

SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWS

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NON LEAGUE DAY 13.10.18

Plenty of advance notice here. It's Non-League Day on Saturday 13 October. OK so we don't know FA Vase fixtures scheduled for that day, but perhaps clubs might like to plan ahead and look for some special deals- sponsorship or community ideas to promote the event?

PHISHING EMAIL ALERT

Clubs are asked to be alert with the hoax emails that seem to be going the rounds. The gist of the latest being that the email purports to be from the (club) Chairman who asks for a payment to be made on behalf of the Club to a Sports Company and supply them with the Bank Details. *Stay vigilant.*

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The League are looking for someone to look after the day to day running of the league's website.

The role will entail posting stories provided from within the league and from external sources, such as clubs advertising vacancies for example- and adding pictures that will be submitted from time to time. Experience with "Word Press" would be an advantage.

If you feel you would like to be considered for this position, please contact the League Secretary at leaguesecretary.wessexleague@gmail.com for more details.

PRE-SEASON NEWS

Clubs are requested to please do get in touch with the Newsletter Editor to promote and advertise their arrangements for next season, thanks in advance- the contact address can be found in the panel on page 1.

Clubs are reminded that the home club needs to obtain sanction from their County FA.

There are over 150 games listed here- all are liable to change and or cancellation at little notice. Please also remember that these games are listed in good faith, outside the control of the League- games, venues and kick off times may be subject to change at little or no notice.

The progress of England in Russia, has affected one match thus far it seems.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRE-SEASON FRIENDLIES</u>	<u>2018/19</u>
Tuesday	03-Jul	<i>Fleet Town</i>	v AFC Portchester
Wednesday	04-Jul	<i>Bush Hill</i>	v Downton
Wednesday	04-Jul	Fawley	v Sholing
Thursday	05-Jul	Alresford Town [at QK Southampton]	v Moneyfields
Thursday	05-Jul	<i>Bishops Waltham Dynamo</i> [at Swanmore College]	v Downton
Thursday	05-Jul	Hythe & Dibden	v <i>Colden Common</i>
Saturday	07-Jul	Alton	v <i>Fleet Spurs</i>
Saturday	07-Jul	Amesbury Town	v Shaftesbury
Saturday	07-Jul	Bournemouth [at Blandford Milldown]	v Paghham
Saturday	07-Jul	Brockenhurst	v <i>Moneyfields</i>
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Bush Hill</i>	v Whitchurch United
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Calne Town</i>	v Downton
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Colden Common</i>	v Totton & Eling
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Devizes Town</i> [at Chippenham]	v Andover New Street
Saturday	07-Jul	East Cowes Victoria	v Lymington Town
Saturday	07-Jul	Hamble Club	v <i>Chichester City</i>
Saturday	07-Jul	Hythe & Dibden	v <i>Fleetlands</i>
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Midhurst & Easebourne</i>	v AFC Portchester
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Parley Sports</i> [at Chapel Gate]	v Christchurch
Saturday	07-Jul	Romsey Town	v <i>Bishops Waltham Dynamo</i>
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Stockbridge</i>	v Fareham Town
Saturday	07-Jul	Tadley Calleva [at Everest College]	v <i>Wincanton Town</i>
Saturday	07-Jul	United Services Portsmouth	v Bashley
Saturday	07-Jul	<i>Winchester Castle</i>	v Baffins Milton Rovers
Monday	09-Jul	<i>Blackfield & Langley</i>	v Alresford Town
Monday	09-Jul	Verwood Town	v <i>Wimborne Town</i>
Tuesday	10-Jul	Alton	v <i>Basingstoke Town</i>
Tuesday	10-Jul	Brockenhurst	v <i>AFC Totton</i>
Tuesday	10-Jul	Hamworthy United	v New Milton Town
Tuesday	10-Jul	<i>Selsey</i>	v Horndean

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Wednesday	11-Jul	Fawley	v	<i>Blackfield & Langley</i>
Wednesday	11-Jul	Hythe & Dibden	v	Lymington Town
Wednesday	11-Jul	Sway	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Thursday	12-Jul	Andover Town	v	Sholing
Thursday	12-Jul	<i>Colden Common</i>	v	Whitchurch United
Thursday	12-Jul	Downton	v	<i>Weymouth</i>
Thursday	12-Jul	<i>Gillingham Town</i>	v	Laverstock & Ford
Thursday	12-Jul	<i>Merley Cobham Sports</i>	v	Christchurch
Friday	13-Jul	<i>Farnham Town</i>	v	Alton
Friday	13-Jul	Hythe & Dibden	v	<i>Southampton XI</i>
Friday	13-Jul	<i>Salisbury</i>	v	Lymington Town
Saturday	14-Jul	Amesbury Town	v	<i>Oldland Abbotonians</i>
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Blackfield & Langley</i>	v	Sholing
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Blandford United</i>	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Saturday	14-Jul	Brockenhurst	v	<i>Hayes & Yeading United</i>
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Chipping Sodbury Town</i>	v	Fareham Town
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Corfe Castle</i>	v	Bournemouth
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Dorchester Sports</i>	v	Christchurch
Saturday	14-Jul	East Cowes Victoria	v	<i>Stockbridge</i>
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Gillingham Town</i>	v	Bashley
Saturday	14-Jul	Horndean	v	<i>Havant & Waterlooville</i>
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Merley Cobham Sports</i>	v	Hamworthy United
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Moneyfields</i>	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Parley Sports</i> [at Chapel Gate]	v	New Milton Town
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Shrewton United</i> [at Bulford]	v	Andover New Street
Saturday	14-Jul	Sway	v	Hythe & Dibden
Saturday	14-Jul	Tadley Calleva [at Everest College]	v	Folland Sports
Saturday	14-Jul	Verwood Town	v	Portland United
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Wareham Rangers</i>	v	Christchurch
Saturday	14-Jul	<i>Woodstock Town</i>	v	Downton
Monday	16-Jul	Fawley	v	<i>Colden Common</i>
Monday	16-Jul	Sholing	v	<i>Thatcham Town</i>
Tuesday	17-Jul	Alton	v	<i>Camberley Town</i>
Tuesday	17-Jul	<i>Bush Hill</i>	v	Lymington Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	<i>Fleetlands</i>	v	Petersfield Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	<i>Merley Cobham Sports</i>	v	Bashley
Tuesday	17-Jul	<i>Pagham</i>	v	Fareham Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	Portland United	v	<i>Dorchester Town</i>
Tuesday	17-Jul	<i>QK Southampton</i>	v	Alresford Town
Tuesday	17-Jul	Romsey Town	v	<i>Cove</i>
Tuesday	17-Jul	<i>Selsey</i>	v	AFC Portchester
Tuesday	17-Jul	Tadley Calleva [at Everest College]	v	<i>Godalming Town</i>
Tuesday	17-Jul	<i>Wick</i>	v	Horndean
Wednesday	18-Jul	Brockenhurst	v	<i>Winchester City</i>
Wednesday	18-Jul	<i>Kintbury Rangers</i>	v	Andover New Street
Wednesday	18-Jul	<i>Oldland Abbotonians</i>	v	Shaftesbury
Thursday	19-Jul	AFC Stoneham	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Thursday	19-Jul	<i>SC Inzell</i>	v	Hythe & Dibden
Thursday	19-Jul	<i>Sidlesham</i>	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Friday	20-Jul	Fawley	v	<i>QK Southampton</i>
Friday	20-Jul	<i>Hamworthy Recreation</i>	v	New Milton Town
Friday	20-Jul	Horndean	v	<i>Bognor Regis Town</i>
Friday	20-Jul	Sholing	v	<i>Winchester City</i>

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Friday	20-Jul	<i>Wimborne Town</i> [Gerry Page Trophy]	v	Christchurch
Saturday	21-Jul	AFC Portchester	v	<i>Portsmouth Under-18s</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Alresford Town	v	<i>Cadbury Heath</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Alresford Town	v	<i>Sutton United Under-21</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Alton	v	<i>Abingdon United</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Amesbury Town	v	<i>Devizes Town</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Andover Town	v	Fareham Town
Saturday	21-Jul	Bashley [at Brockenhurst College]	v	<i>Holt United</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Bournemouth	v	<i>Hashtag United</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>Clanfield</i> [at Havant Academy]	v	Downton
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>Cove</i>	v	Whitchurch United
Saturday	21-Jul	Cowes Sports	v	<i>Gillingham Town</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>Dorchester Sports</i>	v	Laverstock & Ford
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>Fleet Town</i>	v	Tadley Calleva
Saturday	21-Jul	Hamworthy United	v	<i>Weymouth</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Newport IOW	v	<i>Lancing</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>Parley Sports</i> [at Chapel Gate]	v	Shaftesbury
Saturday	21-Jul	Portland United	v	<i>Yate Town</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	Romsey Town	v	<i>Colden Common</i>
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>St Clement (Jersey)</i>	v	Brockenhurst
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>SV Ruhpolding</i>	v	Hythe & Dibden
Saturday	21-Jul	<i>Worcester Park</i>	v	Andover New Street
Sunday	22-Jul	<i>Jersey Wanderers</i>	v	Brockenhurst
Monday	23-Jul	Fawley	v	<i>Sholing Development</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	AFC Stoneham	v	<i>Colden Common</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	Amesbury Town	v	Tadley Calleva
Tuesday	24-Jul	Bashley [David Jose Trophy]	v	<i>Winchester City</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	<i>Westbury United</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	Bournemouth	v	<i>Bournemouth Electric</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	Brockenhurst [New Forest Cup]	v	New Milton Town
Tuesday	24-Jul	<i>Calne Town</i>	v	Shaftesbury
Tuesday	24-Jul	Hamble Club	v	<i>AFC Totton</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	Horndean	v	<i>Gosport Borough</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	<i>Horsham</i>	v	AFC Portchester
Tuesday	24-Jul	Portland United	v	<i>Bridport</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	Ringwood Town [New Forest Cup]	v	Lymington Town
Tuesday	24-Jul	Team Solent	v	<i>Moneyfields</i>
Tuesday	24-Jul	United Services Portsmouth	v	Baffins Milton Rovers
Wednesday	25-Jul	AFC Stoneham	v	Cowes Sports
Wednesday	25-Jul	Hythe & Dibden	v	<i>Blackfield & Langley</i>
Thursday	26-Jul	AFC Portchester	v	<i>Paulsgrove</i>
Thursday	26-Jul	Alton	v	<i>Portsmouth Under-18s</i>
Thursday	26-Jul	<i>Gillingham Town</i>	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Thursday	26-Jul	Laverstock & Ford	v	<i>Bush Hill</i>
Friday	27-Jul	<i>Dorchester Sports</i>	v	Brockenhurst
Friday	27-Jul	Hythe & Dibden	v	Team Solent
Saturday	28-Jul	AFC Portchester	v	<i>Gosport Borough</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	AFC Stoneham	v	<i>Thatcham Town</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	Andover Town	v	Andover New Street
Saturday	28-Jul	Baffins Milton Rovers	v	<i>Wareham Rangers</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	<i>Balti Sports</i>	v	Portland United
Saturday	28-Jul	Bashley	v	<i>Poole Town</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	Bournemouth	v	Fawley

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Saturday	28-Jul	<i>Chichester City</i> [Steve Bernard Memorial Trophy]	v	Christchurch
Saturday	28-Jul	Cowes Sports	v	<i>QK Southampton</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	<i>Eversley & California</i>	v	Alton
Saturday	28-Jul	Fareham Town	v	<i>Moneyfields</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	Horndean	v	<i>Swindon Town</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	Laverstock & Ford	v	AFC Portchester
Saturday	28-Jul	NEW FOREST CUP 3rd/4th Place Playoff		15:30
Saturday	28-Jul	NEW FOREST CUP Final		13:00
Saturday	28-Jul	Newport IOW	v	<i>Fleetlands</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	<i>Pagham</i>	v	Hamble Club
Saturday	28-Jul	Petersfield Town	v	<i>Liss Athletic</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	Ringwood Town	v	Hamworthy United
Saturday	28-Jul	Shaftesbury	v	<i>Gillingham Town</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	<i>Sherborne Town</i>	v	Amesbury Town
Saturday	28-Jul	<i>Stockbridge</i>	v	Tadley Calleva
Saturday	28-Jul	<i>Storrington</i>	v	Downton
Saturday	28-Jul	Tadley Calleva [at Everest College]	v	<i>Abingdon Town</i>
Saturday	28-Jul	United Services Portsmouth	v	Alresford Town
Saturday	28-Jul	Whitchurch United	v	<i>Abingdon United</i>
Monday	30-Jul	Christchurch	v	<i>Salisbury</i>
Tuesday	31-Jul	Alresford Town	v	<i>Basingstoke Town</i>
Tuesday	31-Jul	Andover New Street	v	<i>Andover New Street Swifts</i>
Tuesday	31-Jul	Bashley	v	New Milton Town
Tuesday	31-Jul	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	v	Fawley
Tuesday	31-Jul	Bournemouth	v	Verwood Town
Tuesday	31-Jul	Laverstock & Ford	v	Shaftesbury
Tuesday	31-Jul	<i>Pewsey Vale</i>	v	Amesbury Town

INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE

Many Clubs have already registered or are registering players ready for next season. Can we please ask Clubs to be VERY CAREFUL if there is any likelihood of a player being registered whose last Club was outside **England** (so this does mean Wales or Scotland). Should that be the case they need International Clearance and failure to obtain same can prove very costly in terms of both money and points.

FA COMPETITIONS

Not long to go now as clubs accepted into next season's FA Competitions will be announced in the next couple of days with the Draw for the first two Qualifying Rounds of the FA Cup, and Vase on Friday 6th July.

OPENING WEEKEND FIXTURES

Premier Division

AFC Portchester v Team Solent
 Bashley v Andover New Street
 Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Sholing
 Brockenhurst v Bournemouth
 Cowes Sports v Hamworthy United
 Hamble Club v Lymington Town
 Horndean v Christchurch
 Portland United v Alresford Town
 Shaftesbury v Baffins Milton Rovers
 Tadley Calleva v Fareham Town

First Division

Alton v Newport IOW
 Andover Town v AFC Stoneham
 Downton v United Services Portsmouth
 East Cowes Victoria v Fawley
 Petersfield Town v Laverstock & Ford
 Ringwood Town v Amesbury Town
 Romsey Town v Hythe & Dibden
 Totton & Eling v New Milton Town
 Whitchurch United v Verwood Town

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CLUB REMINDER

Clubs are reminded of the need to inform the League Admin Officer of their two mobile phone numbers for recording SMS results immediately after their games as some numbers may have changed from last season. So far, only one Club has been in touch- so would Clubs please inform him of their numbers **before** 21 July. Thanks.

SYDENHAMS LEAGUE CUP DRAW

1st Round

Laverstock & Ford v United Services Portsmouth
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v AFC Stoneham
Follands Sports v Fareham Town
Ringwood Town v Baffins Milton Rovers
Newport IOW v Whitchurch United
New Milton Town v Team Solent
Horndean v Amesbury Town

2nd Round

Alresford Town v Newport IOW or Whitchurch United
Hythe & Dibden v Shaftesbury
Laverstock & Ford or United Services Portsmouth v Andover Town
New Milton Town or Team Solent v Portland United
Horndean or Amesbury Town v Hamble Club
Follands Sports or Fareham Town v Cowes Sports
Petersfield Town v Christchurch
Totton & Eling v Lymington Town
Romsey Town v AFC Portchester
Andover New Street v Downton
East Cowes Victoria v Alton
Fawley v Ringwood Town or Baffins Milton Rovers
Verwood Town v Bournemouth
Bashley v Brockenhurst
Bemerton Heath Harlequins or AFC Stoneham v Hamworthy United
Tadley Calleva v Sholing

Holders AFC Portchester begin their defence of the title with a trip to the Bypass Ground in the 2nd Round.

THE LEAGUE CUP 2018/19 – EARLY THOUGHTS

The draw for the first two rounds of the above was made at the AGM with a preliminary round of seven matches (Round One) to reduce the number of competing Clubs to the magical number of 32 and then Round Two embracing sixteen ties. The first name out of the hat (or white envelope) was Laverstock & Ford with a home tie against United Services Portsmouth. Both sides were in the Division One promotion chase last season and with Graham Mankin as manager there will be no lack of effort on the home side's part while Bob Brady continues to work wonders at Burnaby Road. A difficult midweek journey for the visitors may be a factor as regards the outcome.

The other side of Salisbury from Laverstock will see Bemerton Heath Harlequins stage the second of the ties with AFC Stoneham providing the opposition. The Southampton side collected some major scalps on the way to the Russell Cotes Final last season and also featured strongly in the Division One promotion stakes so Bemerton will not take matters lightly.

Follands, bottom of Division One last season, will be looking for better fortunes this time round as will opponents Fareham Town, whose marked inconsistency left them in the lower half of the Premier Division- at least it is a relatively short journey.

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Ringwood Town are also under new Management – and Richard Morse is well acquainted with the Sydenhams League – and face a tough tie when Baffins Milton Rovers journey down the A31. The Portsmouth based side enjoyed a fine second half to last season and will be looking to continue improving.

Newport, after a difficult season both on and off the pitch which eventually led to relegation, still have their new ground to occupy their minds but should perhaps be too strong for Whitchurch for whom a midweek trip to St. Georges Park constitutes something of a short straw.

New Milton Town, with considerable changes behind the scenes, will initially be something of an unknown force and will find the often free scoring Team Solent a test, though as always the make up of the Students side in the early stage of the season is a matter for conjecture.

The final tie sees a long cross-country journey for relegated Amesbury as they visit Fiveheads Park and Horndean. The latter attained their highest ever League placing last season and everything suggests they could be a force to be reckoned with this time round so a far from easy draw for the visitors.

Round Two starts at Alresford who never quite got in to the Title hunt last season but have made some astute and experienced signings over the summer and they will entertain the winners of the Newport/Whitchurch tie. A possible long haul for the Islanders but a difficult tie either way for whoever triumphs in Round One. Hythe & Dibden, always the most generous of hosts but who perhaps need to score more goals on the field, will welcome a Shaftesbury side who enjoyed a successful first season in the Premier Division and will be looking to improve on same.

The winners of the Laverstock/United Services tie will face something of an unknown quantity in Andover Town who, having declined promotion at a very late stage find themselves back in the position of five years or so ago – a new side in Division One.

Portland, after a disappointing season by their standards, travel to the winners of the New Milton/Team Solent tie and, under new management, will be looking to become a force again.

Should Horndean progress at Amesbury's expense they could stage the tie of the Round when Hamble Club come visiting. The latter's FA Vase exploits last season proved their Cup pedigree whilst they also completed a League double over Amesbury.

Follands or Fareham will have a home tie against Cowes Sports who endured a mixed season and were never far away from the relegation area. Their results did not always match their performances and a Cup run would be a boost to their season.

The next tie features two Clubs whose fortunes were perhaps as far apart as possible last time round and who will be approaching the coming season with differing ambitions. Petersfield, drawn at home, have to arrest a slide that has seen them drop from the Southern League to Wessex One in two seasons whilst Christchurch, after a well-deserved promotion, will be seeking to make their mark in the top flight.

Totton & Eling, stronger at home than away, face a difficult tie with Lymington Town making the relatively short trip to Millers Park. The Premier Division side were on the fringe of the promotion chase last season and with a strengthened side will be looking to serious contenders in 2018/19. Could be a difficult evening for the home side.

The holders of the Trophy, AFC Portchester, will begin their defence of same with a trip to the By Pass Ground at Romsey, another Club very much in the Division One promotion race last time until falling away at the very end. A good tie in prospect.

One of last season's most successful Clubs feature next with Andover New Street, in the Premier Division for the first time, playing host to Division One Downton. A relatively short journey for the visitors but a possibly difficult evening.

A certain irony to the next tie as Alton make the long journey to East Cowes Victoria for an all Division One tie. Irony because their number was picked out of the hat by their own Chairman! Alton's task this season is to improve their away record whilst Vics will, as ever, be welcoming hosts and difficult to beat.

Last season's runners up Fawley AFC – a tremendous performance for a Division One side – will welcome the winners of the Ringwood Baffins tie to the Waterside as they set out to prove that lightning can strike twice. Not very many local derbies in the opening rounds but the next tie perhaps or almost comes in to that

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category as Bournemouth head for Potterne Park and Verwood. Both Clubs will perhaps have been disappointed by last season and looking to improve- a tight 90 minutes could well be on the cards.

Mention of the possible Horndean/Hamble Club meeting being the tie of the Round may be disputed by those involved in the 14th of the sixteen second round matches as Brockenhurst head deeper in to the Forest to tackle Bashley. Games between these two are always full blooded and entertaining and it will be a brave man who picks the winner at this stage.

Two to go and the winners of the Bemerton/AFC Stoneham tie will entertain Hamworthy United. The Dorset side were in the top five of the Premiership for virtually all of last season and have ambitions to improve the placing this time and will be difficult opponents regardless of whom they meet.

Finally one of the most intriguing ties of the two rounds as Tadley, who have finally reached the Premier Division after a succession of near misses, welcome Sholing to Barlows Park. Possibly a first ever visit for the Boatmen to the North Hampshire Club and a difficult tie in prospect that should make entertaining watching. *Good luck to all.*

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2018-19

PREMIER DIVISION

AFC Portchester
Alresford Town
Andover New Street
Baffins Milton Rovers
Bashley
Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Bournemouth
Brockenhurst
Christchurch
Coves Sports
Fareham Town
Hamble Club
Hamworthy United
Horndean
Lymington Town
Portland United
Shaftesbury
Sholing
Tadley Calleva
Team Solent

FIRST DIVISION

AFC Stoneham
Alton
Amesbury Town
Andover Town
Downton
East Coves Victoria
Fawley
Folland Sports
Hythe & Dibden
Laverstock & Ford
New Milton Town
Newport (IoW)
Petersfield Town
Ringwood Town
Romsey Town
Totton & Eling
United Services Portsmouth
Verwood Town
Whitchurch United

