

# THE MERTON WAY



MERTON FOOTBALL CLUB ISSUE 2 – 27.08.2015



# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

# PAY UP

or spend Saturday's shopping!

Well the season really is starting now and we need to get all our players registered as members of the club. So welcome to all our new members and welcome back to our regulars.

This requires you to pay your membership £75 (£30 for U21s).

This can be easily done with a couple of clicks online...the club's bank details are:

Sort Code: 20-84-17

Account No: 50639109

## **iSettle**

We have arranged an iSettle account and machine which will be up and running this bank holiday weekend. So you will be able to pay membership, match fees, fines, etc etc etc that way

**REMEMBER....** you must also send your details to Darren Avey who is our Registration Officer. All players must be registered with the League before they play any games for the club. So please send Darren at [darrenavey04@aol.com](mailto:darrenavey04@aol.com) your details for registration.

Your full name/address/date of birth and contact details (email and phone no).

We have entered six teams into the SAL as we believe that we have attracted enough new members to support that number but it is vital you all pay up your memberships and join.

This weekend we have just one event at the Hood with a 1s/2s playing in a round robin event and the 4s are away. The League starts in earnest for the 1s and 2s on Saturday 5th September and for all teams on Saturday 12th September.

So what are the hopes for the season..... well that is easy ..... a lot of fun on and off the pitch.

**That is the Merton Way!!!**

## **PRE-SEASON FIXTURES AND A BBQ**

We were blessed with really good weather for the planned BBQ event but probably a touch hot for football. And although the weather has not been too kind for the Hood, it's been a touch dry, The Hood looked pretty good with our new black and yellow nets setting the pitch off nicely.

It was an early start with Alleyns old Boys kicking the day off against a 3s/4s side at 12.30. It was a good game but two or three early goals settled the issue. We rallied a bit in the second half but lost 5-0. It was encouraging to see a good number of new faces in the Merton line up together with some old faithfuls, Pete Jennings, Lofty and Neil Davidson to name three.

The next two games that were scheduled were down as 1s v Old Ruts 1s and 2s playing their 2s. Unfortunately we were very light on numbers and we could only muster one squad of 15 or so for both games. We lost the first game 1-0 to a slightly flukey goal but despite a few reinforcements arriving a very tired Merton team lost the second game 3-0 to Old Ruts 2s. The scoreline flattered them a little but their three goals were incredibly good strikes and unstoppable.

Pete and Jasper had the bar well stocked and Sherbs put on a great BBQ but Old Ruts disappeared on us again. Still there were a few Merton lads that drank in the bar and Steve and Kevin brought some of the 6s back for a quick beer.

It was a good day with a lot of footy but not too many Memberships paid on the day. So we need to get these paid by the end of August.



**LEFT:** Goalmouth action from 3s v AOBs, **RIGHT:** Vanny and Tom challenge for a header v Old Ruts

## **AFA CUP DRAWS**

### **1sts**

**AFA Senior Cup – 10th October**  
Merton vs Polytechnic (Home)

**AFA S/K Senior Cup – 31st October**  
Merton vs Old Wokingians (Away)

### **Reserves**

**AFA Inter – 24th October**  
Merton vs Broomfield (Home)

**AFA Inter S/K – 3rd October**  
Merton vs HSBC (Away)

### **3s**

**AFA Junior Cup – 19th September**  
Merton vs Old Paulines (Home)

### **4s**

**AFA Minor Cup – 10th October**  
Merton vs Old Tiffinians (Away)

### **5s**

**Senior Novets Cup – 31st October**  
Merton vs South Bank (Home)

### **6s**

**Inter Novets Cup – 24th October**  
Merton vs Old Suttonians (Home)

**NOTE:** We still await SAL fixtures and cup draws.

# WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

## FIRST GAMES OF THE SEASON

### **SAL fixtures for Saturday 5th September**

**1sts** – East Barnet Old Grammarians (Away)

**Reserves** – Crouch End Vampires (Home)



**LEFT:** Rat playing out from the back

**RIGHT:** Bar action as our very tired lads rehydrate



## YOUTH UPDATE – INDUCTION DAY SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

The Youth Season starts with a bang with two big Sundays.

It starts on Sunday 6th September with the Youth Induction day down at the Hood. This is a very important meeting when all players and their parents come to the club. Surrey County FA are bringing their Roadshow on '**RESPECT**' to the club to explain to players, parents, coaches and managers what is expected of them. The Bar will be open and there will be a BBQ. Steve will be giving out the kit to the players for the forthcoming season.

The League programme gets underway just one week later on Sunday 13th September when all our FIVE teams are at home which makes it a very special day for the club and a great start for the season.

## **GOALKEEPER COACHING**

In the past few weeks a new member, Colin Brett, has been doing specialist Goalkeeper training with our keepers down at the Hood during Wednesday night training. Colin (inset pic) has also stepped in to show off his skills when the 2s were short of a keeper. He has also helped out with the youth section. It is really great to have Colin on board.



## **DISCIPLINE**

Dear Players,

It gives me great pleasure to come back to Merton FC in my new role as 'Discipline Officer' and importantly be part of a fantastic family club. (My youngest son – Oliver is the Goalkeeper for our U10s).

I joined Merton FC as a player back in 2004 with 6th Team – 2005/6 Manager for 5s where we gained promotion as Champions – I recall this was a very special time for me and all players involved.

Since then I focused on refereeing and been very lucky to have officiated at many senior games within Amateur Football circuit and been blessed with appointments with FA on Vase and FA Cup matches as an Assistant Referee.

For me – refereeing has always been about the players and has allowed me to be involved with the game I love so. I am not saying job is easy – it takes patience and a great deal of discipline to succeed – though I believe that is the case in many aspects of life.

### **How can I help you – Players/Managers (Bread of Merton FC?)**

1. By working together – Call Me if you need to discuss any incidents or have concerns about player/referee.
2. Captains – Make your appointed referee welcome by introducing yourself and asking if they need anything?
3. Captains – Act as true role model/leader on the pitch and work closely with referee to apply conduct and let referee deal with misconduct.
4. Players – Allow your captain to work with referee – no point everyone shouting – show respect and trust me you will get it back from referee.
5. Avoid silly bookings – 'Unsporting Behaviour' - these were largest volume of fines from 2014/15 season. "Walk away – dust yourself up and allow referee to handle the opposition player who has put you up in the air etc."
6. Smile – Smile – we all love the game and so do all officials.

### **How Will Fines be issued to players?**

1. Discipline Officer will be notified by county – AFA through the Online System – Whole Game
2. Fine will be paid immediately to AFA via club.
3. Players – will be notified by email of the fine and breakdown of the incident and costs incurred – Captain & Manager will be cc'd in the email as well.
4. Players will have 14 days from email notification to make payment to Merton FC – details of payment will be shown on email.
5. Player **MUST** Notify 'Discipline Officer' that fine has been paid and by what method and when. (VERY IMPORTANT).
6. Discipline Officer will update Master Tracker Report.
7. Failure to make payment on time could lead to a suspension and should this be case player will be notified and Captain and Manager made fully aware.

### **How can you help?**

Last season 2014/15 Merton FC was issued over 54 fines and 4 of these were for serious related incidents. As a result the club incurs additional penalties and costs when club exceeds different tiers of penalty points (costly to club).

I urge every player to think about how they behave and how they speak to Referee/s – can you improve? Do you think your behaviour is acceptable? Can you be an Ambassador for club and support Merton FC – to win 'Fair Play Award'?

Together I believe we can and will – thank you again for all your support – I am here to help and want to!

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# RAM'S HEADS UP!

(BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND)



1. I hate how chocolates immediately melt on my fingers.... I mean am I THAT HOT?
2. If I wanted to listen to an arsehole... I'D FART!
3. Life was much easier when Apple and Blackberry were just fruits.
4. A guy broke into my local electronics store last week. He didn't take any TV's, just the remote. Now he drives by and changes the channels.
5. The reason why I have not succeeded yet is that my road to success has always been under construction.

## EDITOR'S BEST KITS EVER

### Chelsea Away Goalkeeping Jersey, 1993/94 by Umbro

As worn by: Dmitri Kharine

Surely the nadir of Umbro's brief "turtleneck" phase, particularly when coupled with Kharine's pyjama trousers.

Chelsea retained the previous season's home kit, manufactured by Umbro and sponsored by Commodore. It featured a geometric pattern on the players' right shoulder, repeated on the left leg of the shorts, an Umbro trademark of the time also used by Everton and Manchester United's home shirts of the same time. For this season, Chelsea re-introduced white socks as first choice for the first time since 1984-85. White socks had been introduced by Tommy Docherty for Chelsea in 1965, to make Chelsea stand out among other clubs wearing blue shirts, white shorts and blue socks.

The away kit was based on football kits of the game's early days as part of a nostalgia craze following the 1990 World Cup. It was a white shirt with red pinstripes, red shorts and socks. Its laces were also worn on the Umbro home kits of Aston Villa and Sheffield United. The Chelsea lion badge was included in a blue shield; the kits for next season retained this style. The kit was the final one in which Chelsea wore a red garment, the colour having been a popular away kit throughout the 1970s and 1980s.





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