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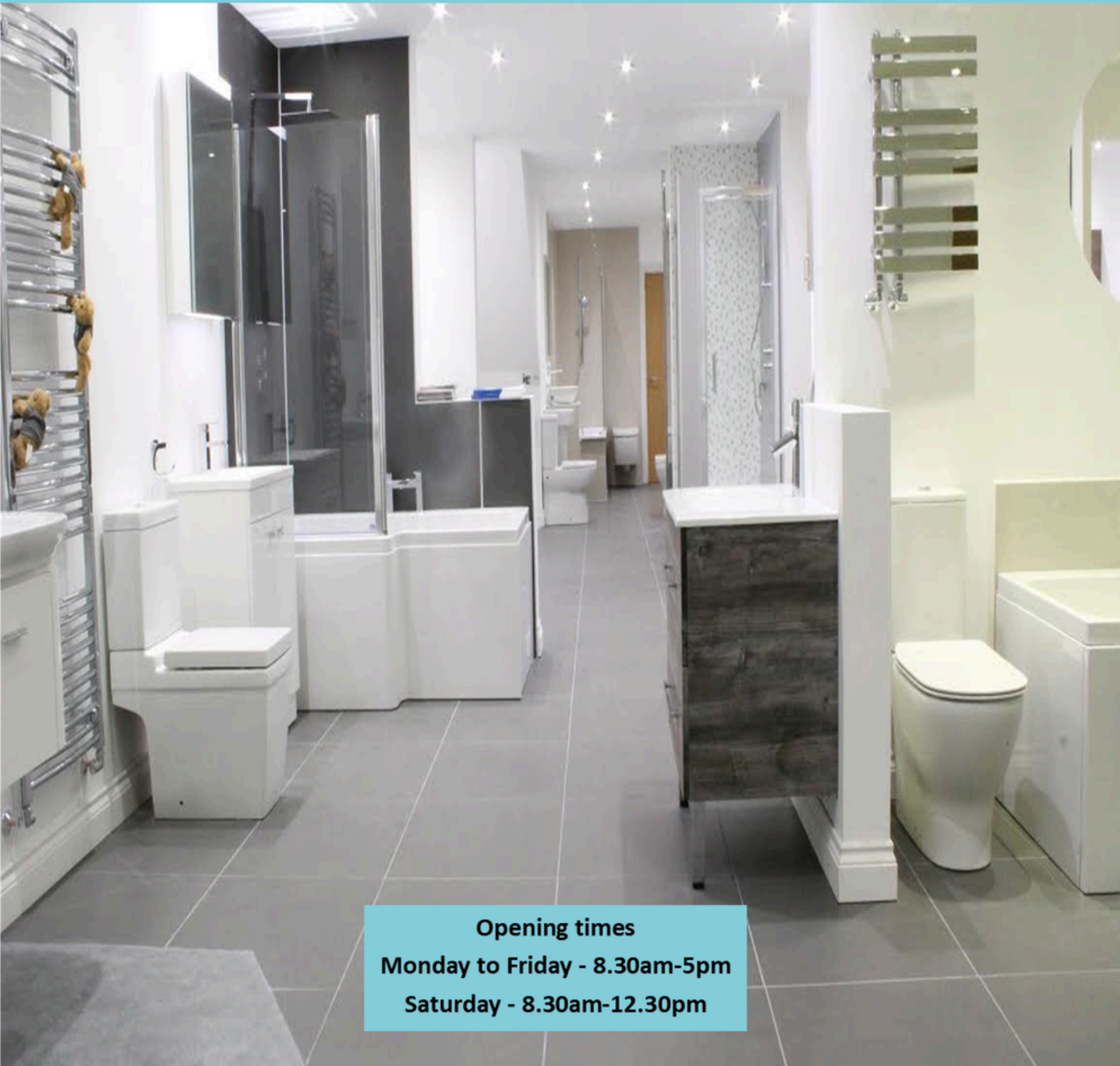
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WELCOME

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Cornell & Company Stadium (Saw Mills) where we host Ruardean Hill Rangers in the Marcliff Gloucestershire County League.

It was a disappointing performance all round last week against a very strong Tewkesbury Town. Going 3-0 within the first 24 minutes gave ourselves too big a mountain to climb, eventually falling to a 4-2 defeat.

Tonight is an opportunity to make amends against a Ruardean side who come here tonight off the back of a 4-2 victory against Stoke Gifford the week before last.

We have drawn a home tie against Stoke Gifford United in the next round of the Les James League Cup. This will take place on Saturday 21st November.

A warm welcome to tonight's match official Kevin Slade, assisted by Graham McNulty and Jason James.

Enjoy the game!

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The Club, in its current format, was founded in 1954. We initially played in the North Gloucestershire League, but currently we operate in the uhlSport Hellenic League, the Marcliff Gloucestershire County League and the Stroud and District League. Our ladies team operate in the Gloucestershire County Women's League.

In 2011-12, Gloucester City Council created a new football facility and we were fortunate enough to be offered the tenancy, which enabled us to make the step-up to the Gloucestershire County League as our facilities at our Club HQ could not be converted to 'make the grade'. At this point, we must give great credit to E. G. Carter and Company Limited, our major sponsors, because, without them, we could not have got Saw Mills up to the required standard.

In recent years the Club has expanded massively, and we now run five male adult sides, a Ladies side and a Veterans team. Our youth section gives us continuous cover from U8s through to Veterans. Two seasons ago, we introduced a girls' team and this section continues to expand.

We are recognised as a Two Star FA Accredited Club, the system that has replaced the previously used Charter Standard 'banner'. A special mention here to Dennis Barnsley who has done so much work in respect of the Youth Section, to our Chairman Mark Cornell and Treasurer Chris Trout for putting in so much work to make the expansion of the Junior/Youth Sections happen.

We had spent more than forty years trying to reach the Gloucestershire County League, but amazingly, within three years we had passed through it and gained promotion to the uhlSport Hellenic League, having won the County League in 2013-14 and once again we were indebted to E. G. Carter and Company Limited for helping us upgrade Saw Mills to the required standard.

In 2014/15 we started another new phase for the Club, in Division One West of the uhlSport Hellenic League and what a start! We won the Division at the first attempt, so after three consecutive titles and two consecutive promotions, we found ourselves in the Hellenic Premier Division and have consolidated our position in that Division, which is no mean feat given that the majority of sides we play have a history and an infrastructure that is superior to ours.

Meanwhile, in the 2014-15 season, our reserve team won the Stroud & District Football League Division 1 title which ensured promotion to the Gloucestershire Northern Senior League. A third-place finish in the GNSL Division 2 in the 2016-17 season resulted in promotion to GNSL Division 1.

In the 2021-22 season, we had our best ever experience in the FA Cup that culminated in us playing Gloucester City – a dream day out for the Club which will live long in the memory – but the past two seasons we were brought back to earth with exits from the FA Cup in the extra preliminary round. The 2023-24 season saw a 16th place finish for our 1st team however the club did have the best FA Vase run reaching the second round after victories against Keynsham Town, Shortwood United and then a 430 mile round trip to Helston Athletic.

For our reserves in 2023-24, they took the GNSL Division 1 season down to the wire where the last game of the season, Chalford vs. Tredworth Tigers, resulted in a three-way title decider. A win for either of them secured the title whereas a draw would hand it to Longlevens Reserves. Despite being 1-1 going into the 90th minute, Chalford would go on to snatch a winner handing them the GNSL Division 1 title. Chalford were finally promoted to Gloucestershire County League having won the title the year before only to be denied by the controversial play-off system, meanwhile Longlevens Reserves had to settle for 2nd.

After 4 seasons at the helm, both Michael Palmer and Craig “Spider” Martin stepped down as co-managers of the 1st Team. Having secured our Hellenic League Premier Division status on the last day of the 2024-25 season. Buster Davies and Pete Boyle were appointed as new managers for the 2025-26 season.

The 2025-26 season was a successful one for Buster and Pete’s first season. A solid 11th place finish in the league campaign was topped off with winning the Wiseman Lighting Floodlit Cup beating Hungerford Town U23s in the final.

The reserve team finally went on to secure the GNSL Division 1 title having spent 4 seasons prior never finishing outside the top four. The season evolved into what became a four-way contest between Longlevens Reserves, Whaddon United, English Bicknor and Dursley Town. Longlevens Reserves would ultimately make it over the line beating English Bicknor 2-1 in their penultimate game. In the County Cup, the reserves reached the final playing the 2025-26 Gloucestershire County League champions Sharpness. They were narrowly defeated 4-3 with Sharpness scoring in the last minute to win the game.

Promotion to the Gloucestershire County League was not without controversy, however. Despite winning the league, the reserves had to face Bristol & Suburban League champions Wessex Wanderers in a farcical play-off competition to gain promotion where they won 2-0. It did end up taking the FA to confirm the result in a hearing weeks after the game where Longlevens Reserves were finally confirmed to be promoted to Step 7.

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Player Profiles

LONGLEEVENS RESERVES

Jack Sargeant – Young GK entering his 3rd season with the club following youth team football. Growing in confidence and stature year by year. More than plays his part when required.

Jack Stokes – Veteran Keeper. Has been with the side for a number of years, always manages a hand full of games every season and a regular amongst the support staff.

Rylan Snelgrove – Combative fullback. A Big character at a young age. A great left foot with an eye for a good delivery in forward areas.

Ollie Morrissey – Mature beyond his years. Successive Managers player of the year now. Can play Midfield and fullback. Guaranteed 7/10 every week without fail.

Fin Kent – Another who can play in multiple Positions. Whippet like speed who always offers a threat from wide areas.

Toby Boakes – Ex Youth team captain. Taken to senior football like a duck to water. A really good 1-1 defender and doesn't often get beaten in the air.

Tom Spencer – Young defender who spent the majority of last season playing 1st team football and will be hoping to do the same again this season. Experienced head on young shoulders.

Luke Troke – Composed Full back/Centre Half. Always plays like he has loads of time on his hands. Bags of tricks with a good left foot.

Mike Thornton – Veteran Defender/Midfielder entering his 1st full season with the club. Another to hang your hat on when needed in important games. Experience at this level and above with previous clubs.

Luke Kavanagh – Entering his 14th season with the club. Last season's players player of the season. Natural leader. Won the County league 3x before. Twice with the first team.

James Barnett – Defender turned Striker. Always managed to score goals consistently at GNSL. Another one who is ever present on important games.

Harley Walsh – Up and coming young defender. Not looked out of place so far, when called upon. Will Only get better in playing more games at senior level.

Kaya Demirok – Another youth team graduate, can also play in multiple positions. Always gives 110% to everything he does on the pitch. Another left footed player.

Jack Cornell – Team Captain. Consistent player through midfield and in forward areas. Always offers a threat towards the oppositions goal.

Josh Gallifant – Returning back to the side after a few years out with injury. An eloquent midfield player, who always plays on the half turn.

Phill Blackburn – Ever present midfielder. Forever young, who seems to have been around the club for centuries! Easily the fittest player on the side who always contributes when needed.

Fin Rankin – Full metal forward player who likes to take defenders on at will. Another one of the clubs emerging talents, always knocking on the door of the first team Squad.

Josh Bird – 1st season at the club and has impressed in pre-season. Neat and tidy winger, who rarely puts a foot wrong in his build up play.

Luke Twynning – Returning combative midfielder with bags of potential to fulfill. Looking forward to seeing him back at Levens this coming season.

Brad Martin – Reputation at the club for nothing but scoring goals. 250+ goals at first team level. Dropped down last season for family reasons. Massive addition to the side. Previous 2 x winner of the county league with the first team.

Leo Marsden-Green – Cultured forward player. Builds any attack nicely and always creates chances. Big season ahead for this player.

Theo Bevan – “Starboy” is how he is also known. An emerging talent at still such a young age. A big future to come at the club and beyond if he can keep his feet on the ground.

Craig Martin – “Mr Longlevens AFC”. Not a role at the club he hasn’t fulfilled both on and off the football pitch. Stepped down as first team manager before last season and won promotion with the 2nds in the first season under his management.

Ben Symons – Perfect right hand man. Black book as big as any manager. A plethora of experience in management across many years.

Mike Rinaldi – The joker of any pack. Consistent, ever reliant figure in the management side, another leader in nature and someone you can put your mortgage on to have your back.

Dale Rawlins – Ex 2nd team manager returning to the fold as a support act. Another with bags of experience in management to offer support across all the players involved.

Nathan Brown – No side functions without a bloke like this. Turns up, never moans, does the job nobody else wants to do and supports the lads regardless.



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Ruardean Hill Rangers play their football on the highest point in the Forest of Dean, 920 feet above sea level.

Formed in 1919, Ruardean Hill played in the old Forest of Dean league until its termination in the late 1950's where they moved into the North Gloucestershire League and have remained there in some capacity ever since.

Ruardean Hill gained their first promotion to the Northern Senior League in 1994/95 and competed here for several seasons before being relegated in 2001. Immediately gaining promotion the following year only to be relegated again in 2004. In the 2011/12 season they gained a last day promotion back to the senior league and also reached the final of the 'Amateur Cup'. The 2012/13 season brought the club its first promotion to the Northern Senior League Division 1 for back to back titles. The 'Hill' finished in the top eight for each of the next three seasons before finally winning the Division 1 title last season scoring an incredible 125 goals and conceding just 34 in 35 games. Ruardean Hill's current first team has a good mixture of youth and experience

The club's promotions owe a lot to the depth of its other senior teams and the junior ranks. Ruardean Hill now field 3 senior teams and a Under 14's team who became Champions of their league and gained promotion to Division 1 of the Cheltenham Youth League last season with a undefeated season.

The club are this season competing in their 9th season in the Marcliff County League and are hoping for a strong showing again this year having established themselves.

RUARDEAN HILL RANGERS PEN PICS



Aaron Underwood (Goalkeeper) – 1 of the longest serving players in the squad. Great shot stopper who can also start defence to attack very quickly with his direct kicking. Big presence in the dressing room.



Steve Bowles (Goalkeeper) – Great competition with Aaron for the number 1 spot. Steve has had spells with Cinderford Town in the past. Steve is a keeper who is quick off his line and comfortable with the ball at his feet



Bobby Walding (Defender) – Bobby who has had a spell as a striker in the past, has certainly found his position at centre back. Great organiser of the defence. Likes a good battle with opposing strikers.



Jack Meek (Defender) – Quiet man of the team. Always in the right place at the right time. Reads the game very well and plays the game very chilled out.



Ricky Tingle (Defender) – Rick covers the ground well and looks to play football from the back. Loves an opportunity to get forward and score. Great in both boxes.



Blaine Smith (Defender) – Blaine will bring great county league experience to the club having previously played for Broadwell. Going to add physical presence to the squad. Will cause plenty of problems to opposing teams at set pieces



Dan Bowles (Defender) – 1st full season with the club who also plays for Cinderford Town U18's. Dan is a proper defender who likes to battle with the opposing strikers. Doesn't lose much in the air. Great Drummer.



Isaac Hatcher (Midfielder) – Another young player who is in his 1st full season with the club. Played the second half of last season with 2nd team winning Players Player of the Year. Great energy and pace to burn. Can play anywhere in midfield and up front.



Dan Matthews (Midfielder) – Dan is a player again with great energy and never stops running. Can play anywhere along the midfield and like to get a good tackle in. Reliable !!



Ryan Smith (Midfielder) – New signing for the Club. Going to be a great addition with the ability to play in numerous positions. Will hopefully add good competition to the squad this season.



Mitch Griffin (Midfielder) – Mitch likes to get the ball down and take people on. Can play on either wing. Great work rate and always puts a shift in for the team.



Stuart Cornwell-Boote (Midfielder) – Stu loves taking defenders on. He loves nothing better than a good nutmeg. Great team player. He is 1 of the older players in the squad. Loves a trip to the park.



Dan Mason (Midfielder) – Dan will be like a new signing this season. Spent most of last season injured or suspended. Great character around the dressing room. He can play anywhere in midfield and loves to put a tackle in.



Steve Coombs (Midfielder) – Vital cog to the team in the engine room. Long serving member of the club. 1 of the best passers of the ball in the squad, rarely giving the ball away. Has started to add goals to his game.



Charley Mason (Midfielder) – Great engine who has a great eye for a pass. Doesn't mind a tackle either. Set piece delivery excellent. Charley likes to get the ball down on the floor and play.



Luke Brown (Midfielder/Forward) – Club Captain. Always looking to play the game the right way. Has the ability to play anywhere. Work rate is 2nd to none. Likes to score goals from midfield.



Ben Ball (Midfielder) – 1st full season in men's football. Likes to get on the ball and has a great eye for a pass. Will learn loads this season.



Kane Fellows (Midfielder/Forward) – Very committed. Kane can play anywhere in midfield or up top. Not afraid to put the foot in if needed. His movement can cause teams a lot of problems.



Luke Johnson (Forward) – Luke loves to put the ball in the back of the net. His tireless running for the team is a massive addition to the team. Defenders nightmare with his running.



Shaun Tingle (Forward) – Shaun's work rate and hold up play is immense. Does not lose much in the air. Gets his fair share of goals too.



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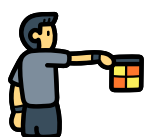


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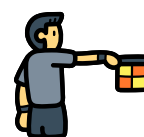
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