



SUSSEX SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP FINAL PROGRAMME



**SOUTHWATER VETERANS
VS VALLEY ROVERS
OLD BOYS VETERANS**

VITA RISK SOLUTIONS
VETERANS CUP FINAL

**FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2025
@ RINGMER FC
19:45 KO**





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Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, our football league is calling on players of all ages and skill levels to join! From beginners to seasoned veterans, we believe that football is for everyone.

Why Join Us?

- Fun, Competitive Matches: Play with people of all skill levels in a supportive environment.
- Flexible Leagues: With divisions for all ages, there's a team for everyone.
- Fitness & Social Fun: Stay active and meet new friends while doing what you love.

Who Can Join?

- Adult Leagues: All skill levels welcome!
- Veteran's Divisions: For those 35 and over – age is just a number
- Masters Division: For those 45 and over – age is just a number!

What to Expect:

- Weekly games
- Cup competitions
- A positive and welcoming atmosphere
- All skill levels welcome!

So, what are you waiting for? Get in the game and be part of the most exciting football league around!

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WELCOME TO RINGMER FC

Good evening and welcome to Ringmer Football Club as Cup Final season continues!

Tonight is the final of the Vita Risk Solutions Veterans Cup, with two teams in Division One - Southwater from the Horsham area versus Valley Rovers Old Boys from Brighton.

Tonight's tie promises to be an interesting one. Valley have recently secured the title after last weekend's results went their way and Southwater are still within an outside shot of finishing runners up so all to play for.

Valley have had a superb season and with the addition of the Patcham Vets players after they folded in September, have been on a superb run - losing only 1 game to Mile Oak in the Sussex FA Cup. Something they hope to avenge in the Trophy final here on April 11th.

Southwater have had some mixed results and some high scoring games. Needing to win every game to secure 2nd place and having to play valley twice in 9 days this could be a tasty game for the spectators.

The teams have met once already, which was the first game of the season Valley coming out 6-4 winners as always. We are grateful to our hosts and we would also like to extend our gratitude to our superb match officials.

On a different note we sadly have to announce the passing of our friend David Beattie.

Dave has he was commonly known has been involved in Sunday football in Brighton & Hove for over 40 years both managing Hangleton FC and then coming onto the committee and serving various roles from a committee member through to the old office manager via Fixtures and achieving his Final position of vice chairman from which he retired in 2023.

There will be a minute applause before tonight's game in memory of everything they did throughout his lifetime.

Greg Austin
Chairman



SOUTHWATER VETERANS

Bio: Southwater FC was established in 1958. Our junior teams were introduced a bit later, as one of the early members of the Horsham & District Mini Minor Football league, founding teams were given nick names after birds, ours is the Swifts. Our Vets team started in the 2018/19 season.

Southwater Sports Club has been in existence for over 128 years and provides an essential facility for the whole Southwater community. It started as a Tin shed for Cricketers to get changed in, and in 1963 the shed was demolished, and the Cricketers erected a new wooden structure with two changing rooms and a small Bar. In the early 80's local Landlady May Brown became Head Barmaid and ran the Club for many years really moving it forward. In 1982 The Cricket Club amalgamated with Southwater Football Club and the name changed to Southwater Sports Club. In 1985 the Club was once again demolished by its members and a new bigger building was constructed with further extensions being added in the 80s and 90s. Finally in 2019 the Sports Club moved to its new home.

ROUTE TO THE FINAL

Round One

Diversity United 0-5 Southwater

Goals: Franks 3, Deacon, Shugaa

Round Two

Southwater 1-1 Roffey (5-4 penalties)

Goals: Byrne

Quarter-Final

Southwater 4-2 Hassocks Fatboys

Goals: Deacon, Franks, Pawson, Rivers

Semi-Final

Bison Beer 0-2 Southwater

Goals: Franks, Pawson

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Ben Short
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Lee Parsons
1, 2 No

Mark Taylor
Skin diesel

Adam Saunders
Phil

Greg Brabon
Royce

Andrew Guy
Grant

Joe Holt
The Cat

Clarke Byrne
Governor

Thomas King
Boss

Marc Rivers
Mr Motivator

Chris Franks
The Wall

David Franks
Angry Bird

Allan Chase
Chasey

Terry Deacon
Loves a good tackle

Ashley Pawson
Only Fans

Jamie O'Leary
I'm on pens

VITA RISK SOLUTIONS

VETERANS CUP 2024/25

FIRST ROUND

Heatfield & Horam	6-1	Indomitable Reserves
Diversity United	0-5	Southwater
Montpelier Villa II	5-5	Roffey (3-4 penalties)
Horsham Crusaders	1-1	Marle Place Wanderers (4-1 penalties)

SECOND ROUND

Heathfield & Horam	0-1	Bison Beer
Indomitable	2-6	Hurstpierpoint
Southwater	1-1	Roffey (5-4 penalties)
Sussex Cobras	A-W	Hassocks Fatboys
Amici Athletic Reserves	1-3	Woodingdean Wanderers
Ringmer AFC	H-W	Woodingdean Wanderers Reserves
Lewes Reserves	A-W	Horsham Crusaders
Thakeham Village	1-8	Valley Rovers Old Boys

QUARTER-FINAL

Bison Beer	1-0	Hurstpierpoint
Southwater	4-2	Hassocks Fatboys
Woodingdean Wanderers	1-8	Ringmer AFC
Horsham Crusaders	1-3	Valley Rovers Old Boys

SEMI-FINAL

Bison Beer	0-2	Southwater
Ringmer AFC	0-4	Valley Rovers Old Boys

FINAL

Southwater	vs	Valley Rovers Old Boys
28/03/25 Ringmer FC 19:45		



UPCOMING CUP FINALS

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VS

VALLEY ROVERS OLD BOYS

@ RINGMER FC | 19:00



VALLEY ROVERS OLD BOYS VETS

Formed: 2023

Bio: A proper family team
for all the old gits & a few
hangers on.

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ROUTE TO THE FINAL

Round One

BYE

Goals: -

Round Two

Thakeham Village 1-8 Valley Rovers Old Boys

Goals: McBride 3, Gathern, Sikiru, South, Warde, Bundy

Quarter-Final

Horsham Crusaders 1-3 Valley Rovers Old Boys

Goals: Sikiru, Sell, Marchant

Semi-Final

Ringmer AFC 0-4 Valley Rovers Old Boys

Goals: Dickens 2, Warde, Whitton

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MEET THE PLAYERS

Steve Thompson

Always late and gets dressed in the dark but a key part of the superb defensive record

Matt Batchelor

Seasoned thief. Pays his subs from what he robs in the changing rooms. Been almost ever present all season

Matt Plummer

Very solid player who has been a big part of the vets and masters sides this season

Jake Ward

Top scorer and someone who can make things happen from nowhere, just remember to pass to him because he gets very upset if you don't.

Dane Amiet

Finally old enough to play Vets and loving his football more than ever. Captain in both the first team and the veterans he could walk away this season with 9/10 medals.

Matt Tiplady

If you can break it, he's done it if you can pull it he's done it but never gives less than 100% and probably made the tackle of the season in the quarter-final which helped to get us here today.

Darren Mansell

been unlucky this season or maybe just this lifetime with injuries but loves helping coach from the side when he's not in the squad and we're hoping to be ready for the next big game.

Jack Dickens

Been with the Club since

he was 18 years old and still loving every minute of his football. Playmaker who has now formed a super partnership as a striker.

Steve Fernandez

The man with the carrier bag. Carries his bag around like Jack Bauer. No one knows what's inside that Sainsbury's bag but all we do know is he's a hard tackling. I'll play anywhere superb addition to the club.

Jason Gathern

Gav has been with the Club for nearly 20 years minus a couple of years with the dark side. Can play anywhere through the middle and has popped up with some vital goals.

Lewis Hyde

New signing this season, who came as part of the package in a contract with Jaffa oranges. Takes 1 stride to most people's 2 and despite being banned from Tinder, three times still manages to perform every week

Hammy

Bit like the man from Uncle nobody knows his real name or his best position. Takes more chances in front of goal than Andy Cole but still manages to score almost every week.

John Bundy

The oldest member of the squad who's just turned 61 but due to a trip to Turkey only looks 45. Play the key part this year in both the masters and the veteran sides.

Ross Smith

Another one who could walk away with nearly double figures in medals this year due to his roles in the first and veterans teams. Key part of the midfield and not someone you want chasing you down.

Dan Whitton

Plays football like a witch casting spells on the people who sadly won't get passed him. Got the ability of a Bobby Moore style player with the grace of pumba from lion king.

Ian South

Player manager who's kept more clean sheets this year than steve !! Scored a couple and happy to play if needed.

Ben Norris

Another new addition who's fitted in perfectly. Very chilled player who's either knee deep in a tackle or laying on the grass watching the butterflies.

Ben Towner

Not allowed to play tonight as the wife heard what he said about her in the last game. Key part of the side albeit from a dwarf angle.

Craig Marchant

Great link up player who scores most games he plays. Getting back to full fitness and playing some of his best football

Robin Bridle

Signed as part of the "I'll only play if you sign my cousin" contract with Jake. Slowly learning what his feet are for but a top guy and has scored some superb goals.



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LEAGUE STATISTICS

VITA RISK VETS DIVISION ONE LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Valley Rovers Old Boys Vets	11	11	0	0	50	7	43	33
2 Ringmer AFC Veterans	12	7	1	4	39	29	10	22
3 Woodingdean Wanderers Veterans	11	7	1	3	30	36	-6	22
4 Roffey Vets	11	5	1	5	32	29	3	16
5 Southwater Veterans	10	4	2	4	31	26	5	14
6 Heathfield & Horam Veterans	12	4	2	6	21	23	-2	14
7 Diversity United Vets	13	3	0	10	22	43	-21	9
8 Montpelier Villa AFC Veterans II	12	1	1	10	10	42	-32	4

VITA RISK VETS DIVISION TWO LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Hurstpierpoint Veterans	8	7	0	1	21	8	13	21
2 Bison Beer Veterans	9	6	1	2	28	14	14	19
3 Indomitable Veterans	9	4	0	5	21	19	2	12
4 Hassocks Fatboys Veterans	6	3	2	1	11	10	1	11
5 Amici Athletic Veterans Reserves	10	3	1	6	22	26	-4	10
6 Marle Place Wanderers Vets	8	0	0	8	7	33	-26	0

TOP SCORERS

JAKE WARDE Valley Rovers Old Boys	21	13	GARY ALLEN Woodingdean Wanderers
ADAM BURTON Ringmer AFC	12	12	CHRISTOPHER FRANKS Southwater

TEAM SHEET



**SOUTHWATER
VETERANS**

RED & BLACK



**VALLEY ROVERS
OLD BOYS VETS**

GREY

- 1 ☐ BEN SHORT [GK]
- 2 ☐ LEE PARSONS
- 3 ☐ MARK TAYLOR
- 4 ☐ ADAM SAUNDERS
- 5 ☐ GREG BRABON
- 6 ☐ ANDREW GUY
- 7 ☐ JOE HOLT
- 8 ☐ CLARKE BYRNE
- 9 ☐ THOMAS KING
- 10 ☐ MARC RIVERS
- 11 ☐ CHRIS FRANKS
- 12 ☐ DAVID FRANKS
- 14 ☐ ALLAN CHASE
- 15 ☐ TERRY DEACON
- 16 ☐ ASHLEY PAWSON
- 17 ☐ JAMIE O'LEARY
- ☐ CHRIS GOULDER
- ☐ CLIVE CHALMERS
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

MANAGER: GEOFF AYLING
ASSISTANT: -

- 1 ☐ STEVE THOMPSON [GK]
- 2 ☐ MATT BATCHELOR
- 3 ☐ MATT PLUMMER
- 4 ☐ JAKE WARD
- 5 ☐ DANE AMIET
- 6 ☐ MATT TIPLADY
- 7 ☐ DARREN MANSELL
- 8 ☐ JACK DICKENS
- 9 ☐ STEVE FERNANDEZ
- 10 ☐ JASON GATHERN
- 11 ☐ LEWIS HYDE
- 12 ☐ HAMMY
- 13 ☐ JOHN BUNDY
- 14 ☐ ROSS SMITH
- 15 ☐ DAN WHITTON
- 16 ☐ IAN SOUTH
- ☐ BEN NORRIS
- ☐ BEN TOWNER
- ☐ CRAIG MARCHANT
- ☐ ROBIN BRIDLE
- ☐

MANAGER: IAN SOUTH
ASSISTANT: -

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE
ALEXANDER HOLLIS

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