



The Old Felstedian Football Club has recently returned to Arthurian League competition in the form of the Junior League Cup and David Woolcott Trophy for the 2023/24 season. The Arthurian League consists of other Old Boys' teams which are played in and around London.

It has been a long wait for the OFFFC, which formed in 1893 at the Sport's Club in St. James' Square. The club enjoyed matches against Ipswich Town and Chelmsford in addition to other Old Boys outfits. We have been extremely lucky this year to work with school archivists to examine Felstedian magazines during this time period. This has helped us understand the short, but rich history of the club.

The First World War made it increasingly difficult for the OFs to fulfill regular fixtures, which led to the eventual dissolution of the club in 1919. Star players H.J. Farquharson ([b 1905-1908](#)) and A.C. Hayhoe ([a 1902-1906](#)) who represented the club over 100 times, A.G. Thurlow ([b 1905-1911](#)), E.F. Gillett ([fb 1905-1912](#)) and H.F. Silverwood ([d 1907-1910](#)) are only a handful of OFFFC players who died during active service. It had therefore been over 100 years since Old Felstedians entered any form of football competition.

Now having been reformed in 2017, the club has seen over forty OFs turn out in annual fixtures against the School and Common Room. The next step was of course to apply for regular external fixtures with teams alike. The team this season have met Old Brentwoods and Old Salopians (to be played 20th Jan) in their respective Cup fixtures, with more fixtures for progressing in the competitions.

The Old Felstedians have taken to their new fixtures with usual underdog spirit, playing against tough teams playing every week. London based matches have made the club more accessible to London-based OFs, so please get in touch with us if you are interested and available.

\*Reports available separately\*

OFFFC has very kindly been supported by the OF Society, helping the club fund fixtures and two new kits for the forthcoming season. The club has published a new crest to mark its formation spearheaded by Lieutenant General Sir Bertram [Kirwan \(1883-1886\)](#), as well as sought kits to match those worn by the Old Felstedians in the 1890's.

The Old Felstedian Football Club players this season ranged from 19 to 35 years old, which made for great social and networking occasions in even some pretty poor playing conditions. All fixtures are followed by hospitality, keep a look out for us on our socials!

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