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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.



FRAMPTON UTD AFC HISTORY

Frampton Utd AFC was founded in **1891**, making it one of the founder members of the Stroud League. They have played at the Bell Field for over 80 years and originally their HQ was the Bell Hotel until **1968** when new changing quarters were built on the Bell Field.

The club has competed in a number of leagues within the county. The early years seeing them in the Stroud League, and the now obsolete Severn Vale League. The club joined the Glos. Northern Senior League in **1953/54** which they were to play for just one season, before returning in **1964**.

In 1976/77 the Reserve XI won the Stroud Division One League and were promoted to the Glos. Northern Senior League whilst the 1st XI then went on to play in the Glos. County League in which they competed for a further 10 years.

As with many clubs, around **2002** results of both teams were not going our way, and a couple of difficult seasons lay ahead.

Eventually the club began to see the good times return, with the 1st XI finishing 3rd in the Stroud and District League in **2007/08**, and Runners Up in **2008/09**. In **2008/09** the Club also became the winners of the North Glos. County Cup, their first silverware for some years and very much celebrated!

2009/10 the 1st XI became Champions of the Stroud League Division 1 ensuring promotion to the Northern Senior League once again. They also won the Section 'B' Stroud Charity Cup.

2010/11 promotion to GNSL Div 1 was gained by winning the GNSL Div 2 League.

2011/12 promotion to Glos County League was gained by becoming Ru/Up in the GNSL Div 1 League.

2012/13 we re-introduced a 3rd team, who now play in Stroud & District League Division 4.

2017/18 2nd XI were promoted to GNSL Div 2

2023/24 Lee Driver-Dickerson returned as manager of the 1^{st} XI with last season's 3^{rd} XI manager Dave Clack stepping up to manage 2^{nd} XI and Kris Bulley taking over the 3^{rd} XI job.

2024/25 3rds promoted to Stroud Division 3

FRAMPTON UNITED PLAYER PROFILES 2024-25

Tom Kaye – Experienced goalkeeper, excellent shot stopper & great kicker of the ball.

Dom Brown – Captain. Solid CB with excellent commitment to the cause.

Joe Davis— Young defender who doesn't shy away from a tackle, reads the game well.

James Henderson- Athletic strong defender who isn't shy of a venture up the pitch. **Jacob Geddes-** Young, strong & athletic. Made a great impact when joining the club last season bringing experience with him.

George Blythe — A hard working and battling central midfield player with a good attitude and a desire to keep improving.

Fin Blythe– Attacking player who chips in with his fair share of goals, best left foot around.

Adam Cox— A busy centre midfielder with good passing ability and not scared of a tackle.

George Driver-Dickerson – Agile defender who can attack as well as he can defend.

Manolo Espada – Technically excellent, good goalscorer and distribution of the ball. **Henry Driver –Dickerson** — Young player enjoying his 2nd season in mens football. Talented & hoping to improve on his strong goal tally from last season.

Ellis Danes-Rutherford- New signing who's young bright & a good finisher,hoping to make an impact in his debut season for the club.

Stan Shilton — Young and energetic, good left foot willing to run himself into the ground.

Max Harper-Emerson-Agile and both footed, hard to stop when at top speed.

Harry Churchley- Returning to the club after a few years away, versatile player who looks to get on the ball.

Harvey Long— Always looking to get on the ball, technically gifted hoping for a strong season,

Josh Browning – Calm midfielder who lends the ball well,and a consistent performer.

Stuart Maule – A real club man who will do anything he is asked to do for the team. Is a handful to play against for any defenders.

Charlie Nash- Young & very technically gifted on the ball. Making his progression into the 1st team after a promising pre season

Tom Mangan – Young player,good energy excellent finisher.

Manager— Lee Driver-Dickerson Physio— Abbie Klus

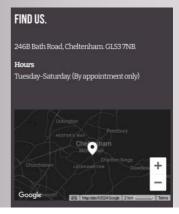


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Marc is a Gala Legend and is still an active player, having given many years' service to the First Team and now providing his experience to the Seconds. Gala Wilton FC are very thankful for his support.







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Matt Yates and Ryan Butler branched out from being part of Gloucester City's Tigers Radio in 2010 and began to cover football from National League down to the Stroud, Cheltenham and North Gloucestershire Leagues, the Cheltenham Youth U18s Floodlit League and more recently, the South West Regional and Gloucestershire County Women's Football Leagues.

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

For all the latest news and information on non-league and grassroots football within the county, head to:

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