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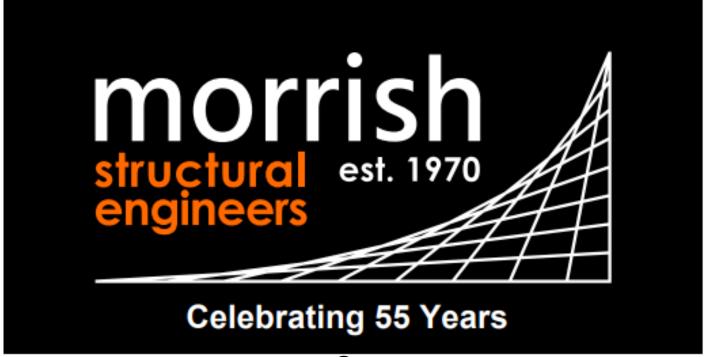
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VIEW FROM THE DUG OUT

It's been a few seasons of ups and downs, taking over a side that needed a complete rebuild to developing a side that no longer historically competes in the bottom third of the league, I hope, but one that strives to compete in the top ten. That was the goal from our first involvement and continues to be a target we aim for each season. The former manager Trevor Collins had a great run when he first came in playing some exciting and entertaining football and we have tried to build on that and push forward from there. We aim to bring in certain types of characters and players not always generic to this league, a few surprises from lower leagues have excelled at the level and beyond such as Reece lanchester a four times award winner and Ethan Garcia (now applying his trade in the league above and early signs are promising) Walsham has always had an ethos of where possible to promote within this is reflected in the current squad where we find 12 of 18 have had previous involvement at youth level at the club.

We believe in the younger players available to us, kyron Cooper, Olly Vince, Ryan Dunne, Harvey Hubbard, Charlie Norman and Matt Glover all young hungry and now starting to get real experience under their belts with numerous impressive performances, Kyron is a great example to any young lad, someone that has been with the club now for five seasons and has had many ups and downs but trains hard, works hard and is always looking to progress, now a regular starter and someone we wouldn't want to be without, determination and commitment does pay in the long run.

Promoting from youth isn't always possible as the thurlow nunn prem is not for the faint hearted so at times you have to have a look around. Sam Nunn brought in from Lowestoft the season before last is without a doubt been a major catalyst in our success and results, form and league positions changed pretty quickly once he was up and running. Returning Kieron Twinn, Cam Nicholls, Matt Collins, George Bugg doesn't hurt, coupled with the help of Jack Brame for a couple of seasons, a legend at Walsham and continued support on and off the pitch of experienced players such as Ryan Clark and Scott Chaplin who stuck by us when things weren't great which is testament to their qualities not just on the pitch but also away from football.

The squad this term is looking as strong as ever with the signing of Zack Gayfer a young but experienced player at step 4, Jamie smith a returning prolific goal scoring machine and recent addition Theo Thomas who will definitely get the crowd on their feet.

Our coaching and media team has seen a couple of changes with Nigel Brame retiring and Trev Newman taking up a slightly different roll with us this season, that said Chris Pollard has stepped in and we have already learnt a lot from him particularly with regards to match preparation and how referees make their decisions which still baffles me!! Let's not forget the ever present Graham Styles (nobby) who you think just writes the team sheet but I've come to appreciate when he isn't there things can be very chaotic wouldn't be without him just wouldn't be the same and of course Callum who runs the VEO and twitter account which in our opinion rivals any on match days. The last two seasons have seen incredible developments on the pitch with historic FA Vase runs, a third ever highest league position followed by the highest ever league position, a play off final where we were unlucky to not quite get over the line and maybe on the day deserved a little more to developments off the field where we have new floodlights, new stand, turnstiles, outside toilet facilities and a outside bar in process with a new electronic video wall to boot. All of this show cased with amazing changing facilities and possibly the best playing surface in the league. We look forward to see what the season brings and I'm sure as always there be tears of joy and sorrow but that's what it's all about, I always remember one saying that has stuck with me throughout my footballing career, it's not the winning that counts because winning every game is impossible, it's the desire to win every game that matters 😌 🧡 🤎

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Scott Chaplin - 'The Wizard' last year Players Player , very experienced and technical player great feet in small spaces, Chappers has won the league twice and played at various clubs but now enters his fourth season and can still get about the pitch with ease.

Matthew Glover came up through youth section and U18's has returned from Uni earlier in the year and made a big impact in the centre of the park excellent attitude calm on the ball. Has suffered with injuries but looks like he should be back and playing in late August.

Charlie Norman suffered a knee injury early part of last season, played in youth and adult sections for Walsham very talented, technically gifted midfielder, will be looking to find the back of the net. Great to have you back in the squad.

Reon Huckvale last years Supporters Player finishing top goal scorer, young exciting player who would give Usain Bolt a run for his money. Has earn't himself his first ever contract in football and can nearly play 90 minutes but not quite!!

Reece Lancaster last year Managers Player of the year, big, strong in the tackle and excellent on the ball, we believe Reece is up there with the best ever centre backs to play at Walsham his always consistent and another player that attracts a lot of attention form higher level clubs.

Isaac Moss a classic centre back, strong in the tackle will never back out of a challenge, both footed and heads everything including other players a massive asset to the club, even our own players are terrified of him!!

Ollie McKensie-Vince - versatile player made a big impact in the last 2 years, always attracts interest from other clubs and this isn't surprising has a big future in football and one we think will excel to higher levels

Ryan Dunne GK enters his third season for Walsham has managed to keep his place through excellent performances, young and confident improving year on year, has a great future in football.

Harvey Hubbard midfielder good in the air and solid, plays with his heart on his sleeve, has incredible energy levels runs from first minute to the last.

Ryan Clarke midfielder been at the club for years, brilliant on the ball and technically gifted player finds space in the middle of the park.

Kyron Cooper great young player been involved with since 2020, very quick has improved year on year, well establish player at step 5 with over 100 appearances with the club.

Sam Nunn - CB joined us from step 4 Lowestoft Town very experienced player, excellent in the air and strong in the tackle, great addition to our squad, scores a few goals too.

Kieron Twinn returned to us from Mildenhall after a short period away from the club, he is a Thurlow Nunn League winner and has brought that winning mentality to the team, strong as a Ox and a favourite on and off the pitch, lucky to have him.

Cam Nicholls is a player that has been involved of and off at Walsham for many years, he played through the reserve set-up and onto the first team with a few travels away from the club he now returns to provide goals and entertainment to players and fans.

Zack has signed this season with an abundance of experience at a very young age, playing step 4 for Stowmarket and Ipswich wanderers, he had a successful spell last season at Hadleigh where he played numerous games at step 5. Zack has been with us through preseason and has shown his capabilities at full back, centre back and as a centre midfielder, we look forward to seeing him progress this season with the willows.

Jamie smith has previously been with the club a few seasons ago and has played for a short time under the current managers, as soon as they were aware he was up for grabs again they had no hesitation in asking him to return and after lots of competition from fellow Thurlow Nunn sides we are grateful he chose to return to the willows, his sharpness attitude and desire in preseason has impressed and we are sure he will make a big impact this campaign

Matt Collins signed at the back end of last season after a little hounding from the management and helped the side get into the play off places with some excellent displays, out for a long time with some tough injuries that might have put lesser men off the beautiful game, you have to appreciate his desire and determination to get back to playing at this level, Cool calm hardworking and plays with his brain and feet another great signing for the club and another to return to the willows after playing a few seasons ago.

George Bugg another with a history with Walsham before venturing up to step 3 and 4, his changed his game over the years but always shows incredible appetite to succeed and works tirelessly when on the pitch

Will Hubbard has been at Walsham through the youth section, now playing U23's a versatile player very good with his feet, looking to make his way into the First team Theo Thomas joined Walsham after a few seasons at Bury Town U18's. he was impressing in trials with our U23's showing ability beyond his years, exciting left sided player looking forward to seeing his progress.

The History of Walsham le Willows FC

Walsham-le-Willows F.C. was founded around 1890, and played at the Summer Road sports ground where there was a pavilion with a thatched roof. During World War II, the ground was ploughed up to grow food and was not returned to sports use until 1951.

The club was a founder member of the St. Edmundsbury Football League in 1907 and won the Suffolk Junior Cup in 1988, 1989 and 1990. After winning several league titles, the club switched to the Suffolk and Ipswich League in 1989. It won the Senior Division in 2001–02 and again in 2002–03. In the following season, the club finished second, but earned promotion to Division One of the Eastern Counties League.

The club finished fourth in their first season in the division, narrowly missing out on promotion. They also reached the final of the <u>Suffolk Senior Cup</u>, losing 2–1 to <u>Needham Market</u>. The following season, they reached the final again, this time beating Capel Plough 4–3 after extra time. In 2006–07 the club won Division One, and were promoted to the Premier Division.

In <u>2024–25</u> Walsham-le-Willows finished fifth in the Premier Division, qualifying for the promotion play-offs. After beating <u>Fakenham Town</u> 1–0 in the semi-finals, they lost 2–1 to <u>Downham Town</u> in the final.











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1	Fakenham Town	2	2	0	0	8	6
2	Thetford Town	2	2	0	0	4	6
3	Soham Town Rangers	2	2	0	0	3	6
4	Ely City	2	2	0	0	3	6
5	Dereham Town	2	1	1	0	3	4
6	Mulbarton Wanderers	1	1	0	0	2	3
7	lpswich Wanderers	1	1	0	0	1	3
8	Stowmarket Town	2	1	0	1	-3	3
9	Hadleigh United	1	0	1	0	0	1
10	Cornard United	2	0	1	1	-1	1
11	Lakenheath	2	0	1	1	-1	1
12	Great Yarmouth Town	2	0	1	1	-3	1
13	Heacham	2	0	1	1	-3	1
14	Walsham Le Willows	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Haverhill Rovers	1	0	0	1	-1	0
16	Harleston Town	2	0	0	2	-3	0
17	Kirkley & Pakefield	2	0	0	2	-4	0
18	Woodbridge Town	2	0	0	2	-5	0

RECENT RESULTS

	MEGENT MEGGETO								
Туре	Date / Time	Hom	ie Team		Away T	eam	Competition		
POF	04/05/25 15:00	Downham Town		2-1	(3)	Walsham Le Willows	PO Final		
POSF	26/04/25 15:00	Fakenham Town	*	0-1	(Walsham Le Willows	PO SF		
PD	21/04/25 15:00	Walsham Le Willows	(4)	0 - 0		Cornard United	Premier Division		
PD	19/04/25 15:00	Harleston Town		1-1		Walsham Le Willows	Premier Division		
PD	12/04/25 15:00	Walsham Le Willows	(4)	2-2		Downham Town	Premier Division		
PD	08/04/25 19:45	Walsham Le Willows	(4)	4-0		Heacham	Premier Division		
PD	05/04/25 15:00	Walsham Le Willows	(4)	1-0		Hadleigh United	Premier Division		
PD	02/04/25 19:45	Great Yarmouth Town		1-2	(Walsham Le Willows	Premier Division		
PD	29/03/25 15:00	Walsham Le Willows		1-2		Brantham Athletic	Premier Division		
PD	22/03/25 15:00	Hadleigh United		0 - 0	•	Walsham Le Willows	Premier Division		

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Kirkley & Pakefield

Kirkley & Pakefield Football Club, based in Lowestoft, Suffolk, is a proud representative of East Anglian football. The club as it exists today was formed in 2007 through the merger of Kirkley United and Pakefield Football Club, but its roots stretch back to the late 19th century. The original Kirkley Football Club was founded in 1886, playing its first recorded match against East Suffolk. Though the club briefly merged with East Suffolk to form Lowestoft Town, a second Kirkley FC emerged in 1890. This iteration quickly became a dominant force locally, winning the Suffolk Junior Cup in 1894 and reaching the FA Amateur Cup semi-finals in 1896–97.

Throughout the early 20th century, Kirkley competed in the North Suffolk League, Norfolk & Suffolk League, and East Anglian League, winning multiple titles and cups. Financial difficulties led to several disbandments and mergers, including a brief union with Waveney Athletic in 1929 and a final merger with Lowestoft Town in 1935.

The modern club began in 1975 as Brooke Marine FC, later renamed Kirkley United in 1978. They enjoyed success in the Anglian Combination, winning the Premier Division and Suffolk Senior Cup multiple times in the early 2000s. Promotion to the Eastern Counties League followed in 2003. The 2007 merger with Pakefield FC created Kirkley & Pakefield FC, nicknamed The Royals. They play at Walmer Road, a ground with a capacity of 2,000, including 150 seated. The club has reached the second qualifying round of the FA Cup and the fourth round of the FA Vase, with a record attendance of 1,125 against Lowestoft Town in 2005. Today, Kirkley & Pakefield continues to compete in the Eastern Counties League Premier Division, maintaining strong community ties and a commitment to developing local talent.

THE LAST MEETING



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С	27/03/25 19:45	Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18	(2-1	3	Lakenheath FC U18	Cambridge
С	17/03/25 19:45	Bury Town F.C. U18	•	3-2		Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18	Cambridge
С	12/03/25 19:45	Thetford Town F.C. U18	a 1	L - 10	(Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18	Cambridge
С	06/03/25 20:00	Sporting 87 F.C. U18 (Thurlow Nunn)	87.	2-3		Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18	Cambridge

U18's



U18 Squad

William Harrison

Albie Blanchard

Ryan Williams

Rocco Runce

Oliver Evans Billy Creaton Ryan Woolnough Thurlow Nunn League Jayden Nunn EASTERN COUNTIES FOOTBALL LEAGUE Callum Chapman **Ethans Deeks** Ryan Hudson **Tristan Mcheavy** William Brown Luke Johnson **Zack Gilbert Dougie White Mason Arnold** Away Team Competition **Logan Frear** 1 Woodbridge Town F.C. U18 (TNYL) The Meadow Central Freddie Flowers-Butcher The Martello Ground Patrick Blaga The Meadow Central

FIXTURES Date / Time 21/08/25 19:45 Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18 28/08/25 19:45 Felixstowe & Walton United FC U18 11/09/25 19:45 Framlingham Town F.C. U18 (Thurlow Nunn) 16/09/25 19:45 23/09/25 19:45 swich Wanderers F.C. U18 (TN) SEH Sports Centre Central AFC Sudbury U18 Central 09/10/25 19:45 Stowmarket Town Youth F.C. U18 VS Central 16/10/25 19:45 Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18 🧼 VS 🌸 Hadleigh United F.C. U18 TNL The Meadow Central 23/10/25 Walsham Le Willows F.C. U18 🔘 VS 💿 Stowmarket Town Youth F.C. U18 Central **PROUDLY SPONSORED BY**

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U23's

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Туре	Date / Time	Home Team		Away Team	Competition	
U23N	19/04/25 15:00	Walsham Le Willows U23	1-1	Soham Town Rangers U23	Under 23 North Division	
U23N	15/04/25 19:45	Walsham Le Willows U23	6-2	Whitton United U23	Under 23 North Division	
U23N	12/04/25 15:00	Framlingham Town U23	2-0	Walsham Le Willows U23	Under 23 North Division	
U23N	29/03/25 15:00	Stowmarket Town U23	2-2	Walsham Le Willows U23	Under 23 North Division	

U23 Squad

Will Hubbard Oli Moore **Josh Dyer Bill Creaton Barnaby Hunt Callum Chapman** Charlie Keeble Jamie Dicker **George Finbow Theo Thomas Jayden Murphy Johnny Greenerr** Jono Boucher **Logan Frear** Mikhim Bhujel **Theo Linstead Callem Barrett Zack Gilbert**

TABLE

Thurlow Nunn League

Theo Linstead
Callem Barrett
Zack Gilbert
Ethan Deeks
Jayden Nunn
Freddie Butcher
Patrik Blaga
Fred Keeble
Louis Austin
Jor Poole-Marriott

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Туре	Date / Time	е	Home	Team		Away	Team		Venue	Г
U23N	30/08/25	15:00	FC Parson Drove U23		VS		Walsham Le Willows U23			
U23N	13/09/25	15:00	Woodbridge Town U23	Ø	VS		Walsham Le Willows U23			
U23N	20/09/25	15:00	Walsham Le Willows U23		VS	8	Lakenheath U23			
U23N	27/09/25	15:00	Needham Market U23	*	VS		Walsham Le Willows U23			
U23N	04/10/25	15:00	Brantham Athletic U23		VS		Walsham Le Willows U23			
U23N	11/10/25	15:00	Walsham Le Willows U23	0	VS	1	Stowmarket Town U23			
U23N	25/10/25	15:00	Debenham LC U23		VS	()	Walsham Le Willows U23			
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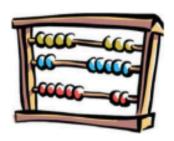
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GORDON'S CLUB ROUND UP



Good Evening everyone. Welcome to the Morrish Stadium for this evenings first home League game of the new campaign. We welcome Kirkley to Walsham. We have had some tight battles with them over the years.

The pre season matches went well enough. Jamie Smith has returned to Walsham. If he can recapture the goalscoring form of 20/21 and 21/22 we will have many goals to enjoy. Zak Gayfer and Theo Thomas have joined us this season and both looked good when their debuts in the FA Cup game at Harleston. Connor and Isaac Lewis have left for Lakenheath while Jesse Wyatt has left for Halesworth and we wish all 3 three well with their new clubs. Ethan Garcia has joined Felixstowe and we wish him well at level 4.

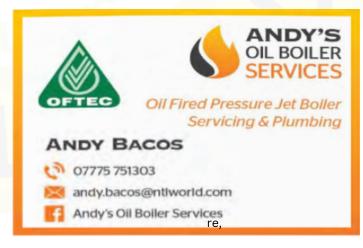
At Harleston Town in the FA Cup we started ok and Twinny missed an excellent opportunity to put us ahead early on following an excellent pass from Clarkie. Sloppy defending allowed the hosts to take a two goal lead. Jamie Smith on his return to League action for Walsham gave us a lifeline when he shot put Sutton in the Harleston goal. At the start of the second half Huckvale and Gayfer were introduced and it change the game completely as much of the half was played in Harleston's territory. Reon duly equalised. Walsham then introduced first Chapper's and then Theo Thomas as we went in search of a winner. Captain Sam Nunn provided our third. At the death we hit the post with Kyran Cooper following up to score the fourth and put the tie to bed. We now face Gorleston away on 16th August.

The under 23s have enjoyed a couple of friendlies drawing 2-2 with Stanway Rovers at home and 2-2 away to Elmswell.

The under 18s narrowly lost to Sporting 87 but easily beat Stowupland.

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- 1 Which country won the first-ever FIFA World Cup in 1930?
- 2 Who has won the most Ballon d'Or awards?
- 3 Which national team is nicknamed "The Azzurri"
- 4 Who holds the record for the fastest goal in Premier League history?
- 5 What year did France win their first World Cup?
- 6 Which team achieved the highest points tally in a single Premier League season?
- 7 Who holds the record for most Premier League assists?
- 8 Which club has been relegated from the Premier League the most times?
- 9 Who is the only player to have scored for SEVEN different Premier League clubs?
- 10 Who scored Sunderland's infamous "beach ball goal" against Liverpool in 2009?

Answers at bottom of page

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- To support charitable helplines with specific focus on survivors in sport
- To change the law on child sexual abuse being exempt from 'Double Jeopardy'
- . To lobby for 'Mandatory Reporting' to be adopted in UK law
- To engage with political and judicial bodies to strengthen legal support for survivors

If you would like to speak to somebody the free NSPCC helpline for guidance and support is available 24 hours a

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10 - Darren Bent

9 - Craig Bellamy

8 - Norwich City

7 - Ryan Giggs (163)

6 - Manchester City (100 pts, 2017-18)

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4 - Shane Long (7.69 seconds)

3 - Italy

2 - Lionel Messi (8)

I - Uruguay

AWARD WINNING WILLOWS



WINNERS of the Suffolk FA Grounds Team of the Year competitions have been presented with their vouchers. The winning clubs each received vouchers from Ernest Doe, local suppliers of competition sponsors Jacobsen, to spend on grounds equipment.



The grounds staff of Walsham-le-Willows FC (left to right) Steve Caley, Neil Hurrell, George Smith and Roy Woods with their £1,000 worth of vouchers.





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Sponsor an upcoming Walsham Le Willows FC game for just £100. For this price, you will receive:

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- Pre-match food
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- Advertising in matchday programme
- Social media posts related to the sponsored game.

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Sponsor the match ball at an upcoming Walsham Le Willows FC game for just £50. For this price, you will receive:

- 5 complimentary tickets
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This is your opportunity to advertise in the all new matchday programme for Thurlow Nunn Premier Division club Walsham Le Willows. Your advert will be in every home programme for the upcoming 2025/26 season!

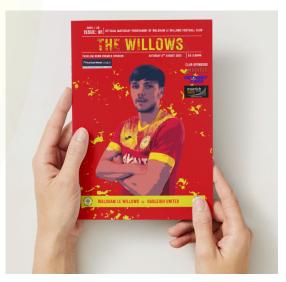
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