

HAMLET WANT RECORD CROWD AT WEEKEND



Dulwich are hoping for a record crowd as fans pay what they want.

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DULWICH HAMLET are hoping to break their own Champion Hill attendance record on Saturday as they invite fans to pay what they want to go through the turnstiles.

The venture is part of 'Non-League Day' where semi-pro clubs aim to take advantage of the fact that no Premiership or Championship games are taking place due to the international break.

With England playing on Monday fans kicking their heels on Saturday are being invited to Champion Hill where they can give what they wish at the gate to watch Dulwich take on Hampton & Richmond Borough.

Any contributions, once game costs

have been covered, will be handed over to two homeless charities supported by the Mayor of Southwark, namely The Robes Project and UK Homes 4 Heroes.

The record Dulwich Hamlet attendance at Champion Hill took place in the 1998/99 season when a crowd of 1,835 came through the gate to watch an FA Cup encounter against Southport.

A spokesman for the Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust, who have worked on the idea with club owners Hadley Property Group, told the *News*: "It's an ambitious target to get that many people through the gate but we can do it if we publicise it enough. We had over 1,400 here at the end of last season so we think

it can be done.

"We would say to people who go to Championship or Premiership games usually to come and give us a try. You will notice a very different feel to the game.

"There is no segregation so fans happily mix together and there is no animosity between supporters. You can also switch ends at half time, so you are always behind the goal we are attacking.

"You get treated like an adult as you can have a drink and bring it down by the pitch whilst you watch the game."

A march, organised by Hamlet fans, is also taking place on Saturday to

promote the game and the club.

The spokesman added: "A group of fans are walking together from the north west corner of Peckham Rye, where they are holding the Peckham Rye Fete the same day, and will be leaving at about 2pm. We will be led by a local band, the Relatives.

"We want as many Hamlet fans to come along and join us as we walk to the ground. Wear your best pink and blue! We want to publicise the club and the game, and hopefully we will pick some supporters up for the game along the way."

To find out more about the day visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/dulwichhamlet.

Fish discount for food donation

FISHER FC are offering football for a fiver on Sunday provided supporters make a charitable donation of food or cash to Southwark charity Pecan Foodbank.

The game on Sunday against Woodstock Sports, which kicks off at 1pm, is a second chance for Southwark residents to take part in 'Non-League day' as Dulwich Hamlet are holding their own event on Saturday.

The Fisher initiative will see adults pay just £5 at the turnstile if they contribute to foodbank collectors at the gate with a cash donation, of any size, or hand over non-perishable grub.

Fisher chair Ben Westmancott said:

"Non-League Day is a special day every year, as it gives supporters of Premier League and Championship clubs an incentive to visit their local non-league team and enjoy the experience of real grassroots game.

"We have cut our admission prices to encourage those fans along, but we also want to use the opportunity to support a fantastic local organisation who provide crucial support to people in need."

A donation of any kind will also see people entitled to concessions, including people aged sixteen to 21, pay just £2.

Suitable donations of food include pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned meat or fish, tea bags or coffee, cereals, fruit juice,



The Fisher FC game on Sunday will also support a local foodbank

and UHT milk. Baked beans, soup and pasta are not required.

Fisher are also hoping that Millwall fans missing their fix of football, as there are no Premiership or Championship fixtures

next weekend, will make the short trip to Champion Hill to acquaint themselves with their local non-league club.

Westmancott added: "We have an excellent relationship with Millwall FC – who I know have also supported Pecan with collections at games – and we would love to see Lions fans at our game where they can get behind Bermondsey's non-league side.

"For just a fiver, and a donation of food or spare change to the Pecan Foodbank, all fans will get to see what is set to be a great game of FA Vase football featuring players who are giving their all for their local team."

For more information about the day or the club visit fisherfc.co.uk.

Seedy end to Hamlet trip

Billericay Town 2

Dulwich Hamlet 1

A SEEDY Njie effort fourteen minutes from time saw Hamlet fall to their second consecutive league defeat on Saturday.

A much depleted Dulwich squad made the trip to Billericay and took the lead just after the break when new striker Bagasan Graham netted his first goal for

the club.

But in an even contest the home side fought their way back into the game and just after the hour mark Steve Sheehan levelled things up.

Njie then put the Essex club ahead eleven minutes later and despite the late sending of Jeffery Imudia from the home side Hamlet could not rescue a point for their efforts.

On Tuesday night against early league leaders Margate a goal from Laurent

Hamici with the last kick of the game secured Dulwich a dramatic victory.

Hamlet had fell behind in the fifteenth minute when Lewis Taylor scored for the seaside team but defender Lewis Gonsalves equalised for the Pink and Blues ten minutes into the second half.

Just as the game appeared to be heading for a draw substitute Hamici netted to end Hamlet's losing run and inflict a league defeat on Margate for the first time this campaign.

Lionesses stung by Bees

MILLWALL LOST their latest outing on Sunday when a solitary effort from Amber Gaylor was enough for the London Bees to defeat them 1-0.

The defeat was the Lionesses

fourth successive loss in the FA Women's Super League Division Two and lifts the Bees off the bottom of the table.

Lionesses boss Alberto Kurti said: "Football's cruel. I don't think we

deserved to lose that game. I can't fault the girls, what I said to them was to go out there and play to their potential and they demonstrated that today."

The Lionesses are back in action

tonight, at Beckenham Town FC, when they take on Watford Ladies in a 7.45pm kick off.

For the latest news on the Lionesses visit millwall.faws1.com.

FA Cup exit but much to cheer at Fisher

Fisher FC 2

Ramsgate FC 4

FISHER EXITED the FA Cup at the hands of Ramsgate at the weekend but despite the loss there is much to cheer at the club.

On the pitch the Fish were undone by their Ryman South opposition largely due to defensive lapses in concentration, particularly just after the restart when a dozing Nathaniel Bell was caught out and gave away a spot kick in his desperation to correct his error.

But for chunks of the game, especially just after the impressive Junior James bagged a first half equaliser, the Fish more than held their own and perhaps should have led at the break.

But it was even Stevens at half-time as James' smart finish gave the home side parity following a cracking Connor Heffernan effort on 20 minutes.

After Chris Elliott punished Bell's rashness from the spot Ira Jackson gave the visitors a two goal buffer before an excellent header from James brought Fisher back in the contest.

That might have led to a grandstand finish but another spectacular long range effort, this time from Tom Chapman, gave Ramsgate the breathing space they needed to hold off any late thrust.

The weekend showed Fisher have come a long way since their reformation in a Bermondsey gym hall in 2009.

The supporters' owned club are within a whisker of getting back to their heartland next season in a new stadium on a state of the art artificial pitch.

That is not to be sniffed at and whilst progress on the playing side has been much slower the club as a whole have a bright future built on a solid foundation.

There are still barriers to getting back to Rotherhithe, but none are insurmountable, but once there that should help the club grow and develop.

The club is realistic about the growth they can achieve and what they want to build in their heartland, and that is progress of a real kind.

If Saturday is a barometer of their recent performances then results should follow, it is all the more impressive as no player at the Fish picks up a wage packet from the club.

It is important results follow for confidence sake as you can only rely on the 'good performance, bad result' mantra so often.

The weekend result was not good but although there is natural disappointment amongst the playing staff they are helping to build something rather special – you hope they realise that.

NEXT GAME

FA VASE
Woodstock Sports (H)
Sun Sept 7 @ 1pm

NEXT GAMES

RYMAN PREMIER LEAGUE

Hampton & Richmond Borough (H)

Sat Sept 6 @ 3pm

Grays Athletic (A)

Wed Sept 10 @ 7.45pm