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CLUB HISTORY



Gala Wilton was formed in 1952 when a group of friends from the Wilton Road area of Gloucester City created a side known as 'Wilton Rover'. Initially they played their football in the North Gloucestershire League gaining limited success winning the FJ Pope Cup in 1956/57 and Division 1 in 1959/60. In 1970 the club moved to their present home at The Gala Club and then, in 1971 at the third time of asking, they were elected to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

They made an immediate impact in the League, winning Division 2 and beating local rivals Longlevens Star to the title. The following season they finished a creditable 5th in Division 1 and made an application to the County League. Initially they failed to gain membership losing out by one vote to Division 1 Champions Bishops Cleeve. However, it was consequently discovered that the Cheltenham side had misled the County League with regards to the distance from their changing rooms to the pitch and, on a second vote, Wilton Rovers gained membership. Although voted into the County League, the club still retained its membership of the GNSL courtesy of their reserves and, in 1978/79, they won Division 2 by a point from Walls United.

During their 12 seasons in the County League they achieved their best position of 3rd in 1980/81 behind Almondsbury Greenway & Shortwood United, but in 1984/85 they finished 18th and were relegated back to the GNSL. The following season they made an immediate return to the County League having achieved runners-up position to ICI Fibres in Division 1 of Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

That same season they also won the Diamond Jubilee Cup, a League Cup played for every four years at the time.

Having gained a return to the County League they remained in the League for just three seasons before they were relegated again. In 1989/90 they finished runners-up to St. Marks CA and, in the same season, they again won the Diamond Jubilee Cup but had changed the club name to Gala Wilton. After this

second successive Diamond Jubilee victory, the club went on a downward spiral and, for one season, only fielded a single side.

The club reached a new low when they were relegated to the second Division of the North Gloucestershire League. The club met with limited success back in the North Gloucester League with the Reserve team winning Divisions 2 & 3 while the 1st XI reached the JO Roberts final only to lose to Westbury United. In 2002 the club transferred allegiances to the Cheltenham League and its fortunes started to change for the better. Several GFA cups and promotions later, the club regained promotion to the GNSL and in 2007-8 they won Division 2 by a clear 10 points from Dursley Town to enable them to return to Division 1 of Gloucestershire Northern Senior League.

After securing their status in Division 1 of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League, the first team won the "Reg Davis Memorial" Cup and finished 3rd in the 2011/12 season. The following season they won the Northern Senior League by 13 points, gaining promotion to the Gloucestershire County League, and completed the double by winning the Reg Davis Cup again.

Since then the club has managed to consolidate their place in the County League with various solid finishing positions; finishing runners up in the 2013/14 season, and several top 10 placings.

Overall, the club as a whole has had quite a successful recent period to date; with the Reserve team winning the "Fred Gardiner Memorial Shield" in 2021/22, and consecutive promotions, up into Division 2 of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League – the highest ever league placing for our Reserve side.

The 3rd team won their Stroud League Cup in 2021/22, with the 4th team also enjoying Stroud League Cup success in 2022/23 winning the "Derek Freebury Shield", beating Tuffley Rovers in the final.

Last season 2023/24 however was difficult throughout the club, but both our first and second teams managed to retain their league places; and with Josh Taylor and Tom Read taking the management helm of our 1st and 2nd team squads, we look forward to an new era at the club in 2024-2025. The Club now has 3 youth teams at Under 13's, 14s and 15s so making a clean pathway for the players in to adult football.

With planning permission also recently approved to improve the ground to host floodlit football, and an exciting partnership announced with Gloucester City to promote their U18 youth footballers, the future once again looks bright at Gala.



Chalford FC History

Founded in 1891 Chalford joined the Mid-Glos League in 1894 playing their games at the Pleasure Ground whilst changing in the YMCA hut. As with many clubs during this time membership of more than one league was normal and in 1898, they also joined the newly formed Dursley & District League, winning the league in 1900/01. 1902 saw the formation of the Stroud & District League with again Chalford being founder members.

In 1922 the club were founding members of the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League and in fact took part in the first ever league game when the club visited Broadwell. Despite taking a 2-0 lead they eventually lost 3-2. The club continued membership for 5 seasons but withdrew due to financial reasons and entered the newly formed Stroud Premier Division. In 1931 they rejoined the GNSL retaining membership until the outbreak of WWII. By this time the club was now playing at the Sycamores using the local Mechanics Pub as their changing quarters.

After the war they immediately rejoined the GNSL and in 1953 with the formation of two Divisions they found themselves in Division One. In the mid-50s plans were well afoot to have a permanent home at Highfield way and on 31st August 1957 the first game was played on the new ground with Chalford beating Bream 6-1. This game was actually a division 2 fixture with the club having been relegated the season before. By strange coincidence the club finished Runners-Up in 1958-59 behind Bream regaining their Division One status. By 1962-63 they were back in Division 2. In 1975-76 they finished Runners-Up in Division 2 behind local rivals Forest Green Rovers.

1977-78 saw the zenith of the club's success with the lifting of the GNSL Championship. The title race went down to the wire with Championship rivals Lydney Town the visitors to Highfield on the last game of the season. In front of a large crowd Lydney had a goal disallowed and then a penalty saved before goals from Paul Tester and Nick Rock (penalty) secured a 2-0 win and that first Championship win. Sadly, the club were relegated back to Division 2 in 1981-82 and even worse followed with their relegation from the league in 1987.

After 15 seasons in the doldrums the club finally regained their GNSL membership in 2002 immediately gaining promotion after finishing third behind Warden Hill United and Whitecroft. Relegation in 2006 saw them flounder in Division 2 for 11 seasons before winning the Division in 2016-17 following an unbeaten campaign. They then finished Division 1 runners up to Sharpness in 2018-19 season.

Despite the 2019-20 season being void due to covid the club did secure the Reg Davis Trophy, something they managed to defend on the 2021-22 beating the eventual league champions Cheltenham Civil Service 4-3 in an exhilarating final at Lydney that went right to the wire. The 2022-23 season saw Chalford finally break their record of finishing runners up 3 times and secure the GNSL Division 1 title following an unbeaten league campaign, the side also made it a hatrick of Reg Davis Trophy's beating Dursley Town 3-2 in front of a record crowd. Unfortunately, Chalford were denied County League football after losing in the playoffs.

The club didn't have to wait long for the next Championship as in the 2023/24 season the club bounced back from the previous seasons disappointment, with the first team lying in 9th position at Christmas, who then went on a 18 game unbeaten run, beating Tredworth 2 - 1 in a title deciding game the last day of the season with Luke Brunson scoring an 89th minute winner.

It then meant the play offs again, this time faced Filton Athletic. A Brad Moore goal setting us on our way, and an own goal meant we won the game 2 - 0. This victory finally secured County League football for the first time in our 133-year history.

Chalford has had 4 teams playing week in week out for the last 4 seasons, with teams playing in the County League, Stroud League Division 1, Stroud League Division 3 and Stroud League Division 5 North

It's a testament for all involved that we manage to get 4 sides out week in week out.

Chalford FC Player Profiles

Duane Portlock - GK

New signing this season, vastly experienced keeper having played for Brimscombe, Shortwood & Taveners. Great presence with big voice & great distribution.

Sam Neale - GK

'Keith' comes back in to the 1st fold after sitting out 1st half of last season. A strong performer for the reserves and with penalty saves in the reserves cup final win he'll provide strong competition for the number 1 shirt.

Luke Benneyworth - CB

Lord Benneyworth, veteran of the back line who's played majority of his senior football at Shortwood! A mountain of man who is vital in both penalty areas. Fines master & longest in the shower!

Johnny Davis - CB

'JD' is the Skipper of the side, a vocal presence & fantastic leader who's held the arm band for 7 seasons. Sets the standard that the lads look up to. Gets his fair share of goals as well. One of the OG's from when the group came together 8 years ago.

Luke Barstow - CB

Commonly known as 'Pike'. Signed back on after being a bit part player last season. Defender who's good in the air with great distribution & loves a tackle. Had his fair share of clubs.

Charlie Bond - CB/ST

'Bondy', a shy lad but a club stalwart and scorer of the one the best ever Chalford goals. Challenges Harris for strongest hairline in the group. Another one of the OG's.

Jamie Lock - CB/LB

Lockdog, signed 3 years ago and has been a vital part of the back line. Superb left foot & another who chips in with a few goals & assists. Another who loves a tackle, had a DD set up with GFA last season.

Ben Minnican - RB/RWB

A lad who came through the Chalford youth system. Chipped in with 16 goals last season. Delighted to secure his signature again after some strong interest. Loves an Hyrox. Ask him about his celebrity lookalike.

Ryan Outram - LB/LWB

'Ferret' joined the club last season from Brimscombe & went from strength to strength playing regular football. Loves a social and makes his Mum proud. Ask him to show you his tattoo.

Simon Loftus - LB

Clubs longest serving player, Mr Social Media & another OG. Moved away for the area now but will be back to wear the shirt throughout the season. Quality left foot. Travels the world for work, nobody knows his jobs!

Brad Moore - RB/CM

'Trent' comfortable at RB or in CM, good on the ball & been a huge part of the clubs recent success. Scored the goal in the playoff final to secure our promotion. Conversations can take a while.

Danny Harris - CM

'DK' it's been said in recent years if Danny plays well Chalf play well. A vital cog in our midfield who does the dirty work & has a strong voice.

Powello's favourite and has a strong hairline.

Andrew Roberts - CM

'Rew' joined the club at 16 after coming through the youth system. Another OG & even at 32 he still runs around CM like a youngster. Chips in with vital goals & loves 1 worldie a season. Lives on coffee, coco pops & 20 a day.

James Keylock - CM

'Keys' joined as a striker 7 years ago but now finds himself in a deeper role. Superb on the ball & last seasons joint player of the year. BDK is another member of the hairline club!

Sid Fawcett - CM

'Spike' great technician & quality with both feet another one to come through the youth set up . Missed large parts of last season but we are hoping to see more of him this campaign. Loudest in the group.

Freddie Wilson - CM

'Golden Boy' a dressing room favourite.

Electric over 15 yards & always a threat going forward. Also another one through the youth set up Injuries interrupted his last year but we are hoping to see him fully fit this year. Most intelligent in the group.

Luke Brunson - LWB/Forward

'Bruno' missed 2nd half of last season through injury but returned with a 10 minute cameo to win us the title in the last game of the season. Quick direct player who scores vital goals.

George Parker - Forward

'The Doctor', a lad with an abundance of talent. Quick, strong & a defenders nightmare. Another one through the youth system If we can get him firing on all cylinders we'll have a one hell of a player.

Andy Maryon - Forward

'Dzeko', immense last season in attack & defence after returning from ankle surgery. Scored some very important goals last year and will be crucial to success this year. Last seasons joint player of the year. Fastest player at the club.

Ryan Harry - Forward

'Deano', another one to come through the youth set up at Chalford. Had one of this best seasons last year in terms of goals and will look to kick on again.

Needs a +3 for presentation night.

Nat Buckland - Gaffer/ST/GK

'Bookland', joined the coaching staff in January & steps up to work alongside Powello this year after injuries got the better of him. Still got a headed goal in him.

Ben Powell - Gaffer

'Powello', 9th season in charge & the clubs most successful manager with 3 league titles & 3 cup wins in his reign. Watch out if he's walking to the changing room before half time. Thankfully agreed to stay this year after nearly getting lost near Junction 13.





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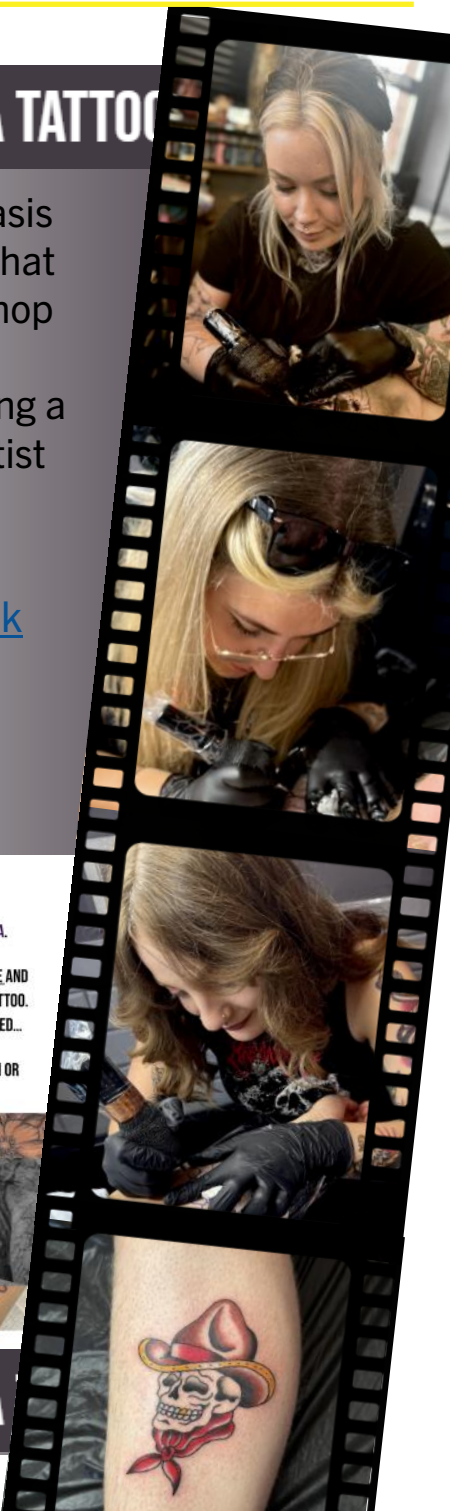
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Marc is a Gala Legend and is still an active player, having given many years' service to the First Team and now providing his experience to the Seconds. Gala Wilton FC are very thankful for his support.



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Through match reports, interviews, live radio commentaries and podcasts, Butler now looks to continue to enhance the reputation of football within the local area.

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Brad Loveridge	2	Sam Neale
Ryley Mace	3	Luke Benneyworth
Lewis Chance	4	Johnny Davis
Tim Hill	5	Luke Barstow
Keiron Mace	6	Charlie Bond
Rene Nistor	7	Jamie Lock
Marc Edwards	8	Ben Minnican
Jamie Creed	9	Ryan Outram
Benjamin Sluman	10	Simon Loftus
Archie Blacker	11	Brad Moore
Jay Dare	12	Danny Harris
Jonathan Clay	14	Andrew Roberts
Junior Mbika	15	James Keylock
Harry O'Connor	16	Sid Fawcett
Shaun Smith	17	Freddie Wilson
Harvey Sheridan	18	Luke Brunsdon
Ira Thompson-Price	19	George Parker
Ehren Wintle	20	Andy Maryon
Daniel Tyreman	21	Ryan Harry
Curtis Wilkins	22	
Kieran Woods	23	
Ishmael Kanneh	24	
Joshua Edelmann	25	
Archie Blacker	26	

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