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Special Thanks to Mike Pike

Over the last two weeks I have received a number of emails from people associated with the OWFC who wanted to share their memories and say thanks for the service Mike Pike has provided to date, and I'm pleased to be able to share these with you.

Hi Eggy

Didn't realise my old school friend Pikey was stepping down. You may or may not know that the newsletter was my idea in 1962 when we used to mail selection notices and I suggested we might as well do a small newsletter each week. I was working as a journo at the time so found it quite easy although the old fashioned duplicating machine that you will never have heard of (supplied by Mike Harris) was rather time-consuming.

I did it for a few years then Ron Ashdown and Gerry Reasley had a shot and then Pikey did it from then.

I have to say you have done a very good job with it.

I have recently done a ten-week series in the Non League Paper on the history of the two top amateur leagues – Isthmian and Northern – up until 1974 when the FA decaled everyone a player and the FA Amateur Cup ceased. I attach a copy of the final article which might be of interest to some? (See corresponding article on OWFC Website)

*Good luck
Bob "The Cat" Bevan*

James

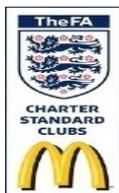
I thought I should email to commend you on the format of the OWFC newsletter – I think that it is absolutely fabulous and full marks are deserved by yourself and any others who have contributed to the design.

I also feel that I cannot pass the opportunity by to say my personal thanks to Pikey for the incredible amount of time, energy and effort that he has put in over the years as THE editor of OWFC – "All the news that is fit to print"; You have big boots to fill!!!

I was on the adjacent pitch on the day that Mike played his last game for the OWFC. His leg breaking sounded like a rifle being shot; not surprisingly Mike never played seriously again but, as we all know, has contributed more to the OWFC and the OWCC than the vast majority of us put together.

Hoping that the OWFC have another successful season

*Steve Wisson
(previously Hon Sec OWFC and past President of the OWA)*





Special Thanks to Mike Pike

I've just read that Pikey has stood down after 47 years as Editor of the Newsletter! What an achievement and what a man.

As we all know Mike goes about his business quietly and efficiently and delivers the goods week in and week out. The OWFC (and the Cricket Club and the OWA) owe him so much for his absolute and total commitment to the cause.

Mike was my first skipper when, as a Schoolboy, I was drafted in on a Saturday morning for the 5s or 6s and Pikey picked me up from Loughborough Junction. I think we won the game and Pikey introduced me to bitter shandy and got me home safely.....I enjoyed the experience so much I went on to play a few more games for the Club!

Sadly I don't believe we will ever see another Pikey but I do wish James all the best in his new role.(Is there any reason why he is not listed as a contact on the OWFC Website???)

I hope I speak for all the ex Camberwell boys and even the younger generation when I say that we owe Pikey a huge debt of gratitude for all his services to the various clubs at OWs....a debt that we can never repay. GOOD COMMUNICATION is the absolute key to everything in my book and Pikey has provided that conduit for us all for nearly 50 years.....unbelievable!

I know Pikey will continue doing all he can to support the OWFC, the OWCC and the Association and I thank him sincerely for all his efforts and his close friendship. Pikey I salute you.

Enjoy your "retirement".....see you at Gardening on Monday week!

Cheers

Mick Pilgrim (Past President, Chairman etc. etc.)





Fixtures and Results

Classified Results - 2nd September

1 st XI	1	4	HAC
Goals: Sitch, O. MoM: Not Reported			
Alleyn Old Boys	7	0	2 nd XI
Goals: N/A MoM: Leonard, G.			
Old Tiffinians 1 st XI	1	4	3 rd XI
Goals: Newman-Sanders, B., Williams, M., Perkins, M. Akpakwu, C. MoM: Akpakwu, C			
Old Tiffinians 2 nd XI	P	P	4 th XI
West Wickham 6 th XI	3	1	5 th XI
Goals: Hill, J. MoM: Hill, J.			
6 th XI	3	2	Bank Of England 4 th XI
Goals: Eglon, J. (2), Mander, J. MoM: Eglon, J.			
7 th XI	4	1	Bank Of England 5 th XI
Goals: Dhariwal, M., Ingamels, H., Relf, H., Page, K. MoM: Ingamels, H.			
8 th XI	P	P	Dorkinians 6 th XI

Fixtures- 9th September

1 st XI	14-00	West Wickham
League - Hayes		
City of London	14-00	3 rd XI
League		
4 th XI	14-00	West Wickham
League - Hayes		
5 th XI	14-00	Merton
League – Hawes Down		
6 th XI	14-00	South Bank Cuaco
League – Hawes Down		
7 th XI	12-00	8 th XI
Friendly – Hawes Down		



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Pre-season Match Reports

Match Reports Table:

Team	Played	RS	RSL	NR	Points	Points Dropped	Response %
1st XI	5	4	1	0	13	2	100
2nd XI	4	4	0	0	12	0	100
5th XI	2	2	0	0	6	0	100
6th XI	2	2	0	0	6	0	100
3rd XI	2	1	1	0	4	2	100
7th XI	1	1	0	0	3	0	100

Pre-Season Top Scorers:

Scorer	Goals
Newman-Sanders, B	3
James, S	2
Braterman, A	2
Piri	2
Smith, P	2
Watson, C	2
Rand, R	2
Williams, M	2
Eglon, J	2

MERTON 2 – 1 OWFC 1st XI (played 26th August)

A game that really should have ended 3 or 4 in our favour was lost due to some soft goals and our inability to finish off our chances. Playing in the diamond formation introduced by captain Sellman the 1s passed the ball well throughout the game without finding the final pass, cross or shot. Merton carried little threat throughout the game scoring from a deselected free kick in the first half and a goal from a corner after Ballard was unable to deal with a corner with about 10 to go. In between this soon after half time Piri had managed to finish off an excellent move firing into the top corner. Throughout the game we were a threat. Sheridan and Karamath continuously getting in behind but unfortunately unable to pick people out in the box and when they did the likes of Andy Parkinson, Mark Simmons and Piri were unable to finish.

All in all a really positive performance if not result with youngsters such as Niall Sheridan and Dom Wilson playing excellently, Karamath charging up and down the line and Ant Childs orchestrating the game from midfield.

Matt Ballard, Niall Sheridan, Tobi Olowu, Richard Shaw, Alex Karamath, Ant Childs, Andy Parkinson, Dom Wilson, Mark Simmons, Piri, Jalen Gravesande, Jamie Parkinson

Written by Jamie Parkinson





Pre-season Match Reports

OWFC 1st XI 1 – 4 HAC

The final game of the 1s pre-season ended in slight disappointment, after a second defeat in a row against HAC.

HAC started strongly, dominating possession, and moving OW 1s around the pitch. However, there was much better communication amongst OWs and they were able to restrict HAC to very few chances. Any chances that were created came from poor clearances, and that was how the opening goal came about. A cross field kick wasn't cleared properly and the HAC striker hit a 20 yard strike that crept in at the near post.

From there OW 1s started to gain a grip on the game and looked threatening going forward. Kieran and Ollie were getting space and Jalen was starting to make things tick from the base of midfield. They also started to press the HAC defence higher up and after Sellman nicked the ball of the centre half he put Ollie Sitch through, who coolly slotted past the keeper at the near post.

That was as much as OWs deserved, but as the old saying goes you are most vulnerable when you've just scored. A corner was met by the HAC centre half who headed back at goal, and keeper Hamish was blocked off as he went to make the save. And a killer blow came just before half time, as HAC sprung a counter attack. A big diagonal made its way out wide and a cross was met by a completely mishit volley that span up over the keeper and in off the bar.

The second half slowed down quite a bit as both teams struggled to keep the intensity up. There were numerous half chances for both sides, but some good stops from Hamish in goal and some spurned chances from OW 1s kept the score at 3-1. As OWs pressed to get back into the game HAC did score a final killer blow late on to put the game out reach. Some promising bits of play, but more decisiveness needed in both boxes should lead for a more positive spin on the scoreline. The big time starts next week at home to West Wickham.

Written by Dan Sellman





Pre-season Match Reports

ALLEYNS OLD BOYS 2nd XI 7 – 0 OWFC 2nd XI

Not a pre-season confidence builder.

On the back of a heavy defeat to Wokingians the week prior, largely owing to lack of numbers, we had no such excuses against a dominant Alleyns side.

While we were in contention for a brief early period the gulf in fitness, strength and quality soon began to show. There were very few highlights to speak of except to say that without some outstanding saves from MOM Gavin Leonard, it could have been more.

Alleyns won't drop many point this season and have shown us how much we need to improve across the board if we want to enjoy this season.

Team: Gavin Leonard (GK), Jon Howe, Sam James, John Carruther, Foxy, Jack Shelton, Nathan Tanner, James Kyne, Harry Rose, Craig Elliot, Luca Picciano, Dan Harris

Written by Dan Harris





Pre-season Match Reports

MERTON 0 – 3 OWFC 3RD XI (played 26th August)

The 3s lined up against fierce rivals Merton in the blistering heat of the bank holiday weekend. A few changes from the week before, Ricky and Gary were replaced by Chibu and Highwood in the middle, and BNS started out wide for the absent Josh.

We started well and controlled the game from the off. There was a lot of space out wide and OWFC definitely looked the fitter team. Perkins continued to provide a good shape at the back, and his passing ability meant we kept the ball well. As the half went on and a few passes were strung together, a deflected shot led to a corner. Dan majestically whipped it in toward the front post where it was met by the ever active Matt Williams to nod it past the keeper. 1-0 OWFC. Continuing to dominate possession, there were a couple of close breaks for Merton as they tried to hold on into half time. Matt Rand was introduced and came on with the spirit of Lionel Messi to dribble past 3 players and nudge it on to BNS who buried it at the far post. 2-0. Half time.

In the second half Merton started fast and their two young attackers linked up very well and managed to get beyond our back line and into a 1-on-1... but Ballard in goal stood firm and got down low to keep the clean sheet intact going into the second half - crucial save. The second half saw more of the same control that we exerted in the first half, and the passing resulted in BNS breaking the offside trap again and burying a second goal for him, and a third for the team with a thumping shot over the keeper. 3-0 OWFC. Chances kept coming toward the end of the game as both teams became tired and the space started to appear. Resilient defending from our back 4 and in particular strong tackling from Ryan and Louis to keep the opposing striker and RW quiet meant the clean sheet stayed intact. Final whistle blew and it was all smiles at the end. 3-0 OWFC. Well played boys.





Pre-season Match Reports

MERTON 0 – 3 OWFC 3RD XI

On Saturday the 2nd of September, the 3s travelled to Hampton Court to play Old Tiffinians 1s for the final game of a promising pre-season. Given that the 3s were playing a 1st team, it looked to be a tough match on paper. Fortunately, however, the game was played on grass.

From the off the 3s dominated possession and following a string of dangerous corners took an early lead. Eves' corner was scrambled in by Williams to put the 3s 1-0 up. More corners followed and it was starting to look as if the 3s couldn't finish a happy meal. Shortly afterwards and against the run of play, Old Tiffinians managed to steal an equaliser. The 3s conceded a cheap free kick deep into their own half and attempts to defend with a high line backfired. After barely being involved in the action, Ballard was drawn in to no mans land when the Tiffinians' free kick beat the 3s' high line. Unfortunately the opposition winger got there first and managed to square it on to the head of his teammate. 1-1.

The 3s responded very well to this setback, though, and were soon back in the lead. Thanks to some solid defensive play, particularly from the debutant Beer at centre back, the 3s soaked up some brief Tiffinians pressure. A Tiffinians' corner was dealt with and skipper Martin carried the ball from deep in the 3s half to the edge of the opposition box. Martin played in Williams who then unselfishly squared to the in-form BNS. BNS slotted home for his third goal of pre-season. 2-1. The 3s then scored two more goals in quick succession. Chibu was dominating the midfield battle by constantly breaking up the opposition's play, and topped off a great first half performance with a goal. Martin played in BNS who had a shot saved, but the box-to-box destroyer Chibu was there to slot home the rebound. 3-1 to the 3s. Just minutes later the 3s were awarded a free kick deep into the oppositions' half after D'Costa was caught with a late challenge from Tiffinians' right midfielder. Kirby's excellent floated delivery was then met by Perkins to put the 3s 4-1 up before half time.

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Pre-season Match Reports

MERTON 0 – 3 OWFC 3RD XI

Half time brought about a few substitutions and a change of formation for the 3s. Martin decided to experiment with a more attacking 3-4-3 formation. These changes, along with the Saturday afternoon heat led to the game slowing down considerably, though.

The 3s continued to look solid defensively and kept hold of the ball fairly well, but did not look too threatening in the final third. Eves made some tricky runs and put in some good crosses but none of the chances were converted. Eves and Gilson were both unlucky not to score with close range efforts which narrowly missed. Both teams tired considerably as the half went on and were seemingly content with the scoreline staying the same, resulting in a second half clean sheet for the 3s and Tiffinians. The final whistle blew and the game ended with the same scoreline as the first half, 4-1 to the 3s.

This was a very convincing end to pre-season. The 3s comfortably saw off a team in an equivalent division to themselves and played some lovely football, just as they had done the previous week against Merton. Lets just hope that Eves and Mackley will stop falling over once the season begins.

Team: Ballard, Mackley, D'Costa, Perkins, Beer, Martin, Chibu, Kirby, Williams, BNS, Eves, Rand, Gilson, Bance
MOTM: Chibu





Pre-season Match Reports

WEST WICKHAM 6TH XI 3 – 1 OWFC 5TH XI

Our second and final pre-season friendly took place in the shape of a glorious September Saturday at local rivals West Wickham. The 5XI flexed their 'squad depth' with 9 changes to the starting team of last week however started much the brighter team. Jon Hill, making his Old Boys debut at the ripe age of 33, was put clean through inside the first minute but screwed the ball wide when perhaps he might of scored with a little more composure. We continued to create chances throughout the first half with another 33 year old debutant, Lloyd Ffrench putting a glorious chance over the top and having a second effort well saved by the WW keeper. Predictably with 5 minutes to go until half time we fell behind to a goal on the break – Charman went forward from CB to take a long throw which broke kindly for West Wickham and they raced up the pitch to slot home.

We started the second half poorly – constantly rotating the substitutes to allow everyone pre-season minutes meant that the formation at times was a little ragged. On the 55th minute a WW corner was hooked back into the box hopefully and somehow avoided everyone and snuck into the corner past an unsighted George. This seemed to spur us into action and we played a lot better for the rest of the game. With 20 minutes to go, Hill found himself free in the box and delivered a shot that was too hot for the keeper to handle and crept over the line for a well-deserved debut goal. We continued to push for an equaliser with Jon Small going close but tired inside the last 10 minutes when West Wycombe broke away again to score a third and take the game beyond us.

Overall it was a decent effort but with work to do on fitness and formation. Mention to the OWCC 2nd team who provided the post-match drinking entertainment and betting on a glorious evening back at the club, a thrilling 179 a piece tie led by 5XIs Chris Scott and Dougie Forbes

MoM – Jon Hill

Moment of the Match – Lloyd Ffrench's outrageous overhead air kick attempt from the edge of the box

Team – G McGeever, J. Sinclair, C. Charman, E. Adams, J. Moniz, L, Ffrench, J. Small, A. Phakey, T. OcCallaghan, J. Cotter, J. Hill, C. Dyki, K. Fowler, W. Bennett

Written by Jamie Moniz





Pre-season Match Reports

OWFC 6th XI 3 - 2 BANK OF ENGLAND 4th XI

An unusually early kick off, coupled with having to put the goals up, led to a slow start and Bank took advantage of some poor defending. A long throw in to the box was allowed to bounce and a late call from Adams left Steve to attempt a *cough* perfectly sweet clearance *cough*. Unfortunately this cannoned off the onrushing striker in to the net. 0-1. The boys then weathered some prolonged Bank pressure. However it wasn't all one way, Wilsonians came back in to it and were looking dangerous from set pieces as well as having some joy out wide. Half time came with the score still 0-1, so three subs were made with three 16 year old lads from the OWFC Junior section being thrown in at the deep end.

Despite what I thought was a motivational team talk we started slow again, with the Bank striker benefitting from a parried shot to fire home. 0-2. More changes were made with 30mins to go and it paid off instantly. A ball over the top from the midfield put Eglon in on goal and he had the composure to lift it over the onrushing 'keeper. 1-2. Wilson's were in the ascendancy and a throw in down the line led to OWFC Junior graduate Ben firing the ball across the box with Mander on hand to tap in to the bottom corner. 2-2. Despite one or two scares Wilson's were in control. A long cross field ball from Robbie, another OWFC Junior grad, was kept alive and found Ben on the edge of the box. He played in Eglon who finished past the 'keeper to complete the comeback. 3-2.

Ignoring the defensive lapses that led to us trailing 0-2, best to get these out the system in pre-season, it was a great performance. The lads from OWFC Junior can hold their heads high as they slotted in to adult football without any problem, we look forward to welcoming them back to the club soon. Two wins from two in pre-season sets us up nicely for the start of league football.

Team: Ed Adams, Kekeli Dusu, Will Gunnell, Steven Wicks, David Gunnell, Jake Stanmore, Alex Cheung, Gowtham Jeevan, Jordan Mander, John Jones, Callum Wrenn-Smith, James Eglon, Ben (OWFC Jr.), Dan (OWFC Jr.), Robbie (OWFC Jr.)

MoM: James Eglon (voted for solely by Ed Adams - your £15 is in the post)

Written by James Eglon





Pre-season Match Reports

OWFC 7TH XI 4 – 1 BANK OF ENGLAND 5TH XI

Blistering heat at 10.45. You'd think we were in Brazil or something... The football certainly didn't look like it was out of Brazil though.

A good start from the 7s.. A makeshift team with some new blood. We started well and arguably were the better team with our moves. Whilst the opposition played on the counter, the match began with some fiery pre season challenges. The ref had a number of 50:50s to deal with throughout the match. The 7s were able to break the deadlock in the first half with a goal from DHARIWAL. A cross in the box caused havoc as the ball was passed onto to Dhariwal for him to neatly beat the keeper. 1-0.

The early start fired up our team in the second half as an early corner led to yet more confusion in the box with INGAMELS able to poke the ball into the net. We pushed on from there and neat play led to yet another goal at RELF scored. At this point we were in control. The heat started to take its toll and we sat back a little. Bank started to play the ball and had a few opportunity and a couple of offsides but they were not able to get that goal. A few free kicks and corners threatened our goal but we were able to capitalise on their keeper's mistake and finish the game off with a fourth by PAGE. In the last ten, Seelan clashed in a one on one with their striker and had to be replaced. Page went in goal and his first contribution was a great block but the ball was loose and Hoffman stopped it on the line, only for the opposition to get the ball and chip it in. 4-1.

MoM: Ingamels

DoD: No one

Team: Seelan, Patel, Mitchener, Ingamels, Hoffman, Dhariwal, Wrona, Saunders, Cheshire, Currans, Relf, Page, Christian (Surname), Dusu





All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

Classified Results, September 5th 1992

John Fisher Old Boys	2	1 st XI	2	Law, Tarn
Aston Villa	3	Palace	0	

IT IS ALL A QUESTION OF PICKING THE RIGHT CHANNELS John Fisher Old Boys 2 – 2 1st XI

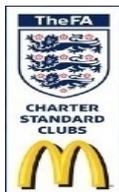
The 1st XI started the 92/93 season in steady, if not fluent, fashion. This friendly against John Fisher was never going to be easy for, apart from anything else, we only had five of the squad who gained us promotion to the top flight last year available for selection.

The game was generally scrappy, the conditions were never easy, and with the OWs trying out a different formation, it was always going to be a learning process. We have lost some key players, most noticeably 'Yosser' (Graham Hughes), who has gone to live in Manchester, so we have to utilise our reduced resources.

This season we are going to play three at the back – Neil Kendrick, Malcolm Boxall and Hugh McGeever in this game, four in midfield – Roland Townson, Bruce Graham, Carl Burgess and Kevin Law, two up front, Jason Trout and Nick Tarn, with Ian Murray playing in a free role just behind the front two.

The 1st XI took the lead from a **KEVIN LAW** cross-come-shot but quickly lost the advantage to a sloppy goal, probably through Neil Kendrick being out of position! But we fought back and started to play some reasonable football, with Jason Trout and Ian Murray making some strong runs onto balls played into the channels. Carl Burgess made an impressive, albeit rusty return to Old Boys football, and will get a lot better as the season progresses.

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All Our Yesterdays - 25 years ago

We regained the lead with a well-worked goal, Neil Kendrick splitting the defence with a ball to Ian Murray, who crossed for **NICK TARN** to finish easily, but the initiative was again lost, this time partly due to the new back pass law (all teams beware) as Hugh McGeever was unable to clear when, normally, he would have knocked the ball back to the 'keeper.

We nearly clinched the game with five minutes to go with our best football of the contest. Alex Reeves threw well to Ian Murray, who knocked a great ball through the channel into Jason Trout's path. The latter then beat his defender and crossed a quality ball to the salmon-like Kevin Law, who headed powerfully at the far post only to be denied by a magic save.

Many things have been learnt from this game. The formation seemed to work well but we must work more off the ball, especially when defenders are under pressure. First of all we must become a difficult side to beat and play with sharp, positive passing. With this discipline, and hard work, I am sure we will do well in the Old Boys Premier League this season.

Team: Reeves Kendrick.N Boxall McGeever Graham Townson Burgess Law Murray.I Trout Tarn

Written by Neil Kendrick

The Officers for the 1992/93 season were as follows:

Chairman: Mick Pilgrim Secretary: Cliff Milledge Treasurer: Clarke Quarrington

Fixtures secretary: Andy McClinton School Rep: Doug Weaver Selection secretary: Alex Forbes

Kit/Ball manager: Mike Kendrick Catering manager: George Wing Newsletter editor: Mike Pike

Newsletter roll off/distribution manager: Terry Adams

Ways and Means committee: Ian Pilgrim (Chairman), Jim Lloyd, Ali' Simpson

Management committee: George Wing, Andy Kirchin, Adam Goddard + ex officio members

Club Captain: Mike Kendrick

Andy McClinton was added to the list of Vice Presidents

The following were elected as skippers

1st XI: Neil Kendrick 2nd XI: Kevin Law 3rd XI: Kelvin Wing 4th XI: Andy Kirchin

5th XI: Jim Lloyd 6th XI: Tony Higgins 7th XI: Mike Ayling





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