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KNOCK OUT CUP FINAL!

Lawford Lads vs Earl Colne

7.30pm , May 21st

Memorial Hall, Little Oakley
Spectators welcome

More information inside

U18s Kit Sponsor



Lawford U18s are grateful to Rose Builders for their sponsorship of the team's kit .

Are we nearly there yet?

Nick Anderson writes "The answer to the question is yes we are but for once I don't want to get there quickly. It's not news but many of our U18 players have turned 18 and others will do so in next few weeks. Inevitably, their time in youth football is fast reaching an end - by the month end our final season will be complete.

Some players have been with the Club from the start. Others have left and re-joined, while new additions have boosted the squad over years. Irrespective of how long players have been with us, all are part of the same team. The return of grassroots football has been very welcome. After the Covid-19 challenges of the last two seasons it would have been disappointing not to have the opportunity to play together again.

When the different sections of the Club merged to form One Club in 2015, the intention was to establish a smooth pathway from junior football into the youth game and then into our senior teams. Some of the U18s are already making regular appearances for the First Team or Reserves and we hope others will follow.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported the team. Managers and coaches, those who have sponsored kit, run the line or offered their support in other ways. Parents have played an important role. From being (often vocal) spectators to the hours spent driving to grounds scattered across north Essex. Lifting spirits when things haven't gone as we had hoped and sharing in the our celebrations when they have.

Our time together hasn't been about collecting silverware although there have been plenty of memorable games. The 6-5 victory against Little Oakley having been 2-5 down at half-time, the last-minute winner against Beacon Hill, winning the U16s end of season trophy event, overcoming Cornard on penalties in League Cup this season and the recent thriller against Frinton & Walton. The rewards have come in different forms. The strength of the team spirit that has grown, seeing players supporting each other and the friendships formed on the touchline. Whichever direction life takes our players next, remember you will always be welcome at School Lane."

Lawford Football Club Mini Kickers

Football Fun With Friends

For Reception and Year 1
children

Please contact the Club for
more information

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Short Corner

News from around the Club

Knock-Out Cup Final

Almost eight months after securing a win over local rivals, Dedham Old Boys, in the semi-final of the Essex & Suffolk Border League 2019/20 Knock-Out Cup, the First Team will face Earls Colne in the final. Yes, that's right the 2019/20 competition. Having suffered numerous Covid-19 related delays, the concluding match of the competition will be played at Little Oakley on Friday 21 May, 7.30pm KO. Please go along and show your support. Good luck, Lads!



Semi-final action vs Dedham Old Boys

Annual General Meeting

The Club's first AGM as a registered charity will take place in September. As well as the formal business of electing Trustees and approving the Report & Accounts, this is an opportunity for Club members to hear more about our future plans and to share their views with the Trustees. All players aged over 18, managers, coaches and other regular volunteers are members of the Club while junior members can be represented by a parent or guardian at the AGM. Further details will be posted closer to the time.

Bar and Coffee Shop Open Again

In line with Government regulations we are pleased to be able offer to a takeaway service from the Bar and Coffee Shop again. Bacon rolls have even reappeared on sale on Sunday mornings! We are really looking forward to 21 June, when restrictions are scheduled to end, and we can make full use of our fantastic Clubhouse facilities once again.



Mini Kickers at School Lane



On 25 April the Club hosted two taster sessions of Football Fun with Friends for local children in Reception and Year 1. Led by Mark Simons and Carl White, both sessions were well very attended and by the look on the faces of our young players thoroughly enjoyed by all those who took part. Mini Kickers has become a regular weekly feature at School Lane, held every Wednesday. Please contact the Club for further information lawfordfc@gmail.com



School Lane Tennis Courts



Many of you will have seen that the derelict fencing around the old tennis courts has been removed by the Parish Council, hugely improving the aesthetics of the playing fields. David Thurlow, a Parish Councillor, and good friend to the Club, has been instrumental in this initiative. Dave has been very supportive of projects at School Lane, including the Clubhouse and more recently the resurfacing of the car park. We are very grateful for his support.

VACANCY

CLUB WELFARE OFFICER

Could you play a key role in helping to ensure that participation in football at the Club is a fun, enjoyable and safe experience for all? Are you friendly, approachable, and enthusiastic with a caring and compassionate manner? Could you be the Club's next Welfare Officer?



As Club Welfare Officer you would have an opportunity to work as part of a team of volunteers, making a real difference to the local community. This is a key role for the Club, essential to its continuing success. Please visit the website for further information or contact Club Chairman, John Duchars john.duchars@btinternet.com

Are you an experienced brick layer or tiler?

The Club is seeking someone with brick laying or tiling skills, a volunteer) to assist moving the commemorative bricks near the entrance to the Pavilion to a more permanent location. If you might be able to help, please contact Lloyd Bellett

shelley.bellett@btinternet.com





Lawford FC U7s & U8s

A belated welcome to Darren Hamlin, Lisa Ellis, Scott Tucker and Paul Wilkins who have this season become managers of the Club's U7s and U8s teams. We are delighted to see so many enthusiastic youngsters enjoying the start of their football journey with the Club. Thank you to Jack Cansdale for his hard work with our younger teams in recent seasons.

Social Media @LFC

The Club is looking for help to promote its activities online and to create a positive public profile on social media. If you are interested helping to grow awareness of what the Club can offer and support for its further development, please contact the Club lawfordfc@gmail.com

Gift Aid

As a charity the Club can claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated by a UK taxpayer. If you pay

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tax above the basic rate, you can claim back the difference between the rate you pay and the basic rate on your donations. Further information can be found on the website

www.lawfordfc.co.uk/community

Regular or one-off donations (including Gift Aid) to the Club can be made on-line using [Virgin Money Giving](#)

Please note that a small commission is paid to Virgin Money Giving on donations via their platform. If you happen to be considering a larger donation, please contact the Club directly.



U15 Blues



U10s



U7 Reds



U18s



U15 Reds

Football Returns to School Lane

Echoing life across the country, we have experienced an extraordinary stop-start season for grassroots football. Preparation for the new season began in the summer of 2020 starting with non-contact training, soon followed by a return to competitive matches as the pandemic eased. While the start of the senior season was delayed for a few weeks, the Colchester & District Youth Football League kicked off as it does every year on the second Sunday in September.

Since then football activity was completely suspended on two further occasions – first in November and then for three months from the end of last year. As with daily life, keeping up to speed with the ever-changing Government regulations has been a challenge. There have different rules for youth and senior teams, guidelines that vary depending on tiers and rapid u-turns including the recent change permitting spectators in public spaces.

The enthusiasm amongst players to return to football on each occasion has been uplifting. After the quiet winter months, it is fantastic to see and hear School Lane buzzing again – full of action and activity that perhaps we took for granted before. The season has been extended into June to allow as many cups and leagues as possible to finish.

Despite the turmoil and disruption, the Club looks as though it will have fared better than many grassroots clubs. Although important sources of revenue for the Club such as takings from the Bar and Coffee Bar are significantly lower, this has been offset by welcome contributions from sponsorship, grants, and donations. We are very much looking forward to the future and will be refocusing on realising our full potential to develop an all-weather playing surface at School Lane.



The School Lane Profile

Charlie Garland, U10s Manager

How did you first become involved in the Club?
Played for the Club from U9's and loved it ever since then. Started coaching in 2017 and have taken the group to U10's

Half-time oranges - good idea?

Yeah, if someone else wants to bring them

Other than Lawford FC, which team do you support?
Man Utd

Do you have a football nickname?
Scholsey

What has been the highlight of your time at the Club so far?
Working with this group of players and seeing them progress as a team and as individuals

Outside of football how do you spend your time?
Tennis, reading, working and studying

What is your all time football highlight?
Probably winning the cup as an U13

What is the best advice you've been given?
Work hard for the team and keep the ball on the floor

Who is your football hero?
Prime, bald Wayne Rooney

What was your favourite children's TV programme?
Drake and Josh

If you could change one thing about the game what would it be?
Straight red for diving

How many pairs of football boots you own?
Two, same boots, different colours

Bacon sandwich or ham & cheese panini?
Bacon sandwich

If you could choose one piece of music to be played as you come on to the pitch what would it be?
Got to be world in motion just for the rap

Thank you, Charlie!



Charlie Garland

Youth Registration 2021/22 Season

Registrations will open in June for the 2021-2022 season. Managers will be emailing registration forms to you next month for completion. It will assist if you can kindly return the forms no later than **17th July**. For all registration queries please contact Susanne Grimwade Club Secretary (Youth Section)

lawfordfcsecretary@gmail.com

The Trustees have decided that the membership fee will be unchanged from the current season at £140 for a single player and £250 for family membership (two plus players). Fees are due at registration or by 5 equal monthly direct debit payments from 1 Aug 2021 to 1 Dec 2021. The monthly payment for single players is £28 and £50 for family membership. Any other payment arrangements are at the discretion of the Trustees. Please note that we are unable to register players until the membership fee has been paid or a direct debit (or other arrangement) has been put in place.

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