



# SUTTON BRAVES



**PROGRAMME**

**25p**



# SUTTON BRAVES BASEBALL CLUB

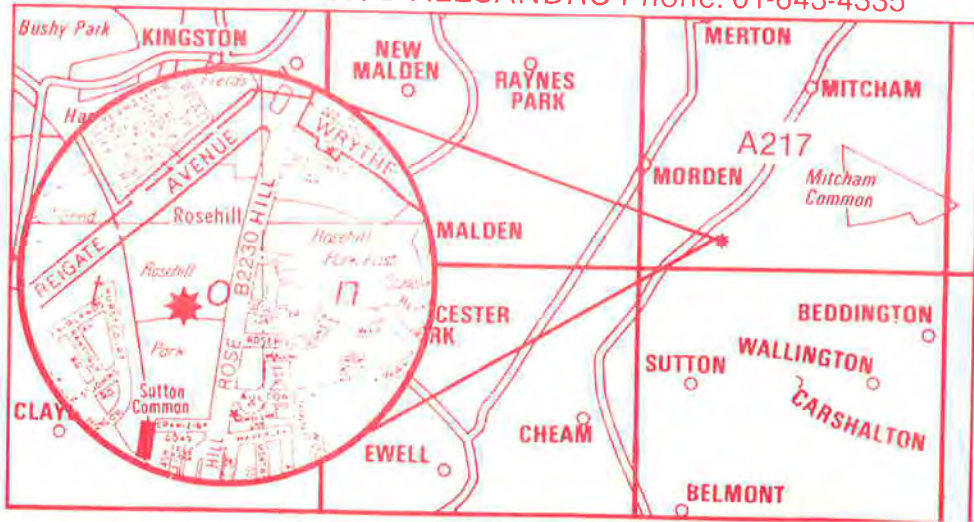
*Home Field: Rosehill Park, Sutton, Surrey.*

*Affiliated to BBF*

**OFFICIALS — 1987**

President .....	Brian Holland
Chairman .....	Hugh Neffendorf
Secretary .....	Rick D'Alesandro
Treasurer .....	Hugh Neffendorf
Manager .....	Martin Jewer
Assistant Manager .....	Jim Dunn
Captain .....	Chris Bryant

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## 1986 PLAYER AWARDS

Most Valuable Player	Rick D'Alesandro
Most Improved Player	Mike Metz
Batting	Alan Bloomfield
Slugging	Alan Bloomfield
Pitching	Hugh Neffendorf
Fielding	Mike Swiskay
Runs Batted In	Mike Buchanan
Youth M.V.P.	Tim Newhouse

## SUTTON BRAVES BASEBALL CLUB

A leading First Team

A second team for less experienced players

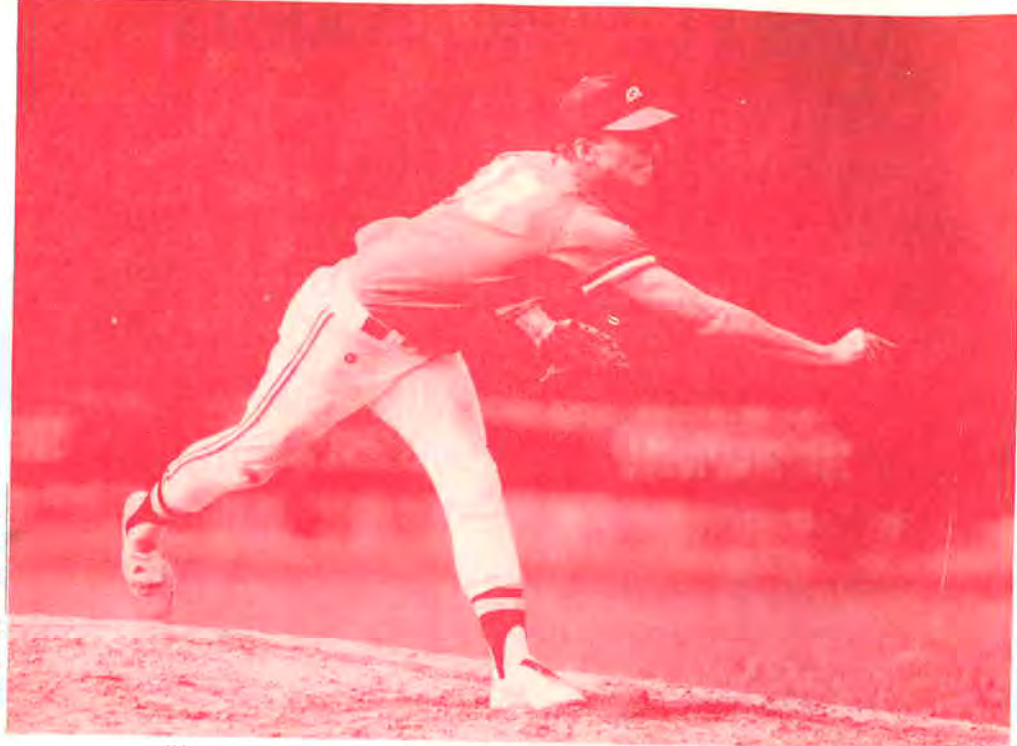
Several youth teams, 8 - 17

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Alan Bloomfield



Mike Swiskay safe at third

## 25 YEARS OF THE SUTTON BRAVES

During a baseball game at Selhurst Park in 1962, a group of Boy Scouts passed among the spectators giving out handbills announcing the formation of a new baseball club in Purley.

Following a meeting led by Bert Baker, the Purley 'Kings' were born.

During the following winter it was found impossible to get a ground in Purley, so it was decided to move the club to Rosehill Park, Sutton and rename to club the Sutton 'Braves'.

For the next six years the Braves grew into a strong contender in the Southern Baseball League, culminating in what was arguably their best season in 1968. Having won the S.B.L. championship led by the likes of Joel Buschman, Marshall Nagy, Mike and Bernie Periera, the Braves went on to compete in the national semi-finals, only to be beaten by one run in a thrilling game against the Hull Aces.

During the 1967 season, an All Star game was held at the old White City stadium where the Southern All Stars took on the Mormon Elders. They beat the Elders 5-4 in an excellent game. Five members of the starting line-up were Braves' players.

The early seventies saw the arrival at Sutton of John Mahoney, Jimmy Worts and Ron Williams. They too helped the Braves in some fine seasons.

During the late 70's the Braves suffered the way of many teams who sign on too many foreign nationals, when a number of them went back home, leaving the Sutton Braves a much weaker team.

But before Art Bloomfield and Al Wright came along and helped the Braves rebuild. One of Wright's friends was Tom Barrett who became one of the Braves' best third basemen. During one game at Watford, Barrett leapt into the air to catch a line drive and, while still in the air, he turned and threw the ball to get a runner off first base for a magical double play.

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## 1987 SCHEDULE

May 4 SUTTON BRAVES	v Gillingham Dodgers
May 10 Cobham Yankees	v SUTTON BRAVES 2.30 start
May 17 SUTTON BRAVES	v Crawley Giants
May 24 SUTTON BRAVES	v Croydon Bluejays
May 31 SUTTON BRAVES	v Enfield Spartans
June 7 Golders Green Sox	v SUTTON BRAVES
June 14 SUTTON BRAVES	v Barnes Stormers
June 21 Gillingham Dodgers	v SUTTON BRAVES
June 28 SUTTON BRAVES	v Cobham Yankees
July 5 Crawley Giants	v SUTTON BRAVES
July 12 Croydon Bluejays	v SUTTON BRAVES
July 18-19 Crawley Tournament	
July 26 Enfield Spartans	v SUTTON BRAVES
August 2 SUTTON BRAVES	v Golders Green Sox
August 9 Barnes Stormers	v SUTTON BRAVES

# You need...

# IMAGINATIVE ARTWORK

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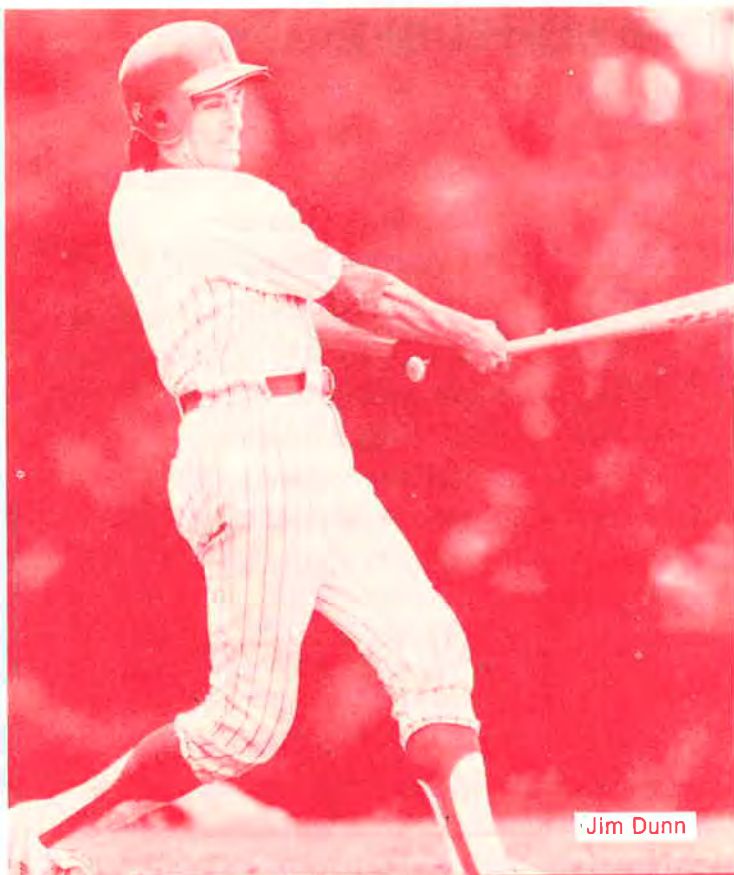


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Jim Dunn



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Alan Bloomfield

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After a single season in the Southern League second division, the Braves returned as champions to the first division with the help of players like Hugh Neffendorf and Ricky D'Alesandro, who are still with the club.

The eighties have seen the growth of Bloomfield's son Alan, who has turned into a fine international player.

Currently the Sutton Braves are one of the strongest teams in the Southern England Baseball Association. They have finished second in the league for the past two years.

Apart from Bloomfield, they have two other British international players in Julian Dodwell and Marty Jewer. Marty is now the pitching coach for the Great Britain squad and Manager of the Braves.

As the Braves go to their 25th. season they will be looking for inspiration from Bloomfield and Dodwell who have just returned after six successful months of baseball in Australia.

1986 saw sponsorship by GRIDIRON SPORTS, the birth of the Braves' junior teams, and 1987 sees the formation of a second team, a foundation for success.

The Sutton Braves' silver jubilee celebrations will climax on September 12th 1987, when they will take on the Southern All Stars during a festival day of baseball. One member of the original team 25 years ago will certainly be present - current club president and league statistician, Brian Holland.

