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CHAIRMAN'S PROGRAMME NOTES

Three Bridges vs Sheppey United

What a fantastic weekend we've just had, with all of our youth teams and our women's team kicking off their seasons.

Naturally, like all clubs with youth football, we've had a mix of results but as we always say, it's not the scores that matter, it's the enjoyment. And I can guarantee that everyone involved had a great time.

Our women's senior side may have fallen short in the FA Cup, but the football on display was outstanding. For such a young squad, the signs are incredibly promising, and the future looks very bright indeed.

I've always believed that a club is only as strong as its people and I cannot thank mine enough. This past weekend was a real test for our food and beverage team. From Friday evening through to late Sunday afternoon, they were superb. Well done and thank you to each and every one of you.

Tonight, we extend a warm welcome to our friends from Sheppey. I hope the journey wasn't too much of a challenge. M25 rush hour traffic is never pleasant! Looking at the recent form between our sides, it's been three wins apiece over the last six games, with no draws in sight so who knows what tonight will bring? What we can say is that it promises to be exciting.

So, let's sit back and enjoy a great game of football though between us, I'll admit I'd love to see us take the win!

Enjoy the game.

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A HISTORY OF THREE BRIDGES FOOTBALL CLUB

Founded in 1901, Three Bridges joined the Mid Sussex Football League in 1902 and were Champions of that League for the first time in the 1907/08 season. Their first major success came in 1933/34, when they won the Sussex Junior Cup, and sundry other minor honours came their way before they joined the Sussex County Football League in 1952/53, and two years later were crowned Second Division Champions.

In 1962/63 they won the Division Two Invitation Cup and in 1968/69, 1973/74 and 1979/80 were Second Division Runners Up. 1970/71 produced an against-the-odds triumph when winning the League's Invitation Cup against Southwick (3-2). The 1980s heralded a run of successes, starting with reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase for the first time in 1981/82 before losing at Molesey (1-2). A season later they made it to the last 32 but also won the Sussex RUR Charity Cup for the first time, beating Hastings Town 3-2. Another year on saw them finish runners up in the Thorn EMI National six-a-side tournament, winning a set of floodlights. 1985/86 saw them finish as County League Division One runners up, a feat they repeated in both 1987/88 (when they also won the RUR Cup again) and 1988/89. A fire destroyed their clubhouse in 1993 which re-focused their priorities and ultimately resulted in relegation in 1996/97. They won the Division 2 League Cup a season later and then finished runners up in Division 2 to regain Division 1 status. They were RUR Cup runners up in 2003/04 and then winners of that same prestigious trophy in 2007/08. In season 2010/11 hopes were high when they started by winning their first nine League games, but eventually finished the season in 5th place. However, they did win the John O'Hara League Challenge Cup for the first time that season, beating Rye United 2-1, a tremendous feat that they achieved again in 2011/12, this time AFC Uckfield being defeated 2-1. It looked like being another tough League campaign when they lost four of the first nine matches, but then lost only one of the remaining 29 games, which was concluded by beating Championship rivals Rye United 1-0 at home on the final day of the season! This tremendous run meant the club had achieved its ambition and become Sussex County Football League Champions.

Their first season in the Ryman Isthmian Football League South Division saw them struggle for much of the time. However, having been 10 points adrift at the bottom of the table in mid-February, they went on a run of 11 matches that produced 7 victories, 2 draws and just 2 defeats, earning them Team of the Month Awards in both March and April as a result. It meant that they survived the drop, but their second season in the Ryman League saw them struggle at times again but some key signings midway through the season helped them to 19th place. The 2014/15 season saw an even greater improvement with a healthy mixture of youth and experience guiding them into 7th position and, whilst they were happy to score 94 League goals, they were less than happy about the 95 they conceded! They improved their defensive record in conceding 67 goals in season 2015/16 but only scored 59, hardly helped by long-term injuries to strike partners Allan Tait and Tony Garrod. With 66 points, they slumped to 14th position, although they only accumulated 6 points fewer than in the previous campaign!

Bridges maintained most of that season's squad for the 2016/17 campaign. However, with at least 11 first team players out injured by September, they had to use a lot of the U21s, Academy and U18s players and by November had lost 12 games in a row, drew three and won just one game. Towards the end of the season, they strengthened the squad but it was too late to avoid relegation. For the 2017/18 season, Bridges kept a few of the best of the players from the previous season and strengthened the team with more experienced players in the hope of promotion once again. Bridges also strengthened the management team with the additions of the experienced ex-Bridges player, Martin Dynan as Assistant Manager, and UEFA 'A' licensed Coach, Marc Wardley. That season turned out to be an extremely tough one with every team wanting to beat us. However, Bridges accomplished what they set out to do by gaining promotion back to the Isthmian League having finished second place in the Southern Combination League Premier Division, just one point behind the winners, Haywards Heath Town, and despite having only lost 3 games all season.

After serving 25 years with the Club as a manager, Paul Faili stood down as First Team Manager for the 2018/19 season in order to concentrate on his role as Club Chairman, and handed the management reins over to Martin Dynan, assisted by Liam Collins alongside Keith George. After losing 8 out of 12 League games by the end of November, as well as being knocked out of all four cup competitions, the future looked bleak for Martin Dynan. However, the team then went on an unbeaten run in December, earning Martin the League's Manager of the Month Award. Unfortunately, that didn't last, and Martin's demise was inevitable by the end of February, having lost 8 of the last nine games with relegation looming. Paul Faili stepped in for the remaining 9 games of the season attaining 4 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses – enough for a 14th place finish and 14 points clear of relegation.

Paul remained as Manager, ably assisted by Keith George and coached by Jamie Crellin who played for the Club for five seasons, but sadly had to hang up his boots after sustaining an ankle injury early in the 2018/19 season, after making 164 appearances for the Club. First Team player, Brannon O'Neill, was appointed as U18s Manager. 2021/22 saw Jamie Crellin take over as First Team Manager, with Danny Lee (former Academy manager) returning to the club to join Jamie in the dugout as Assistant Manager. The 2022/23 season saw Brannon O'Neill appointed as Assistant Manager following Danny Lee's departure to Whitehawk and Joe Kay joined as First Team Coach. The team finished in their highest ever League position (fourth) but were beaten in the final of the Play Offs at home to Chichester City.

Brannon moved to Burgess Hill Town in the summer of 2024, so Joe Kay is now Jamie's Assistant Manager with Ross Ball in the role of Goalkeeping Coach.

The 2024/25 season was a monumental year for the football club, as the long planned 3G pitch facility development took place. This meant starting the season playing home games out of Chatham Town FC, but by Boxing Day the First Team were back home and by January 2025 the 3G pitch was in full use by men's, women's and youth teams of Three Bridges FC, as well as users from the local community, schools, colleges and charities. On the pitch, after being in the relegation zone in November, the team finished in a respectable 8th place after making a late but unsuccessful push for the play-offs.

The majority of the 2024/25 team have remained at the club, with Dan Perry returning during pre-season and further additions made in Sam Roberts, Charlie Bennett and Ade Adeyinka.



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FIXTURES & RESULTS

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Tuesday 9 September 2025

Isthmian League – South East Division

AFC Croydon Athletic  19:45  Broadbridge Heath
At Cobham FC

Three Bridges  19:45  Sheppey United

Saturday 13 September 2025

Isthmian League – South East Division

East Grinstead Town  15:00  Hassocks FC

Eastbourne Town  15:00  Herne Bay

Erith Town  15:00  Merstham

Hastings United  15:00  Broadbridge Heath

Margate  15:00  VCD Athletic

Sevenoaks Town  15:00  Sheppey United

Three Bridges  15:00  AFC Whyteleafe



FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Comp	H/A	Opposition	Res.	Scorers
02/08	FA CUP	H	SHOREHAM	5-2	R Hallard, OG, Bennet x2, Rivera
09/08	LEAGUE	H	EASTBOURNE TOWN	5-0	Adeyinka, Irving, Hallard x3
12/08	LEAGUE	A	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN	4-1	Velvick, Woollard, Hallard, Fisher
16/08	FA CUP	H	HORSHAM YM	4-1	Hallard x2, Adeyinka, Rivera
23/08	FA TROPHY	A	MARLOW	3-0	Ojo, Adeyinka, Bennett
25/08	LEAGUE	A	BROADBRIDGE HEATH	1-2	Hallard
30/08	FA CUP	H	WALTON & HERSHAM	0-2	
05/09	FA TROPHY	A	ASCOT UNITED	0-2	
09/09	LEAGUE	H	SHEPPEY UNITED		
13/09	LEAGUE	H	AFC WHYTELEAFE		
16/09	LEAGUE	H	JERSEY BULLS		
23/09	LEAGUE	A	ASHFORD UNITED		
27/09	LEAGUE	H	HASTINGS UNITED		
30/09	VELOCITY CUP	A	SOUTH PARK REIGATE		
04/10	LEAGUE	A	MERSTHAM		
11/10	LEAGUE	H	DEAL TOWN		
14/10	LEAGUE	A	JERSEY BULLS		
18/10	LEAGUE	A	HERNE BAY		
25/10	LEAGUE	H	CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC		
01/11	LEAGUE	A	ERITH TOWN		
08/11	LEAGUE	H	SITTINGBOURNE		
11/11	LEAGUE	H	EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN		
15/11	LEAGUE	A	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC		
22/11	LEAGUE	H	FAVERSHAM TOWN		
29/11	LEAGUE	A	EASTBOURNE TOWN		
06/12	LEAGUE	H	MARGATE		
13/12	LEAGUE	A	SEVENOAKS TOWN		
20/12	LEAGUE	H	ASHFORD UNITED		
27/12	LEAGUE	A	HASSOCKS		
03/01	LEAGUE	H	BROADBRIDGE HEATH		
10/01	LEAGUE	A	BECKENHAM TOWN		
17/01	LEAGUE	H	VCD ATHLETIC		
24/01	LEAGUE	A	DEAL TOWN		
31/01	LEAGUE	H	MERSTHAM		
07/02	LEAGUE	A	HASTINGS UNITED		
14/02	LEAGUE	H	HERNE BAY		
21/02	LEAGUE	A	CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC		
28/02	LEAGUE	H	ERITH TOWN		
07/03	LEAGUE	A	SITTINGBOURNE		
14/03	LEAGUE	H	SEVENOAKS TOWN		
21/03	LEAGUE	A	MARGATE		
28/03	LEAGUE	H	BECKENHAM TOWN		
04/04	LEAGUE	A	SHEPPEY UNITED		
06/04	LEAGUE	H	HASSOCKS		
11/04	LEAGUE	A	AFC WHYTELEAFE		
18/04	LEAGUE	H	AFC CROYDON ATHLETIC		
25/04	LEAGUE	A	FAVERSHAM TOWN		



LEAGUE TABLE

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION

Correct as of 1 September 2025
Courtesy of Football Web Pages

		Home				Away				Total				F	A	+/-	Pts
		P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L				
	1 Faversham Town	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	13	3	+10	10
	2 AFC Croydon Athletic	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	6	1	+5	9
	3 Sittingbourne	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	4	3	0	1	8	5	+3	9
	4 Merstham	4	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	5	2	2	1	9	8	+1	8
	5 Broadbridge Heath	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	7	2	+5	7
	6 Herne Bay	2	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	5	2	1	2	9	8	+1	7
	7 Sevenoaks Town	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	4	2	1	1	5	4	+1	7
	8 Three Bridges	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	10	3	+7	6
	9 AFC Whyteleafe	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	7	3	+4	6
	10 Sheppey United	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	8	5	+3	6
	11 VCD Athletic	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	3	0	6	5	+1	6
	12 Hassocks	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	6	6	0	6
	13 Crowborough Athletic	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	2	0	2	7	8	-1	6
	14 Hastings United	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
	15 Eastbourne Town	1	0	1	0	4	1	0	3	5	1	1	3	4	11	-7	4
	16 Jersey Bulls	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4	4	0	3
	17 Margate	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	1	4	0	3	1	6	7	-1	3
	18 Deal Town	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	4	1	0	3	6	13	-7	3
	19 Beckenham Town	2	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	4	0	2	2	4	7	-3	2
	20 Ashford United	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	4	0	2	2	6	12	-6	2
	21 Erith Town	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	4	0	1	3	2	6	-4	1
	22 East Grinstead Town	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	5	3	15	-12	0

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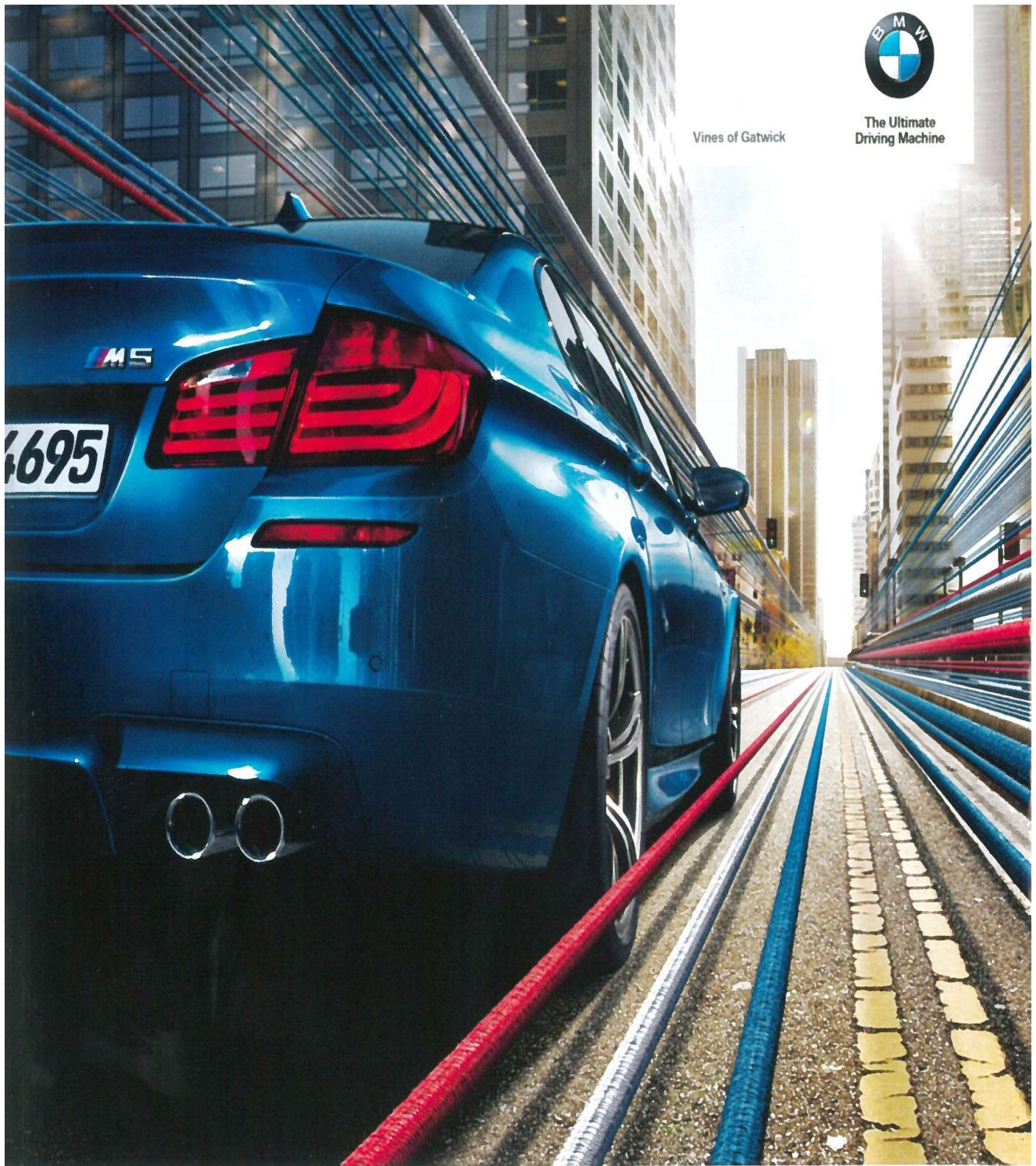
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A HISTORY OF SHEPPEY UNITED FC

Sheppey United FC was formed in 1890 by a merger of Sheerness Victoria and Invicta, and initially played at the Sheppey United Cricket Club ground at Botany Road. The first match was at Sittingbourne on 20 September 1890, with Sheppey running out 3-1 winners despite turning up with only ten players. The match report referred to us as 'the Sheppeyites', hence the club nickname 'The Ites', which remains to this day.

They were founder members of both the Southern League and the Kent League in 1894. In the Southern League they were placed in Division Two, in which they finished as runners-up in the first season, before losing the promotion/relegation test match against Clapton 5-1.

The following season they finished second again, and this time won the test match, defeating Royal Ordnance Factories 4-2 to earn promotion to Division One. At the end of the season they left the Kent League. The season also saw the club make their debut in the FA Cup when they played Millwall Athletic, but lost 4-0.

In their first season in Division One they finished second bottom of the table, but avoided relegation by defeating RETB Chatham 2-1 in the test matches. In 1898-99 they again finished second bottom of the table but retained their Division One status after drawing the test match against Thames Ironworks 1-1. However, the following season they finished bottom of the table and lost the test match against Watford 2-1, resulting in relegation back to Division Two.

The club re-joined the Kent League prior to the start of the 1900-01 season, as well as remaining in the Southern League. However, after a single season back in Division Two, the club withdrew from the Southern League. In 1905-06 they won the Kent League and repeated the feat the following season. A third title was won in 1927-28, by the reserve team as the first team had re-joined the Southern League for that season and were placed in the English Section. However, after finishing bottom of the league in both 1930-31 and 1931-32 they resigned, and returned to the Kent League in Division One.

At the end of the 1938-39 season Sheppey finished bottom of the league and should have been relegated, but the league was suspended due to the Second World War. After the war Sheppey were placed back in the top division of the Kent league for the 1945-46 season. The club then remained in Division one until the 1958-59 season when the Kent league stopped.

In 1959 they were founder members of the Aetolian League, which they played in until it merged with the London League to form the Greater London League in 1964. After winning Section B of the Greater London League in 1964-65, the club joined the Metropolitan League. They had a single season in the Metropolitan-London League in 1971-72 after it was formed by a merger of the Metropolitan League and the Greater London, before re-joining the new Kent League in 1972. They won the title in their first season back in the league and were league champions again in 1974-75 and 1978-79, as well as winning the League Cup in 1975-76 and 1978-79. After finishing second in 1983-84, the club re-joined the Southern League for a third spell. However, after finishing bottom of Division One South in 1989-90 they returned to

the Kent League. They finished bottom of the table in their first season back, but a gradual improvement saw them win the league in 1994–95.

Sheppey United sold the much-loved Botany Round ground to developers in 1992 to clear a massive overdraft, and this started a long and slow death for the club.

Initially this did not appear to present too many problems as Sheppey romped away with the Kent League title, whilst ground-sharing with Faversham Town, losing only two out of forty games. Ultimately however, as the club spent most of the 1990s trying in vain to find a new home on the Island, years of playing away from Sheppey began to take its toll, as the club moved from Faversham, to Canterbury, and then to Sittingbourne. Attendances fell sharply as supporters increasingly became disenchanted with traveling off the Island for 'home' games, and the club could no longer afford the rents involved.

In March 2001 the club resigned from the Kent League and their record was expunged. The senior team was disbanded until being reformed in 2003, when they joined Division Two East of the Kent County League. They finished second in their first season and were promoted to Division One East. The club was renamed AFC Sheppey in 2007, but was disbanded and reformed under their original name prior to the 2010–11 season.

In June 2013 the club merged with Sheerness East FC to become Sheppey & Sheerness United FC competing in the Kent County League Premier Division with the club playing their home games at Holm Park formerly Canning Town Gasworks and then Sheerness Steel Sports Ground. The season saw the club win the Kent FA Intermediate Challenge Shield and finish runners up in the league and were promoted to the Kent Invicta League.

In the summer of 2014 the club was renamed back to Sheppey United FC.

Major investment has been injected into Holm Park including: perimeter fencing, new dressing rooms, club house refurbishments, floodlights, stands, levelling the main pitch including installing drainage and sprinkler system.

A second place finish in the Kent Invicta League was achieved at the end of the 2015/16 season gaining promotion to the Southern Counties East Football League Premier Division. The Kent Invicta League merged into the Southern Counties East Football League that summer forming Division One.

2016 was a remarkable season for the club winning the Kent Senior Trophy, beating Ashford United on penalties at Maidstone United's Gallagher Stadium in front of a crowd of 870, whilst Holm Park's ground regeneration saw 715 fans flock to the stadium for a home match against Glebe.

A sixth-place finish in the SCEFL Premier Division was a great achievement in the club's return to Step 5 of the Non-League pyramid and a SCEFL League Cup Final appearance at Tonbridge Angels losing 2-0 to Sevenoaks Town.

In the 2017-18 Season the team finished in a disappointing 11th place in the SCEFL Premier Division but did reach the Kent Senior Trophy Final again at The Gallagher in front of 917 spectators eventually losing 2-1 in Extra time to newly promoted Whitstable Town.

The 2018-19 Season saw an improvement on the previous season with an eventual 7th place finish in the Premier Division but the points were mainly gained before Christmas and the 2019 form was very inconsistent. The positives were the announcement that we run an U23s team in the coming season to fill the gap between the U18's and Senior side and the opening of the new covered Queenborough Road end stand behind the goal so we now have covered viewing from three sides of the ground.

The club went into the 2019/20 season with high hopes as many new, experienced players were added to the squad, and by 14 March 2020 the team had certainly not disappointed. Unbeaten in the whole of 2020

with only nine league games remaining they were one of four clubs fighting for promotion, and having already played every team in the top half of the table, on paper at least, had by far the easiest run-in. They had also fought their way to the final of the Kent Senior Trophy. Things were looking very bright at Holm Park.....but then this happened on 21 March. Because of the outbreak of COVID 19 the FA announced that the season would end from this date for all leagues at Step 3 and below, all results were expunged, making the season null and void. The Trophy final against Corinthian was also cancelled.

Nobody knew when, or even if, the 2020/21 season would start, but it eventually began on 1 September, and in November, after nine unbeaten games, Sheppey were once again amongst the front runners, five points behind top club Chatham, but with two games in hand. This is when, once again, the leagues were postponed because of a re-emergence of the virus. As there was no improvement by January 2021 it was decided to bring this season to an end. However, because of a re-structure to the Step 4 level, the FA announced one club from the Step 5 SCEFL league would be promoted. This was to be decided by combining the last two season's final league tables and promote the top club on a points per game system. Corinthian were top with an average of 2.38 ppg with Sheppey second on 2.22 ppg, therefore Sheppey lost out on promotion to the Isthmian League by just 0.16 of a point. The lack of football at this time gave the directors the opportunity to further upgrade Holm Park. An all-weather 3G pitch was laid, new LED floodlights installed, an improvement to the walkways around the pitch, new dugouts and ground fencing and an upgrade to the pitch-side hospitalities. This now gave the club a ground grading criteria way above its current step 5.

The 2021/22 season was one we will never forget not only was it our first on the newly installed 3G pitch but we won a never to be equalled four trophies. The Kent FA finally arranged the postponed 2019/20 Kent Senior Trophy final for 1st February where we would face Corinthians who now played at Step 4 in the Isthmian League. We won the match 3-1 to lift the cup for the second time in 5 years. In April we competed for the 2021/22 Kent Senior Trophy Final at the Gallagher against Hollands & Blair and won a tight match 2-1 to lift the same trophy twice in the same season. The SCEFL Premier Division title was finally sealed on the final day of the season 23rd April with a points tally of 102 compared to Runners Up Chatham Town with 100. Then in May we would face Crowborough Athletic in the SCEFL League Cup and won 5-1.

On winning promotion to the Step 4 Isthmian League, the Isle of Sheppey welcomed a level of football in the National Non-League System unseen for thirty-two years. In the past, that level was the old Southern League – Southern Division, and the highest Sheppey had ever finished in this was seventh. They did themselves proud in the first season back at this level by equalling that position of seventh, missing out on a top five and promotion play-off place by just two points. The following 2023/24 season Sheppey ended seventh again, but this was overshadowed by an FA Cup run. The furthest Sheppey had ever reached in the cup was the 6th Qualifying Round (the round before Round 1 proper) in the 1920/21 season. In this season's cup, after the preliminary and two qualifying rounds, Sheppey were drawn away to the Southern League Premier side Merthyr Town. The long trip to Wales, against a side a level above, saw what had to be the shock result of the day after a 4-1 victory.

The next Round sent Sheppey to another side a level above, Billericay Town from the Isthmian Premier. Another fantastic effort ended with a 1-1 draw, and after the same result in the replay, Sheppey won the penalty shoot-out. This took the club to the Round 1 proper – for the first time in our history. A home tie against the Football League 2 side Walsall was the reward and Sheppey even went a goal up. But in the second half Walsall's experience and fitness finally overcame the gallant Sheppey, who had several players despite injuries but desperate to play, becoming worn down, and eventually ran out 4-1 victors.



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MATCH REPORT

THREE BRIDGES 0-2 WALTON & HERSHAM

FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

Three Bridges fell to a 2–0 defeat at home to Walton & Hershham in the First Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, bowing out of the competition despite a committed and spirited display at Jubilee Field.

Bridges went into the tie eager to respond after a disappointing Bank Holiday defeat at Broadbridge Heath, but faced a tough test against a Walton & Hershham side sitting third in the league above and widely tipped for promotion.

The visitors nearly struck early, capitalising on a loose pass in the third minute, but Rogalski's attempted lob over Sam Roberts dropped just over the crossbar. It was a sluggish opening from Bridges, who took time to settle into the match. However, once they did, they steadily grew in confidence and ended the half strongly.

Chances came late in the first period, with Reece Hallard going closest after his low effort looked destined for the corner, only for visiting keeper Barker to produce an outstanding save to tip it wide. Despite a bright finish to the half, Bridges were left frustrated with the score still level at the break.

The second half began in nightmare fashion, as Walton & Hershham broke the deadlock within a minute of the restart. Although Roberts did well to keep out the initial shot, Johl Powell reacted quickest to tuck home the rebound.

Bridges responded well to the setback and enjoyed long spells of pressure. They thought they had a route back into the game when Kevin Rivera was brought down inside the box, but the referee waved away the appeals to the disbelief of the home crowd. Just moments later, at the other end, Josh Hallard's challenge was penalised and a penalty was awarded to Walton. Anis Nuur stepped up and calmly converted to double the visitors' lead.

Despite continued pressure from Bridges in the final stages, there was no way back, and the final whistle confirmed their exit from this year's FA Cup.

Three Bridges FC Line-up

Starting XI:

Roberts, Bull, Neathey, Irving, Ferreira, Adeyinka, Woollard, R. Hallard, Velvick, Rivera, Bennett

Substitutes:

J. Hallard (on for Bull, 66')

Fisher (on for R. Hallard, 66')

Leighton (on for Woollard, 76')

Ojo (on for Ferreira, 88')

Man of the Match – Kevin Rivera



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SEPTEMBER 2024	40	Tom Hayward	36 Roger Cain
OCTOBER 2024	93	Paul Blackler	76 Ken Crellin
NOVEMBER 2024	44	John Peters	5 Peter Smithson
DECEMBER 2024	46	Jo Richardson	6 Paul Coleman
JANUARY 2025	12	Steve Green	21 Keith Richardson
FEBRUARY 2025	45	Tony Danser	09 Alan Bell
MARCH 2025	72	Gordon Bennett	02 Peggy Yearwood
APRIL 2025	28	Alan Ladd	50 Mick Yearwood
MAY 2025	62	Lyn Walls	72 Gordon Bennett
JUNE 2025	23	Bernie Jobson	01 Hazel Bell
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APPEARANCES

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	League		Cup		Total		League		Cup		Total	
	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub	Start	Sub
Ade Adeyinka	3		4	1	7	1	3		4	1	7	1
Charlie Bennett	1	1	3	2	4	3	1	1	3	2	4	3
Sam Bull	3		4	1	6	1	22		4	1	26	1
George Falzon				1		1		9		2		11
Dan Ferreira	3		5		7		104	15	22	2	126	17
Noel Fisher	3		2	3	5	2	15	1	2	3	17	4
Josh Hallard		1	2	1	2	2	26	2	2	1	28	3
Reece Hallard	3		4		6		51	2	9		60	2
Connor Hayden-Pickering		2		2		4	2	14	1	3	3	17
Ben Holden		1	1	1	1	2	30	1	1	1	31	2
Billy Irving	3		4	1	6	1	76	18	23	4	99	22
Noel Leighton		1	1	1	1	2	104	4	20	2	124	6
Shay Matthews		1		1		2	1	6		1	1	7
Hayden Neathey	3		5		7		25		5		30	
Destiny Ojo		1	1	2	1	3		1	1	2	1	3
Dan Perry							29	3	5	1	34	4
Kevin Rivera	2		5		7		103	10	20	2	123	12
Sam Roberts	3		4		6		3		4		7	
Hayden Velvick	3		5		7		37	7	8		45	7
Bryan Villavicencio		2	1	2	1	3	86	14	19	3	105	17
Harvey Woollard	3		4		6		83	7	16	4	99	11



GOALSCORERS

GOAL SCORERS	2025/26			Bridges First Team Career		
	League	Cup	Total	League	Cup	Total
Ade Adeyinka	1	2	3	1	2	3
Charlie Bennett		3	3		3	3
Sam Bull				1		1
George Falzon				1		1
Dan Ferreira				3		3
Noel Fisher	1		1	3		3
Reece Hallard	5	3	8	32	6	38
Ben Holden				10		10
Billy Irving	1		1	7	4	11
Noel Leighton				58	11	69
Hayden Neathey				1		1
Destiny Ojo		1	1			
Dan Perry						
Kevin Rivera		2	2	25	5	30
Hayden Velvick	1		1	6		6
Bryan Villavicencio				5		5
Harvey Woollard	1		1	6		6

THREE BRIDGES SQUAD FROM:		SHEPPEY UNITED SQUAD FROM:	
1	Sam ROBERTS (GK)		Adam MOLLOY (GK)
2	Dan FERREIRA		Oluwadamiola OLORUNNISUMO
3	Josh HALLARD		Archie JOHNSON
4	Harvey WOOLLARD (Capt.)		Tamas AMGBADUBA
5	Sam BULL		Lex ALLAN
6	Hayden NEATHEY (Vice Capt.)		Danny LEONARD (Capt.)
7	Noel FISHER		Eitel MOUMI GOUETH
8	Bryan VILLAVICENCIO		Billy BENNETT
9	Noel LEIGHTON		Rolando ONU
10	Kevin RIVERA		Medy EITO
11	Reece HALLARD		David OPOKU
12	Shay MATTHEWS		Tyler HATTON
13	Naythan BRYSON (GK)		Daniel BRADSHAW
14	Ade ADEYINKA		Tommy LINKSON
15	Destiny OJO		Harry BROOKS
16	Ben HOLDEN		Diekonifeoluwa FALADE
17	Hayden VELVICK		Hassan IBRAHIYM
18	Billy IRVING		
19	Dan PERRY		
20	Charlie BENNETT		
21	Connor HAYDEN-PICKERING		
22	George FALZON		
Manager:	Jamie CRELLIN	Manager:	Kevin WATSON
Assistant:	Joe KAY	Assistant:	Tommy OSBORNE
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