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Welcome back to Old Brentwoods and the new season 2025/26!

A new season is upon us and the club keeps moving from strength to strength, with new teams forming from our Tiny Trotters and a new U14 girls team joining us - Welcome to the club!

We will look to produce a newsletter on a regular basis going forward, and will include information on our club as a whole - including the Men's First Team and our Veterans Team. If you have any suggestions for content for future newsletters, please get in touch!

FA Wildcats Girls Football



Wildcats Football is going from strength to strength! Lead Coach Jason and his team plan fantastic sessions weekly have seen numbers growing by the week. These girls' only training sessions are for ages 5-11 and run on Saturday mornings from **9.30-10.30am** at Old Brentwoods.

Joining Trotters Wildcats is a great way to boost confidence, make new friends, get active and try out football!

If you want to find out more, please speak to or any of our **Committee Members** or contact Jason 07894 068649



Meet The Youth Committee



The club has grown so much over the last few years, we thought it would be helpful to introduce some of the key people involved in running the youth set up



Wesley Dodd
Club Chairman



Sherry Elbury
Club Vice Chair & Pitch Allocations



Craig Mitchell
Head Coach



Sophie Higgs
Welfare Officer



Vicky Mehmet
Secretary



Deb Ward
Assistant Secretary



Sam Faux
Kit Manager



Naomi Edwards
Welfare Officer



Jenni Upton
Treasurer



Charlotte Sheppard
Fundraising Lead

Player Profile

Name: **Harrison**

Position: **Goalkeeper**

Shirt Number: **1**

Favourite Team: **West Ham**

Favourite Player: **Donnarumma**

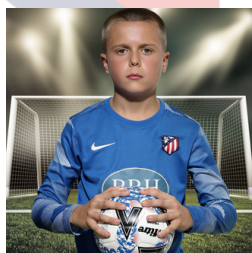
Favourite Food: **M&S Salt & Vinegar Combo Mix**

Interesting Fact: **I've met over 30 Premier League footballers**

Funniest Team Mate: **Fred**

Best Trotters Moment: **Winning U10 Cup Final on penalties!**

You Have A Time Machine - Where Do You Go?: **England's 1966 World Cup win!**



Do you want to get involved?

We are looking for adults who want to get involved with our club either as a committee member or within the youth coaching set up. The club will provide training in all areas and fund an FA Level 1 coaching course for those leading teams!



Speak to Coach Craig or one of the committee members to find out more



Club Chairman Notice

It is almost as though we haven't been away, but the 2025/26 season is just about upon us.

I hope you all had a lovely summer with your families, and are looking forward to getting back on the pitch or watching from the side lines.



It's been a busy time behind the scenes preparing for the new season, with changes not only within our committee but also at Old Brentwoods — more on these exciting developments can be found in this newsletter. With the support of our members, we're confident that Old Brentwoods will continue to grow as an even better venue for both sport and community.

Our club continues to grow each year, welcoming new members across all age groups. This makes it a good moment to reaffirm our core values: development, support, and community. While winning naturally becomes more important as teams move into competitive games, it will never come at the expense of enjoyment. Thanks to our dedicated managers, coaches, and volunteers, these values remain at the heart of everything we do — and we ask for your support in helping us uphold them, ensuring Atletico Trotters remains the special club it is.

As always, I'm happy to hear from anyone who'd like to discuss club matters, and our committee members are equally approachable and ready to listen.

I hope you're all looking forward to the season ahead and enjoy every moment of it. Best of luck to all our teams!

Wes Dodd



Dates for the Diary!



- 7th October - **Youth AGM**
- 7th November - **Fireworks Night at OB**
- 21st November - **OB Fundraising Dinner**
- 29th November - **Youth Christmas Party!**
- 13th & 14th June - **Youth Tournament Weekend**
- 20th June - **Youth Presentation Day**

Further details of all events will be shared on the Announcements WhatsApp chat or to each teams group



Tiny Trotters age 3-5



Our Tiny Trotters sessions are growing steadily. The children have been making excellent progress and developing their skills.



If you know anyone looking for the perfect start to their child's footballing journey, please get in touch. Our training runs from **8.45-9.30am** every Saturday morning at Old Brentwoods



Clubman & Clubwoman



Alfie was awarded the Clubman of the season 24/25 at our recent presentation day. We received multiple comments about Alfie's attitude and behavior through the season, where he upheld the Trotters ethos and led by example. Well done Alfie!



Nieve picked up our first Clubwoman award for last season, and deservedly so! Her positive attitude and Trotters spirit at all times was recognised by the club. Well done Nieve!



Got something to shout about?



We would love to know if any of our players do anything deserving of a **shoutout!**

Whether it's while representing Trotters or outside of football, please let us know. Contact TrottersYFCSec@gmail.com



Thank you to our Club Sponsors



We would like to thank every single sponsor across the whole club!

Without the support of the sponsors, the club would not be able to function as it does, and the teams would not be kitted out so well!

THANK YOU!!



We have several sponsorship opportunities throughout the season at our club.

If you are interested in sponsoring in any way or know of any companies who would like to get involved, please let us know!

NEW CLUB WEBSITE

A NEW club website will be in production soon! This will be hosted at **AtleticoTrotters.com** We will let you know when it is live!



We have a club shop with ProKit
visit: www.prokituk.com/club-shop/atletico-trotters-fc.html



Head Youth Coach Message

With the season set to begin the excitement, expectations and buzz for weekend football starts.

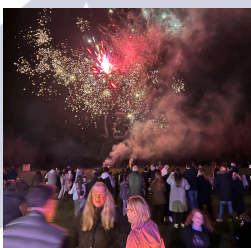
I want to wish all of our teams the best of luck this season, whether it's competitive or non competitive I'm sure coaches, players and parents will have experienced a mix of emotions with highs/lows but most importantly we enable them to have fun playing their football with Atletico Trotters. Let's support and encourage all our teams to have our most successful season yet.

You would have seen that we recently hosted goalkeeper specific sessions, which were excellent. We will be continuing this going forward, and booking these sessions in for every 4-6 weeks, which will give our goalkeepers some specific focus.

All the best,
Craig

Old Brentwoods Fireworks Night

Get yourselves down to the annual Fireworks Night and support the clubhouse while doing so! It really is a fantastic evening with a great display - more details to follow on the Announcements WhatsApp Chat and to team chats!



Friday 7th November 2025



Kit Care



As a club we are trying to ensure all our kits last as long as possible. Environmentally and financial it will have a positive impact. Here are some tips to help keep your kit in Tip Top condition!



Turn kit inside out to wash



Do not use Fabric Conditioner



Wash on a maximum of 40°



Air dry only (no tumble drying!)

Safeguarding Update

We have two fully qualified Youth Club Welfare Officers who work closely together to ensure the safeguarding of all players & volunteers.

If you or anyone you know is worried about a child at our Club, please contact our welfare officers, Sophie Higgs or Naomi Edwards. Contact details can be found on our [website](#). If for any reason the Club Welfare officers are not available, please contact the FA Safeguarding team on 0800 1691863 or safeguarding@TheFA.com.



New Beginnings



This season we're excited to welcome two new U7 teams, both progressing from our Tiny Trotters group: U7 Reds, managed by Stan Matthews, and U7 Whites, managed by James Daws.

Our U8 Whites, led by Paul Binks, will also be competing in their first full season. We're also delighted to introduce a brand-new U14 Girls team, managed by Kevin Ward, further strengthening our youth setup.

In addition, our Sunday Men's team has made the move to the Chelmsford Sunday League after 16 successful seasons competing in the Brentwood Sunday League.

A **massive** thank you to **Lee Doe** and **Debbie Callison** who are stepping down from the youth committee. They have done some amazing work to help build a solid structure for our club and we really do appreciate their efforts!

Good news is that **Sherry Elbury** has taken on the role as Vice Chair, **Jenni Upton** will be Treasurer, **Naomi Edwards** will be a Welfare Officer, **Deb Ward** joins as Assistant Secretary and most of you already know **Charlotte Sheppard** (Fundraising) and **Sam Faux** (Kit Manager), who joined the committee during last season.



Grounds Update



The Grounds Committee has been working tirelessly throughout the summer and since the start of the season to keep the facilities in excellent condition, ensuring the pitches remain as playable as possible through the winter months. This has included essential work such as mole draining and ground-breaking on the back pitches, which have been temporarily out of use while the ground recovers and settles.

As a club, we will be avoiding training on the main playing surfaces during the wetter months (November-February) to protect them. Alternative venues have been arranged so training sessions can continue without putting unnecessary strain on the pitches.

In the coming weeks, the pitches will be scarified and then over-seeded. This process helps the grass develop deeper roots and a thicker, stronger surface.

We all have a role to play in looking after the grounds. By being patient and supportive during these improvements, we can ensure the best possible playing conditions for everyone.

Old Brentwoods Membership

Your Membership gives you access to the Clubhouse and all Clubhouse events.

It gives you 10% off food & drink - Please ALWAYS use your card or give your name at the bar!

Courts & Pitches

Alongside the football & Rugby pitches there are also Hardcourt Tennis Courts, Squash Courts and Table Tennis which you can book online.

Tennis Bookings:

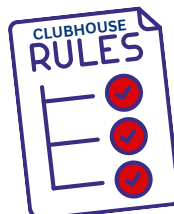
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OldBrentwoodLTC/Booking>

Squash Bookings:

christiancroll@gmail.com

just a little reminder...

- No balls to be kicked at or toward clubhouse
- No balls in the bar
- Any muddy bags/equipment to be left under stairs by entrance
- Children must be accompanied by an adult in the bar at all times
- Please do not run around the clubhouse or climb on items





The NEW Old Brentwoods

The Society of Old Brentwoods was originally set up as an organisation in 1899 to provide a network to connect Brentwood School alumni. Recently, it elected to change the structure in order to form a more modern, tax efficient, dual structure of registered charities.

Once permissioned by the charity commission, the two new charities will be:

The Old Brentwoods Society

The original society will remain in effect as the landlord and landowner of the 22-acre site, but will focus on its core charitable objectives.

The Old Brentwoods Club

This will be the main operator of the site and be responsible for all aspects - from the pitches to the clubhouse. Trustees have been appointed, and will help ensure smooth running of all operations. Committees made up of members from founder clubs will be in place to support each function (grounds/clubhouse etc.) and as members, you are encouraged to offer feedback and suggestions.

Work has already begun behind the scenes to help bring together the "Founder Clubs" at Old Brentwoods - Which includes Atletico Trotters. You would have already heard about or seen some of the improvements, but trust that the new team are working incredibly hard to deliver what members want! Fostering a multi-club approach is certainly the way forward for Old Brentwoods, and will help ensure we continue to develop the facilities available for all members.

If you have any questions about the structure or initiatives, get in touch with Wes Dodd.

New Clubhouse Management



Please say hello and welcome Tom, Lindsey and the team who have taken over the management of the clubhouse!

They have already been working hard to roll out some improvements, and are now serving up NEW BEERS and a NEW FOOD MENU!

It is very important that as a club we support the clubhouse, as the money spent goes towards further improvements and will help us create an even better experience for all members!

SEPTEMBER CATERING OFFER

OLD BRENTWOODS CLUB

EVERY SATURDAY

6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH SEPTEMBER

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| <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">9.30AM TO 11.30AM</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">BREAKFAST ROLLS & HOT DRINKS</p> | <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">NOON TO 6.00PM</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">12" HOMEMADE PIZZAS LARGE PIZZA SLICES & DAILY SPECIALS</p> |
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7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH SEPTEMBER

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The Huddle!

Another new improvement coming your way!

We have secured funding from the Brentwood Council & Football Foundation for a new purpose built facility to be placed at the gap between the two fields.

"The Huddle" will have a fully serviced kitchen and bar that is able to produce hot meals and drinks. It will also have two toilets, one of which will be disabled and have baby changing facilities, with running water and power.

This is currently pending planning permission, which is where you can help! Please go to:

<https://publicaccess.brentwood.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Follow the information for registration/login and please post a comment of support!



Pitch Funding

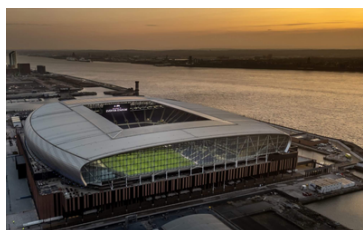
The club recently engaged with the FA and the Football Foundation to complete a Pitch Power inspection on all football pitches at Old Brentwoods.

This inspection was carried out last month and the report has led to the club being able to claim some significant funding to help put towards the Old Brentwoods Grounds Committee budget for pitch improvements!

The Pitch Power funding covers a period of six years, with a project plan in place to help us improve drainage, grass coverage and other important grounds maintenance.



Premier League Football Stadiums



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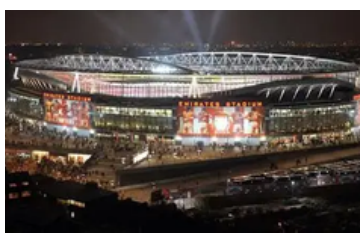
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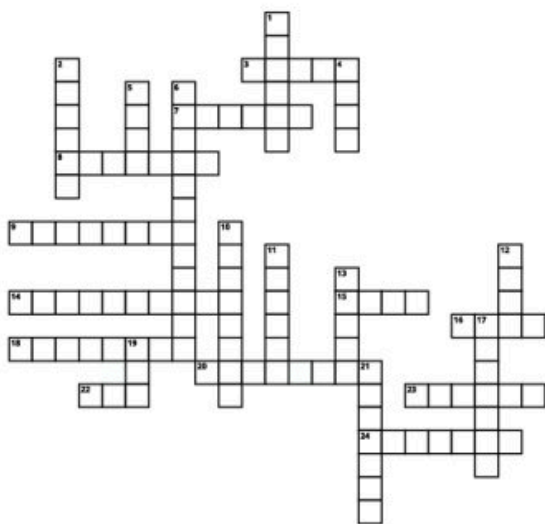
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Football Crossword

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given!



Across

- [3] The person who coaches you
- [7] What you put on your head
- [8] What the football is made of
- [9] Not incomplete
- [14] Not complete
- [15] Another name for interception
- [16] The opposite of winning
- [18] What the players wear
- [20] The dudes who wear the stripes
- [22] The opposite of losing
- [23] Someone who guards
- [24] You don't have the ball

Down

- [1] What you wear on your hands to help you catch
- [2] When you knock someone down
- [4] Where most of your fans are
- [5] A kick on fourth down
- [6] The people who cheer and do stunts
- [10] The player who catches the ball
- [11] When you jump over something
- [12] Throw the ball
- [13] When you throw the ball down
- [17] You have the ball
- [19] How you move the ball
- [21] The huge place where the game is played

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Design your own Boots

