

**BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE U18 & U21 FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PLATE FINAL**

**EMERSONS GREEN WANDERERS**

**v**

**FRY CLUB JUNIORS**



**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

**BRISLINGTON FC IRONMOULD LANE BRISLINGTON BRISTOL BS4 4TZ**

**KICK OFF 11.30**

**ADMISSION**

**ADULTS**

**£2.50**

**CONCESSIONS**

**£1.00**



## Welcome to the Bristol U18 & U21 Football Combination

### League Plate Finals

As Chairman of the Bristol & Gloucestershire U18 & U21 Football Combination League I would like to welcome you all to Brislington FC and the League Finals. I hope you all have an enjoyable day.

Whilst today is all about the U18 League Cup and League Plate finals it is a delight to see the return of the U21 division to our League and I firmly believe that this is and a much needed avenue for players to be integrated into adult football which should result in greater player retention. It gives the players from all the Under 18 divisions the opportunity to progress their footballing pathway which might have otherwise been lost.

Although I would not normally single out one individual, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our League Secretary, Ken Howitt, for his tireless work, in association with the Gloucestershire Football Association in ensuring the U21 division reformed and from the enquiries we have already had from new teams, together with teams committing themselves to continuing next season, the League looks forward to the U21 division going from strength to strength.

Congratulations must go to all teams in reaching today's finals. It is always a pleasure to see different and new clubs contesting Finals day and today is no exception to that, whilst also seeing the return of clubs who have been with the League for many years. I wish you all the very best of luck and whatever the result, if you leave the pitch knowing you have given 100% you can do no more.

I am sure that all four teams will provide us with an excellent morning of entertaining football and that as supporters you will be watching players today who will be able to use this season and this final as the springboard to go on and play at a higher level. Good luck to you all.

To our officials today, I would like to thank you and all of your colleagues for your sterling work throughout the season. Without you we would not have a game and it is marvellous to see so many of you willing to officiate in our League.

Personally, I am very much indebted to the hard work and commitment of the committee without whom we would not be able to function and I would like to offer my thanks to each and every one of them for their efforts again this season.

Our role is to provide these young men the opportunity to play football. Without them there would be no league. It is a pleasure to see so many turn out each Sunday and playing the game in the spirit in which it is intended.

A big thank you must also go to all the parents, managers and helpers who strive to keep the clubs going. We know that it is not easy and the League fully appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

Please enjoy your day and have a safe journey home.

Phil Barnett

***The Officers of the League wish to thank the Officers and Members of Brislington Football Club for the use of their facilities for this match.***

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***The League wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Emersons Green Wanderers and Fry Club Juniors on reaching the final of The U18 League Plate.***

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***The Officers of the League thank the Officials for their services today and throughout the season. We look forward to their continued support during the 2015 – 2016 season.***

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***A final thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to make this day a success, and especially the young players who have acted as 'Ball boys' today***

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## League Management for 2014 - 2015

### President



Jeff Conway

### Secretary



Ken Howitt

### Chairman



Phil Barnett

### Vice Chairman



Bob Hitchins

### Treasurer



Peter Root

### Fixture Secretary



Tom McDermott

### Referee Secretary



Martin Peters

### Welfare Officer



Graham Mills

### Assistant Welfare Officer



Kevin Little

### Registration Secretaries

#### Discipline Secretary



Ian Drew



Mike Edmund



Joanne Kilbane

### Committee Members



Vito Graffagnino



George McDermott

## RESPECT

### PLAYERS

Whether you're in the starting team or on the bench, your role as a player is crucial to the success of Respect.

On a match day, you'll be expected to work with your coaches and your captain to allow the referee to manage the game without being subjected to abuse. With the game losing thousands of referees from the game every year, it's hugely important, because without the referees, the game isn't the same. If the league you play in adopts the Respect programme, you will be asked to read, agree to, and sign, a Code of Conduct at your club. This will be your 'promise' to abide by a set of rules governing your behaviour as a player. Working together with your coach, your captain, and each referee that takes charge of your games during the season, you can play a major role in improving the game for everyone, through Respect.

### COACHES

Coaches have a hugely important role to play in Respect, as they are not only responsible for their own behaviour, but they can also influence that of their players and spectators, too.

On a matchday, you'll be expected to work with your players, parents and other spectators to allow the referee to manage the game without being subjected to abuse.

### REFEREES

The Respect programme aims to allow Referees to officiate matches without being subjected to abuse by players, coaches or spectators - and the referees themselves have a key part to play in the process.

Working in partnership with the clubs they officiate, referees can provide post-match feedback regarding the behaviour of players, parents, coaches and other spectators, to help the clubs enforce their Codes of Conduct.

### PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents have a big responsibility as part of the Respect programme.

Respect is working to eradicate touchline abuse in football, and parents can play their part by agreeing to, and signing, their club's Code of Conduct and abiding by them throughout the season.

Parents also have a responsibility for their children's behaviour. The players will also be asked to sign a Code of Conduct, and parents can encourage their children to adhere to the players' code.

### CLUB AND LEAGUE OFFICIALS

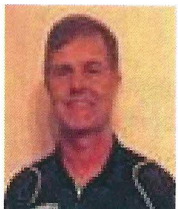
The Respect programme relies on clubs and leagues to take active steps to ensure high standards of conduct throughout their club or league.

## Today's U18 League Plate Match Officials



### Referee: Eddie Baker

Referee for 15 years now, my progress as a referee has been impeded by my fanaticism as a Wolves supporter. I clocked up my 1000th Wolves match last season and have seen Wolves away at over 100 different clubs over the years. Born in Bristol (with a leaning to Rovers) I was brought up in Norfolk but moved to Cheltenham in 1979. Cricket is actually my main sport, I am Cheltenham Civil Service Club Chairman and have scored over 20,000 runs for the club, notching up 114 50 including 13 centuries. I am married to the long suffering Linda, and have 2 sports mad sons – Craig aged 24 and Robbie aged 22.



### Assistant Referee: Kevin Rawlins

I live in Whitchurch, Bristol and working as an Electrical and Mechanical maintenance engineer. I have one daughter, 15 yrs old.

I am a season ticket holder with Bristol City.

I have been qualified as a referee for 33 years. Highest level achieved, assistant referee for 11 years on Western League. Highest role performed, 4th official on the Football

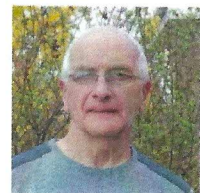
League

Currently I am officiating on the Bristol Saturday Suburban League and the Sunday U18/U21 Gloucestershire Football League.



### Assistant: Referee Rich Sears

I am 43, married with one son and owner of South West Sports - a football development company with 6 Centres in the South West. Alongside being a Referee, I am a UEFA B, FA Goalkeeping and FA Youth Award qualified coach and as taking my UEFA A License Preparatory Course this year.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Official: Brian Sims

Started refereeing at 21 in Bristol & District League. Refereed for many years in the Bristol Premier League. Refereed the Under 18 Youth Shield Final at GFA Headquarters in 2009. Founder member of the Brimsham Green team that

Currently Play in the Bristol Premier League. Back in 1970 I refereed the Bristol Boys

Club final at Ashton Gate. Currently refereeing in the Bristol Under 18/21 League. I was Referees Secretary for 5years in the same league that I relinquished in 2013.



## EMERSON GREEN

### Road to League Plate Final

1st Round	Emersons Green Wanderers	6 – 3	Fishponds
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Coalpit Heath	6 – 7	Emersons Green Wanderers
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Quarter Final	Gala Wilton	0 – 2	Emersons Green Wanderers
Semi Final	Emersons Green Wanderers	3 – 1	Stoke Lane Colts

### Club History

Founded - Start of this season 2014/15

This being the first season, this is our history in the making.

Ranging from ages under 5s to u18s and soon to be u21s we're certainly a club in progress of making history with a few age's reaching Finals themselves this season

Emersons Green is a new era.

### Player Profiles

#### Edd Gee - Goalkeeper

Edd, usually more known as a defender volunteered to play a part in goal this season, also known a little for his Manuel Neuer look he played a good part of the season before picking up another injury ruling him out for the remainder of the season.

#### Harry Rawcliffe - Right Backs

Harry being more favoured as a right back can and has played in a verity of positions this season across the back four, strong in the air and not hesitant for a tackle. Would put him as a consistent player all season long.

#### Ben Walters - Right Backs

This was Ben's first season playing football, a good player to have in anyone's side. Made a great start to the season, good in the air. Made a few goal line clearances and has put in good shifts when called upon.

#### Kieran Dawes - Centre Back

Kieran a survivor from the season before, being one of our most consistent defenders is great in the air and with his pace is brilliant to have when coming up against quick opposition.



### **Patrice Etienne – Captain - Centre Back**

Patrice another lad from the previous season, giving him the responsibility of captain and organising our back four and those in-front has shown throughout recent matches. Everybody knows of a loud mouthed captain and this lad is exactly that. Comfortable with his feet and another who isn't hesitant of a tackle.

### **Kristian Foord - Left Back**

The younger brother of Sam Foord and youngest lad in our team has played an excellent role at left back. Once on the ranks of Bristol Rovers Kristian has played vital in set pieces and his superb left footed deliveries into our wingers and strikers has knocked him up a few assists over the season.

### **Jake Leat - Defensive Midfield**

Jake this season when called upon has also been a great help to the side, helping organise the team, being an all rounded good footballer with a great pass of the ball and sweeping up the messy work.

### **George Watts - (Manager's Player of the season) - Winger**

Where to start, another new comer into the squad usually bides time to settle in but with George it wasn't the case, after picking up 8 goals in pre season George has gone on to score 28 goals from the wing this season. With good feet a nose for goal and darting runs between opposition defenders is what you don't want to be coming up against. Plays either side and free-role.

### **Brandon Pike - Winger**

Another old boy from the previous season, Brandon has played well from the wing but has also seen himself playing at left back on occasions and has been brilliant for me. Great at running at defenders and coming in from the wing, picking up a few goals and assists in league and cup.

### **Parasko Kkolos - Winger**

Parasko having played at left back, right back and both wings over the season has shown great enthusiasm to the team and a good all rounded footballer.

### **George Passco - Winger**

When called upon George has been excellent, again playing in a number of positions. Highlight of the season stepping in as keeper and saving a penalty from 2-2 to win the match 4-2.

### **Zachary Francis - Centre Midfield**

Again another lad who played the season before has always been an engine to the squad, always been a good footballer but this season Zac has came on fantastic and added much more to his game, from his own box to the opposition teams box, he covers every blade of grass on the pitch.

### **Billy Arnold - (Players Player of the season) - Centre Midfield**

Another brilliant footballer. Fantastic with the ball at his feet, a great eye for a pass gaining him many assists throughout season. Bagging himself 20 goals from midfield show's he's also a good finisher of the ball. A name to remember in the future.

### **Charlie Smith – Striker**

Charlie has had many solid games for the team, scoring a few from the bench. Having been a regular in the side he's been very consistent throughout the season. Good touch of the ball and with his feet.

### **Sam Foord - Striker**

Sam usually playing much of the season as a single striker has worked his absolute socks off in every match. Scoring a convincing 15 goals and 7 in pre season Sam has put a lot of hard graft in. Another lad good with the ball at his feet.

### **Jake Alderman - Striker**

A good lad to have in any side. Jake has done well when coming on, usually as a substitute.

### **Manager/Coach - Will Dinham-Mead**

Will took over responsibility of Emersons Green u18s after he played for Cadbury Heath u18's, the first season he took charge the side were really struggling in the league but after recruiting a few fresh faces and a turn around he's built a side of finalist and a stronger outfit in the league this season.



Emersons Green Wanderers



## EMERSONS GREEN WANDERERS

Colours: Red

The Team will be selected from the following Players

**Patrice Etienne - Captain**

**Jake Alderman**

**Billy Arnold**

**Kieran Dawes**

**Kristian Foord**

**Sam Foord**

**Zachary Francis**

**Edd Gee**

**Parasko Kkolos**

**Jake Leat**

**George Passco**

**Brandon Pike**

**Harry Rawcliffe**

**Charlie Smith**

**Ben Walters**

**George Watts**

**Manager/Coach**

**Will Dinham-Mead**

### Match Officials

**Referee**

**Eddie Baker**

**Assistant Referee**

**Kevin Rawlins**

**Assistant Referee**

**Rich Sears**

**Fourth Official**

**Brian Sims**

### Duration of Match

*The duration of all matches including the Semi-Final and Final Ties shall be 90 minutes (45 minutes each way). If the scores are level at the end of 90 minutes then an extra 15 minutes each way will be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time the match shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by FIFA.. Should the game be abandoned at the end of 90 minutes or during extra time owing to causes over which neither Club has control the result will stand at the end of 90 minutes and be replayed.*



## FRY CLUB JUNIORS

Colours: Blue

The Team will be selected from the following Players

**Aaron Sutton– Captain**

**George Brown**

**Harry Edgell**

**Cameron George**

**Josh Hargreaves**

**Jordan Harris**

**Charlie Hayne**

**Joel Harvey**

**Sammie Hicks**

**Tom Johnson**

**Joe McArthur**

**Brandon Thomas**

**Jordan Usher**

**Conna Webb**

**Bryn Williams**

**Ryan Willmott**

**Manager**

**Dave Gooding & Tony Harper**





## FRY CLUB JUNIORS

### Road to League Plate Final

<b>1st Round</b>	<b>Keynsham</b>	<b>1 – 4</b>	<b>Fry Club Juniors</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	<b>Fry Club Juniors</b>	<b>2 – 3</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>
<b>Quarter Final</b>	<b>Fry Club Colts</b>	<b>0 – 2</b>	<b>Fry Club Juniors</b>
<b>Semi Final</b>	<b>Bishopston</b>	<b>1 – 2</b>	<b>Fry Club Juniors</b>

### Club History

Keynsham Wanderers started in the 1968-69 season as U9's when a few fathers led by Les Stroud got together and started a team playing friendlies against mainly Cub and Scout teams, from as far away Frome. The first ever game was at Kelston Road School. There was only one goal, so two bamboo sticks were placed at the other end. We played against Fair Furlong Sports, a team from Hartcliffe, and we lost 2-5. 1970-71 was the first entry into a League – The Bristol Junior League as U11's. The same year we entered as U11's, we started another U10's, and then progressed that every year after. In 1976-77 we changed our name to Somerdale Wanderers at the behest of Fry Club as part of the terms of playing there. We continued to grow and in 1998 changed our name again to Fry Club Colts to fall in line with Fry Club as a whole.

We have not ran consistent U18 teams, rather supported any Manager who wished to carry a team through. This U18 team was originally formed from the previous two U16 teams, and then were fed by the following year's U16's of which there were three teams, and the majority of this team have played for Frys for many years.

### Players Profiles

#### Harry Edgell – Goalkeeper

Joined the Club as an U15 and has been the number 1 'keeper since. He has also made some adult appearances including once for Frys 1<sup>st</sup> team this year in the Somerset Senior League. To this point the team have only let in eight goals in the league, much of which is due to Harry.

#### George Brown – Defender

Joined the Club as an U8 making this season his eleventh. George has twice been Sportsman of the Year, but that doesn't stop him putting in a crunching tackle when needed. He can, and has played both left and right back, and this versatility is a great asset.

#### Aaron Sutton – Defender – Captain

Aaron was one of the original eight players who turned up as an U6 in 2002, he leads by example with his no nonsense approach which he takes through to kick-boxing where he a UK champion for his weight/age. Aaron has twice been voted player of the Year.

#### Brandon Thomas – Defender

Joined as an U13 before being lured by a 1<sup>st</sup> division Club, but returned this season to help lead the charge for a league and Cup double. Brandon is the quietest player in the team, but that hides an ability to read the game and shut out danger whilst forming a good partnership with Aaron.

#### Joel Harvey – Defender

Joel came to Frys near the end of the U9 season having been playing in goal a year up at Brislington. Not wanting to stay in goal, Joel's ferocious tackles saw him anchor the team's U10 League win. Still as ferocious as ever in the tackle, Joel's versatility has also seen him play up front and get some vital goals.

#### Conna Webb – Defender

Joined the club this season and has previously played for the Bath & North East Somerset Representative team. A strong, courageous defender, never scared to get in where the danger is, and has broken up many a dangerous attack. Not frightened to put his body on the line for the team

#### Jordan Usher – Defender/Winger

Joined this season from Hanham Athletic and has been utilised going both forwards and defending. A very good crosser of ball which has seen him assist many goals this season. A strong player who is not afraid to challenge.

#### Cameron George - Winger

Cameron joined the team this year having previously played his Youth football at Saltford Stars. His pace and strength have consistently unlocked many an opposition defence, as well as weighing in with a few goals.

#### Tom Johnson – Midfield/Striker

Tom is the only other surviving member of the original U6 eight (with Aaron), and is the team's longest serving player. Tom was also the U8 Club Player of the Year. Tom is the highest goal scorer at this age group with over 200 goals. His size belies his quick feet and can deceive many a defence. He has scored some very important goals this season.

#### Joe McArthur – Midfield

Like Cameron joined us having played his Youth football with Saltford Stars. Joe forms a great partnership with tom in the centre of midfield, and like Tom, his quick feet reading of the game has set up many an opportunity. He has weighed in with some good goals as well.

#### Sammie Hicks – Midfield

Joined as an U13 with Brandon, but was also lured away, again returning this season. A skilful midfield dynamo, equally comfortable on both feet and has great vision to match.

#### Josh Hargreaves – Winger

Joined with George as an U8 and has the best engine in the team, continuously running and closing down the opposition. Josh was three times player of the Year for his team, however like Brandon is a quiet player, but gets on with the job at hand.

#### Jordan Harris – Striker

Joined as an U6 and has been ever present at the Club since winning Player of the year twice with his team. A very quick player who scores many goals, but works hard all around, closing down defenders and winning the ball back high up the pitch.



### **Bryn Williams – Striker**

Joined from Saltford as an U13 and has been terrorising defences ever since. Bryn was last season's U18 Player of the Year. His quick feet, strength, speed, agility and vision make him a handful for any defence.

### **Charlie Hayne – Midfield/Defence**

Joined as an U13, Charlie's ability to find space as well as use both feet equally as well, has seen him fill many roles for the team. He has good vision and reads the game well, and his adaptability makes him a valuable team asset.

### **Ryan Willmott – Winger/Striker**

Joined the Club as an U16, but has missed a lot this season due to injury. Ryan is a strong player who works very hard for the team and has good positional awareness, allowing him to score goals, break up attacks, and create opportunities for his team-mates.

### **Dave Gooding & Tony Harper – Managers**

Took on the role as U15's, winning the league and bringing enough players to form a second team as U16's, both winning their respective leagues. Those players formed this U18 team, but but made way for the current crop which Dave & Tony have led to the verge of a possible League & Cup double, before both retire at the end of this season, leaving the Club with a strong U18 capability.



Fry Club Juniors

### **The Management Committee from 1995 to 2013**

#### **President**

1995 – 2010	Peter McPherson
2010 – 2013	Fred Hardwell
2013 – 2015	Jeff Conway

#### **Chairman**

1995 – 2012	Ken Howitt
2012 – 2015	Phil Barnett

#### **Vice Chairman**

1995 – 1996	Paul Brimble
1996 – 2010	Paul Arnold
2010 – 2012	Phil Barnett
2012 – 2015	Bob Hitchings

#### **Secretary**

1995 – 1999	Peter McPherson
1999 – 2006	Colin Rundle
2006 – 2012	Jeff Conway
2012 – 2015	Ken Howitt

#### **Assistant Secretary**

2009 – 2010	Chris Willmot
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#### **Treasurer**

1995 – 1999	Peter McPherson
1999 – 2003	Paul Arnold
2003 – 2009	Colin Rundle
2009 – 2015	Peter Root

#### **Referee Secretary**

1995 – 1998	Dave Lawrence
1998 – 2001	Ron Gibson
2001 – 2003	Colin Rundle
2003 – 2004	Dave Gore
2004 – 2005	Colin Rundle
2005 – 2008	Vito Graffagnino
2008 – 2011	Mike Edgington
2011 – 2013	Brian Sims
2013 - 2015	Martin Peters

#### **Fixture Secretary**

1995 – 1999	Peter Mcpherson
1999 – 2012	Ken Howitt
2012 – 2015	Tom McDermott

#### **Registration Secretary**

1995 – 1999	Peter McPherson
1999 – 2000	Jeanette Purnell
2000 – 2001	Phil Sposito
2001 – 2005	Des Fitzpatrick
2005 – 2010	Martin Bywater
2009 - 2013	Julie Price
2009 - 2012	Jeff Conway
2012 – 2014	Nigel Sanders
2012 – 2013	Martin Peters
2013 – 2015	Mike Edmund
2013 – 2015	Tom McDermott
2014 – 2015	Joanne Kilbane

#### **Welfare Officer**

2008 – 2014	Simon Browning
2014 - 2015.	Graham Mills
2014 – 2015	Kevin Little

#### **Results Secretary**

2008 – 2012	Vito Graffagnino
2012 – 2015	Tom McDermott

#### **Committee members**

1995 – 1996	Nigel Ferris
1995 – 1996	Tony Nelmes
1996 – 2002	Alan Spencer
1996 – 2012	Bob Hitchings
1997 – 1998	Jeff Forster
1997 – 1998	Vito Graffagnino
1998 – 2010	Fred Hardwell
1999 – 2000	Bill Lemon
1999 – 2008	Simon Browning
1999 – 2000	Chris Knapp
2003 – 2005	Chris Burnell
2003 – 2005	Kevin Burnell
2003 – 2005	Martin Bywater
2005 – 2006	Jeff Conway
2008 – 2009	Julie Price
2008 – 2009	Mike Blessing
2009 – 2015	Vito Graffagnino
2011 – 2012	John Flaherty
2012 – 2013	Jim Buckley
2012 – 2015	George McDermott





## History of the League

The idea to form an Under 18 league was first voiced late in 1991 when the then Secretary of The Bristol Junior League, Jim Underhay became concerned that the move from youth football at Under 16

to Senior Football was, for a great number of youths, too big. Many potentially good local players were lost from the game all together or ended up in the depths of the lower divisions of adult football. He believed that the extra years in Youth Football would allow the players to develop both mentally and physically before venturing into wider world of football.

At the beginning of 1992 discussions between The Bristol Junior League and The County of Avon Youth League took place and a steering party was formed to see if it would be viable to form a League in time for the 1992 - 1993 season.

Initial interest was shown by 12 teams but this soon dwindled to 8 however it was considered sufficient support to move forward and an inaugural general meeting was held on 25 June 1992 at the Hanham Folk Centre.

Unfortunately teams began to drop out and in the end the Committee took the decision that it was not viable to proceed at that time and put everything on hold.

The idea remained dormant for almost three years until 1995 when Paul Tompkins (County of Avon Youth League) convened a meeting in June of that year at the Portway Clubhouse of Bristol and West Sports to discuss the possibility of an U18 League and the outcome was that the Bristol U18 Football Combination League was born.

In the founding Season there were only six teams competing, however it was considered that the League had to start somewhere and it should continue. From this small beginning the League has gone from strength to strength. In 1998, with 16 teams applying to join it was decided to split the teams into 2 Divisions. This was short lived however as within a few weeks of the start of the season 2 teams had withdrawn and the 2 divisions were merged into 1.

This proved to be a right decision as during the season 2 more teams withdrew.

In 2003 the League once again divided into 2 Divisions due to the number of new applications received and it remained this way until 2008 when a Gloucestershire Division was introduced to fill a gap that existed for teams in the North of the County who wanted to play Under 18 football. This Division has been well supported and has proved to be very successful. At this time It was also hoped to start a Somerset Division but after a great deal of interest initially it failed to get off the ground. We have not given up on this and one day hope that it will become a reality

In 2010 the number of teams applying to the League increased dramatically and to accommodate all the suitable teams an additional Division was formed by splitting the old Division 'A' into a Bristol North Division and a Bristol South Division.

In 2012 Division 1 was done away with as being inappropriate and 3 regional Divisions introduced. At this time in association an Under 21 Division was formed with 9 teams competing and this number reduced to during the season. Unfortunately insufficient Teams entered for this season.

This season we have reintroduce the U21 Division and, with the demise of The Gloucestershire County Youth League we have introduce a Premier U18 Division.

The League competed annually in the Somerset FA Durnford Cup until 2010 when the SFA decided not to run it. Our Representative side won the Competition on 4 occasions 1998, 2004, 2008 and 2010.

In The Gloucestershire FA Under 18 Youth Shield, Warmley, Brislington and Southside have all been past runners-up in the competition, losing out to teams from the Gloucestershire County Youth League in the final.

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## The League requires a new Secretary for next season. Would you like to be that person and help to manage this successful League

THE thriving Bristol and Gloucestershire U18/U21 League is searching for a new secretary as a result of Ken Howitt's decision to call time on his long and proud stint at the end of the season.

The Newport-born local soccer stalwart has been involved with the league, formerly known as the Bristol Under-18 Combination, for two decades and feels, at 79, the time is right to hand over the secretarial reins.

Ken confirmed: I will be officially resigning as League Secretary at the AGM on June 10<sup>th</sup> and I'd like to think we could have a replacement in place as soon as possible, so that when the new person is elected at the meeting there can be a smooth handover and I can help them to settle in.

Since I formed the league along with Peter McPherson (former GFA president) in 1995, we've seen it grow from just six teams to its present set-up involving 57 teams spread over six divisions, which these days include an Under-18 Premier Division, an Under-21 Division and a Gloucestershire section.

Its great to see how far it's come because it was way back in 1992 that myself and Jim Underhay, who was secretary of the old Bristol Junior League at the time, spoke about trying to bridge the gap between under-16 and senior football by setting up an under-18 league, and for whatever reason it didn't quite happen for us at the time.

Ken added: I've had roles as chairman, fixture secretary and secretary of the league during the past two decades and I've enjoyed it on the whole, although it will be strange at first not being as actively involved as I am now.

But now is a good time for me to hand over to somebody younger than me who can hopefully bring fresh ideas with them. If they want me to get involved in some smaller way, I'm sure I'll be happy to help out.

Duties required of the new secretary will involve day-to-day communication with clubs and league, and the organisation and management of league meetings.

The successful candidate, who will receive out-of-pocket expenses, will be required to attend monthly management meetings between September and June; three league meetings, coupled with a management meeting, and an AGM during the same period. One of these meetings will to be held in the Gloucester area.

Lesser positions that have fallen under Ken's umbrella and will require to be filled are Press & publicity Secretary, Development secretary, Cup Final Organiser, Handbook organiser, and minute Secretary

If you are interested in filling any of these rolls please speak to a member of Management at today's game or contact Ken on 01454 314822 (email [khu18fc@talktalk.net](mailto:khu18fc@talktalk.net)) or a league officer.



## Previous League Plate Finals

	Winner	Runner Up
2003-2004	Clevedon Town	Highridge United
2004-2005	Highridge United	Clevedon Colts
2005-2006	Henbury Colts	Cadbury Heath Colts
2006-2007	Made Forever Youth	Pucklechurch Sports
2007-2008	St Nicholas	Full Circle
2008-2009	Roman Glass St George	Made Forever Youth
2009-2010	Southside FC	Charlton Rover
2010 - 2011	Wotton Rovers	Downend Wanderers
2011 - 2012	Highridge United	Winterbourne United
2012 - 2013	Bristol Telephones	Kingswood AFC
2013 - 2014	Swindon Village Bowmen	St Nicholas YFC



Swindon Village Bowmen - League Plate Winners 2014





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- 1. Coalpit Heath & AEK Boco
- 2. Kingswood AFC & Yate United
- 3. Shirehampton & Fry Club U18
- 4. StokeLane & Wotton Rovers
- 5. Keynsham Town & Rockleaze Rangers

