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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.



Quedgeley Wanderers History



QWFC was formed in 1994, with just one boys under 14's team. It was started by Dave Mulrain and Ron Capper, who took on the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, positions they went on to hold for a further ten years. Dave has since returned to the club as Chairman and is in his sixth season. They laid the foundations for the club to grow to the present day where we have over 400 members across 23 competitive teams of all ages, including girls sides, 2 adult teams, walking football and Veterans. Many hours have been dedicated to the club by a number of volunteers to get to the point we are at today. In July 2021, we installed floodlights due to gaining a grant from Crest Nicholson. They were installed by MUSCO lighting who have installed lights in many Premier league sides.

We continue this season with our Seniors Committee, with James Mulrain taking the vice chairman seat. Kelly Mulrain will continue in her role as Seniors Secretary. Dave Mulrain and James Mulrain will work alongside Andy Gutteridge in the Treasurer's role. Many of our dedicated players are stepping up to help the running of the club taking on roles.

Steve Sparrow will continue to take the reins of the First Team this season. He will continue his winning ways lead the team successfully. Rob Page will be coaching the team. We have a dedicated core group of players again this season, so we have high hopes for a positive and successful season in the County League. Lee Worgan has also joined the management team as coach.

Our Reserve team are currently in Stroud League Division 3. Manager, Steve Ballinger and Assistant manager, Ash Pocock will be continuing and starting their first full season with the club. This duo will be leading the Reserves to success with some new faces and a mixture of young and mature players, we have high hopes that they will triumph.

We have a brilliant bunch of players/management both on and off the field and wish both teams the best of luck this season.

QWFC Player Profiles

Nathan Charnock – An excellent goalie who came through the youth section who has also spent time playing in the Maltese Premier League.

Jack Bright – Jack brings skill and experience to the side. Solid defender who loves a tackle.

Ollie Barnett - A valued vocal defender. A pleasure to have at the club and loves a strong tackle

Harry Furniss – New to the club this season, Harry is a promising young striker who will be finding the back of the net.

Sean Lawson – Sean brings valuable experience on and off the pitch, he will add a real attacking threat to the front line. Our captain.

Luke Holder – Reggie has been at the club for several years. He is a skilled player who gives 100% effort.

Finlay Jenner – Fin made an immediate impact when he joined us last season, we know his success will continue in scoring goals this season.

Connor Webb - A player who can read the game well, Connor channels his skills to perform to a high standard each game.

Dylan Venn - Dylan is a hardworking talented member of our team, a pleasure to have at the club.

Jordan Rouse – Returning to the club this season, Jordan brings leadership to the defence.

Jordan Barry – New signing this season, Jordan is a proficient, energetic player. A nice charismatic lad.

Benny Smith – A young versatile player, Benny joins the club this season after playing previously at this level.

Alfie Pledger – Ex Cheltenham player, Alfie is a strong and physical and takes a powerful freekick.

Harry Reynolds – Harry is a very talented and skilled player who impresses everyone. Harry is an asset to the team.

Rio Spencer – Rio is dynamic and skilfull, gets around the pitch quickly. Top goalscorer.

Ollie Curtis – When he is not flying around the world, Ollie is a talented skilful striker who can score goals.

Dave Cummings – A club stalwart, Dave gives 100% effort whenever he plays.

Rory Hunt – Rory is a young talented player with a lot of pace to offer.

James Stanbury - James brings experience and skill to the team, a leader on the pitch.

Steve Sparrow – Manager

Lee Worgan – Coach

Rob Page - Coach





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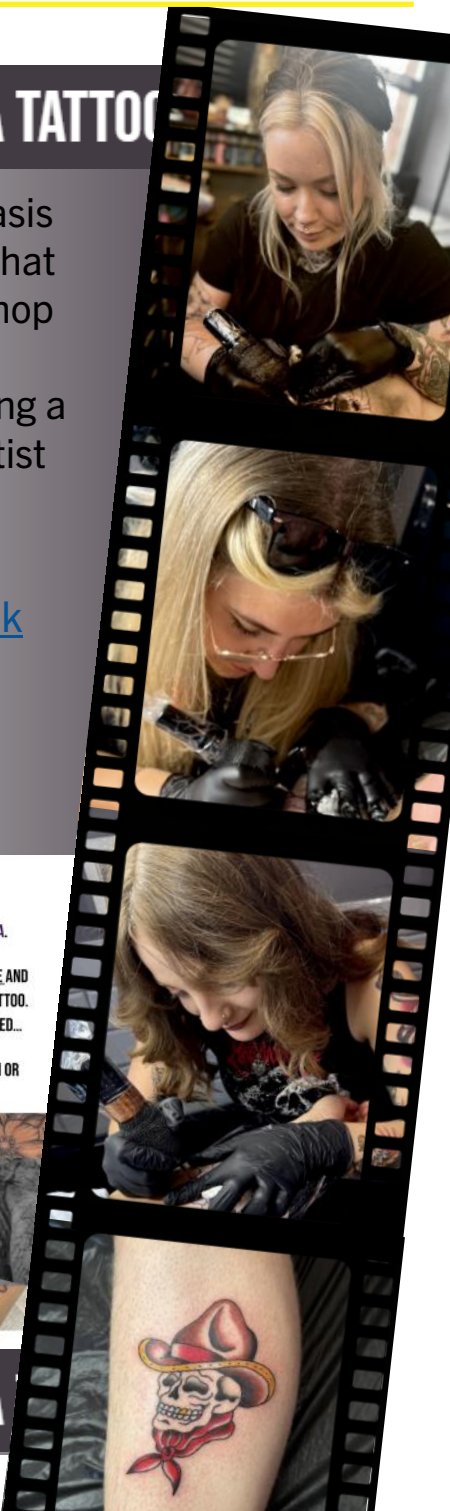
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Marc is a Gala Legend and is still an active player, having given many years' service to the First Team and now providing his experience to the Seconds. Gala Wilton FC are very thankful for his support.



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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.

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Brad Loveridge	2	Jack Bright
Ryley Mace	3	Ollie Barnett
Lewis Chance	4	Harry Furniss
Tim Hill	5	Sean Lawson
Keiron Mace	6	Luke Holder
Rene Nistor	7	Finlay Jenner
Marc Edwards	8	Connor Webb
Jamie Creed	9	Dylan Venn
Benjamin Sluman	10	Jordan Rouse
Archie Blacker	11	Jordan Barry
Jay Dare	12	Benny Smith
Jonathan Clay	14	Alfie Pledger
Junior Mbika	15	Harry Reynolds
Harry O'Connor	16	Rio Spencer
Shaun Smith	17	Ollie Curtis
Harvey Sheridan	18	Dave Cummings
Ira Thompson-Price	19	Rory Hunt
Ehren Wintle	20	James Stanbury
Daniel Tyreman	21	
Curtis Wilkins	22	
Kieran Woods	23	
Ishmael Kanneh	24	
Joshua Edelmann	25	
Archie Blacker	26	

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