7th last season, after being top of the table at Christmas before falling away at the latter end of the season.

The club as a whole has had quite a successful recent period to date; with the Reserve team winning the "Fred Gardiner Memorial Shield" in 2021/22, and consecutive promotions, now finding themselves in Division 2 of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League – the highest ever league placing for our Reserve side.

The 3rd team won their Stroud League Cup in 2021/22, with the 4th team also enjoying Stroud League Cup success in 2022/23 winning the "Derek Freebury Shield", beating Tuffley Rovers in the final.

The new season of 23/24 sees Gareth Eakers take the management helm of the 1st team; looking to rebuild the squad and promote youth players, after successful spells at West Brom and Aston Villa Development Centres, along with Gloucester City U18s.

GALA FC PLAYER PROFILES



Curtis Wilkins - GK

Curtis is another young player who has been developing his game mainly in the seconds since playing for Gala. Great shot stopper and one of the nicest lads you'll meet. He has lots of potential and a willingness to listen and apply which should help him become a well established GK in years to come!!



Lewis Fogg - (Foggy) CB/CDM

Fogg has only recently signed for Gala this season and brings a huge amount of experience at a decent level. He has more recently been coaching youth football but also had a season coaching in the Hellinic Div 1 so can add much needed advice and assistance when required both on and off the pitch. Just a shame he's a gunner.....



Shamar Thomas - (Sham) CB/RB/RW

Another one of our youngest players heading into this season. Sham has been at Aston Villa Dev Centre last season whilst also playing for Hardwicke youth. One of the quickest players we possess with an engine to match. Certainly one to keep an eye out for and has the potential to really push on but remembering he has plenty of time. Quiet but lovely lad who is affectionately known as marmite to his mum who you'll often hear encouraging him from the sidelines.



Jahvon Davis - (Jav) RB/RW

Jav is another right sided player who last season spent some time playing in Hellinic Div 2. He has previously played for WBA Dev Centre as well as Gloucester City U28's winning numerous trophies. Quiet and unassuming but with pace to burn.





Dylan Barrett - (Dyl) CB/LB

Dylan has been playing at Cardiff University for the last 4 years, whilst also getting a few thoroughly enjoyable games in for the reserves last season. The main thing uni taught him was how to prioritise his time effectively, football, booze and degree in that order!!!! Just a shame I was pretty average at all 3.....that'll change.



Jake Gurney - CB

After spending the last two years in management, Jake is now ready to lace up his boots again and make a step up into the county league. With plenty of playing experience we're hoping he's gonna add some leadership and solidarity at the back...if he can last a whole game!!



Lee Brinkworth - LB/LCB

Established member of the second team at gala for a few years now. Played a big role in the cup win and league promotion in the season 21/22. He's mr reliable and consistent. Loves crunching numbers



Archie Blacker - CM/RM/LM

Currently studying at Hartpury Uni. Archie has played for Gala for a couple of years and is a real team player. Combative midfielder who likes to try and play the game properly and is hoping to really push on this season.



Mike Hodgins - (Magic Mike) CM/RM

Mike is another youngest we who again has been playing at Gloucester City U18's experiencing a trophy win in his first season. He will also be playing for Bishops Cleeve U18's alongside Gala. Midfield maestro who has the technical ability to match his work rate. Has a bright future ahead of him.



Jacob Eakers - (Eaks) CM/CB/RB



Eaks is one of the more experienced players in the squad, which seems strange at 18. He played for the Gloucestershire county squad in the 2019/2020 season, he also scored two goals in the reserves cup final two years ago at the age of 16 and played a vital part in their promotion. He also won the U18s county cup two years in a row for Gloucester City and scored in his final youth game, also getting sent off.....!!!

Eaks is technically gifted on both his left and right feet but not so good with his head.....

Antonio Pirelli - (Anto) LW/RW/ST



Anto has been playing football for 14 years during this time to include teams such as Evesham United, West Brom Development Centre, Forest Green Rovers Academy and Gloucester city u18s. During his career so far, he has won many trophies and tournaments, gathering great experiences throughout. His most effective positions are anywhere up front whether that's LW, RW or ST. Now he is part of Gala Wilton's 1st Team he is looking forward to getting started and helping the team achieve their ambitions whilst also focusing on his personal development.

Jay Dare - CM/LW/RW



Gifted player who is very athletic and very fit. He covers a lot of the pitch and is just returning from a broken leg. He's been at the club for a few years now so after his latest setback he's very keen to prove his ability and really push on this season.

Wakib - (Waka) CM/RM



Waka hasn't played a full season since he was 18 unfortunately.....due to injuries. He possesses lots of potential but loves a rehab and rub down so we'll see how this goes!!! He's hoping this season is his.





Michael Barron - (Mikey) Everywhere....

Mike is one of those players who will do a job anywhere on the pitch and, do it well. Relentless work rate and a keen eye for goal. Some would say it's the wrong shaped ball for him but either way he knows what he's doing with it. Strong, technically gifted and also another with blistering pace!!! Nicest lad you're ever likely to meet.



Freddie Harris - (Fred's) ST/FOR

At just 16 Fred's is the youngest player in the squad. A striker looking to make the transition into men's football and score some goals. With size on his side he needs to learn to use this to his advantage whilst focusing on improving the weaknesses in his game. Another one for the future so keep an eye out. Reports suggest he can already sink 10 pints in a sitting so he'll fit in well at the club!!!



Tim Hill - AM/ST

Tim Hill is another young player signing for Gala. Having previously played for Gloucester under 18s he is prolific in front of goal unless it is in the air as he doesn't like a header!! Technically very good with an ability to turn a game in an instance. Lots of potential...



Jorell Sanniola - RW/FOR

Jorell plays mainly on the right wing where he is able to exploit situations with his dazzling feet and ability to ghost in and around opposition players in tight spaces. He is progressing very well and really starting to build confidence which will only add to his array of talents. Needs to be a bit more physical at times but telling him his brother is better than him will sure fire him up for that challenge!!!

UP THE GALA

Rockleaze Rangers FC History



Rockleaze Rangers Football Club was established in 1976 as a Sunday team under the name of Nat West Court FC. After a couple of seasons, the club expanded into Saturday football and joined the Bristol and Suburban League in 1979. Thereafter followed a number of years during which the club progressed through the divisions, with the highlight being GFA Minor Cup winners in 1986. The club were now known as Avonside Court, and this progression culminated in being crowned Premier 2 Division Champions in 1989.

After finishing the following season in 4th place in Prem 1, the early 90's marked a transitional period for the club, establishing closer ties with Bristol and West and, as by then the club had moved grounds to play at the Bristol and West Sports Club then on the Portway. Under the management of Geoff Bryant and latterly Paul Smith, the club attracted a core of young players. During this period the club enjoyed its most consistent performance, finishing in the top 6 in 4 consecutive seasons and narrowly missing out on the Prem 1 Championship in 1999 season, having to settle for Runners-up spot.

Another difficult period for the Club followed, with the club now known as B&W Avonside having to find a new home at the University Ground at Coombe Dingle, following the closure of the Bristol and West Sports Ground, and losing a number of key players to Gloucestershire and Somerset County League Clubs. This resulted in relegation back to Suburban Prem 2 in 2004, however, this was a turning point in the club's fortunes, with the appointment of Andrew Myland as 1st Team Manager, many of our past players returned coupled with the recruitment of a number of new faces and the team immediately returned to Prem 1 in 2005 as Prem 2 runners up.

Cup semi-final appearances in the GFA senior Amateur in 2006 and the Suburban League Cup in 2007 ended in disappointment and despite 2 seasons of mid table finishes the decision was taken to strengthen the management team still further. The appointment of Carmelo Micciche as Manager saw season 2007-08 start with much optimism. This optimism was not unfounded, and the 1st team ended as GFA Senior Amateur Cup Champions, runners up in the Suburban League Premier 1 and promotion to the Gloucestershire County League.

During the summer of 2009 B&W Avonside amalgamated with a junior football club known as Rockleaze Rangers who were also based at the University Ground in Coombe Dingle to form a new 'all through' FA Charter Club known as Rockleaze Avonside FC. The junior section ran teams from Under 6's through to Under 16's with a membership exceeding 280. The amalgamation was such a success that at the end of the 2009-10 season the decision was made to augment the merger fully by playing under a single banner, that being Rockleaze Rangers F.C. Since 2009 the senior section of the club has expanded from 2 Saturday sides to where we are today which has 5 Saturday sides, 2 Sunday sides and also two Under 18's sides with an overall club membership in excess of 500.

This will be the 16th season of Gloucestershire County League football, despite numerous top half finishes success has been limited with a best of 3rd place in the 2012/13 season. Whilst the 1st team is undoubtedly the club's 'flagship' side other teams within the club have had their own successes with the Reserves now being a force in the Suburban Premier 1, the 'A' team now just two divisions below and the 'B' and 'C' teams in the divisions below.

The Sunday Vet's initially led by ex-Club Chairman Mike Hughes were promoted for 3 consecutive seasons winning The Bristol Casuals League Division 5 in 2009/10, runners up in Division 4 in 2010/11 and also runners up in Division 3 in 2011/12 however for the past six seasons have played in GFA run Bristol Veterans League with all matches played at St. Bede's School, finishing as Champions of the Gloucestershire South Division in 2015-16, 2016/17 and also County champions in 2016/17.

At the end of 2012/13 Carmelo Micciche stepped down after 6 successful seasons in charge of the 1st team, Dave Johnson was appointed' however, things didn't work out for Johnson who was replaced by player Neil Simons in March with us sitting second from bottom, we finished ninth and reached the Les James League Cup where we ultimately lost to an exceptional Longlevens side. Alan Tyers took over for the 2014/15 season and guided us to our third consecutive top half finish (9th), before deciding to move on at the end of the season.

The 2015/16 season saw ex Almondsbury UWE duo Rich Thomas and Lee Roberts given the responsibility of taking the club to the next level, that being a regular top 6 Gloucestershire County league side. The team achieved our initial goals by finishing 5th in the league and were once again runners up in the Les James League Cup and for the 4th time in 5 seasons won the Respect Fair Play League Award. A 6th place in 16/17 saw us become the top 6 side we wanted to be. Our Reserves were also promoted to Prem 1 as Runners up in the league and GFA Senior Amateur Cup. After 3 seasons in charge Rich and Lee stood down at the end of the 2017/18 season.

The 2018-19 season saw the club finally move into our new ground after signing a long-term agreement with the University of the West of England (UWE) to play at their wonderful new Hillside Gardens facility. This has been years in the planning and is one we hope will safeguard the long-term future of the Rockleaze Rangers F.C.

At the start of the 2018-19 season our successful Reserve team management duo of Peter Bradbury and Lee Douglas were appointed and despite two interrupted seasons due to the global pandemic, the duo have orchestrated two top 4 finishes in their time in charge.

Club Motto: **Win together, Lose together, Stick together**

Rockleaze Range

	<p>MAX HODGSON – CENTRE BACK</p> <p>New signing Max is a talented ball playing centre back who has earned his place in the squad following a number of strong performances during pre-season. At 6'4", 17 year old Max is an exciting prospect.</p>		<p>JORDAN DUNNING – GOALKEEPER</p> <p>An excellent shot-stopper and commanding presence in the box, this is Jordan's third year with the club after spells with Tytherington Rocks and Bristol Manor Farm.</p>
	<p>OLIVER WOOLLAND – CENTRE BACK</p> <p>Ollie currently holds the record of 'most spells with the Club' jointly with Jay Moore. A versatile player, former Southampton academy player, Ollie can play anywhere along the back or in midfield.</p>		<p>PETER IRELAND – FULL BACK</p> <p>Nicest lad in the club, Pete nonetheless puts it all in on the pitch, though for all his endeavour, a goal still eludes him.</p>
	<p>JOSHUA BUTT – MIDFIELD</p> <p>Brother of Fraser, new addition to the squad for 2023/24. Josh is a talented box-to-box midfielder. Cos-plays as Tintin in his spare time.</p>		<p>TASMAN ROOK – FULL BACK</p> <p>New signing who joined the club in the second half of the 2022/23 season from Chippenham Town, Tas will be hoping for an injury free campaign this year.</p>
	<p>BRANDON BOONTAM – MIDFIELD</p> <p>When you're that good, you can afford to be a little bit lazy... Bran is an outstanding player, who from time-to-time gets his freekicks on target.</p>		<p>MARCUS WILLIAMS – FULL BACK – VICE CAPTAIN</p> <p>Club stalwart, after starting at Under 6's with Rockleaze Marcus equally adept at fullback or midfield.</p>
	<p>DREW SAWDON – MIDFIELD</p> <p>Hard hitting midfielder hailing from the North, Drew has been promoted from our Reserves after a number of excellent performances at the end of the 2022/23 season.</p>		<p>AIDAN HALL – FULL BACK</p> <p>The Ice-Man is a solid full-back with a penchant for gold chains and fake tan. Dreams to appear on Love Island one day.</p>
	<p>SAMUEL BAILEY – MIDFIELD</p> <p>Silent assassin, bandit-Bailey is a classy midfielder who both links up play and scores goals through his late runs into the box.</p>		<p>JOSHUA GROTZKE – FULL BACK</p> <p>Josh is a versatile defender with years of experience in the County League. Voted Chairman's Player of the Year 2022/23.</p>
	<p>AHMED HUSSEIN – MIDFIELD</p> <p>New recruit who joins the club from SCBC Stockholm. Ahmed has impressed during pre-season with great technical ability and vision.</p>		<p>JORDAN BUCKETT – CENTRE BACK – CAPTAIN</p> <p>A natural leader on and off the pitch, Jordan has matured well into the captaincy, leading by example through consistently putting in strong performances.</p>
	<p>JONATHAN WEBB – MIDFIELD</p> <p>New signing Jon joins us from Mangotsfield, and has put in a number of strong performances during pre-season, whilst also chipping in with a few goals.</p>		<p>MICHAEL PERHAM – CENTRE BACK</p> <p>Rarely seen at training, and never at pre-season, Mike is nonetheless class. Occasionally chips in with goals (at both ends).</p>
	<p>NICHOLAS JONES – FORWARD</p> <p>Now back for his second spell with the club after two successful seasons with Cribbs, Nick brings pace, experience and a winning mentality to the side.</p>		<p>ZAKI ELGAHMI – CENTRE BACK</p> <p>Cultured and experienced centre back, Zaki brings an air of calm to matches. Recently appointed assistant manager for the 2023/24 season.</p>

rs Player Profiles

	<p>HENRY JONES – FORWARD</p> <p>Not known for his defensive credentials, Henry compensates for this with piercing runs, quick feet and an excellent delivery. Loves a tap-in too.</p>
	<p>TATE SHAW – FORWARD</p> <p>Tate brings extreme pace to the side, making a strong impression after signing from Patchway Town during the second half of the 2022/23 season.</p>
	<p>FRASER BUTT – FORWARD</p> <p>Former Gloucester City academy player, Fraser is a mercurial talent with an eye for goal, as well as being a set piece specialist.</p>
	<p>MATTEO PALI – FORWARD</p> <p>New recruit Matteo joins the club from Patchway Town, bring trickery and guile with his customary Italian flair.</p>
	<p>JORDAN DENT – FORWARD</p> <p>Despite a string of injuries over the last few seasons, "Barry" Dent is nonetheless a quality forward with an eye for goal. Liability on a night out though.</p>
	<p>DANIEL WEBB – FORWARD</p> <p>Tour and social secretary, Webby is also a Gloucestershire County League veteran, having terrorised opposition with his skill, movement and goals for a number of years.</p>
	<p>JENSON BEARD – FORWARD</p> <p>After a breakthrough season in 2022/23, Jenson will be looking to cement his place in the starting line-up. An excellent pre-season, backed up with goals has not harmed his chances. #UTL</p>
	<p>GEORGE JAMES – FORWARD</p> <p>Goal machine GJ9 finished the 2022/23 season as the club's top goal scorer, despite having played the rest of his career at centre back. Loves penalties and tap-ins.</p>
	<p>JAMES GOULDEN – FORWARD</p> <p>With 9 goals in 5 games over preseason, it's fair to say new signing James has hit a bit of form. Tall and tricky, backed with a great touch and movement, he's one to watch.</p>

	<p>PETER BRADBURY – MANAGER</p> <p>Manager and no.2 goalkeeper.</p>
	<p>LEE DOUGLAS – ASSISTANT MANAGER</p> <p>Long suffering assistant to Bradders, now in their thirteenth season together.</p>
	<p>MATTHEW DYER – ASSISTANT MANAGER / PHYSIO</p> <p>Recent addition to the management team, when not scuttling onto the pitch with the magic sponge, Spanish Matt also prepares pre- and post-match video analysis.</p>





GALA 2023/24 SPONSORS

M D E ELECTRICAL LIMITED



07776227785

MDE Electrical Limited was formed in 2017 by Marc Edwards. After 15 years working for local companies he took the plunge and went solo starting up his own company.

MDE Electrical Limited are NICEIC Approved and cover all aspects of electrical work from small house extensions to extensive hotels.

Marc is a Gala Legend and is still an active player, having given many years' service to the First Team and now providing his experience to the Seconds. Gala Wilton FC are very thankful for his support.



Happy
to Support
Gala Wilton FC



Longford Plastering
For all your plastering requirements



Happy
to Support
Gala Wilton FC

Tel: 01452 526750 • Mob: 07774 421856

MONSTER MIX

READY MIXED CONCRETE AND SCREED

☎ 01452 290390

www.monstermixconcrete.co.uk

Boca Teamwear



**For all of your match and
training needs**

**Workwear, rugby kits and other
sports products are available**

0845 3880556

www.boca-soccer.co.uk

Sponsors of the Les James League Cup Competition

& the Respect Program

Cellar Supplies

THE PUBLICAN'S CHOICE

Drinks supplier to the licensed trade

Proud to support

Gala Wilton F.C

01242 677118

www.cellarsupplies.co.uk



Follow us

@cellarsupplies

in2print

make an impression



Get onsite

With fresh, innovative design and print solutions, our team will deliver that all important result.

- 1 to 5 colour litho printing
- Creative design & artwork
- Full project management
- Specialised finishing
- FSC Certified

t: 01242 295555

e: info@in2print.com

w: www.in2print.com

Phoenix House, Elmstone Business Park, Stoke Road,
Elmstone Hardwicke, Cheltenham, Glos GL51-9SY



TODAY'S TEAMS



GALA WILTON

ROCKLEAZE RANGERS

REFEREE: SIMON TURNER

Curtis Wilkins	1	Jordan Dunning
Lewis Fogg	2	Peter Ireland
Shamar Thomas	3	Tasman Rook
Jahvon Davis	4	Marcus Williams
Dylan Barrett	5	Aidan Hall
Jake Gurney	6	Joshua Grotzke
Lee Brinkworth	7	Jordan Buckett
Archie Blacker	8	Michael Perham
Mike Hodgins	9	Zaki Elgahmi
Sam Webb	10	Max Hodgson
Jacob Eakers	11	Oliver Woolland
Antonio Pirelli	12	Joshua Butt
Jay Dare	14	Brandon Boontam
Wakib	15	Drew Sawdon
Michael Barron	16	Samuel Bailey
Freddie Harris	17	Ahmed Hussein
Tim Hill	18	Jonathan Webb
Jorell Sanniola	19	Nicholas Jones
	20	Henry Jones
	21	Tate Shaw
	22	Fraser Butt
	23	Matteo Pali
	24	Jordan Dent
	25	Daniel Webb
	26	Jenson Beard
	27	George James
	28	James Goulden

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023

2PM KICK OFF