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NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Old Wilsonian Sports Club Members

Happy New Year to you and all your families.A big thank you to you all for being part of our family of Sports Clubs.

Our Club continues to thrive and that is purely down to our members and the committees who run our Clubs.We hope to be a Club the local community can be proud of and behind the scenes we have been working towards this goal. Over the coming year we will be changing our legal structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We are working with Hewitsons LLP and their Charities team to hopefully have this in place by the end of the year. It will bring a number of benefits and remove the current financial risk we have due to our current legal structure.

At the recent AGM it was also agreed to trial a new structure to run the Sports Club and this will be implemented from the beginning of February. We have streamlined the current Council and formed a number of sub-committees that will be responsible for the day to day running of the club. The hope is for the Club to function in a much more efficient way, with all the subsidiary clubs being able to set budgets and plan much more strategically how the club is run.

Over the coming year we hope to make the following improvements to our Clubhouse facilities:·

Complete refurbishment of the inside of the bar area and social spaces·
New bar furniture·

New outside furniture for the balcony·

Refurbishment of ladies toilets and shower area·

Refurbishment and enlargement of men’s changing areas both upstairs and downstairs, including the creation of a flexible women’s/men’s changing area

Our Club is very much your club so if there are any areas you feel we could improve please contact someone from your committee or contact me direct.

Wishing you all a fantastic 2020 and I hope to see you all up the Club very soon.

Kind regards,
Neil Kendrick
President Old Wilsonian’s Association

Old Wilsonians' Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Association, held on Tuesday, 10th December 2019 at the Clubhouse Hayes, 19:30

Attendees: Neil Kendrick, Bill Hartley, Clive Peckover, Mick Pilgrim, Clive Prince, Mike Pike, Malcolm Taylor, John Drabwell, Stephen Millward, Ian Pilgrim, Alex Forbes, Mark Mace, Chris Gurr, Ross Hartley, Denise Pilgrim, Chris Kingshott, Adam Stone, Mark Williams, Toni Junge, Chloe Junge and Roger Matthews.

1. Apologies for absence
Anton Snowsill, Stuart Paton, Jeff Mascarenhas, Nick Thompson, Jasper Gundry White, Dave Welch, Graham Watts, Nigel Jordan and Jamie Parkinson.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (Tuesday, 11th December 2018)
Neil Kendrick asked if it was agreed that the minutes of the 2018 AGM were an accurate record. This was proposed by Alex Forbes, seconded by John Drabwell and approved by the meeting.

3. Matters arising
There were no matters arising.

4. Report of the President/Chairman of Council

I continue to be very honoured to be the President of our Association. Any organisation is always about people and relationships, this can certainly be said of the sports club at Hayes. There are so many that do so much to make sure we thrive. With so much talk of clubs struggling due to reduced sporting participation it is great to see we are bucking the trend.

I believe the contracting out of our groundworks has generally been a success and early in the new year I hope to report what sort of financial saving this is making us. There are still some areas that need tweaking and I hope these will be made in the coming year. Our small sub committee of MP, NJ and MPK have met a number of times to discuss the future framework and structure of the Association.

We are confident in order to secure the Association's future we should seek to achieve Charitable Status. We are now in the process of seeking professional advice from a Charity lawyer how best to achieve this, and what the makeup of our constitution should look like. This essentially is the first resolution we will be asking you to vote on later in this meeting.

The working party have spent much of their time discussing the day to day running of the Sports Club. The group reported that the current council relied too heavily on the input of the President and would be better served giving a small sub committees greater autonomy in the areas of the club they are responsible for. The scaled down council would consist of up to 6 members. Various sub committees and people with areas of responsibility will report to these council members. Each year budgets will be set and agreed funds allocated to various areas of the club. In essence the various subsidiary clubs will be able to agree priorities for the coming year. I hope, as we move forward, all members of all the different sections will be able to have a say in how their Sports Club is run.

The council would like this AGM to give the council the authority to run on this basis for a trial period. This is the second resolution we are voting on later. Before we vote on the resolutions I am very pleased to announce the Past Presidents of the club have put forward Mark Mace as next year's President. Mark is one of the current trustees of the association and was treasurer of OWA for a number of years and until very recently still made all the association bank payments. Mark is a member of the football club who has played well in excess of 400 games for the club and scored over 150 goals. Mark will bring with him a wealth of experience from his working life as an operations manager and his years of working in the Association.

Ian Pilgrim

NK advised the meeting that after many years dedicated service to the Club and in particular the running of the bar, Ian Pilgrim would be stepping down. The Club owed Ian a huge vote of thanks for all the activities he had so tirelessly undertaken not only the more high profile aspects, but areas such as Saturday afternoon parking and litter collection. NK presented Ian with a token of the Club's appreciation, and those attending showed their collective gratitude for all his hard work.

Mast update

Payments on both masts are now up to date. Nigel Jordan has secured back rent of £8250 from CTIL (mast nearest tennis courts) and has permitted their engineers to return to the site.

A new lawyer has been appointed to discuss the expired lease on the Arqiva mast. They have increased their offer for a new annual rent from £1,000 to £2,000 – the current rent is more like £4,500. NJ has examined the basis for their offer – and has discovered they are making some completely incorrect assumptions. Their proposal has been rejected and NJ has put alternative proposals to them. There is no quick fix here but they are still paying at the old (higher) rate at present.

5.Resolutions regarding status and structure:-

Having outlined the reasons for the following resolutions in his report Neil Kendrick then put them before the meeting,

1. "This AGM mandates the OWA Council to explore options for re-structuring itself so it has a more solid, recognised legal form."

IP requested that clarification should be sought and borne in mind, with regard to any impact attaining charitable status might have on the Club's ability to reclaim VAT, particularly in respect of the bar and any additional considerations which would have to be taken into account in respect of insurance. These aspects it was agreed would be researched.

The resolution was then proposed by M Pilgrim and seconded by M Taylor, and agreed unanimously.

2. "This AGM mandates the OWA Council to trial a new council structure for the day to day running of the club."

This was proposed by S Millward and seconded by A Forbes, and agreed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report

Nick Mole's Report

The Old Wilsonians' Association's accounts for the year ended 30Th September 2019 remain robust with Net Current Assets showing an increase of £59K to £270k. The bar's success continues to be the major catalyst for this and with a new revenue stream from the Bungalow's rental income and increased receipts from the mast leases, Income continued to grow. In addition savings on the previous year were made as there were only minimal repairs to the bungalow this year and a significant saving was made in relation to the grounds maintenance cost and rates. The success of the club continues to be the people and special mentions should go to Nigel Jordan (masts) , Bill Hartley (rates) Steve Millward (ground) and of course all connected with the bar whose efforts have contributed greatly to the healthy financial state of the club this year. With the exception of Junior football no increase in rents were proposed for the current year unless a future project should dictate otherwise.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the Club was proposed by Malcolm Taylor and seconded by Alex Forbes and agreed unanimously.

7. Bar Report
John Drabwell's Report

Once again the bar team have produced a strong return for the year. Turnover was slightly up on the previous year, which was expected and can be attributed to the price increases implemented earlier in the term. Staff costs were kept in line with previous years and whilst final figures are not yet available, we believe that a net profit in excess of £40k will be realised.

Our relationship with our main suppliers namely, Shepherd Neame and Hills Prospect, is on a sound footing and we benefit jointly from regular meetings with their area managers. Just recently, we have started using Shepherd Neame for the supply of spirits as well as beer, in order to take advantage of some keener prices and once their delivery staff raise their game, we should benefit from this move. In the New Year we may seek to move some of the wine purchasing to them, if it seems worthwhile. But, for the time being, we are pleased, as are the customers, with the choices available and we are mindful not to put all our “beers in one glass” so to speak.

On the selling side Birra Moretti continues to be flavour of the month and slightly out sells Fosters. Improved Guinness sales have been favourable and the arrival of “Singha” lager, brought about by their recent trading partnership agreement with Shepherd Neame, seems to have gone down well. We are continuing with the arrangement of having a”Guest” beer every two months which on the whole, seems to have been well received and offers a bit of variety.

Whilst hires of the club have been less than last year, this loss has been supplemented by increased turnover from insider club events and presentation evenings. To date, turnover for the current year is slightly down, but another good club fixture or an Anthony Joshua fight will soon correct the position. The immediate plans to refurbish the whole of the bar area are well overdue and the implementation of this will not only benefit our members, but also make us more appealing to outside interests, thereby leading to increased hires and revenue.

On the staffing side, our youngsters continue to do a good job and we have recently taken on a few new recruits. Steve Lawrence is now a fully fledged member of the bar team and his input, as a working staff member, is valuable when making decisions. Gerry Adams continues to monitor the weekly financial performance of the Bar.

Now I would like you all to join me in thanking Ian Pilgrim for all his hard work and commitment over the last few years in making the whole unit tick over. This has been achieved through his efforts in not only making sure the bar is staffed at all the necessary opening times, both during the week and at weekends but also taking note of our stock on a continuing basis. His tireless efforts have contributed greatly to the bars success and he should be very proud, as we are, of being such a loyal member of the team and the Club. Whilst Ian is stepping down from his duties, we are lucky that Jasper has taken up the cudgel and I’m sure he’ll fill the position admirably. He knows nearly everybody, likes a drink and knows how the bar should be run and what the beer should taste like. Welcome Jasper. To finalise, my personal thanks to everyone involved in the running of the bar and looking forward to another successful year ahead so keep drinking.

8. Sports Club report
Although not in attendance Anton Snowsill submitted a brief overview.

It would appear the number of hirings is slightly down on last year, this has however been offset by the clubhouse hosting additional day time activities such as wakes.

9. Clubhouse report
Paul Jenkins' did not submit a Report

Neil Kendrick, advised the meeting that in the coming year he was looking to have the main Bar area and Presidents' lounge refurbished. The Club, is also short of male changing room space downstairs and specialist advice will be sought as to how best to re-figure the ladies changing

room, which is under utilised to provide extra capacity for the men. There is also an urgent need to upgrade the ladies toilet area, which receives poor feedback from hirers and club members alike and is certainly a negative aspect when potential hirers are being shown around.

Ian Pilgrim and Steve Millward while supportive of the need to upgrade the Clubhouse facilities, stressed the importance of giving consideration to additional parking space. The success and ongoing expansion of Junior Football in particular has made this a priority requirement.

IP also suggested that any major refurbishment or re-figuration of facilities should be co-ordinated with Paul Jenkins and the Club's electrical survey which is due in 2020.

10. Ground report
Steve Millward's Report

2019 is the second year where the maintenance of both grounds has been in the hands of Ian Muir. It is the first year during which the new roller has been fully deployed. There has also been further expansion of the OW's Junior Football section to 29 teams, with training also provided to U6s. The 9-a-side pitch has been re-aligned in order to minimise wear and tear down the centre of the 2nd XI pitch. With increased use of the main ground and HD for both senior and junior football on Sunday mornings, now coupled with regular junior tennis coaching and the occasional tennis match, issues with parking are a weekly occurrence!

Main Ground
Football - The pitches were in very reasonable condition at the end of the 2018-2019 season, enabling renovations to be scaled back and only 40 ton of root zone spread over the outfield. Again, due to extensive and time consuming deployment of sprinklers through most of the summer, both pitches were in excellent condition at the start of the 2019-20 season. Whilst the OWFC has reduced the number of teams it runs on Saturday from nine to eight, there are now seven 11-a-side junior teams on Sunday, as well as some senior teams. The frequency of matches being played has therefore increased and possibly gone beyond what would be considered maximum usage on occasion. In spite of this, and considering the amount of rain recently, the pitches are currently in very good condition. Fortunately, due to measures taken last season and over the summer, there has not been a re-occurrence of the Chafer grub problem, with grass being ripped up by crows trying to get at them.

Car parking on a Saturday afternoon is no longer monitored and it is fortunate that there have only been a couple of Saturdays when, with five or six matches, Alex Forbes and I have had to step in.
Once again, my thanks to Mick Pilgrim for continuing to organise all senior fixtures on Sundays.
Please note that, with the continued increase in junior football teams, Mick has already informed our outside hirers that the OWA's pitches will no longer be available after this current season. Only the OW Vets or Super Vets will stage senior football matches on Sundays from the start of the 2020-2021 season.

Note that the main ground will be available for football up to 19th April 2020, the Sunday after Easter. Renovations will then take place over the next 19 days prior to commencement of cricket on Saturday 9th May.

Cricket – Extensive pre-season rolling commenced in March with the new roller and continued up to the start of the season and pitches were rolled throughout the season. There was a definite improvement in the pitches provided over the whole season. Ian Muir also managed to lower the height of his mower blades and cut the grass at the required length. I note that the overall marking of our facilities by league appointed umpires was higher this year, ranking the club 4th with 78.13% (9th in 2018) out of the ten teams in the division. At the end of the season, the whole square was completely renovated, including removal of the saddles at both ends. With such work being carried out on the square, we will be looking for further improvement in 2020.

The nets were also renovated this year, with all netting taken down and replaced and part of the

base repaired. Covers, sight screens, repeater board and boundary rope will all require some attention next year to ensure they are in good working order before cricket resumes.

Tennis – Whilst Ian Muir has been regularly blowing the leaves off the tennis courts and brushing the carpet courts twice a week, leaves have again been a problem this autumn. One solution could be the purchase of a “Billie Goat” leaf and litter vacuum, with integral chipper.

General – A new irrigation system for the ground remains a top priority.
As a new specification for the maintenance of the main ground has yet to be been drawn up and put out to tender, Ian Muir will continue to be contracted to carry out all ground maintenance until this tender process is completed.

Hawes Down
Football – Nearly all pitches were being used extensively at the end of the 2018-2019 season, in very dry conditions, resulting in significant areas of the ground being quite worn and compacted, especially goal mouths. This necessitated renovations to be carried out where possible during the summer. Unfortunately, with only one sprinkler, it was not possible to carry out any large scale renovations of the outfield I could not allow any pre-season friendlies until the very end of August. With the very wet weather recently, drainage is now the main problem. Again, 24 junior sides are playing regularly at HD this season, in addition to the mid-week school matches and training sessions, and the pitches are again beginning to suffer. I have arranged for HD to be verti-drained during the Christmas break and if necessary will have it verti-drained again at the end of February.
Please note that HD will be available for 11-a-side football up to and including Sunday 3rd May 2020, with junior 9/7-a-side football guaranteed to Sunday 10th May.

Cricket – There was extensive rolling of the HD square pre-season. Whilst the pitches were better than those provided in 2018, there is still room for improvement. The cricket square was fully utilised on Saturdays during the summer by the 3rd XI and 4th XI teams but only used on one Friday for an U18 match. The roller will require servicing before pre-season rolling commences in 2020.

General **-** Whilst on Sunday mornings, the OW Juniors have been employing a car parking monitor from 9.15am to 11.45am and the number of parking issues has dramatically reduced, capacity continues to be a problem, especially when the league arranges six 11-a-side junior matches at home. This situation will not improve in the 2020-2021 when there will be around 32 teams, with at least 2 more 11-a-side teams.

The maintenance contract for HD will again come up for renewal on the 1st March next year. The contract is subject to approval by both the OWA and the schools. There will be a meeting with the Heads in January next year and I will be seeking their approval of the new terms as well as going through any other issues that are included for discussion such as the schools current contribution of 60% towards the annual maintenance costs. Note that costs to outside contractors for verti-draining are paid 100% by the OWA.

11. **Confirmation of President for 2019/2020**

Neil Kendrick said that as he had announced at the 2018 AGM, although his tenure of two years had now been completed, he was prepared as requested, to undertake a third year in office. This should hopefully allow him time to oversee the implementation of the two resolutions that had been passed in paragraph 5 above.

Neil went on to say that as previously mentioned, Mark Mace had agreed to have his name put forward as President and would therefore be nominated as the President Elect for 1920.

The above appointments of President and President Elect, were proposed by Ian Pilgrim and seconded by Mike Pike and accepted unanimously by the attendees.

12. Election of Vice Presidents

Existing Vice Presidents:
Gerry Adams, Terry Adams, Ron Ashdown, Lou Barry, Bob Bevan, Fred Brindle, Mike Curling, Pete Davis, John Drabwell Alex Forbes, Doug Forbes, Mike George, Mike Harris, Bill Hartley, Neil Kendrick, Dave McCarthy, Andy McClniton, Mark Mace, Jim Matthews, Roger Matthews, Dave Mew, Cliff Milledge, Stuart Paton, Clive Peckover, Mike Pike, Ian Pilgrim, Mick Pilgrim, Stan Quantrill, Ian Rayworth, Gerry Reaseley, Andy Smith, Malcolm Taylor, Andy Udale, Dave Wakeford, Peter Wakeford, Les Wilks and Steve Wisson.

Clive Peckover proposed Ross Hartley as a Vice President in recognition of all the work he has undertaken as Chairman of the Racketball and Squash Club over several years this was seconded by Neil Kendrick and unanimously agreed by the attendees.

All existing Vice Presidents were re-elected on block, having been proposed by Bill Hartley and seconded by Malcolm Taylor and unanimously agreed by the attendees.

13. Election of Officers for 2019/20

President:	Neil Kendrick
President Elect:	Mark Mace
Hon Secretary:	Roger Matthews
Hon Treasurer:	Nick Mole
Club Captain	T.B.A.
Hon Solicitor:	Vacant
Sports Club Secretary:	Anton Snowsill
Membership Secretary:	Mike Pike
Editor of NOW:	Malcolm Taylor
Webmaster:	Jim Lloyd, Alex Forbes
Bar Management Team:	Gerry Adams, John Drabwell, Jasper Gundry White, Steve Lawrence
Ground Manager:	Steve Millward
Buildings Manager:	Paul Jenkins
School Liaison Officer:	Andy Parkinson
Membership Committee:	Paul Jenkins, Mark Mace and Mike Pike
Disciplinary Committee:	Gerry Adams, Clive Peckover and Mick Pilgrim

Appeals Committee:
President and two members of the Management Committee

All of the above were Proposed and Seconded on block by Alex Forbes and Malcolm Taylor respectively and unanimously elected.

The position of Club Captain is to be considered by Steve Millward and the past captains who will report back to Neil Kendrick on their deliberations.

The position of Hon Solicitor remains vacant and Toni Jung offered to enquire within the Netball Club if anybody had the appropriate qualification and was willing to fill the role. She asked that a Job Description form be provided.

NK and RM agreed that future nominations for Club Captain should be considered on a biannual basis in August when the proposals for election to Honorary Member Status are put forward.

14. Election of Honorary Old Wilsonians

Existing Honorary Old Wilsonians:
George Wing, Graham Watts, John Lucock, Ray Neve, Paul Jenkins, Denise Pilgrim, Stephen Millward, Clive Prince, Jasper Gundry-White, Nigel Jordan, Andy Steel, Nick Fuller, John Martin, Jill

Forbes, Caroline Maxwell, Jan Jenkins, Judith Heayberd, Bob West, Norman Holmes, Archie Whitaker, and Jake Johnson.

NK said that this year it was particularly pleasing to have received six nominations to be proposed as Honorary Old Wilsonians. It was unfortunate that of the six the four Cricket Club nominees were unable to attend the meeting, nevertheless all six would be proposed and the presentation of the certificates for those that had not been able to attend would take place on another mutually convenient date such as a Vice Presidents day.

Chris Gurr

The first nomination from the Tennis Club, was Chris Gurr of whom Nigel Jordan had written.
"Since joining the Tennis club from Corkscrew Hill Chris has done the bulk of the Club's maintenance, undertakes to run ClubForce and generally just gets everything done.
He also steps in and runs the American tournaments when there is a shortage of organisers and he has been fundamental in raising interest in arranging early start tennis on a Saturday which has led to an increase in attendance at the Club sessions which follow.
Although Chris has suffered of late with his health, he has not let this detract from his commitment to the Club where he also regularly attends and participates in its fund raising events. I therefore believe he is thoroughly deserving of becoming an Honorary Old Wilsonian."

Adam Stone

The second nomination was from the Junior Football Club for Adam Stone of whom Mark Williams had written.
"From its inception, Adam has been the heartbeat of the junior football section of Old Wilsonians.
His enthusiasm and passion is infectious, and he's never happier than when on the field with his team. As well as managing his under 11 team "Greencoats" he's played a pivotal role in fund raising and social events and most recently providing support to the other 30+ team managers and administrators by guiding them through the minefield that is junior football.
Put simply, organisations like OWJFC wouldn't survive without people like Adam, giving up more than their fair share of time and energy to ensure a safe and fun environment for our 300 plus members."

The Cricket Clubs nominations were:-

Tony Sherlock

"Tony Sherlock joined the Old Wilsonians' Cricket Club when his two sons became Colts in 2011. Tony became engaged as soon as he joined the Club, supporting Sydney and Stanley in all their games, watching and encouraging all players in the teams that his sons played in.

As they grew into the older age groups, Tony would make a BBQ available to the teams after each game and: if he could not do it himself, then he encouraged someone else to do this, often at his own cost. Despite not being a natural cricketer himself, Tony nevertheless accepted the opportunity to become the skipper of our Sunday social side, providing enthusiasm and energy, and creating a great team spirit.

This year Tony's involvement in the Cricket Club has increased by way of providing sponsorship for the 1st team, the Under 19, and the Development teams. Once again Tony has ensured that a BBQ has been provided for each under 19 home game at the Club.

Tony has additionally played a development role in the Football Club, via coaching through the year groups and sponsoring junior football teams, and last year undertaking a coaching role for a senior side. Apart from this helping to bring former junior players back into the Cricket Club, the team Tony coached achieved promotion last season.

Tony unquestionably continues to promote the ethos of the Old Wilsonians' Club and deserves the accolade of a HOW."

Margo Lawrence

"Margo Lawrence is another parent that has gone above and beyond.

Bringing two children to OWCC - Josh, who has since progressed to our 1st X1, and Cerys who was the frontrunner in her mother's efforts to create a girls' section in the Club - Margo quickly became involved in assisting and before long became Chair of the Old Wilsonians' Colts' Cricket Club.

Under Margo's watch, the Colts' Club thrived, she was able to motivate other volunteers to support the Club's objective whether through coaching match managing or undertaking the endless administration in the background. Margo was also instrumental when the Cricket Club was required to review its constitution and helped re-write it to ensure that we met the necessary requirements laid down by the cricketing bodies.

When Margo felt that her time leading the Committee was up, she didn't walk away but offered her services to the next Chair as Membership Secretary, even though her children were no longer members of the Colt's section. Her knowledge and dedication has been very much welcomed by colleagues running both the Colts' and Senior sections of the Cricket Club, as well as the wider membership. Even now when the Club faces challenges to find a volunteer to fill a necessary role to fulfil our obligations, Margo has stepped forward to offer her services.

Outside of the duties undertaken in the official posts she was appointed to, Margo has also raised valuable funds for the Club across a number of years, with one of the highlights of our entertainments calendar being the pre-season Quiz Night. Anyone who has had the fortune to attend the annual April event will recognise the time and effort that Margo and her partner put into the event to ensure it runs like clockwork and that attendees enjoy the evening."

Justin Pryor

"Although Justin Pryor has never played cricket for the Old Wilsonians, he has nevertheless been instrumental in the success of the Club through his operation from the sidelines.

Initially coming to the Club bringing his son Louis to Colts' training and matches, Justin took on the responsibility of assisting with the recruitment of more youngsters to the Club, and helped ensure that the Colts' teams were able to field full sides for their matches.

Justin took over as Secretary of the Under 17s team and subsequently moved to do the same role for the Under 19s team, which he continues to do today despite the fact that Louis is no longer eligible to play for this side.

Justin has been more than generous in a number of ways, whether offering significant prizes in Club fundraising efforts such as Club raffle, or in putting up the Cricket Club's overseas player for the duration of the season at his own expense, which he did two years ago. Justin is currently working on a "Supporters' Club", which we hope to implement next season, and which will raise further monies.

On Saturday afternoons, Justin will, as one of the 1st Team's chief supporters, be in or around the Clubhouse viewing the game with a pint in one hand and paper in close proximity. He is one of the unsung heroes who never asks for acknowledgement but just gets on with it, regarding it as paying back for what the Club has given him in regards to a safe and friendly environment for Louis, and a place he and his family can come and enjoy."

Laki Kastiruratne

"Laki joined Old Wilsonians from Old Shooters Hillians some 15 years ago. The way in which Laki has always networked across the whole of the Club - across all senior teams, with Colts and their parents, and into other sporting sections at OWA - has led many people to show surprise that he didn't come from the School itself.

In the early part of this time with OWCC, Laki helped us recruit overseas players and put one up for a season at his own expense.

Laki ran the Club's 3rd X1 for a number of years, focusing on allowing youngsters to develop their cricket and often sacrificing his own game to provide them with the opportunity. Also managing our Under 17s team Laki has been a key link between the Colts and Senior section of the Club to help smooth the pathway for individuals who started their cricket in the junior teams to reach the pinnacle of our Club.

When Laki finally stepped down from the 3rd X1 captaincy, he accepted the Club's offer of filling a new role of Team Secretary whereby he has remained instrumental in the liaison between the skippers and players, assisting with selection, and contributing to the effort of ensuring we field five league teams each Saturday through the season.

For the Cricket Club, Laki has often turned his hand to chauffeuring players from faraway places as well as umpiring to ensure a game can go ahead. Others at Old Wilsonians will also know Laki as a football referee whereby he always stays true to his style of aiming to foster positive relationships with all involved, whether on or off the pitch.

All six nominees were Proposed by John Drabwell, Seconded by Nick Mole and elected unanimously.

15. Reports of subsidiary clubs

Senior Football
Alex Forbes Report

OWFC are in a good position financially & playing wise we havn't struggled to get sides out for both Saturday & Sunday . We have bought in a first team coach Dan Stribling who runs our training & will bring continuity as he also trains the colts section.

Financially we are trying a signing on fee followed by a payment for the number of games played. We have done this to include both Vets & Supervets & also due to changing way people now play football which is more intermittent than 5-10 years ago. This new method allows for more flexibility. We have actively sought kit sponsors this season & due to our Treasurer's (Jon Howe) efforts we have a sponsor for all the Saturday teams. The management team of the club is strong & we have involved younger members to spread the love. We continue to try different events in different ways, some successful some less so, but we are learning from these. We hold 2 Vice Presidents day one in Oct,/Nov. in honour of Ian Forbes & one in February for Mac McAllister both are well attended.

Some of our members did a charity cycle ride to raise funds for Kirk Benjamin's children (he sadly took his life last year). We also have 3 mental health first aiders and will look to train more in the future as mental health issues become more prevalent.

We had a tour to Riga earlier this year which was successful. The Vets. & Supervets continue to develop and play more games each season as numbers increase. Last season the 6th xi won their league whilst the 1s , 2s and 3s struggled , we are in a stronger position playing wise this season and this is showing in results.

We have a new editor of our newsletter with Stu Paton taking over from James Eglon & we are using more social media in our communication.

Junior Football
Mark Williams and Chris Kingshott's Report

- Our season continues with minimal issues and disruption to home fixtures.

- Our new u7s are performing well and the new focus on streaming by ability at this entry age is proving successful. Our future aspiration is to have more teams competing in “A” divisions and this strategy will support that over time.
- Our Bradbury u10 team reached the Gold Final of the Autumn Trophy, losing 3-0 to Academix Advance. A worthy achievement nonetheless.
- This season saw our first girls football team and all age groups from u7 to u17 represented.
- Our Charter Standard annual audit is currently underway.
- During the year, we changed our affiliation from the AFA to the Kent FA due to the former wanting to focus on senior football. Already the benefits of a larger County FA are helping us and we are receiving excellent support.
- It is with sadness that we report the sudden death of one of our coaches, Kevin Keith, who jointly managed our u12 Brecon team. Kevin was a longstanding and committed member of the Junior Football Club. We propose to mark this by naming our annual coaches football match played each December the “Kevin Keith Cup” in his memory.
- Adam Stone is to be proposed as an honorary member of the Old Wilsonians' Association at the AGM on 10 December. Adam has been an outstanding committee member and part of the Junior Club since its formation and is hugely worthy of this recognition.

Cricket
Mike Pike's Report

I cannot hide the fact that 2019 been a difficult year for the OWCC, with all of the sides struggling for players to the extent that we had to withdraw the 5th XI from playing league cricket.

However, the foundations which have been built over a number of years, are solid and I am confident that 2020 will be one in which we will prosper.

We have already started indoor nets, a departure from earlier years when we used to commence in January, and have also entered an in-door competition, in which we are doing well.

Our AGM took place in October and the majority of our officers continue to stand, although we did say goodbye to Jeff Mascarenhas, our Chair, with Dave Welch succeeding him and moving up from Vice-Chair.

The focus in the winter, during which the committee continues to meet on a monthly basis, will be on recruitment at both a senior and colts level, and we are working closely with Hayes School, which could see many of their youngsters join us rather than Hayes CC.

Sadly the year saw the death of one of our greatest servants in Mike Kendrick who, of course, was also a great servant to the Football Club and the OWA per se – one of only four members to have served as President of the OWA, and the Cricket and Football Clubs.

There is a bench in his honour with the inscription “That was never lbw” – and a tree planted next to that of Ian Forbes, another great servant to the OWA. In 30 years time there will probably be a row of benches around the boundary rope and a forest of trees.

We have also inaugurated a legends board in Mike’s honour, listing the OW's top ten batsmen, bowlers and fielders, and Mike is top of two of them.

Finally, the AGM elected Ian Pilgrim as its first ever Life President in recognition of the enormous contribution he has made to the Club over a large number of years – e.g establishing the Colts section, making us a Focus Club and being an inspiring Chair. Ian also played a lot of cricket for the OWs, but that tends to be forgotten, although I cannot understand why.

Tennis
Although not in attendance Nigel Jordan submitted the following Report

The Tennis Club is in great shape with membership and finances remaining solid. Our social events are well attended and we are supported by a large number of volunteers. Our facilities are in good condition but all the courts are reaching the end of their expected lifespan. If we can squeeze a few more years from carpet and macadam courts it will provide a huge cushion to our capital spending.

We are financing the refurbishment of the old hut – in stages. The plan is to expand the internal space, creating more storage and notice board area, and make the building secure and increase its life by a further 30-40 years if we can. We are also looking to add proper floodlights to the MUGA. Quotes have been obtained and planning permission is being sought at the moment.

The coaching programme remains vibrant and thrives under Jake's RAW Tennis banner. We see a steady stream of new players, from 4 years old to grandparents. We have something like 15-18% "churn" of members each year – largely children but a few adults too. That is hard to manage but does provide a constant supply of new talent and ideas. Safeguarding is very high up our agenda as it is the basis on which we are tested for LTA registration.

The club is taking the first tentative steps towards identifying the next generation of volunteers who will take the club forward. In 2020 we will be relying less on the Chairman and more on some empowered individuals in specific areas.

Our league teams completed their remaining fixtures and will all probably stay in their current divisions. For the first time in many years we fielded a ladies team again and that is continuing this winter.

Men's 1 -	won 3, drew 1 and lost 6
Men's 2 -	won 2, drew 2 and lost 4
Men's over 60 midweek vets -	won 3 drew 1 and lost 4
Men's over 45 vets team -	won 2, drew 1 and lost 5
Ladies team -	won 2, drew 2 and lost 3 conceded 1

We held the annual Club Championship Finals Day in glorious sunshine at the end of September. Lots of new faces were in the finals this year which is reassuring. We are starting to provide a new generation to take over from the "old guard".

Our AGM was on 12 November. Our biggest priority for the immediate future is to ensure the club continues to thrive as we start to lose the current longstanding members of our Committee. Nigel Jordan has been elected Councillor for Kent at the LTA and his involvement on the national stage can only be beneficial to our club.

Squash and Racketball
In the absence of Nick Thompson, Ross Hartley presented the following report.

The last year has seen a change in the committee, with a slightly younger group of members in their 30's taking over the reins. Many of them are competing in the Priory League and have innovative ideas about how the Club can best be developed going forward.

The courts are in a very good condition, and the Club is actively looking as to how it can best increase its membership. Denise Pilgrim's active involvement in the Club is still much appreciated.

Netball
Toni Junge's report

The new season began on the 11th September, it has been a bit up and down on numbers

attending the Wednesday training but so far we have had 15 people sign up for the year and a few individuals coming on a pay as you play basis.

The team that play in the North West Kent League (NWKL) on Saturday mornings at Bromley High School won promotion last season. They have got off to a good start with 3 wins and 2 losses, currently sitting 4th in the league.

Junior netball has now started at the club in connection with Shooters Netball. This runs on Wednesday evenings before the ladies netball 6:00 - 7:00 for boys and girls ages 7-16.

16. Any Other Business

Ross Hartley reminded the Committee that the Squash and Racketball Club are still looking to progress the matter of installing a water fountain within the squash court facilities and that a speedy agreement to allow this to proceed would be much appreciated.

Ian Pilgrim thought that given the substantive nature of the legacy that was left to the OWA by Janet and John Brittain consideration should be given to marking their generosity by a lasting tribute. Neil Kendrick reminded the meeting that the renovated bungalow had been renamed the Brittain bungalow, but was not against a further acknowledgement if an appropriate suggestion was put forward.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:45pm.

PIKEY'S PROGRESS

There has not been a ‘Pikey’s Progress’ for some considerable time – thank heavens for that I hear you cry – and perhaps my New Year Resolution for 2020 should be to make it a more regular feature in the coming months, “And mine will be not to read it”, would be the obvious rejoinder.

A New Year is traditionally a time for looking back at the one that has just terminated and forward to the one still in its infancy, so I will attempt to do so from an Old Wilsonian perspective but before addressing that I feel I have to mention a more global event that took place just before Christmas and resulted in the election of a Prime Minister who resembles a dulux dog on heat and who is now responsible for negotiating the country’s withdrawal from Europe.

Withdrawal and ‘BOJO’ do not really go together, as is indicated by his response to the question “How many children have you got, Prime Minister” “Piffle, waffle, stutter, this is a family matter, piffle, waffle, stammer, and not something for the public domain and I would ask you to respect the privacy of my children, whoever they are and wherever they may be.” But what about your brother, Joe, whom, I understand resigned as an MP because he wanted to spend less time with his family?

ENOUGH - the politics of this particular columnist are well know to Old Wilsonians and are not appreciated by the majority of this august group, so I will conclude this part of my article by, and without prejudice, simply stating that, during the run-up to December 12th I received a leaflet from the Liberal Democrats claiming that, amongst other things, their candidate in my constituency plays/has played for Catford & Cyphers cricket club.

Earlier in the month I had been privileged, along with a number of other OWs, to help Jill Forbes celebrate her 80th birthday at ‘The Holiday Inn’ in Sutton. Arriving in torrential rain I

explained to the reception desk the reason for my visit and was pointed in the right direction to discover a number of people, none of whom I recognised, having a pleasant afternoon tea to a background of murmuring chatter, so I again inquired, this time at the adjacent bar, about the destination for Jill's celebration and was told "This is it."

Strange, I thought, a bar and absolutely no sign of an Old Wilsonian. Then I noticed Alex Forbes…… and then Stuart. "Are you looking for my Mum?" the latter inquired, at which point the lady of the hour appeared and directed me to a table occupied by a tribe of Old Wilsonians who were there for the same reason, and a most enjoyable afternoon ensued, the highlight almost certainly being a round of 'One song to the tune of another', from the incomparable quiz programme, 'I'm sorry I haven't a clue' although, and to be honest, that was probably not the intention and it was simply our inability to keep up, and in tune, with 24 songs that Jill had chosen, despite the splendid efforts of Russ Conway (sic) to keep us in line.

Many years ago Jill had confided in me how much she looked forward to Saturday afternoons because "Everyone is out and I can have some time to myself" although, and of course, for the past few years, Jill has been busy on Saturday afternoons preparing the cricket teas at Hayes. Congratulations Jill, the matriarch of a fine Old Wilsonian family and by far the most sensible.

One of those in attendance was Ian Pilgrim, who, a couple of months before, was elected the first ever 'Life' President of the Cricket Club at their AGM, a justified accolade for the enormous amount of work he has done for that subsidiary, e.g. setting up our Colts section, assuring that we became a Focus Club and inspiring leadership during his time as the OWCC's Chair and President.

Ian has also served as the Club's bar manager for a number of years but announced that 2019 would be his swan song and he will now concentrate on standing on the other side of the bar – he does like a drink! Thanks Ian; your contribution to ***all*** sections of the Club have been enormous and I still cannot understand why you were never elected President of the Football Club – it's not too late, OWFC!

We were all saddened by the loss of Mike Kendrick in April, who was there at the start of our tenure at Hayes in 1959 and who served both the Football and Cricket Clubs with distinction and who ran the bar, virtually single-handed, and as a volunteer, in those early days.

Mike was one of the best footballers ever to wear OW colours – there is a case for saying that he could have played professionally – whilst his cricket statistics speak for themselves, namely 22,462 runs and 646 catches/stumpings, both more than any other Old Wilsonian and we now have an OWCC Legends Board, 'In memory of the best of them all, Mike Kendrick' proudly on display at Hayes.

There is also a bench in his honour which is inscribed "That was never lbw' and a tree, planted next to that of Ian Forbes – if only trees could talk they would be saying something along the lines of "The standard of cricket has deteriorated so much since our days," and, who knows, in thirty years or so there may well be a veritable forest adorning the boundary rope and a row of benches for supporters to sit on as they enjoy the cricket.

The year also saw the OW gardening group as busy as ever, and their remit seems to have stretched to carrying out essential repairs as well as ensuring that the undergrowth is

restricted to a reasonable length and that flowers and plants are kept in bloom at the appropriate time of the year, whilst tidying up after Sunday football is now almost essential, thanks to the inability of many not to put their rubbish in the bins provided. (I once found a lady's left thigh length boot on the other side of the acoustic fence alongside the Cricket Nets – there was no sign of the right boot; nor the occupant).

The monthly OWLS (Old Wilsonians' Lunches) were again in evidence in 2019, although some preferred to visit a pizza parlour in Woking on such occasions, and many thanks to our volunteer cooks and bar staff, who make them all possible.

I note that this piece is now over 1, 000 words long, which is more than enough for anyone, so will return to the subjects in the last two paragraphs on a future occasions, together with the prospects for 2020.

In the meantime, a Happy New Year to my reader and I promise to be more assiduous in providing copy for this column during the coming decade.

Mike Pike

OW Golf Day

As some of you will already know, I am ple**Old Boys Events**ased to announce the new venue for this years OW Golf Day will be Addington Palace Golf Club on Thursday 30th April. We will be playing for the Bourner Jug Trophy as usual, to be decided by Stableford format - the Jug currently in the possession of the very worthy Mr Jason Trout. If you can remember your scores from last year, please let me know for the stats as I may have lost the scorecards....!

The competition is open to anyone that went to/worked for Wilsons School or played for the Old Wilsonians sports clubs so please feel free to forward the invitation on to anyone that fits the bill and would like to take part.

We will have a two tee start from midday with a meet time of around 10.30 am for breakfast/admin/the all important warm up etc!
The cost for the day will be £60 per person which will include:
Breakfast - Coffee and Bacon Rolls
Green Fee - 18 holes of testing golf course
3 Course Dinner and Coffees
Trophies for the Victorious
The OW Bookies corner will be available for a little punt on yourself or others (or both) and there will be the usual high quality prizes up for grabs in the Raffle.
Please confirm by reply (including your current handicap) if you would indeed like to take part in this year's competition and transfer your entry fees of £60 to the details below (please reference your name so I can reconcile):

Barclays Bank Account Barnes Clanachan
A/c no: 40641405
Sort Code 20-31-52
I look forward to hearing from you all.
If you cannot make the day it would be great if you could let me know so that I know you have at least seen the message.
Kind Regards
Barnes Clanachan

The Cricket Club have already won a trophy

Winter Nets, longer (daylight) evenings, the conclusion of the winter cricket tournament, league AGMs, deadlines for submissions to the league handbook, the collection date for balls, strong winds and rain are just some of the indications that the 2020 cricket season is fast approaching and the Old Wilsonians have already won a trophy, having been crowned champions of the Kent Metropolitan Indoor League Division 2.

So congratulations to skipper Jon Rodda and his team of Velsen Devarajulu, Sanath Dandeniya, Siva Ranjan, Matt Abbett, Elliot Bettridge, Dan Nichols, Shehan Sivaranjan, James Sellar, Andrew Pomering and Joshua Gary. And, as our head coach, Jon has also been busy at Winter Nets, as indicated by the photograph below



Head coach and skipper of our victorious side Jon Rodda (centre) looks pensive during an intensive training session

Our own AGM saw us lose two key members of our committee as Jeff Mascarenhas and Jane Kempthorn stood down as Chair and Welfare Officer respectively, and we thank both of them for the tremendous contributions they have made to the OWCC safe in the knowledge that their loyalties remain very firmly with the club and they will not be strangers - Jeff, for example, will continue to be a valuable playing member.

The other important and, indeed, breakthrough moment of our annual general meeting was the election of Ian Pilgrim as our first ever Life President, recognition of his incomparable contribution to the cricket club through the likes of the establishment of our colts section and his inspiring leadership as both our President and Chair.

It may still be Winter but preparations, as has already been indicated, are well under way for the coming season which officially begins with all four Saturday sides starting their respective league campaigns on May 9th, but the 1st XI have four friendly fixtures before then - starting on April 11th – whilst the 2nd XI have two, the first being on April 25th.

We will again be entering a side in the Sunday Development League and are determined to resurrect the Sunday social side, which failed to play any games at all last season, and have been discussing a number of ideas, which will embrace many formats of the game. We will also be entering the League's T20 competition, with all the thrills and spills that that entails.

Congratulations to Laki Kasturiratne, Margo Lawrence, Justin Pryor and Tony Sherlock, all of whom were elected Honorary Old Wilsonians at the Association's AGM for the out-standing contributions they have made to the Club and, indeed, continue to do so.

The OWCC are also pleased to announce that they have concluded an exciting and mutually beneficial agreement with Hayes school, by which their pupils will be encouraged to play for Old Wilsonians, thereby seeing a steady flow of young talent playing their cricket at Hayes Hill as well, of course, as those who have graduated from our own colts section, so the future looks very bright.

We are always looking for new players, irrespective of their age, so please get in contact if you would like to do so, or if you would like to umpire or score, or it may be that you would just like to watch, in which case why not join our supporters Club?

One day you will not want to miss is President's Day on ***Sunday July 21st*** when Jasper Gundry-White will be delighted to see you and, as ever, this event is a pre-curser to Cricket week, which is always one of the highlights of the season, as is our Quiz night on ***Friday April 3rd.***

We are all looking forward to the 2020 season and regular reports of our games and general news about the club can be found on the OW website and via Alex Forbes's excellent regular weekly round-up, so why not keep up with our activities in this simple and easy way.

Mike Pike - Secretary, OWCC

Alf Parish Memorial Darts Match

Thanks to Matt Ran, Ian Wellman and Nick Bryan the OWFC have won the annual Alf Parish Memorial darts match on three consecutive occasions and aim to make it four in a row on: Friday March 27th in the Julian Speroni restaurant at Selhurst Park
Details of the evening are as follows:
All sides competing (there were nine last year) are guaranteed some prize money as the amount raised on the evening will be distributed equally amongst them,socialism rules, ok.

There will be a raffle with the following prizes

A signed shirt by the Crystal Palace first team squad
Two bottle of the Eagles unique brand of wine
Two tickets for a game of your choice

All of the above will be donated by CPFC. There will be a first class buffet and bar, also supplied by Crystal Palace Football Club. Two extra boards are being purchased in order to speed up the event
The entry fee for players is £10, whilst supporters are charged just £5
If you would like to represent the Football Club, as a player, please speak to Alex Forbes
If you want to come along simply to enjoy the evening, then please let me know
Pikey - 0208 659 6443 owmikepike@yahoo.co.uk

FOOTBALL CLUB VICE PRESIDENTS DAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Vice Presidents Day A memorable Saturday at the club as we remembered ‘Mac’ McAllister, Ian Forbes, Mike Kendrick and other Old Wilsonian legends.

Sophie Benjamin visited us with Sienna and Isla Benjamin, Kirks daughters. A plaque was unveiled in Kirks memory and celebration of his short life, with the simple inscription ‘An Old Wilsonian’. The girls looked at the photos of Kirk on tour, their favourite was ‘Tweety Pie’. The plaque sits underneath the tour photo board featuring Kirk in various tour guises and a signed tour shirt.

The President elect, Mark Mace said a few words and announced that the annual Super Vets vs SE London Arts network game will be played for ‘The Kirk Benjamin’ trophy and any proceeds donated to a mental health charity. Speaking of touring, this year a trip to Malta is planned to play against the Maltese National Team Veterans (subject to EUFA / FA approval) reserve your place now. May Bank Holiday weekend.

Play Darts, like Palace, drink beer (or anything else)? and represent the club at Selhurst Park and a chance to chat to Steve Parish and Mike Pike as we defend our trophy. ‘First Class’ buffet as well!

Play Golf?, 62 have already signed up to play, so contact Barnes Clanaghan to reserve your spot on the first tee at Addington Palace, On the pitch just 1 point out of 12 at Hayes but away it was a different story.

Stuart Paton stupowfc@gmail.com

Facebook message from Sophie Benjamin. Thank you all so much for the warm welcome and as a wife and mother, I am forever grateful to you for keeping Kirk's memory alive.
Out of Sienna's mouth... “me like Daddy's football club. Daddy's in the sky, but his friends look after me ?

OWFC End of Season Dinner

25th April 2020 7pm to 25th April 2020 11pm

OWFC End of Season Dinner take place at Hayes . For more details speak to Jon Howe - **jon.howe14@gmail.com**

TENNIS CLUB

Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Award 2019 WINNERS

During 2019 we were able to recognise 3 young people for their achievements at the club. Oliver Harris, Daisy Cooper and Emilia Harris each won the award, which comes around once per school term. All 3 of the 2019 winners were at the club on the same night so it was terrific to be able to get pictures of them together, and with Jake. Thanks to Linda Seston, for capturing that moment, and for organising the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme for us.

Tennis Tournaments 2020

Please put these dates in your diaries

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	TIME	ORGANISER
JANUARY	Saturday 18th January	American Tournament – Points Race 1	2:00pm	John Goskie
FEBRUARY	Monday 10th February	Start of Handicap Tournament	N/A	Tony Howard
	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	Half-term Tennis Camp	10:00am-3:00pm	Jake Johnson
	Saturday 22nd February	American Tournament – Points Race 2	2:00pm	Rob Kingdon & Martin Partridge
MARCH	Saturday 7th March	Kent Tennis Awards Dinner	7.00pm	
	Saturday 14th March	Mixed doubles pairs handicap tournament – St Patrick's Day Theme, Wear Green, other Irish nonsense	2:00pm	Hazel Grace & Margaret Buck
	Friday 20th March	Quiz Night	7:30pm	John Drabwell
	Sunday 29th March	Quorn Cup Parent & Child Event	09.30am – 1pm	Nigel Jordan and Jake Johnson
APRIL	Saturday 4th April	Brian Morley Trophy and Wimbledon Ballot	2:00pm	Richard North Ballot -Judy Evans
	Monday 6th April	Road to Wimbledon (Junior 11-14 yr olds Club Tournament) begins		Charlotte & Jonathan Hares
	Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April	Easter Tennis Camp	10:00am-3:00pm	Jake Johnson
	Friday 24th April – Sunday 26th April	OWLTC ClubForce Working Weekend	N/A	Nigel Jordan
MAY	Saturday 2nd May	American Tournament – Points Race 3	2:00pm	Chris Gurr
	Sunday 10th May	Handicap Tournament – Finals Day	TBC	Tony Howard
	Sunday 17th May	Road to Wimbledon Finals – Junior 11-14 yr old	2.30pm	Charlotte & Jonathan Hares
	Sunday 24th May	LTA Grade 6 Social Tennis Tournament	12.00-16:00	Jake Johnson
	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	Half-term Tennis Camp	10:00am-3:00pm	Jake Johnson

JUNE	Sunday 7th June	George Rice Trophy and Tea	2.00pm	Judith & Chris Heayberd
JULY	Saturday 4th July	Mixed doubles pairs Tournament – Wimbledon Wear Whites with strawberries & cream	2.00pm	Chris & Anne Gurr - TBC
	Monday 13th July	Club Tournament begins	N/A	Chris Gurr
MONTH	DATE	EVENT	TIME	ORGANISER
	Monday 20th July to Tuesday 1st September – PLEASE CONFIRM END DATE JAKE	Summer Tennis Camp	10:00am-3:00pm	Jake Johnson
AUGUST	Saturday 8th August	FUN Tournament and BBQ	2:00pm	NEED SOMEONE
SEPTEMBER	Saturday 5th September	American Tournament – Points Race 4	2:00pm	Norman Holmes & Brian Rodgers - TBC
	Saturday 19th September	Club Tournament Finals Day	12 noon	Chris Gurr
	Tuesday 29th September	Ladies Charity Inter-Club Tournament	9:00am	Margaret Barker
OCTOBER	Saturday 3rd October	American Tournament – Points Race 5	2:00pm	Tony Clark
	Friday 9th October	Quiz Night	7:30pm	Nigel and Judy Evans
	Monday 26th October – Friday 6th November	Half-term Tennis Camp	10:00am-3:00pm	Jake Johnson
NOVEMBER	Saturday 7th November	American Tournament – Points Race 6	2:00pm	NEED SOMEONE
	Tuesday 10th November	Annual General Meeting	8:00pm	Nigel Jordan
	Friday 13th November	Wine Tasting & Quiz	7.15pm	Nigel Jordan
DECEMBER	Sunday 6th December	Christmas Tournament followed by mulled wine and mince pies	10:30am	Steve Drew
	Thursday 24th December	OWA's Christmas Gathering Everyone welcome	4:00pm onwards	N/A

Old Wilsonians' Association

PRIZE DRAW 2019-2020

Draw Promoter: Graham Watts

Tel: 07956 462 685 *(m)*

WINNERS LIST

DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE	DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE
DEC 3	57	L TUPPEN	£25	APR 14			£25
DEC 10	180	G ROBINSON	£25	APR 21			£25
DEC 17	109	J SANGER	£25	APR 28			£25
DEC 24	174	J FORBES	£500	MAY 5			£50
DEC 31	101	J KEMPTHORN	£25	MAY 14			£25
JAN 7	75	L WILKS	£25	MAY 21			£25
JAN 14	31	A BRIGHTON	£25	MAY 28			£25
JAN 21	167	T ADAMS	£25	JUN 4			£25
JAN 28	136	R MATTHEWS	£50	JUN 11			£50
FEB 4	26	I BAILEY	£25	JUN 18			£25
FEB 11	63	G CARRINGTON	£25	JUN 25			£25
FEB 18	160	C MILLEDGE	£25	JUL 2			£25
FEB 25	57	L TUPPEN	£50	JUL 9			£25
MAR 3			£25	JUL 16			£500
MAR 10			£25	JUL 23			£25
MAR 17			£25	JUL 30			£25
MAR 24			£25	AUG 6			£25
MAR 31			£50	AUG 13			£25
APR 7			£25	AUG 20			£50

If you want to join in and buy a number for just £25 a year then please contact Graham Watts as above

GOOD LUCK

The PRIZE DRAW is part of the OWA Lotteries

All payments to Old Wilsonians' Association fund raising lotteries will be used to improve facilities in the Club House and Grounds for the benefit of all members

Old Wilsonians' Association

SUPER DRAW 2019-2020

Draw Promoter: Graham Watts

Tel: 07956 462 685 *(m)*

Email: grawat@ntlworld.com

WINNERS LIST

DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE	DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE
DEC 3	1	A KIRCHIN	£70	JUN 1			£1000
DEC 17	61	D CUNNINGHAM	£1000	JUN 15			£70
JAN 1	46	J HART	£170	JUL 1			£170
JAN 15	73	A SIMPSON	£70	JUL 15			£70
FEB 1	60	D WEAVER	£170	AUG 1			£170
FEB 15	21	M POPE	£70	AUG15			£70
MAR 1			£170	SEP 1			£170
MAR 15			£70	SEP 15			£70
APR 1			£170	OCT 1			£170
APR15			£70	OCT 15			£70
MAY 1			£170	NOV 1			£170
MAY15			£70	NOV 5			£70



If you want to join in and buy a number just £12.50 a month by direct debit, then please contact Graham Watts as above



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GOOD LUCK

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School Reunion class of 1985

A school reunion for those joining the school in 1978 , come along and see old friends.
Old Wilsonians Sports Club, Hayes Hill, Hayes BR2 7HN
Saturday 7th June 2 – 7pm
Ist XI Cricket Match

Info: Neil.Engstrom@hotmail.de

SCHOOL NEWS

2019/20 RENEWAL AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

In November 2019 Wilson's School held a presentation chaired by the Communications Director, Tim Edge outlining the next phase of development for the School and how parents, old boys and local companies can assist in bringing these plans to fruition through a number of different fundraising options. A separate leaflet eplains these plans in more detail.

'Developing Wilson's' – Presentation by the Headmaster Nathan Cole

Ladies and Gentlemen I'm delighted to welcome you here this evening for our 'Developing Wilson's Presentation'. As well as our current parents it gives me real pleasure to welcome back to the school some of our former parents and a number of loyal Old Wilsonians. I am particularly pleased to be able to welcome a number of donors to previous campaigns, in particularly the successful campaign to refurbish this Hall, launched in 2014. To all our donors, thank you once more for your kindness; the donors' board on the wall to my right is a lasting and fitting testament to your generosity.

The excellence that Wilson's has enjoyed throughout its 404 year history has been underpinned by many selfless acts of altruism and philanthropy in keeping with its motto. After the generous bequest of the land and foundation by Edward Wilson himself in 1615 for the benefit of the poor of the parish, the earliest record of significant benefaction at the school dates back to 1649. Since then, significant fundraising activity has featured at regular intervals in our history, most recently in 2014.

We had originally entitled this presentation as a 'Future of Wilson's' presentation but it soon became apparent that this was causing undue alarm! Some were wondering whether we indeed had a future and speculated that we were inviting you to a meeting to inform you of the school's imminent closure. Unlike 1845 when that was actually the case, I can assure you all that Wilson's, this great school that it is such a privilege for me to lead, is not in imminent danger.

However, despite benefaction over the years, Wilson's, as an Academy School, remains acutely vulnerable to the vagaries of government funding and budget cuts beginning in 2010 have led to many hard choices about what we are able to offer our staff and pupils. It might startle you to know that the baseline national funding for a Sixth Form pupil is just £10.95 per day to cover all costs of teaching and running the school. Even following the Government's recent announcement it will only be £11.45 – 50p a day more. It is true to say that the rate is higher for Years 7-11 – £13.67 – however, teaching a child, for a day for under £15.00 is nothing short of a miracle!

But at Wilson's we make it work. We have not – like many other state schools - removed our Art, Sport and co-curricular programmes. Frankly, a school without these things to me is not a school. Therefore I must thank all of you who contribute or have contributed so generously and selflessly to our monthly contribution scheme. Without your kindness the school would be denuded of anything but the teaching – and even then without Art, Music, German, French, Spanish, Latin in the Sixth Form.

I must also thank the PFA, which supports our co-curricular and capital programmes to the tune of £60k PA. Through its own successful fundraising it has already made a generous

pledge of support to the ‘Renewal and Outreach Campaign’.

As many of you will be aware, despite being built less than fifty years ago, parts of our campus are tired and dilapidated. Our performance as one of the UK’s most successful schools is simply not matched by the quality of our facilities.

We now aspire to transform our provision for music teaching and sport and fitness by providing a new music school, new sports changing facilities and a state of the art fitness suite.

In addition to seeking support for our capital development programme we are also seeking funding for our outreach programme. Founded in January 2019, The Wilson’s outreach programme is designed to equip primary school children from some of the most disadvantaged sections of our local community with the knowledge, skills and confidence to sit selective tests for entry to grammar schools.

We have established working links with six local primary schools where Wilson’s year 12 pupils and staff support the primary colleagues and their charges with maths and English. Pupils from these ‘link’ primary schools have also visited Wilson’s to use our science facilities and to take part in a teaching and activity ‘taster day’. We are now seeking the funding necessary to expand the reach and impact of this programme within our local community.

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