

# O UFC Newsletter

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## // WELCOME //

Welcome to the fifth OUFC club newsletter. I'm pleased to say that football is back! After such a disruption to the 20/21 season, we have guidance to restart training and matches from 29th March.

Most teams within OUFC will have some league games to return to and with the summer tournaments on the horizon, we should be busy for the next couple of months.

Behind the scenes, the committee has been working hard to secure further pitch space, applying for funding opportunities, successfully applying to become a Wildcats centre for girls football and undertaking pitch preparation and pavilion repairs.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks.

- Stuart Cunningham, Chairman

## // NEWS //

Simon Moseley, our Club Treasurer, has decided to step down at the end of this season, during his 4 years with us he has worked tirelessly on all financial related aspects of the Club and has done a fantastic job during his time with us. Thanks Simon.

We are looking to replace Simon asap to enable a period of transition; if you are interested in volunteering your time to be part of a great group of people and help move the Club forward then please get in touch.

Crowborough League will return from the 11th April for most of our junior and mini soccer teams.

Ashford League will also be returning for our u15s who will get to see their last remaining fixtures played out.

Sevenoaks & District League will return on 3rd April for our Reserves after it was agreed the league can continue.

Kent County Football League, for our First team, has unfortunately been declared null and void for the current season. However, to ensure playing continues for our members, the managers are in discussions with other local clubs to create a round-robin of fixtures for games to continue for the time being.

The club have secured new playing facilities in the form of an extra 9v9 pitch at Shoreham Village School which will help with match and training congestion at Otford Recreation ground.

Please take time to read the club's guidelines. The club's risk assessment is available on request.

The club will be taking into consideration the amount of football missed this year when setting next season's fees.

### Rules for the return to football include:

**Changing rooms cannot be used as part of step one in the roadmap out of lockdown and must remain shut.**

**No spectators are allowed at grassroots football as part of step one of the Government's roadmap, unless for safeguarding purposes which should be limited to one parent or carer per child.**

## // PLAYERS IN FOCUS //

### Albert

I support Arsenal

I play for Otford United FC Under 8's

I have played for Otford since 2019

The position I play in is Striker

I play like Martinelli

The best player I've played with is Ollie in games and Thomas in training

My favourite memory playing for Otford so far:

I love to score goals. Scoring my hat trick by turning, shooting and scoring, it's all about having fun with my friends and enjoying ourselves that's all that matters



### Lucy

I support Tottenham Hotspur

I play for Otford United FC Under 10 Wildcats

I have played for Otford for 4 years

The position I play in is Everywhere!

I play like Lucy Bronze (Lionesses)

The best player I've played with is Mike Delaney (Skills Academy)

My favourite memory playing for Otford so far:

Scoring 7 goals in one game



### Luke Wilson

I support Chelsea

I play for Otford United FC Under 18's

I have played for Otford for 2 years

The position I play in is Goalkeeper

I play like Kaylor Navas

The best player I've played with is Sasha Schuvchuk (Chelsea Academy)

My favourite memory playing for Otford so far:

would probably be when I wasn't even playing due to injury and centre back Alex Lewis saved a penalty after replacing me in goal or when I made a number of great saves which kept us from losing a game in pre-season



## // MEN'S TEAMS //

### First XI - Kent County Premier

'With the league now voided, we are preparing a return to training and friendlies to take us through April and May. Preseason planning is already underway and the boys are very excited about us getting back to action. The extended period before the new season gives us a chance to implement our philosophy and style for what we hope will be a very positive season for the O's.'

- Mike Cunningham, First Team Manager

### Reserves - Sevenoaks & District Division One

'With the news the season is set to get underway again on the 3rd, our preparations have already begun, players have been doing their own bits of fitness on the side and we are raring to go for the restart, hoping to push for that top spot.'

- Josh Holland, Reserve Team Manager

### Upcoming Fixtures:

Reserves - Sevenoaks & District Div 1

03/04 Seal FC Away

10/04 Swanley Oaks Home

Pos		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Ightham FC	9	6	1	2	10	19
2	Oxford United Reserves	9	6	1	2	8	19
3	Westerham Football Club	9	6	0	3	19	18

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