

WALKING FOOTBALL HOME INTERNATIONAL



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Guernsey 70's
v England 75's

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL
KGV - KO: 13:00

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2023 Matchday Programme



Firstly a warm Guernsey welcome to our visitors.

Our association/ friendship with the England managers goes back several years and this fixture enhances that bond.

As we, the GWFC, continue to rebuild ourselves after COVID, we hope that this will be the first of many fixtures, both home and away.

I know that it will be a good fixture, played in the right spirit, and hope that you all enjoy the game.

Rick Batiste - Director
Guernsey Walking Football Club

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In August 2021 we welcomed five England teams to Guernsey for our first International Walking Football Fixtures. Men's and women's representative sides competed in a variety of age group games from 40+ up to 65+. The games were hosted at Footes Lane, the sporting hub located in the centre of the island, just a stones throw from King George V Memorial Playing Fields, the home of walking football here in Guernsey. All of the games can be replayed on our website - gwfc.gg.



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Walking Football was first introduced into Guernsey, as taster sessions, by the Guernsey Football Association (GFA) in association with King George V Playing Fields (KGV) in 2014. These sessions were well attended and great interest was shown by the participants. This continued for approximately 18 months purely as a social group and was well attended.

Guernsey Walking Football Club (GWFC) was formed in early 2017, with an Acting President, Acting Secretary and Acting Treasurer. A Club Constitution was written and adopted by the club and accepted by the Guernsey Sports Commission in early 2017. At the same time, a link was set up with "The Walking Football Association" (WFA) and more recently with the international organisation the FIWFA who have members all over the UK as well as on the continent and worldwide. The GWFC, in 2017, had 22 members both male and female and have 12/14 regular attendees at the social sessions held on Sunday mornings.

Walking Football in Guernsey was officially introduced to the public during "Healthy Heart Weekend" held at Beau Sejour in early 2016 and again in 2017, where the public were invited to participate in a session alongside players from the club.

During the next 2 years many events were organised, supporting the Bobby Moore Foundation being one of the first for the club. Coaching sessions were organised during 2018 at Beau Sejour and the Styx Community centre to help new players take up the activity.

KGV had been our 'Home' for GWFC where we held our first Festival, trips to Jersey, the first ever Internationals with England Men & Women teams & more recently with the Isle of Man. 2020/21 will see more opportunities for the newly formed Guernsey Walking Football LBG Charity.



KGV was established through a Trust as "playing fields for the people of Guernsey" in 1935 in memory of King George V. Many sports were played here in the early years; however, it was deployed as a camp for slave workers during the Second World War before being re-established in 1948.

Over time the trustees acquired extra land and added buildings to provide extra amenity. In 2020, the work was completed, providing sports and community facilities for everyday use. KGV is the home to many including Guernsey Cricket, Rangers FC, Guernsey Walking Football Club and u3a to name a few.

Any trading surpluses realised are ploughed back into improving the facility and paying down loans.





Guernsey 70's Walking Football team photographed before one of their final training sessions ahead of their game against England.

Back row (left to right); Mac Self, Phil Retz, John Casey, John Robins, Paul Wheatley & Keith Corbin.

Front row (left to right); Martyn Mitchell, Paul Rogers, Paul Shepherd, Steve Potter, Bryan Lowe & Greg Peck

Coaching staff; Martin Scott, Rick Batiste, Martyn Mitchell & Steve Potter

Playing kit; All green kit



England over 75's team are pictured below celebrating after beating Wales over 75's 4-0 in Bristol. The team to face Guernsey this weekend is as follows:

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| 1 John Salvatore | 5 Trevor Dale |
| 2 Dave Pooley | 6 John Farrington |
| 3 Mike Kell | 7 Geoff Martel |
| 4 Terry Keeling | 8 Neill Willetts (Captain) |

Playing kit; White Shirts, Blue Shorts & White Socks

Manager; Danny Ward

Match officials; Les Burgess, Harry Bisson & Martyn Mitchell.





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