



# Lawford Football Club

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### Our Past in Images

Below is a small selection of the images from our website. Please let us know if you have pictures that we could add to our archive. Many of the images we have are untitled and undated. If you can help identify any of these please contact the Club's Media Officer [njfanderson@gmail.com](mailto:njfanderson@gmail.com)



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## Celebrating our Heritage

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Lawford Lads, which combined with Lawford Junior in 2015 to form one club, Lawford Football Club. Founded in August 1949, the Lads played their first match on 7 October, seventy years ago this month. Lads was included in the Club's name as most of the original players were under 18 and the team were playing in a minor league, the Colchester N.E. Minor League (Stour Division).

Originally, the Lads were based behind the Ogilvie Hall where access to the pitch involved negotiating a high fence. Teddy Prike would bring a stepladder so the team could gain access without injury. As cows grazed the field on which matches were played it often had furrows and cows would sometimes interrupt play. Teddy also cleared up what the cows left behind to use on his allotment. Players often cycled to away fixtures.

Almost ten years after its formation the Club relocated to the Tendring Hundred Showground on the Bromley Road, changing in an old Nissen hut. The Club moved to our current site in 1967, with the new clubhouse opening in 2011. The club remains an integral part of Lawford life with many ex-players continuing to lend their support today.

To mark this anniversary we have added a pictorial history of the Club's [past teams](#) to our website. Searching for old photographs, we discovered that Lawford Football Club as we know it today is the second club to bear that name. The original Lawford Football Club was founded in 1935, competing in the Harwich Junior League. Its home ground was at Lawford Home Park behind the Kings Arms public house. The club was disbanded in 1939, on the eve of the Second World War.



Lawford  
Lads  
1950



Lawford Ladies Si Collinson has taken over as sole manager, with Aaron Finch as assistant and Stacey Desborough as a coach. Si would like to put on record a massive thank you to Gemma for all her hard work over the years with the club and all that she has achieved here, along with the congratulations to her and Sheena on their recent wedding.

U6s Training will start on Saturday 5 October. Contact Jack for more information [jlcanstable@outlook.com](mailto:jlcanstable@outlook.com) 07508565849

**Defibrator 24-7** The Club's defibrillator has been re-housed in a metal box on the garage, just to the right of the club house entrance. This potentially life saving equipment is now available 24/7 to Club members and the wider community. Thank you to all at the Club who helped to make this happen.



Do you own a drone? We always struggle to fully capture the scale of our Five A-Side Tournament. Next year we would like to take an aerial shoot of the event. Do you own a suitable camera drone? Please contact our Media Officer if you can help. [nifanderson@gmail.com](mailto:nifanderson@gmail.com)

# Short Corner

## News from around the Club

### Five A-side Tournament: What a Day!

Played across twelve pitches in near perfect weather conditions, with around 70 local teams and over 400 players participating, this year's Five A-Side Tournament was one of our best ever. A huge amount of work goes into making this event a success. As Club Chairman, John Duchars says "Thanks to every helper who made it happen. Seeing so much enjoyment makes it all worthwhile." Particular thanks should go to Carl White, especially for his hours of dedication ensuring that the pitches were cut to perfection (did I see him out there with a pair of scissors on the morning of the tournament?)



Visiting teams were kind enough to let us know that they had enjoyed the day with comments such as "Fantastic tournament, incredibly well organised and run" and "brilliant day and brilliantly organised". The tournament is our largest fund-raising event and so a good tournament can make a real difference at the start of our new financial year. The only mishap this year was the young player who unfortunately broke his leg..... falling out of a tree. Our thanks to St John's Ambulance for being with us to provide assistance. We wish the young fellow well (don't give up climbing trees, just take more care).

### Brian Rolfe

It is with sadness that we report the death of former Lawford Parish Council Chairman, Brian Rolfe. Brian, who lived in School Lane, played a leading role in founding Lawford Junior FC and was a driving force behind the construction of the new pavilion. In 2015 he was awarded an MBE for his services to the community. Brian was chairman of the Parish Council for 25 years and supported many local organisations.

### Pink Ribbon Event

On 20th July the Club hosted a charity double-header in aid of the Pink Ribbon Foundation with our First and Reserve Teams facing teams from Crane Sports FC in Ipswich. The Foundation is a grant making trust with a mission to fund projects and provide financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, have been affected by breast cancer, or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer and its early detection and treatment.



The event raised £705 for the Foundation reflecting the generosity of players, supporters and friends from both teams. Special mention to Andy Young, Lawford's First Team manager, who organised the whole event in aid of a very worthy cause.

### Chris Clarke Challenge Cup

The First Team played Dedham Old Boys on 3 August in the Chris Clarke Challenge Cup, a regular annual charity fixture between the two teams. Having taken the Cup home for the last two years, on this occasion the Old Boys came out on top with 2-0 win. All proceeds from the afternoon were donated to Dementia UK.



David Bauckham/ Centre Circle Publishing

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# Lawford U6s at St. George's

Jack Cansdale, U6s Manager writes "Back in June, our latest crop of U6s were lucky enough to have an opportunity to go and play at St George's Park, England's state-of-the-art training centre in Burton-upon-Trent.



game saw us come up against a team that had won every single game they'd played that season, and most of them were members of the Southampton Academy. A baptism of fire for Lawford, which we learned an awful lot from - the opposition also went on to win the tournament final.

However, after a tough start and getting closer in a couple, we only went and won a game!!! You'd have a thought we'd won the title the way the fans roared! If the pitch had a roof we'd have raised it! The boys were fearless. Buzzing all day, playing with smiles on their faces! I couldn't have wished for more!

Firstly, a big shout out must go to the (I'm bi-ased) most supportive bunch of parents for jumping at the chance and backing the idea! After all, there was the minor hiccup of a 3 and a half hour drive (and back again) and an over-night stay to get organised!



An incredible experience for the boys, myself, and all the parents and relatives that came along to cheer us on. I fully recommend other teams look at the events run by One Tournament ([www.onetournament.uk](http://www.onetournament.uk)) as they host end of season tournaments for all age groups.

As U7s, our season has got off to the perfect start, and I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Peake Fruit for their generous kit sponsorship. Thanks for reading, and we'd like to wish all Lawford teams the best of luck for the 2019/20 season!"

On a beautifully warm Saturday morning, playing on the David Beckham pitch, our first



Many thanks to Sabre Building Solutions for sponsoring new kit for the U10s

## New Sponsors



A huge thank you to Peake Fruit for sponsoring the U7s kit. Thank you to Paul Nash of Nash Bathrooms and Kitchens for sponsoring new kit for our U11s



The U18s are grateful to Rose Builders for sponsoring the team's new kit. Rose has been generous in supporting the Club on many occasions and continue to support other organisations in the local community.



Huge thanks from Lawford Ladies to the Starlight Tea Chapel for sponsoring their new kit.





# Ninety seconds with George Bibby, Life President



George Bibby

Lawford U11s have moved up to the gvg format for this season. The team are looking forward to the new challenges of playing on a larger pitch, coping with the off side rule, as well as a handful of new rules being introduced to the game



We currently have 12 players signed on for the team this season, so we are still looking to add one or two players to the squad. If you are interested in joining please Dave Dines [ddinesdecorating@aol.com](mailto:ddinesdecorating@aol.com)

Would you like to sponsor Lawford FC Reserves? We are seeking a track suit sponsor for our Reserves team. Please contact Jay Welham for information. 07854914492 [jay.welham@essex.gov.uk](mailto:jay.welham@essex.gov.uk)

How did you first become involved in the Club? In 1979 my eldest son Graham wanted to play football and I volunteered to be their manager. Seven years later my youngest son Matthew started playing and I managed his team until 1992. During these years I qualified as a referee and then refereed many local youth games until my knees went!

Other than Lawford FC, which team do you support? Manchester United.

What has been the highlight of your time at the Club so far? There have been numerous highlights in my 40 years at Lawford. Managing 2 very talented teams who rewarded the club with winning several League Cup Finals, 5 a-side competitions and one Cup Final. The new club house has been a fantastic achievement and everyone should be very proud of our facilities. Lawford football has and always will be in my blood as I now have much pleasure watching my grandson Sean playing for U11's.

What is your all time football highlight? Watching England win the World Cup in 1966! Also scoring all five goals in a 5-0 win for my local youth centre team in Witham.

Half-time oranges - good idea? We always had them when I was a manager,

If you could change one thing about the game what would it be? Sin bins for all including the Premier League.

Who is your football hero? Bert Trautmann the Manchester City goalkeeper who played on in the Cup Final with a broken neck. His team won the match 3-1.

Bacon sandwich or ham & cheese panini? Bacon sandwich

Outside of football how do you spend your time? Gardening, painting, watching sports, Coaching young players at Mistley CC.

What is the best advice you've been given? Always try to do your best at all times.

What was your favourite children's TV programme? The Lone Ranger

How many pairs of football boots you own? Just the one pair, that I used for refereeing many years ago.

If you could choose one piece of music to be played as you come on to the pitch what would it be? The Star Wars Theme

Thank you, George

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