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Earsham FC Report

The last season 2023/24 has been a strange time for the Football Club, with highs and lows but we have definitely finished on a fantastic high. At the start of the season the two managers we had appointed to manage our first and Reserve Teams both separately left. It's a very long story but it finished with us disbanding the 1st team and just staying with our Reserves, which ultimately proved to be the correct decision.

A few weeks later our Sunday Team also folded due to the lack of player commitment, which left us with just the one team, our Reserves. The players who remained have stayed very loyal to the Club and have done well, finishing comfortably in 6th place in the league.

In March this year we were approached by the officials from Woodton FC, initially wanting to hire our facilities because, without bragging too much, our facilities are some of the very best in the area, both our changing rooms and pitch. After several meetings we agreed to merge the two clubs. Woodton will cease to exist as they become part of Earsham FC from next season, which is fantastic news. This will now mean we will have two Saturday teams again and a Sunday team.

I had stated at our AGM in 2023 that after 14 years of being chairman and having raised over £200,000 in grants and funding in my time, that I would stand down.

I am very pleased to announce at our recent AGM that I stood down as planned and that Jack Scrivens, who was an integral part of the Woodton management team, has now been unanimously voted in as our new chairman. We also have a new club secretary, Brad Soloman. Both men are young and very enthusiastic and have lots of contacts in the local football area. I honestly believe, they are perfect for Earsham FC and will now take the Club forward for greater things, building on our past successes.

Financially the Club still remains very sound.

I am very pleased to say as I sign off and hand over the reins, that Earsham Football Club is in a considerably better position, both financially and facility wise than when I first took over in 2010. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Parish Council and especially to Lynda Ling for all the fantastic support and help you have given me personally and the football club over these years and I hope you continue to give Jack Scrivens and the Football Club your continued support and help.

Thank you

Peter Goodfellow