

Tavs' Topics – New Season Edition

Taverners Football Club - established 1967 – affiliated to Suffolk FA
 Members of the Gippeswyk Sunday League: 1967 – 1972
 Members of the Ipswich Sunday Football League: 1972 onwards

The 2017/18 season:

After several weeks' training which have been very well attended and two useful friendlies, the league season kicks off this Sunday when the Tavs reserves visit Suffolk Spartans at Gainsborough Sports Centre.

We follow that with a home reserve team match against FC Monarchs on 27 August before both our teams feature on 3 September.

For ease, the Taverners opening fixtures and training arrangements are set out below.

We welcome our new players and wish our members who are set for university or for gap-year activities the best of luck.

Date	1 st team		2 nd team	
Thursday 17 August				
Sunday 20 August			Suffolk Spartans	A
Thursday 24 August	Training at Greshams		Training at Greshams	
Sunday 27 August			FC Monarchs	h
Thursday 31 August	Training at Greshams		Training at Greshams	
Sunday 3 September	Laxfield United	h	Rushmere & Diamonds reserves	a
Thursday 7 September	Training at Copleston		Training at Copleston	
Sunday 10 September	Rushmere Lions	a	Northam Celtic	h
Thursday 14 September	Training at Copleston		Training at Copleston	
Sunday 17 September	Sunday Shield		Sunday Trophy	
Thursday 21 September	Training at Copleston		Training at Copleston	
Sunday 24 September	Hardy	h	Rosary CC reserves	a
Thursday 28 September	Training at Copleston		Training at Copleston	

We are hoping to organise a midweek friendly towards the end of August but you will receive notice of this.

Ipswich Sunday Football League set-up:

The first team continue in six-team league (MB1B) up to Christmas; a second league will be in parallel.

At that point, the two parallel leagues will be re-formed with the top three teams in each division forming a new six-team league seeking promotion and the bottom three playing in a new division to avoid relegation.

Meanwhile, the reserves are in RM Division 3; a more traditional 10 team league.



Taverners' 50th Season Celebrations

We were delighted when stalwart Taverners Clive Bloom and Glen Parker volunteered to take on organising a 50th year celebration evening; the venue was fittingly Greshams Social Club – our home ground for nearly 20 years.

The Golden Jubilee celebration was combined with the club's presentation night and as a result of Clive and Glen's superb endeavours over the months – helped by Pat Elvin's determined approach in the closing weeks – the evening was very well attended and voted a great success by all present. The buffet and music were much appreciated.

Clive said some very kind words for the efforts of Frank, Pat and Bob and generous presentations were made to them together with bouquets for Sue Elvin and Liz Bullamore.

Bob responded with a broad overview of the club's history – particularly on the 'glue' which had held it together; a big factor had clearly been the reserve team's 40 year existence. He also paid tribute to all those who had played their parts over the years.

Our records show that 31 players have played 200 games for the club and, remarkably, 27 of them were present!

A display of photos over the 50 years brought back some great memories for the 100 plus who spanned the years from the Tavs' very beginning back in 1967 to the current squad.

Taverners' Club President John Steward presented the annual awards for the 2016/17 season to the winners listed below.

Taverners Club Awards 2016/17

First team	Winner	Reserve team	Winner	Club	Winner
Players' Player	Mikey Sneddon	Players' Player	Paul Strutt	Presidents' Cup	Trevor Hollinsworth
Manager's Player	Wayne Jordan	Manager's Player	Paul Strutt	Best Newcomer	Craig Risby
Leading goalscorer	Mikey Sneddon	Leading goalscorer	Daren Stevens	Most Improved	David Spalding
Goal of the Season	Jawa Tacey	Goal of the Season	Rob Fisk		

Keeping in Touch.....

This publication will be going to all current members together with our database of ex-players and supporters who we hope enjoy keeping in touch.

For complete up-to-the-minute detail – with photos and weekly updated stats and reports as well as features on 'days gone by' - do visit the Club's website:

www.tavernersfc.org.uk