

The Lancing Ranger



MAY 82

A NEW START

Welcome to Lancing Rangers. The club has been formed to attempt to provide not only footballing facilities for boys of all ages, but a wider concept of building a community spirit in Lancing and the surrounding area.

While developing the needs of the young men, it is our sincerest wish to widen the scope of the club so that mums, dads, sisters and brothers can obtain enjoyment by getting involved in our activities. It is hoped that parents will feel free to involve themselves at whatever level they desire.

If any parent or club member is unhappy in any way with our procedures or has any suggestions they feel would be beneficial to the running of the club, the committee is always prepared to consider constructive criticism or genuine advice.

On the football scene, for obvious reasons, we have had to establish a minimum age and consider it unwise therefore to accept any members under seven years of age.

We have established teams in four age groups at present—under—eights, under—nines, under—elevens and under—thirteens. We would like to stress however, that members under nine years old will not be involved in competitive matches and all games arranged for them will be on a 'friendly' basis.

When it comes to team selection it is important to stress that this will be the sole responsibility of the individual team managers and I am sure that all parents will understand this.

Obviously there will be boys who, through no fault of their own, will be unable to command a place in a team and it is possible that we may be able to organise a 'mixed age' team. However, this can only be done with parent support, and we would be delighted to hear from any parents who would be prepared to manage such a side.

You will notice throughout the magazine names of traders who have so generously sponsored us by giving cash support and getting the club off to a flying start. It would be a nice gesture if, in response to them helping us to provide facilities for your children, you in turn can support them in the services they provide. We thank them very much.

May I, as Chairman, once again assure you all that the aim of the club is to arrange for ALL its members and supporters facilities to enjoy their activities and generate good will at both sporting and community levels.

David Gurney

SWAP SHOP

If your boys outgrow their boots and there is life left in them, we are operating a 'Boot Bank' and we may well be able to exchange them for the next size up. Maybe you want a pair of boots as a change, please ask at training and for a small donation to club funds, we may be able to help. Likewise, training tops and tracksuits could perhaps be swapped.

MONEY MATTERS

Considering Lancing Rangers Football Club was only formed and constituted on 1 February 1982, I am pleased to report that we find ourselves in a healthy financial position. Already we have had the initial expenditure of £550 in equipping the teams with complete playing strips, match and training balls, first aid kits and other items. After repaying an interest-free loan of £300, we are in the prosperous position of having £123.73 in the bank. This fine start has been brought about by the generosity of some local traders, donations from parents, income from the Jumble Sale and other fund-raising activities.

Graham Willis

Gold and Black

Gold and black are the colours
that they wear
Some tall, some small, some
dark, some fair
Come rain or shine, we stand
and cheer
Some weeks a smile, some
weeks a tear.
To the other team they are
but passing strangers
To us they're our boys —
they're Lancing Rangers.

Keith Lester

COMMENTARY

David Roff

Here is the first edition of the **Lancing Ranger**. It is planned to bring out this magazine every month and as well as regular features reporting on results, match reports, players and fixtures and other topical items, I would be delighted to publish any items of interest and contributions from you, the reader. One of the most important needs in running a

successful club is communication and while the committee will keep you fully informed of decisions and activities through the 'Ranger' we welcome your points of view. I would also like to hear from any 'budding journalists' who would be prepared to assist in writing match reports and special features for inclusion in the Ranger.

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FUND RAISING AND SOCIAL NEWS

Many thanks for the efforts of those parents who have been selling our fund-raising tickets and anyone who would like further information should get in touch with me.

A very quickly arranged Jumble Sale was held on Saturday 6th March which raised £86, and the assistance of all those involved was much appreciated.

I am in the process of forming a fund raising/ social events committee and I would be pleased to hear from you if you can devote some time and become involved in this important and vital aspect of the club. We would like to see a parent representative from all the age group teams on the committee. Any ideas and suggestions for fund raising and social activities will be welcomed.

Calling all Knitters

If you are handy with the old knitting needles and would like to dress dolls or knit toys, or if you have a machine to make club scarves let me know. We will supply the wool. Many thanks to **Mr and Mrs Patrick** who are already busy at their machines making scarves for the new season. If you have any odd balls of wool you no longer need, please bring them to training sessions and I'll be pleased to collect them. Every little helps!



On the social scene 29 parents spent a very enjoyable evening together at the Smugglers in Sompting on Saturday 24 April. A lot of fun and an excellent meal was enjoyed by all.

Don't forget – smart holders for your membership cards are available for only 20p at every training session.

If you want to help in any of the events and activities please contact me on **Lancing 62716 Pat Gurney**

TRAINING TOPICS

Through the intensive efforts of the committee and managers, Lancing Rangers have been successful in obtaining excellent training facilities for the teams as well as 'home' match venues. These include Wednesday and Thursday evenings 'indoor' training sessions at **Boundstone School** where we will be using the facilities offered by the gymnasium; Saturday morning outdoor training at **Irene** and **North Lancing** schools plus outdoor and indoor training on Saturday mornings at **Lancing College**. Lancing College have also made available their 'bottom' football pitch as a 'home' ground for Lancing Rangers.

Our thanks go to all who have assisted in organising these superb facilities.

The Lancing Ranger

Chorus:

O yes, I am a Lancing Ranger
And we can show them all.
I've kicked a million footballs hard
and never scored a goal!

When I was just a little boy
and tired of being bored,
I joined the Lancing Rangers Football Club.
Already I have nearly scored.
My mammy bought me shin pads.
My dad the other gear.
And since I've learned to do the laces up,
The opposition live in fear.

We train each Thursday in the Boundstone gym,
with press-ups, runs and all things new.
I've learned so much about good ball control
I even dribble in the loo.
Our games we play at weekends
Our kit's the best in view.
But please don't pass the ball to me again
For I just haven't got a clue.

Well Mrs Gurney says that I've improved
Last week I nearly hit the ball.
And Derek thought I had my best game yet
I faced the opposition's goal.
But Bill and Dave have cheered me up.
In our next game we can't fail.
They've sent a telegram to Ibrox Park.
The Glasgow Rangers are on call.

Andy Moreland

The Rangers song is sung to the tune of
'The Weekend Soldier' by Billy Connolly.

The man in the middle

In the same way as the boys have to learn to play, the referee also has to learn the skills of his trade.

At Senior level, the Class 1 Referee has graduated from Junior Football. He has learnt to cope with the pressures imposed by spectators who have paid to see the game and hope to see their team win.

Youth football is often played in front of crowds larger than those encountered in the Sussex County League, yet the referee is quite often new to the job and not much older than the players.

All referees make mistakes but they are honest mistakes from which they quickly learn. Subjecting both the referee and the boys to abuse only ruins their confidence and concentration.

Accept all decisions in good faith. Encourage and support not only the boys but also the referee. In this way, both players and referees will get better. Many referees and players have been lost to the game due to the pressures imposed by so-called 'supporters'.

Russell Cummings

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David Phillips – 9 years old on 18th May.

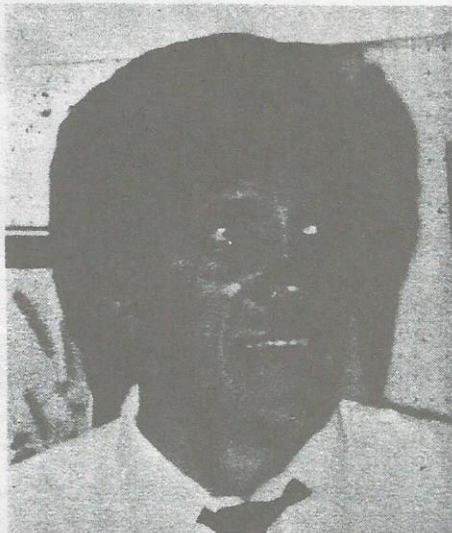
Steven Lovell – 8 years old on 25th May.

Derek Salisbury – 6th May.

Graham Willis – 12th May.

MANAGERS' ROUND-UP

A new challenge



With the prospect of an exciting challenge in the future of Lancing Rangers, I plan to give as much of my spare time as possible to enable the boys to be together and develop a healthy team spirit, and I am looking for full co-operation from all parents. Because this team is the 'standard bearer' of Lancing Rangers, it is essential the boys should understand what competitive football is all about and I shall be strict as regards training and discipline whilst ensuring it will be enjoyable.

As we will be playing highly competitive League football I will endeavour to play my strongest possible team at all times. However, in doing so, it is obvious that there will be boys who will not be participating in match games, and I am trying to work out a programme with other clubs on a League system, so that every boy will have the opportunity to represent Lancing Rangers in competitive football.

I am planning to arrange for Lancing Rangers to play matches throughout the country and abroad to widen their experience both on and off the field.

Bill Edwardes

UNDER ELEVENS

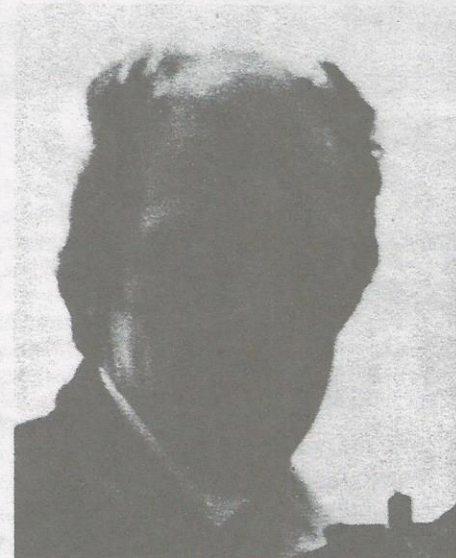
Winning is a bonus

I have a very simple ambition for those boys, whoever they may be, who will form next season's Under 11 squad – enjoy yourselves! Obviously we should all aim to improve the basic skills of the game, both as individuals and as a team, but to me enjoyment is paramount. I therefore ask only three things of the boys: try your very hardest, smile as you go on to the pitch, and smile as you leave it at the end of the match.

Of course we want to win every game, and I hope we do so. But winning is the bonus to the fun of playing as best you are able. Having said that, coaching and training is a serious business requiring serious attitudes both by those who are teaching and by those who are learning. Those boys who have worked with me in the past will tell you, they have to work hard at their fun!!

Pat Jackson

UNDER EIGHTS



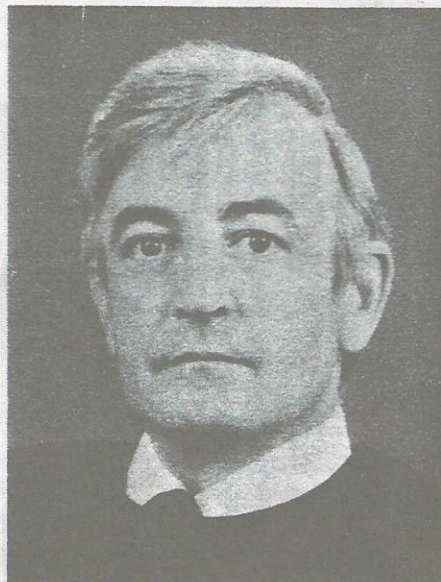
From a personal point of view as manager, what particularly pleases me is the enthusiasm shown by all the boys both in matches and at training on Thursdays and Saturdays. Team selection has been made easier by this enthusiasm and the boys' eagerness to play and I have tried to fit all the boys in at some time.

The boys who make up the team vary from six to eight year olds, so some of those playing at the moment, because of their age, will be unable to play in the under-nines Friendly League next season, so we are looking for someone to look after these youngsters so that they can continue to develop and play friendly matches as they have this year.

Regarding the League next season, hopefully, we will be successful and I am sure that by playing in competitive matches against opposition of the same age our players will improve their skills and football abilities.

Roger Miles

UNDER NINES



So far six friendly matches have been played with the following results:

Southdown United, away	won 2-1
Sullington, home	won 4-1
Upper Beeding, home	won 7-0
3rd Lancing Cubs, home	lost 3-2
Sullington, away	drew 4-4
Coombe Rovers, home	drew 3-3

Team Captain **Johnathan Beeby**
Vice-captain **Ian Salisbury**

With a number of new players coming into the group and my experiments with players changing positions I consider the results very encouraging.

Most of the boys have shown me dedication to playing football and a number have considerable skills. I aim to encourage this but at the same time football is a team game and my future coaching will concentrate on training and playing as a team.

I am sure that most of the spectators will agree with me that the boys have given us a lot of pleasure in watching.

Derek Salisbury

ROYAL TOURNAMENT

As a result of an enquiry by a parent we have provisionally booked 100 seats on the 17th July, 1982 for the 2.30 pm performance. The total cost including seat and coach will be £9 per person.



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Rarin' to go!

This was it! Sunday 7th March. After two months of talking and planning, Lancing Rangers were kicking off.

The day dawned in brilliant sunshine which, of course, we had expected, and the honour of being first to kick off in the super new gold and black strip went to the Lancing Rangers under-eights team at Buckingham School, Shoreham. Under the watchful 'eye' of manager, Roger Miles (who arrived as if he had gone a round with Henry Cooper, but assuring us that his closed eye was caused playing football the previous afternoon) the boys were raring to go. Cameras clicked all round to record the occasion.

The boys surprised us with the standard of their play and individual skills in a well fought game which ended all-square at 0-0.

Now midday, the kit was rapidly collected and delivered to Mrs Salisbury and Mrs Edwardes who shared the task of washing, drying and ironing in readiness for the second match with five minutes to spare.

The Lancing Rangers under-nines played Southdown United at St Andrews School, Worthing. The team played well and the first ever



We all returned home tired but happy – the end of our first day of football under the Lancing Rangers banner.

UNDER EIGHTS

The Under Eights team have now played four games and are so far without a win. However, this does not mean that they have not been playing well. On the contrary, some of their football has been of the highest standard.

One of the problems with having a team in this age group is finding suitable opposition of a comparable age. Teams we have played have tended to be made up of older boys and they have an obvious advantage with their extra weight and longer legs.

Our first game against 3rd Shoreham Cubs produced a 0-0 draw, a very commendable effort as this was the first game together as a team. The second time we played the same cub pack at Irene School produced a very exciting game. After conceding two early goals, the boys fought back hitting both posts and forcing the opposing goalkeeper to make some fine saves, finally losing 3-2 despite the referee adding on a great deal of 'injury time' hoping for an equaliser.



The first goal for the Under Eights was scored by **Nicholas Lee** against 5th Lancing Cubs. The game finished with the Cubs winning 3-1.



goal for Lancing Rangers was scored by **Paul Wells**. In a fine 2-1 victory, **Moray Forest** scored the winner.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'Hello Evening'

Parents meeting to meet the club and exchange views and ideas. Lancing FC, Culver Road, Wednesday 23 June 7.30pm

'Disco Party Nite'

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Jumble Sale

Saturday 28 August.

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Lancing Ranger May 1982

The first Lancing Rangers game was played by the Under 8s managed by the unrecognisable Roger Miles ?

Buckingham School in Shoreham was the venue for this March 1982 sunny morning and the team ran out in the Rangers new kit of gold and black. Great anticipation was held by all to see who would be the first goal scorer for Lancing Rangers. It was enjoyable to see what skills the under 8s had on both sides and the score ended 0-0 .

That was not the end of the day for Rangers. The U9s had a game in the afternoon and the only Rangers kit we had had just been used. This is where mums come in and before the excitement of the game had subsided the kit was extracted from the boys and whisked home by Jean Edwardes and Jenny Salisbury to be hopefully washed and dried in time for the afternoon game.

At St Andrews School in Worthing the U9s managed by Derek Salisbury were to play Southdown United. In even greater anticipation firstly to see if the team would run out in the new Rangers kit or their underwear and secondly would we see the first Rangers goal today.

The team played well and to everybodys delight Paul Wells scored the first ever goal for Rangers in a 2-1 victory Murray Forrest scored the winner.

Now the hard work begins in providing regular football for as many boys as possible.

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BOUNDSTONE v LANCING RANGERS

The Players were nervous, this was a big match indeed, Lancing Rangers Parents v Boundstone School.

Just a little added difficulty it was a three legged 5 a side.

Lancing Rangers kicked off and with a swift one-two or should I say one-two-three Rangers were in the lead by half time. In the second half Boundstone boys and girls scored a doubtful goal. Keith and Lynn Lester in goal saved a great penalty and we went on to win 3-1

My many thanks to the players in the team who were as follows:

Keith and Lynn Lester, Barbara and Roger Miles, Mike Grist and Julie Salisbury, Andy and Kim Moreland and Adrian Phillips and Pat Gurney.

Although the Boundstone team had age on their side we showed them how and had a fine victory.

Goal scorers were Andy Moreland and Kim, Roger Miles and Barbera, Mike Grist and Julie Salisbury.

As a reward the Head master of North Lancing school presented us all with a certificate.

Lancing Rangers do it again.

