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A note from the President

Hello to All Old Wilsonians and Association Sports Club Members,

Another successful AGM passes and my first year as President has been one of frugality, as we struggled financially, keeping the focus on the essential work done for the running of the club. A big thanks to Clive Peckover for balancing and negotiating this financial path to keep the club solvent. Also, to the subsidiary clubs for helping out when asked.

We had a number of key projects forced upon us during this time, the main one being the condemning of the kitchen, which was successfully resurrected by the Paul Jenkins and his helpers, saving the Association significant money and allowing us to continue to stage external functions. So a big thank you to all who were involved.

We also had to agree new contracts for the mobile telephone mast, which was done expertly by Nigel Jordan, making sure the revenue was maximised for the coming years. I don't think anyone could have mastered this as well as Nigel did and a big thanks to him.

Past President, Bill Hartley, recently had his last Association meeting after many years of service to the Association running the Sports Club and taking on the very challenging year of the School's Anniversary. Have a happy rest and I'm sure we will see you soon back on the committee in some capacity.

Many thanks to the OWA Committee for the running of the Sports Club and its subsidiary clubs. I feel we are very lucky with all subsidiary clubs having excellent leadership and the more we have family participation the stronger each section will be. So thank you to all those teams

As ever, we have had a few of our ex-members passing who played a significant role in the growth of the Old Wilsonians:

- Bryan Watts passed who did so much for the Association running all the big events and a long term playing member of the Cricket Club. Bryan was an exceptional man and helped many youngsters grow during his playing days and educated us with his wonderful stories which will stay with me forever.
- Janet and John Brittain both passed within a year of each other. John played in my first ever football match for the OWs in our twin striking role. He was a top top striker and this has been recognised by the Football Club with naming the Golden Boot Award after him. Janet was a great supporter of the club and a vice-president and she knitted my first cricket jumper while scoring at cricket. Note to Pikey. They have left the Association, Football and Cricket clubs a significant donation that will be invested to take the club through the next 20 years.
- Also passing was John Ford, who played all sports for the club and played them well. An exceptional footballer, classy cricketer and good tennis and squash/racquetball player. John helped me with his expertise at cricket while coupled up with Gerry Adams at mid-on and mid-off, both of who have a very dry sense of humour and would stop the game to swap over for left handers.
- Ted Knevett, Treasurer of the OWA for many years and Past President (See Obituary)
- All the above are a great loss to the OWA and a big part of its history, best wished to

all their families who shared their amazing lives.

Review of 2016

Website was imminent this time last year and now it is here!!! Many thanks to Alex Forbes and to all clubs, in particular the football club for sponsoring the build, for their input to make it what it is today, I know there is a second phase and please do use the website and post feedback to help us grow it in the right direction.

For those that don't know what Clubforce is, it is a great initiative that brings all the members from all the clubs together for the good of all, to do those jobs that keep this club spick and span, saving so much money. Again, many thanks to Paul Jenkins and his team of helpers for masterminding this year in and year out.

The Bar team and bar go from strength to strength, thanks to John Drabwell, IP and Gerry Adams with ever increasing profit and a staff that are professional and ably lead by Archie Whittaker who has really stood out for me in recent years. Takings over the bar have risen year on year thanks to their work and that of the likes of Jasper Gundry-White and Anton Snowsill who take all the bookings on behalf of the club.

Ground manager's role has been taken up by Steve Millward from Mickey Pilgrim and he has taken to the role "like a duck to water", " like a pig in…" working tirelessly for the good of all. Much like Mick Pilgrim did Steve is working harder now he has retired

Strength of the club is the community around it and the families that the colts bring to each section are the life line of this club in terms of long term sustainability, so it is good to see that focus in all clubs now. Our most recent addition was the Colts football which Neil Kendrick has taken from 3 teams to 20 teams on 2 seasons, which is quite a task and with the help of parents he has coped with such a huge rise. Projects such as this strengthen our relationship with the local community and our neighbours in the road plus allow funding for the key projects, of which, there will be more and more.

So, to the clubs, who will supply their individual reports but for what it is worth here is my view:

Tennis Club is ably lead by Nigel Jordan and his team.
They have a membership of around 450 members, approximately 250 of which are the youth section lead by Jake.
Having been to their AGM I can see they have a small but strong team running the club, which could expand to help the likes of Nigel who put a huge amount of hours in.
I am pleased to announce there will be 2 honourary members put forward today, which is long overdue and their recognition is much needed by the Association
One of their focuses this year is on female members to play tennis and I would ask all clubs to consider how they can help this initiative
Great community integration with both parents and children alike

Cricket Club lead by Paul Maxwell with Jeff Mascaranos, Adrian Beckett and Andy Spedding as key supporting cast
Good team at the top of both the Seniors and the Colts sections
I think they are running at around 9 teams weekly for both Colts and Seniors
Great community integration with both parents and children alike

The pitch at HawesDown school is working extremely well and a great investment

Squash Club lead by Ross Hartley
I believe the squash club had a successful year both on and off court
It is great to see their numbers in the bar and enjoying themselves
I'd like to thank the football and cricket club for ensuring they respect the squash court area

Netball lead by Jane Paton
They seem to be quietly getting on with their season and discussions are being had about the cost of the floodlights in terms of the cost to their members.

Football Club lead by Jamie Parkinson with Richard Smart moving to the Presidential "Trump" role [9]
Around 200 playing members of which around 25 to 30 are non-olds. Of these 30 they are predominantly made up of known association members including members of the Youth section and cricket club, which is very encouraging, and there is an on-going discussion about how to best to utilise the Youth Sections and Association membership.
Their Constitution needs to be reviewed to allow the Association to be recognised for CASC status
Good to see the movements to allow more interaction with other Sports Clubs and in the future more family involvement.

Youth Football – lead by Neil Kendrick
Amazing growth by Neil and his team with 19 or 20 teams this season
Controlled chaos with this kind of growth but seems to be quickly under control with pitches and car parking
Big thank you to all the parents who are getting involved and making a difference
Lots of community participation and parents getting involved
On-going conversations to be had with the football club/ Association about senior integration for the future

Special thanks to the "quiet minority":

- Jenks for his work on the clubhouse facilities
- Clive for his "Yes Minster" attitude and financial control
- Roger for his guidance on OWA meetings and their minutes
- Wattsy for running the Prize and Super draw plus helping with key events
- Pikey for his knowledge and the newsletters he delivers each week
- Mickey, Jasper, IP and Grandad for all their help over the years
- There are so many others that do so much… too many to mention just here

But these are the sort of people that make this club great

What is in for 2017

Thanks to Janet and John Brittain the cloud that was my brother, Alex Forbes, has been lifted on the financials and we can look to make their legacy one that lasts for the next 30 years.

Our spend will be mapped out in due course, but this year will see the implementation of a quality water system to ensure the ground at Hayes is as good as it can be and back to where it was 10 years ago, if not better.

A review of the security systems we have to ensure we are safe and can identify any issues during external parties. Ian Pilgrim will be heading up this exercise for the Association.

We need to look at the club's toilet facilities to ensure they are of decent quality for our guests. Having been given the chance to clean them during Clubforce I can confirm they need looking at.

We will review the option for CASC, charity status to see if there is value in the cub following this route.

I'm sure there will be other projects coming to the fore, and as I pass the reigns on to Neil Kendrick in December of this year as out next President Im sure all of the abve will be well on their way to completion.

Finally, I would like to invite ALL members of the OW Association & its Sports Clubs to the Annual Dinner and Social at the school on Friday 24th February. There will be a number of speakers as well as a coach going from Hayes, to and from the dinner, for those local to the club. It is a chance to celebrate the school as it is now and to invite your friends and college to enjoy the company of the wonderful Old Wilsonians and its Sports Club members. Tickets can be booked from the ever helpful Graham Watts (grawat@ntlworld.com)

Happy New Year to all

Doug Forbes
OWA President

STOP PRESS

ANNUAL DINNER 2017

Apologies to all Association members but we are having to delay the Annual Dinner until the middle of the year, but it will be held at the school giving you a chance to see it in all its glory. When dates are confirmed we will distribute.

EDITORIAL

A Happy New Year to all members of the Old Wilsonians' Association and associated Sports Clubs. Firstly apologies for there not being an Autumn issue of NOW due to various reasons including the non-availability of the OldWilsonians.com website. However the new and improved website was up an running before Christmas and hopefully will be the main focus of communication for the Association and its subsidiary clubs.

Sadly we learned of the death of Past President Ted Knevett in October 2016. Ted had been suffering with Alzheimer's Desease for the last few years and was confined to a care home in Chislehurst. Certainly 2016 was not a good year for the OWA as we lost a number of great Old Wilsonians. Les Wilks has written a short Obituary to Ted Knevett which appears later.in this Edition.

The Past Presidents lunch takes place on 27th January at the New Inn in Hayes and this year we will be missing both Bryan Watts and Ted Knevett who have died in the last year.

Also included in this Edition of NOW is a comprehensive set of minutes from the AGM in December which shows the Association to be in generally good shape and financially sound aided by a very generous legacy from John and Janet Brittain to the Association, Football and Cricket Clubs. The OW Council will be making sure the legacy is used wisely on a major project for the improvement of the facilities at Hayes.

OBITUARY

Edward 'Ted' Knevett (Past President OWA) 28/9/29 – 16/10/16

I was saddened to hear the news of the funeral of Ted Knevett on the day of the OWLS November lunch at the OW Club Hayes. Unfortunately it was too late for me to attend the funeral but not too late for our Editor to say to me “You were at school with Ted, perhaps you could put together a few words for NOW”

The first time I was asked to do this was when Ted was elected President of the Old Wilsonians' Association. At that time I mentioned in my talk that having been at an all boys school especiallly during the WW2 years when the school was evacuated as a boarding school, our knowledge / contact with girls was very limited.

On returning to the school at Camberwell at the age of 14/15 we received an invitation to a 'School Dance' from the local girls school 'Mary Datchelor'. One of the masters decided that we boys should have dancing lessons and called our class together and divided it in half with one half of the class dancing backwards - “the girls” and the other half forwards - “the boys”.

We were then introduced to the waltz 1-2-3 and the foxtrot, slow, quick, quick, slow!
I was paired with Ted with me dancing forwards and Ted backwards. I mentioned this in my speech “to the President” and said when Ted and his wife Doris start dancing that he might be confused to be dancing forwards as tonight he is 'the man'. Doris told me off after the dance saying she felt everyone was looking at them. Ted used it as a story in the bar at the OW Club afterwards.

Ted was in Nairne House at school and was a bit of an athlete for the house and played for the school at chess and cricket.

On leaving School Ted joined the Old Wilsonians and played both badminton and cricket for us. It was not long before he was joining in the management of the Old Wilsonians first as a member of the Council, then Assistant Treasurer and then Treasurer. It was at this time we worked together for the OW's.

We went through a desperate time for the Old Wilsonians when our President and benefactor, Bert Bourner, who had been responsible for the acquisition of the Sports Ground died in 1969.

This left us a problem of additional fund raising to keep the Sports Ground going. An additional club was formed and the Squash Courts built for extra income from subscriptions and use of the Club. Also as a big fund raiser we held our first Donkey Derby and opened the event taking money from the general public.

With an extra subsidiary club and the success of the Donkey Derby the Old Wilsonians were beginning to be a big business – and Ted was in place not only to look after the finances of the Association as a whole but also to look after the cash involved in the Donkey Derby, particularly on the day.

Cash was needed at the start for the sideshows, stalls, tote betting and so on, purchase of prizes, coconuts before the day, pay the entertainers on the day and collect cash from stalls, count it all and bank it.

Ted would sit or be locked in his office for the day in the Squash Courts. I don't think he actually saw a donkey race in the ten years we held them. There was one story he told when he was locked away in the squash courts with the money when there was a knock on the door and secret password spoken for Ted to answer the door – he did so and there was someone there brandishing a gun to Ted's surprise – hands up!

One of the entertainments was a Wild West Show, a fight between cowboys and indians. After the display the fellow running it thought it would be a fun thing to do to collect his wages this way. Ted was not too sure – it's only a joke he said!

Ted's association with the management of the Old Wilsonians Association and sports club goes back to the 1960's as Assistant Treasurer and I've enjoyed his company, appreciate he put his skills into the OW's when they were needed most by us and over a long period.

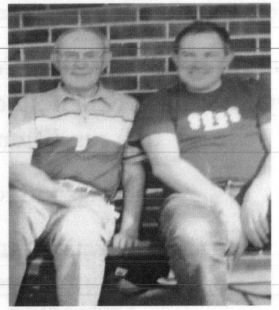
His work for the Association and Sports Club was recognised in 1989 and Ted was elected President. Thank you Ted for your contribution to the Old Wilsonians Association and the Sports Club over many years.

Les Wilks, Past President OWA

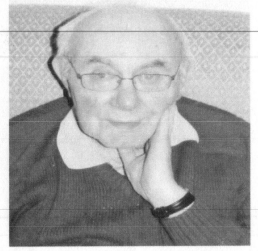








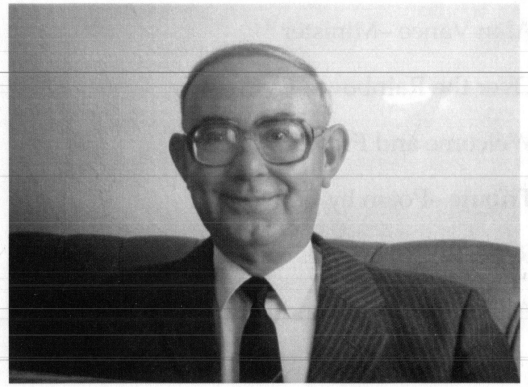




Service In Memory of

Edward "Ted "Knevett

28.09.1929 - 16.10.2016



Beckenham Crematorium

12.45 Tuesday 1st November

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Alan Vance –Minister

Over the Rainbow-Eva Cassidy

Welcome and Prayer

Tribute –Poem by Libby

Reflective Memories

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Eulogy

Committal & Blessing

The Lords' Prayer

Time to say Goodbye- Sarah Brightman &

Andrea Bocelli

Carers of Bromley, are a self- funding organisation.

They helped Dad with his Dementia by visiting him and helping Mum when he lived at Home, before he required full time care .

We would be very grateful for any donations so they can continue to help other people with this condition..

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269 High Street,
Orpington
BR6 0NW

PIKEY'S PROGRESS NO. 58

“When will the Old Wilsonians’ website be functioning again?”
“In a couple of weeks”, is a conversation I have been having with Alex Forbes for the last eighteen months or so and on November 17th 2016 the following proud announcement was made:

‘We are excited to present our all new website, providing a platform to evolve our club news, events, fixtures, results, photos and more; all delivered through a newly mobile and tablet friendly website.’

So many thanks to Alex Forbes and Mike Wedge for the work they have undertaken to make this possible. Good things are always worth waiting for and although a few tweaks are needed before it us fully functional, I have no doubt that it will now go from strength to strength, and I encourage all of you to provide them with the information needed to see it grow properly and keep all Old Wilsonians up to date concerning the news of our great club.

But what has happened to our regular fix of “Pikey’s Progress”, I hear nobody cry. It has not appeared since the explanation of Club Force, and that was in April – time to think about the next great adventure, I feel. Well, I’m back and, hopefully, this feature will again become a regular addition to the website

So what has been happening to the Old Wilsonians in the last eight months or so?
All of our subsidiary Clubs go from strength to strength, as the reports at the AGM in December so graphically illustrated, and all are in reliable and committed hands, and thanks to all of the officers concerned for their continued hard work.

Doug Forbes has started the second of his two year term as our President, a job which is becoming more and more challenging as the club gets bigger and bigger, and particularly so for a man who has an equally challenging full-time job and a family. Doug will need the help and support of all of us, so please assist him in any way you can.

We are lucky in that we have a number of retired members who continue to work tirelessly for us, none more so than our Life President, Ian Forbes - have already mentioned three members of the Forbes family – never better illustrated than in his master-minding of OWLS (Old Wilsonians’ Lunches), the regular monthly “must attend” for those no longer involved in the daily commute.

We have a fine selection of cooks and bar tenders, but additional volunteers are always welcome, so please answer Ian’s call for assistance . Ian has also organised the ‘Richard McAlister Memorial Day’ for Saturday March 4th for all Vice Presidents and friends of the Football Club, a chance to catch up with former team mates, remember ‘Mac’, pay homage to him and remember all that he did, not only for the Football Club, but for the Old Wilsonians per se.

Another monthly event sees our gardening group tending to the horticultural needs of the club and thereby making the ambience that much better for all who enter the ground, although things may change in the not too distant future when our respective electronic tags are removed upon the completion of our respective community service!

The football season has reached the half-way stage, its junior section goes from strength to strength, the cricket club are preparing for the 2017season - Winter Nets begin in January - the Tennis Club play all the year round, irrespective of the weather, as, indeed, do the Squash and Racket Ball section, although playing indoors does help, and the Netball Club continues to establish itself and is now an important part of Old Wilsonian life.

Our bar staff, as ever, perform admirably as the takings rocket – over £11, 000 was taken during Cricket week, for example, with the overall turnover approaching £150,000 on an annual basis

With growth comes additional problems and responsibilities and I would like to draw your attention in particular to the car park, which has become full to overflowing as the consequence of so many more people using the club. Contingency plans are being put in place, but please act responsibly, park properly and, even more importantly, develop the habit of a car sharing system - there is little sense in a large vehicle arriving with just the drive as its sole occupant.

Sad to report that, since my last column, we have seen the passing of two OWA Presidents of the club, namely Bryan Watts and Ted Knevett, whose individual and combined contributions to our cause had been immense, and their passing will make the annual meeting of former Presidents on January 27th particularly poignant.

There is no doubt that I will be returning to many of the above issues in future editions of PP – the prime content of this column is to feature the club – but what has been happening in the wider world since my last contribution?

We have had Brexit, a new (un-elected) Prime Minister, a new, albeit the same, (elected) leader of the opposition and are about to see the 'coronation' of a President of the United States who is racist, sexist, mocks the disabled, is supported by the ku klux klan and Nigel Farage, denies climate change and has his finger on the nuclear button, even more disturbing when you consider the fact that he fronted the American version of 'The Apprentice' when he was in the habit of proclaiming "Your fired" .

Mick Jagger has become a father for the eighth time, Bob Dylan, quite rightly, has won the Nobel prize for literature and Leonard Cohen, even a greater man of words, has died , whilst Palace sacked their manager just before Christmas, they usually wait until Boxing Day.

Having re-read this piece it seems to have been a somewhat serious article, which is all very well – the Association is now a Business with a vast turnover and must therefore be taken seriously if it is not only to succeed but continue to flourish, which we all certainly hope will be the case.

However, when Jim Lloyd first asked me to write this column it was on the under-standing that it would be primarily light-hearted; at least, I think that was his understanding!

My next effort will, therefore, attempt to be so, starting perhaps with the January OWLs, where my duties as bar man are always the source of much amusement, and I will also reveal Doug Stanley's secret as to how he always manages to be the first to reach the cheese board.

Mike Pike

CRICKET CLUB

The 2016 season was a good one for the OWCC, with the 3rd XI being promoted, the Sunday development side winning every game they played, the under 19's T20 team reaching the final of the Kent ECB competition , the 2nds, 4ths and 5ths all having respectable seasons, the under 15a side winning their league and the Mini 8's squad acquitting themselves well,

Having taken in all of that you will undoubtedly have to pause for breath, my keyboard is on fire and, as it is always good to hear such great news, may I also draw your attention to the cricket section on the OWA website, and the Club's monthly newsletter, if you want to learn more about our impressive season.

We were also proud, and privileged, to stage an inter-county disabled fixture, between Kent and Middlesex, another example of how highly the Old Wislonians are regarded within the County following, as it does, our staging of colts county cricket games a few years ago and indicative of the

way in which our own disabled section is progressing.

The 1st XI, playing at the highest level in the Club's history, finished 7th out of 10 Clubs. with the side containing no fewer than 4 players who have graduated through the colts section, including the skipper and vice-skipper, on a regular basis, and a total of seven former colts represented our premier side this year

Said skipper, Michael Mitchell, is spending the winter playing cricket in Australia where he will undoubtedly learn a lot and come back an even better player for next season. The panel umpires, who mark us for both the facilities we provide and the spirit in which we play the game, were impressed on both counts and we finished fifth in the former category and top in the latter.

All of the above would not be possible without a great deal of hard work and I would like to thank all of the management committee for their commitment and dedication, which has seen the Club progress so dramatically and with the prospect of even greater things to come next year

Congratulations to all of the award winners, both colts and seniors, and a full list of both appears in this edition of NOW. Paul Jenkins, our President, deservedly picked up the 'Club person of the Year' award for so many reasons, including the way he transformed the kitchen and the way he lead by example – no-one who enjoyed the champagne breakfast during cricket week will ever forget it – whilst Paul Maxwell, who took on the taxing role of Chairman, was not far behind him

The Association also did well out of cricket week, too, with £11,000 being taken over the bar, whilst there were some entertaining games of cricket – and those two facts are not related!

Delighted to report that both Pauls will continue in their respective roles for the 2017 season and, under their inspired leadership, anything is possible, whilst Jeff Mascarenhas, our vice-chair, has put together a 'Vision statement' which looks at our short, medium and long term futures, an impressive document which was well received at our AGM and which the management committee will be working on over the winter months to ease it into fruition

Finally an Old Wilsonian record was created in the 4th XI's game against Nat West Bank in that the aggregate age of the opening batsmen was 144, our heroes being Derek Birmingham and Rod Warboys although, and sadly, this was not replicated by the number of runs they managed to score!!

Mike Pike, Secretary OWCC

Final Saturday Averages - 1st XI

	Batting Inngs	N.O	Runs	HS	Avg
D.Solway	17	4	523	95*	40.23
C.Hammond	17	0	421	68	26.00
J. Rodda	17	0	436	67	24.76
M. Mitchell	16	1	361	68*	24.06
F. Jan	6	1	117	36*	23.40
D. Busby	4	0	81	54	20.24
S. Ranjan	1	0	17	17	17.00
S. Dandeniya	8	0	131	32	16.37
C. Scott	17	3	201	36	14.35
S. Balage Don	15	2	170	44*	13.07
L. Roots	13	5	101	22*	12.62
N. Morley	7	1	68	23	11.33
D. Ellicott-White	8	2	39	15	6.50

C. Steel	2	1	5	4	5.00
S. Sharma	4	0	14	8	3.66
D. Forbes	6	4	5	4*	2.50
(Sean) Beckett	3	0	5	4	1.66
J. Lawrence	2	0	0	0	0.00

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avg	Best
F. Jan	57	10	239	19	12.57	5 for 60
J. Lawrence	5	0	35	2	17.50	2 for 35
J. Rodda	41.4	1	244	13	18.76	3 for 55
C. Hammond	108.5	9	539	25	21.56	4 for 46
S. Balage Don	154.5	34	522	21	24.85	3 for 26
M. Mitchell	151.1	11	534	21	25.42	4 for 26
D. Ellicott-White	147.3	20	512	20	25.60	3 for 14
D. Forbes	90.2	9	298	10	29.80	2 for 11
C. Scott	12	0	83	1	83.00	1 for 34

Also bowled: S. Ranjan 5-0-21-0

Wicket-keeping: 28– L. Roots (22ct, 6 st) 1 - C. Steel (1 ct)

Catches: 13 – C. Scott 7 - S. Dandeniya 6 - J. Rodda , M. Mitchell , 5 – D. Solway
4- D. Ellicott-White 3- F. Jan, D. Forbes, 2 - S. Balage Don, 1 - C. Hammond, N. Morley, (Sean) Beckett , J. Lawrence

15As crowned League Winners

Congratulations to OWCC U15a team who were champions of the North Kent Junior League Division 1.

The boys attended the awards ceremony on Thursday 18th September to collect their medals and trophy.



Our proud, and perfectly turned out, Under 15a champions



Our Mini 8's squad cope with the hottest day of the year, acquit themselves well on the field of play and pull some interesting faces for the camera

OWCC Award Winners 2016

Many congratulations to the following players who this year won awards in the following categories.

OWCC Senior Award Winners 2016

1st XI Ken Sawyer Trophy	Connor Hammond
2nd XI Player of the Year	David Busby
3rd XI Player of the Year	Barrie Frampton
4th XI Player of the Year	Jack Treacher
5th XI Player of the Year	Stanly Sherlock
Sunday Development Player of the Year	Louis Pryor
Sunday Non-League Player of the Year	Tony Sherlock
Wicket Keeper of the Year	Lawrence Roots
Young Player of the Year	Connor Hammond
U19 T20 Player of the Year	Louis Pryor
Most Improved Player	Stephen Lawrence
Simon Corigall (1st XI Champagne Moment)	Michael Mithcell
Champagne Moment	Guy Hannah
Hospitable Team of the Year	Ian Forbes
Pikey's People Award	Jasper Gundry-White
Club Person of the Year	Paul Jenkins
1st XI Club Caps	Sean Beckett / Connor Hammond / Josh Lawrence



Our talented youngsters display their trophies

OWCC Colts Award Winners 2016

U17 Player of the Year	Daniel Seston
U17 Most Improved Player	Bobby Mills
U15A Player of the Year	Daniel Seston
U15A Most Improved Player	Harry Relf
U15B Player of the Year	Liam Vincent
U15B Most Improved Player	Henry Farrant
U13A Player of the Year	Stanly Sherlock
U13A Most Improved Player	Joseph Jeffcoat
U13B Player of the Year	Teddy Tahir
U13B Most Improved Player	Matthew Carruthers
U11 Player of the Year	Henry Brown
U11 Most Improved Player	Archie Hares
U9 Player of the Year	Eoin Matthews
U9 Most Improved Player	Ella Mulheron
Outstanding Performance	Tom Cornish
Colt of the Year	Sydney Sherlock
Colts Person of the Year	Jonathan Rodda

Old Wilsonians' Association

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DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE	DATE	NO	NAME	PRIZE
AY 31	121	W. STANLEY	£25	OCT 11	34	J RAYWORTH	£25
NE 7	32	L. ALLEN	£25	OCT 18	102	N KENDRICK	£25
NE 14	131	J DRABWELL	£50	OCT 25	1	A McCLINTON	£25
NE 21	31	T. BRIGHTON	£25	NOV 1	84	I PILGRIM	£50
NE 28	39	D. FORBES	£25	NOV 8	43	S. FORBES	£25
LY 5	77	J TROUT	£25	NOV 15	136	R MATTHEWS	£25
LY 12	173	T FOREMAN	£25	NOV 22	105	A SIMPSON	£25
LY 19	110	Ms M RAYWORTH	£50	NOV 29	6	N SPENCE	£25
LY 26	7	M KENDRICK	£25	DEC 6	170	G. WATTS	£500
G 2	139	C SMITH	£25	DEC 13	187	D TAYLOR	£25
G 9	36	M TAYLOR	£25	DEC 20	180	J ROBINSON	£25
G 16	43	SAM FORBES	£25	DEC 27	137	A HEBDEN	£25
G 23	20	P JOHNSON	£50	JAN 3	7	M KENDRICK	£25
G 30	173	T FOREMAN	£25	JAN 10	34	I RAYWORTH	£50
PT 6	84	I PILGRIM	£25	JAN 17	75	L WILKS	£25
PT 13	7	M KENDRICK	£25	JAN 24	80	P JENKINS	£25
PT 20	149	L BARRY	£25	JAN 31	164	G. KENDRICK	£25
PT 27	10	G COLE	£50	FEB 7			£25
T 4	176	D WEAVER	£25	FEB 14			£50

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N 1	174	N JORDAN	£170	JUL 1	51	D. DUTTON	£170
AN 15	70	J TROUT	£70	JUL 15	73	SIMPSON	£70
EB 1	7	G ADAMS	£170	AUG 1	25	I FORBES	£170
EB 15	65	A. MURPHY	£70	AUG15	18	A FORBES	£70
AR 1	47	A.SMITH	£170	SEP 1	38	N. KENDRICK	£170
AR 15	19	C.PRINCE	£70	SEP 15	8	S. PATON	£70
PR 1	58	R. HALL	£170	OCT 1	23	R SMART	£170
PR15	69	D. STEWART	£70	OCT 15	64	J JENNINGS	£70
AY 1	26	A McCLINTON	£170	NOV 1	7	M. KENDRICK	£170
AY15	68	A UDALE	£70	NOV15	47	K BENJAMIN	£70
UN 1	30	T. ADAMS	£1000	DEC 1			£1000
UN 15	39	M CLARKE	£70	DEC 15			£70



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N 1	15	M PILGRIM	£170	JUL 1			£170
N 15	5	N SPENCER	£70	JUL 15			£70
B 1			£170	AUG 1			£170
B 15			£70	AUG15			£70
AR 1			£170	SEP 1			£170
AR 15			£70	SEP 15			£70
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R15			£70	OCT 15			£70
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The SUPER 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 on the Grounds for the benefit of all members

Old Wilsonians' Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wilsonians' Association, held on Tuesday, 13th December 2016 at the Clubhouse Hayes, 20:00

Attendees: Doug Forbes, Bill Hartley, Clive Peckover, Mick Pilgrim, Clive Prince, Nigel Jordan, Mike Pike, Malcolm Taylor, Ian Forbes, John Drabwell, Bob West, Stephen Millward, Ian Pilgrim, Mike Harris, Ross Hartley, Paul Maxwell, Judith Heayberd, Gerry Adams, Adam Deadman, Stuart Paton, Paul Jenkins, Neil Kendrick, Anton Snowsill, Roger Matthews.

1. Apologies for absence

Denise Pilgrim, Jamie Parkinson, Lou Barry, Jane Paton, Richard Smart.

2. Minutes of previous meeting (Tuesday, 8th December 2015)

These were agreed as an accurate record Proposed by Mick Pilgrim seconded by Ian Forbes and signed by Doug Forbes..

3. Matters arising

In preparation for the AGM, Doug advised the meeting that he had sought feedback from representatives of the Council as to what were the important issues for their sections going forward and the following points were highlighted:-

- Ross Hartley (Squash and Racketball) cleanliness of changing rooms, toilets and showers.
- Ian Pilgrim (Bar Services) for the Association to ensure it gets the best deal on future brewery supplies by competitive tendering, and that the men's toilet is re-vamped to the required standard.
- Nigel Jordan (Tennis Club) floodlights for the MUGA.
- Jane Paton (Netball) would like to know what the annual rental cost is going to be and how this will be aligned with the cost of lighting.

4. Report of the President/Chairman of Council

Doug Forbes' Report

In my view the role of President is moving towards no longer being an honorary position and the needs of the role require a **Sports Club Chairman/ vice-chairman**. Spoken to many like Clive Peckover/ Neil Kendrick/ Mike Pike and Roger Matthews and all in agreement. Intention to put this in place for Neil's reign as President.

Many thanks to Bill for his tireless work for the Association and he should enjoy his retirement, as it will be short lived I'm sure.

Also many thanks to the OWA Committee for the running of the Sports Club and its subsidiary clubs

I feel all subsidiary clubs have excellent leadership and the more we have family participation the stronger each section will be. So thank you to all those teams

Review of 2016

Website was imminent this time last year and now it is there!!! Many thanks to Alex and to all clubs for their input to make it what it is today.

Clubforce is a great initiative and brings the clubs together for the good of all saving so much money. Many thanks to Jenks and his team for masterminding this again.

We have a new kitchen, which is essential for the funds we receive from external lets and also the provision of post match food. Again, thank you to Jenks, Jasper and the team for making this happen so quickly and so professionally with the future in mind.

The Bar goes from strength to strength, thanks to John and IP with ever increasing profit and a staff that are professional and lead ably by Archie who has really stood out for me.

Ground manager's role has been taken up by Steve Millward from Mickey Pilgrim and he has taken to the role "like a duck to water", working tirelessly for the good of all. Much like Mickey, he works harder now he has retired.

Passing of key members

- Bryan Watts who did so much for the Association and my education at the club
- Janet and John Brittain
- Ted Knevett
- John Ford

The strength of the club is the community around it and the families that the colts bring to each section are the life line of this club in terms of long term sustainability, so it is good to see that focus in all clubs now.
It strengthens our relationship with the residents and allows funding for the key projects, of which, there will be more and more.

So, to the clubs, who will supply their individual reports but for what it is worth here is my view:

Tennis Club is ably lead by Nigel Jordan and his team.
They have a membership of around 450 members, approximately 250 of which are the youth section lead by Jake.
Having been to their AGM I can see they have a small but strong team running the club, which could expand to help the likes of Nigel who puts a huge amount of hours in.
I am pleased to announce there will be 2 honorary members put forward today, which is long overdue and their recognition is much needed by the Association
One of their focuses this year is on female members to play tennis and I would ask all clubs to consider how they can help this initiative.
Great community integration with both parents and children alike.

Cricket Club lead by Pau Maxwell with Jeff Mascaranos, Adrian Beckett and Andy Spedding as key supporting cast
Good team at the top of both the Seniors and the Colts sections
I think they are running at around 9 teams weekly for both Colts and Seniors
Great community integration with both parents and children alike
The pitch at Hawes Down school is working extremely well and a great investment.

Squash Club lead by Ross Hartley
I believe the squash club had a successful year both on and off court.
It is great to see their numbers in the bar and enjoying themselves.
I'd like to thank the football and cricket club for ensuring they respect the squash court area.

Netball lead by Jane Paton
They seem to be quietly getting on with their season and discussions are being had about the cost of the floodlights in terms of the cost to their members.

Football Club lead by Jamie Parkinson with Richard Smart moving to the Presidential "Trump" role ☺
Around 200 playing members of which around 25 to 30 are non-olds. Of these 30 they are predominantly made up of known association members including members of the Youth section and cricket club, which is very encouraging, and there is an on-going discussion about how to best to utilise the Youth Sections and Association membership.
Their Constitution needs to be reviewed to allow the Association to be recognised for CASC status.
Good to see the movements to allow more interaction with other Sports Clubs and in the future more family involvement.

Youth Football – lead by Neil Kendrick
Amazing growth by Neil and his team with 19 or 20 teams this season.
Controlled chaos with this kind of growth but seems to be quickly under control with pitches and car parking.

Big thank you to all the parents who are getting involved and making a difference.
Lots of community participation.
On-going conversations to be had with the football club/ Association about senior integration for the future.

Special thanks to the “quiet minority”:

- Jenks for his work on the clubhouse facilities
- Clive for his “Yes Minster” attitude and financial control
- Roger for his guidance on OWA meetings and their minutes
- Wattsy for running the Prize and Super draw plus helping with key events
- Pikey for his knowledge and the newsletter
- Mickey, Jasper, IP and Grandad for all their help over the years
- There are so many others that do so much… too many to mention just here

But these are the sort of people that make this club great.

What is in for 2017

Thanks to Janet and John Brittain the cloud that was my brother Alex Forbes, has been lifted on the financials and we can look to make their legacy one that lasts for the next 30 years.

Key Projects to look at, note not exhaustive:

- Community – Integration of local families
    - Focus on the older generation – petanque perhaps
- Formal recognition of the Brittain’s, Bryan Watts’ and John Ford’s contribution to the Association
- Water filtration system to improve the quality of the surface
- Security system for the club
- Men’s Toilets
- Groundsman’s role review
- Portable floodlights for Tennis/ Football and Cricket?
- Sheppard & Neame renewal
- CASC status with the VAT and Corporation Tax advantages (min £8k a year)
- Focus on Community and Sports Club events
- Maximise spend of the Brittain legacy
    - Andy Steel as Club Captain to help
- Association & Sports Club Dinner at the school on Friday 24th February
    - Coach from the club for people wishing to drink

A hard first year and thank you to everyone for their continued input

5. Treasurer’s Report
Clive Peckover's Report

Clive Peckover invited the AGM formally to adopt the audited accounts for 2014-15, on which he had reported in outline at the 2015 AGM.

Proposed: Mike Pike; Seconded: Bill Hartley; carried unanimously.

Turning to 2015-16, Clive began by thanking Lou Barry and Mark Mace for all their hard work as part of the Treasurer’s team, and also Ian Pilgrim and Ian Forbes for all they did to help ensure monies were properly banked and accounted for. All of this help was crucial to the good financial running of the club.

Clive thanked the subsidiary club treasurers for all their hard work over the year: Bob West, Andy Spedding, Alex Forbes and Mike Drozd. All the subsidiary clubs were in a sound financial state, with rents to the OWA for the year to end-September 2016 paid or accounted for, and accounts prepared or in preparation: these and Clive's central report would be submitted to Lou Barry for review and the preparation of the audited accounts for the year.

Clive also thanked other OWA members who had done so much through the year to boost OWA revenues. This included the outstanding work of all the Bar Team and of Anton Snowsill as sports club secretary on the pavilion hirings; Mick Pilgrim in his management of the Sunday hirers; Graham Watts for his tireless work on the Club Draws, which had generated over £6k in income for the year; Bill Hartley in managing utility expenditure; and Neil Kendrick in expanding our revenue base through the development of the Junior Football. Again, all of this work was crucial to our financial well-being and should be widely appreciated by the membership.

Clive presented a summary of the OWA central operations for 2015-16. This showed an operating deficit of £4,760 for the year for the central account, reflecting the cashflow to the end of September 2016. But overall the club was solvent, revenues were good and expenditure was properly controlled.

The bar had had another good year, with a 26% increase in sales to £133k, the gross profit margin being down slightly at 46%, and a 14% increase in net profit to £43k. Clive thanked all concerned for their efforts behind the bar and in front of it, which must be maintained. Clive would be reviewing with Lou Barry and the Bar Team the relative flows of cash and card income to ensure that we were managing these effectively, both to cover bar costs and to assist the process of accounting separately for bar income and for subsidiary club income paid over the bar.

On other income, it had been another solid year for the Sunday hirings, thanks to Mick Pilgrim, with income of £8,690 (including from some film company use of the ground), compared with £7,708 in 2014-15. The schools had been invoiced for their 60% contribution to Hawes Down costs in 2016, so this should be received in January (£5,752, as one of them had overpaid the previous year). On rents for the coming year, Neil Kendrick had helpfully volunteered an increase, to £8,000, in the Junior Football rent, reflecting the substantial increase in membership. Otherwise, the only proposed increase was in the OWCC rent, where an additional £1,000 was being discussed with the OWCC committee and generally felt to be in order.

In terms of expenditure, it had been a routine year for ground maintenance, plus a contribution of £2k to OWCC for the roller for Hawes Down. The main expenditure for the year had been on pavilion maintenance: the heating works (£9,426 – for which OWSRC had kindly loaned the OWA £4k, which had now been repaid) and the new kitchen (£11,448, with thanks to Paul Jenkins in particular for the economical way in which that project had been delivered).

Looking ahead to expenditure for 2016-17, the central operating budget was already committed to the following items: tractor repayment – £5k; Club Force – £2k; and website development (to reimburse OWFC which had kindly funded the work this year) – perhaps £3k. Other items which the OWA council would need to look at in early 2017 were the men's toilets, kitchen cupboards, further updating of pavilion electrics and security measures. There would also be a need for Hawes Down refurbishment work this year and OWSRC were looking at the refurbishment of the squash courts.

Clive Peckover invited the AGM to note his report for 2015-16.

Proposed: Mick Pilgrim; Seconded: Ian Forbes; carried unanimously.

6. Bar Report
John Drabwell's Report

Once again the Bar has had an excellent year with turnover increasing by a further 15% to nearly £133K and a resulting net profit of 43K, in line with previous years. This level of profit has been achieved without any price increases and on the back of small cost increases imposed by our suppliers

due to natural market fluctuations. These we have managed to absorb along with minimal increases in staff costs and slight cost differences with a change in suppliers.
Archie has done an excellent job and taken on more responsibility with ordering and general maintenance and it is the intention that his role will be more in line with becoming “Bar Manager”.
Overall the unpaid staff “Team” have performed very well in their duties and will no doubt continue to do so. However, whilst we have had another excellent performance with a sizeable increase in profit, we must not rest on our laurels and it is imperative that hard work and diligence to the task continues.
“Hiring” of the Club continues to be a major source of turnover and profit and Anton has done a very good job of taking over this role. Whilst we have had one or two “incidents”, this area of concern and resulting problems has been looked into and a criteria has been drawn up which should help to alleviate future trouble. Past problems have mainly been caused by comparatively younger people being mixed with alcohol and the “Hirers” being less than honest with the truth. In future we will only hire the club to members and known associates and a sizeable non refundable deposit will be taken, in the event of any ensuing trouble.
The brewers “Shepherd Neame” have continued their support of the Club and were more than willing to increase the “Barrelage Loan” if we so desired. It is believed that with similar turnover, the present debt should be paid off within the next 12 months.

Action CP to clarify amount of loan outstanding for next Council Meeting.

7. Sports Club report
Anton Snowsill's Report

A few months in I feel I have settled into the role of Sports Club Secretary,

With the invaluable help of IP, we are facilitating the hiring of the clubhouse with good success. The bar staff have been fantastic in taking care of proceedings even when pushed to their limits.

We have had 2 events this year that have made us rethink hirings, and we will only allow existing members or friends of, to hire the clubhouse.

This will hopefully stop groups of youngsters descending on the club making everyone's life difficult and being noisy on departure.

We have also decided to increase the cost of any extensions after midnight to £125 per hour.

Action, at the next Council Meeting discuss the monitoring of the number of attendees at Sports Club functions, and any implications that this may have regarding health and safety and the Association's Insurance.

8. Clubhouse report
Paul Jenkins' Report

While not entirely unexpected, the urgency of the need for the kitchen to be significantly upgraded in 2016 meant that the time and financial resources dedicated to it, dominated a significant part of the year. The end result was very pleasing, but further cupboard space is still required to ensure adequate stacking and storage of utensils.

However, the need for additional storage space is no excuse for not ensuring that those who use the kitchen facilities leave them clean and tidy.

Looking forward there is the normal remedial work to be undertaken and some additional wiring to be laid.

The re-vamping of the men's toilets are a pressing need, as that facility along with the kitchen can have a

significant impact on prospective hirers of the Clubhouse.

<u>Action</u>, Gerry Adams, highlighted the need to ensure a greater control over hygiene in the kitchen, particularly with regard to hand washing and the monitoring of food and it's shelf life in the fridge. Follow up at next Council Meeting.

9. Ground report
Steve Millward's Report

This has been my 1st full year as Ground Manager. Whilst Mick Pilgrim has been a hard act to follow, I trust that my work over both sports grounds during the last 12 months has helped keep the OWA moving forward.
One very serious problem that did arise back in April and took over 3 months to resolve, nearly derailed these efforts. The prolonged incapacity of our groundsman, Colin McCausland, starting just before the commencement of the cricket season and lasting over 10 weeks, seriously threatened our ability to provide acceptable pitches on the main square as well as maintaining a suitable outfield. All this when our 1st XI were participating in Div 2 of the Kent League – the first time in their history that the team had reached this level. Whilst Colin has effectively returned to duty and can now carry out virtually all of those activities he undertook before his injury, he is not getting any younger! Also, due to the rapid expansion of the OW's Junior Football section from 7 to 20 teams, the 2016-2017 season has seen us reach full capacity - indeed, possibly exceed it on occasion, both in terms of football matches and car parking spaces. These issues arising out of the extensive use of HD on Sunday mornings need to be addressed and proper solutions applied as quickly as possible.

Main Ground
Football – The proposed trial on a 100 square metre corner of the 1st XI football pitch to see if we could eradicate or at least reduce the impact of "fairy rings" did not take place as the rep did not come back to me and, as far as I am aware, has never responded to my e-mails.
There was the usual lack of volunteers, both to take down the goals at the end of the season and to erect them again before the start of the new season.
In addition to the regular Saturday pm and Sunday am senior matches, we now have OW's Junior U18 and U16 teams along with Fisher's U16 team playing on Sunday afternoons and Hayes School's 1st team playing mid-week matches. I have therefore employed a contractor to verti-drain both pitches. This work was carried out in November and will be repeated in February 2017 and in future seasons if deemed necessary.
Requirements imposed on all football teams to congregate and place bags, bottles, etc. on the sides of the pitches furthest from the cricket square have helped minimising wear and tear to the strips of ground between the pitches and cricket square and are therefore continuing.
As for the problem of swearing and urinating in the open, especially around the tennis pavilion, warning notices are now displayed in the changing rooms.
The association owes a huge debt of gratitude to Ian Pilgrim and Ian Forbes, who continue to brave all weather conditions every Saturday afternoon whilst on car parking duty. It is about time that a few other volunteers stepped forward to share this burden!
I would also like to thank Mick Pilgrim for continuing to organise all senior fixtures on Sundays.
Note that the main ground will be available for football up to 15th April – Easter Saturday! Renovations will then take place over an 18 day period prior to commencement of cricket.

Cricket – Considerable pre-season rolling of the whole square was carried out during March and April – possibly twice as much as any previous year. Thanks to some additional work from our HD contractor, Ian Muir, and regular assistance throughout the season from Michael Mitchell and David Ellicott-White, we were able to provide cricket pitches that were more than acceptable and an outfield that was suitable most weekends. The addition of a new boundary rope has further enhanced our playing facilities. Indeed all of this, together with our excellent club house facilities, ensured that the overall scoring by league appointed umpires ranked the club 5th out of the ten teams in the division – not bad for our first year but we can do better!
An expanded area on the opposite side of the artificial pitch to the main square is being similarly prepared to the main square and next season onwards will, in addition to the current two U13 pitches, provided two practice strips. The nets will require some attention next year to ensure they are in good working order before cricket resumes and several missing/damaged sight screen panels will need replacing.

Tennis – Whilst there was a period during the summer when resources were stretched and little was done by way of maintenance, the artificial courts are again being regularly brushed/swept and the frequency of leaf/debris removal from both hard and artificial courts has just reached its peak. Extensive strimming of overgrown areas between the courts and Ex-Blues was carried out in the summer. Colin has also started to trim back and prune the trees on our ground around the tennis courts near Ex-Blues and on Wickham Park's ground next to our fence. All surrounds to the courts have been regularly treated with weed killer. Nigel should also be thanked for sorting/overseeing the installation of new gates to the artificial courts and I must also apologise for the recent "stink" caused by mis-communication over two burst pipes and having to turn off the water to the tennis pavilion for three days.

General – Whilst all machinery requiring annual maintenance was checked and serviced at the beginning of March, the mechanic had to come back several times to adjust the heavy roller's clutch, which is nearly worn out.
Should a replacement for the roller be purchased, consideration needs to be given as to where this will be stored. The old container would need to have the rotten wooden floor removed and replaced with a new reinforced concrete base and a new heavy duty tarpaulin secured over the roof.
Recently, one of the small front tyres on the large mower, as well as one of the trailer tyres, suffered slow punctures and both had to be repaired. Removing and replacing the wheels was quite a task, even with the use of my own car jack. I will therefore be purchasing a new trolley jack and axle stands.
At least two sections of the fence between us and Wickham Park have been damaged recently and pulled away from the supporting posts. Whilst they have been tied back to the posts as a temporary measure, more permanent repairs will need to be carried out.
I should also like to thank the Gardening Team – Mick Pilgrim, Ian Forbes, Mike Pike, Bill Hartley, Clive Prince and Lez Wilkes - both for their efforts and for inviting me into their ranks. I intend to carry out some pruning, trimming and strimming in the future.
And, as some of you may be aware, Doug Forbes and I were recently invited by Neil Kendrick to visit Whitgift School to be shown the water irrigation system that has been installed there and now ensures that the grounds have a thick/healthy/ luscious covering of grass that provides the sort of playing surface all year round that we too must aspire to.

Hawes Down
Football – Parts of the outfield took a long time to recover during the summer. The water supply is still limited. Additional repairs to certain areas of the pitches will be required once this season finishes.
At last year's AGM, I stated that 2015 had been a year of considerable change at HD. Little did I know then that 2016 would see even more changes.
Initially, in August, before the start of the 2016-2017 season, all 20 junior teams trained at HD. Whilst the U18 and U16 teams play at the main ground, 18 junior sides are now playing regularly at HD, in addition to the mid-week school matches and training sessions, and Sunday mornings are always busy! As well as the two senior football pitches, there are three 5v5 pitches, three 7v7 pitches, a 9v9 pitch and a training pitch, all requiring weekly attention - there is no room for any more pitches! Whilst use of these pitches is being rotated in order to limit the wear to any one pitch, it is apparent that the whole ground is gradually becoming more compacted and prone to being waterlogged when we have periods of heavy rainfall. As with the two senior pitches at the main ground, I have therefore organised regular verti-draining of the whole ground and also intend to have the whole of HD aerated as soon as is possible. This work will probably need to be repeated on a regular basis for the foreseeable future since HD is now being fully utilised and it cannot be allowed to deteriorate.
Please note that HD will be available for senior football up to and including Saturday 29th April 2017, with junior football guaranteed only to Sunday 30th April.

Cricket – Extensive rolling of the HD square was also carried out in March and April although more could have been done had less resource been required at the main ground. The cricket square was fully utilised during the summer and as well as the 3rd XI and 4th XI Saturday matches, pitches were provided for all five U18 Friday matches, four of nine U15 Sunday matches, a mid-week U15 match and a mid-week U13 match. Pitches provided in 2016 had definitely improved on 2015 and should be even better in 2017.

General – Bromley Council have finally acted and cut away the large tree root across the footpath leading to HD, whilst also resurfacing a section of the path – no more broken trolley wheels!
After the first couple of Sundays of the 2016-2017 football season, I have had to limit the number of junior matches kicking off at 10am and 11am to prevent car parking chaos. To date I have been the one person on car parking duty on Sunday mornings, and then only if not in the club house or at HD. This must change and a

permanent presence is needed every Sunday morning – even if it requires that OW Junior's employ somebody! There are brambles to the side and top corner of HD that have been trimmed back but more needs to be done. At present the small roller, line marker and other machinery belonging to our contractor is all stored in the open next to one of the infant school buildings. A suitable container needs to be purchased and located at HD to provide safe and secure storage for these items and other equipment that is currently transported from the main ground.
The maintenance contract comes up for renewal 1st March next year. We currently pay £11,800 + additional costs for whatever repair/renovation/re-seeding is required to the football pitches. Ian Muir does an excellent job for the OWA and I will be inviting him to renew the contract with us and what the revised annual cost should be, to which the schools contribute 60%. I will then be meeting the Heads on Friday, 6th January and will seek their approval of the new terms as well as going through any other issues that are included for discussion.
And at some stage in the future we must consider renovating HD as we do the main ground but this would require a similar period when no activities could take place.

10. Confirmation of President for 2016/2017

Doug Forbes was confirmed as the OWA President for the second of his two year tenure.

11. Confirmation of club captain for 2016/17

Jasper Gundry-White and Denise Pilgrim had now stepped down from the role of Club Captain. Both were thanked for their hard work and stalwart support of the Club over a number of years.
DF will speak with Andy Steel, to determine his availability for the role.

12. Election of Vice Presidents

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

There were no additional elections for Vice President this year, and it was sadly noted that Ted Knevett and Bryan Watts had passed away during the year.

All existing Vice Presidents were re-elected on block, having been proposed by Ian Pilgrim and seconded by Ian Forbes.

13. Election of Officers for 2016/17

President: Doug Forbes

President Elect: Neil Kendrick

Hon Secretary: Roger Matthews

Hon Treasurer: Clive Peckover

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, Ian Pilgrim, Archie Whitaker

Ground Manager: Steve Millward

Buildings Manager: Paul Jenkins

School Liaison Officers: Andy Parkinson and Mark Simmons

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 Ian Pilgrim and Ian Forbes respectively and unanimously elected.

14. Election of Honorary members

Existing Honorary members:
George Wing, Graham Watts, John Lucock, Doug Stanley, Ray Neve, Paul Jenkins, Denise Pilgrim, Stephen Millward, Clive Prince, Jasper Gundry-White, Nigel Jordan, Andy Steel, Nick Fuller, John Martin, Jill Forbes and Caroline Maxwell.

It was sadly noted that Janet Brittain had passed away.

DF said how pleased he was to have received the nomination of two members of the Tennis Club who had been put forward as Honorary Members in recognition of years of hard work and dedication to the Tennis Club. They were:-

Bob West

Of whom Nigel Jordan wrote:-

Bob West joined Old Wilsonians' Tennis Club when Lloyds Bank LTC closed – that was in October 1999. He was one of several Lloyds members who joined together at that time, including Clive Prince & Steve Drew. Bob took over as Treasurer in the summer of 2006, and has done the task thereafter.

It is one of those jobs that never goes away. It requires regular attention and precision. Bob does a terrific job, making this difficult task look easy. He doesn't over-complicate it, and that helps us all to understand the figures. He never flaps, he never moans. But his advice is always solid and we'd all be much the poorer without the sterling efforts he has made, and will continue to make for the next few years at least!

Judith Heayberd

Of whom Nigel Jordan wrote:-

Judith has been a mainstay of club committee activity since 2002. She is always upbeat, fair and even-handed, and just gets things done whilst others dither. In short she joins up all the members within the club, the coaching programme and the local community and schools.

She became Club Secretary in 2002 and for the following 7 or 8 years she helped to keep the club afloat.

Judith became the Membership Secretary in 2011 – the most difficult role in a club that now boasts upwards of 450 members and a coaching programme involving more than 350 children and adults each week. It is a huge task – and one that Judith gets done regardless. Whether on holiday overseas, or looking after relatives elsewhere in this county, Judith always has her laptop and gets club business done. She shares Nigel's vision for the club and has a clear understanding of what is important to parents - certainty around their children's activities. Through clear, concise and timely communication Judith has gained the trust and confidence of parents. Her efforts have helped transform this club into something rather special.

15. Reports of subsidiaries

Senior Football Stuart Paton's Report

In our 127th season we entered nine X1's in the Southern Amateur League and competed in the AFA, London Old Boys and Old Boys Cups. We also run Vets and 'super' Vets X1's on occasional Sundays. Over the course of the season over 200 Old Boys and Schoolboys played for us including Non Old Boys that came through our selection process. We continue to exploit modern social media opportunities with Face book, Twitter and YouTube accounts which attract 1000's of 'hits'.

Unfortunately, despite being competitive the 1s were let down by availability and injury. This meant an early exit in the OBC and Surrey Premier Cup. The AFA cup was surrendered just after Christmas to Old Owens after back to back wins. We had an excellent record in the League but too many draws meant the 1s never got close enough to eventual winners Polytechnic. The main positive of the season was the number of schoolboys who made their 1s debut. Congratulations go to James Paton and Alex Karamath who were part of the SAL rep side that reached the semi finals of the national cup. This included a victory away in Guernsey.

The school games were played at Hayes in September which led to Old Boys victories but as ever the day was more than the games and the schoolboys were 'entertained' in the bar afterwards! Unfortunately very few of these boys appeared in any of the sides as the season progressed and this is something that we are working on this season.

The 2s had another good year. They came up short in the OBC final and finished second in the League. With, again, more consistent availability and frequent training this side can be very successful. Neil Ashworth picked up the Clarke Quarrington award for his continued attitude and commitment travelling up from Brighton to train and play.

The 3s had a tough year. Another side with availability issues but they did however have an excellent run in the AFA cup.

The 4s as usual sniffed around promotion but fell short. Jon Knight had a good first year as skipper and will be looking to go one better this year.

The 5s were the definition of mid table mediocrity but Cejay Watson did well in his first and only year, introducing a number of new players to the club.

Chris Charman had a baptism of fire in the 6s. Again they improved throughout the season but left themselves too much to do. The 7s had a great season and only some poor dropped points against weaker sides cost them promotion. This was an excellent performance from Nick Mole and his side the majority of who were in the 8s last year.

So to the bottom League of the SAL where the Kek Amankwah's 8s were top of the league for a while after an indifferent start eventually just missing out on the top two places. The 9s ably led by Rod Trompiz propped up the League pyramid again but gained the most amount of points ever by some distance, they also made it out of the group stage of the SAL cup so congratulations to Rod and his squad.

It is of note that the SAL only permit two sides per division and you cannot hold membership of two different Leagues, so opportunities to increase our number of sides in the SAL are currently limited.

We remain financially strong, breaking even last year and maintaining 13k plus in our accounts after turning over approx 32k. We supported the Junior FC with a loan and have funded the new website development to assist the OWA. We were disappointed in the quality of home pitches last year, particularly at Hayes and would seek to invest our monies in improving the playing surface. A plethora of FA grants are also available to improve pitches and facilities with the Premier League investing heavily in 'grass root' football schemes. These opportunities should be investigated.

Off the pitch Barnes Clanachan ran a very successful OW Golf Day and Richard Smart the 5 a side in August. The dinner also raised significant funds with large numbers sitting down at Hayes post season to celebrate the year and consume copious amounts of Curry from own sponsors The Blue Bengal, and the OWA definitely benefited from bar takings!

Ed Adams won the clubman of the year trophy and Neil Ashworth the Clarke Quarrington. Ben Middleton after promotion from the 2s was the 1s player of the year. Matt Williams picked up the golden boot which will be renamed the John Brittain trophy and Jack Sinclair was the young player of the year. We also had the huge honour of hosting the AFA Senior cup final. This was an incredibly successful day, the AFA were very impressed and the crowd was over 300. Thanks to all OWA members who helped set this day up.

We came second in both the SAL discipline and hospitality awards, both huge achievements and better late than never, Mick Pilgrim was recognised by the FA by receiving a 50 years voluntary service award. This is an amazing achievement and so well deserved for a man who has put his life and sole into our club.

On top of this thanks must go to Yuved Bheenick for setting up a sponsorship deal with Taylor Wimpey homes that so far has yielded two away kits and four kits for the 1s, 2s, 8s and 9s.

We would like to go on record in thanking the skippers and the committee for their continued hard work and support. Many people do not realise how much voluntary time go into running a club of this size. To this note a special vote of thanks go to those who are stepping down, for their services over a varying number of years. Richard Smart, our Chairman, is stepping down after undertaking various roles but most impressively overseen a successful 2 years in the club. Stu Paton is moving onto to Ways and Means as we are increasingly struggling to make money after doing a great job as President over the last couple of years. We must make mention of Mike Pike whose weekly newsletter now features games from 50 yrs ago as well as 25. At the club legends such as Ian Forbes and Mike Harris continue to make both officials and opposition feel welcome despite the stick they give from the Club during the games!

Moving forward, we recognise that the success of Neil Kendrick's Junior FC will bring challenges in providing a pathway to Adult football within the Old Wilsonians 'family'. This is not just a challenge for us, but replicated across football with the FA running recent workshops as Adult football participation continues to decline despite the growth of Junior football.

We are very proud to maintain our links to the school and continue the ethos of providing all old boys, masters, schoolboys over 16 and sons of old boys the opportunity to play football with their peers regardless of ability. Anyone can join OWFC but we have a selection process to ensure first of all that all old boys mentioned above get a game. That is why we were founded in 1888, it is our strength, it binds us together, it's in our very DNA and we are the envy of many clubs. A reflection of this is our Super Vets (over 50s), when 18 old boys recently turned out at 10am on a Sunday to play a friendly.

There is no current appetite from the Management Committee to go 'open', we have seen the negative impact on other Old Boys clubs but will listen carefully to any proposals from the OWA and examine any cost benefit analysis provided by CASC status in the future.

We are though, 'open' to change and are currently discussing extending our 'Old Boy' status to brothers of Old

Boys and Junior FC members after a qualifying period. This will require a change in our constitution which can only be implemented following a proposal and debate at our AGM or an EGM.

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Junior Football Neil Kendrick's Report

The last 12 months have seen the junior football club rise from 7 to 20 teams with over 250 boys and girls training with us each week. It has been a mammoth undertaking and I would like to thank the 45 coaches, managers, team admin people and the 2 membership secretaries that without their help would simply mean the club could not keep running.

I would also like to thank Steve Millward who has been unbelievable in making sure Hawes Down is opened and closed and that the pitches are marked every week.

Moving forward we hope to over the next couple of years run a team at every age group from u7 - u18. It is my hope that in the near future the senior football club make the decision to allow the junior footballers to move into the senior section and we can then create a pathway that allows players to spend the whole of their footballing career representing old Wilsonians.

Fundamentally the only negatives to the growth of the football club is the lack of parking at Hayes. Our opposition are asked to park in Hawes Lane as are some of our own members on especially busy weekends but inevitably there is the odd occasion where too many of users of the club park in Hayes Hill and this is a problem we need to sort.

The club is already self funding and this year will be able to pay the Association £8,000 in rent for the use of the clubs facilities. This is generating a large pot of extra money for the Association (my guess would be at least £5000 of clear money not including any extra revenue behind the bar). My hope is that the number lets of the ground in the next year starts to get towards zero and we move to a place where we do not need to let the ground out at all over the winter months.

It is desperately disappointing to see that there is currently no presence of the junior football club in the new website even though integration of our own site was promised.

In August I set out a draft facility use agreement and sent it to the Association detailing when we could and could not use the facilities at Hayes and Hawes down. So far there has not been a reply and without this it is very difficult to plan ahead. Please could this facility use agreement be mutually agreed by February at the very latest.

The most pressing item on the junior football club agenda is to find a replacement for me if and when I become president of the Association. My idea would be to replace my role with a president and chairman of the club who would divide out the majority of my roles and try to also get a treasurer on board.

Cricket Mike Pike's Report

The 2017 season has been a good one for the Cricket Club with the 3rd XI achieving promotion, the under 15a side winning their league and every other side acquitting themselves well.
Off the field it was also a successful year with another excellent cricket week during which over £11,000 was taken over the Bar, so the Association benefited as well, although this sometimes had an adverse affect on umpiring decisions with the official at square leg sitting on the wall, captivated by his pint rather than adjudicating on a blatant stumping - thankfully this method of officiating has not extended to scoring.
The 1st XI, having achieved promotion in 2015, acquitted themselves well in Division Two where they encountered, as well as others, three teams who had relatively recently been Premier Division sides, and finished seventh in a league of ten, despite their skipper having resigned after three games and losing their opening strike bowler shortly afterwards and it is worth mentioning here that Ashford, who were promoted with us in 2015, were relegated.
Second Division cricket also means that we are allotted panel umpires - i.e. appointed by the league and not

supplied by the participating clubs and, amongst other things, they mark sides for the spirit in which they play the game and the quality of the ground and its facilities.
Pleased to report that the side won the spirit of cricket trophy whilst the ground was rated fifth best in the league.
Our current 1st XI skipper is currently playing in Australia and no doubt will come back an even better player.
The 4th XI created an OW record when their opening pair against Nat West Bank had a total aggregate age of 144.
Sadly their stand only produced seven runs, including six extras, and they managed just one from the bat between them.
At the other end of the spectrum more and more colts are coming through to the senior sides, including both the skipper and vice-skipper of the 1st XI, but more prominently in the lower sides.
The only down side to this is their repeated cries of 'Are we there yet' when travelling to away games.
Moving to Sundays the Development side won all of its game, and thus the league, and are promoted.
The Sunday social side continue to enjoy their cricket and to introduce even more youngsters to senior cricket.
Winter Nets, for both seniors and colts, will begin in January and will now take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Bishops Justus school in Bromley, following the unavailability of Ravensbourne on Saturday mornings.
Pasan Weeraratne has agreed to be our coach, for both colts and seniors, and will also play for us, he is known to us and has both played and coached for the OWs before.
The practicalities, and expense, of employing an overseas player are proving difficult but we have a plan B which we feel will work.
Colts training will move from Saturday mornings to Friday evenings from next year, the main reason being that, with both the 1st and 2nd XIs having earlier start times, and the sides travelling further and further afield, coaches sometimes have to leave before the Saturday morning sessions are due to start
We have produced a detailed Strategy/Vision statement covering the issues of performance, participation, facilities, community involvement, finance, management and culture, and are looking at the short, medium and long term targets of all elements involved.
Sadly I have to report the year saw the passing of four of our Vice Presidents, namely Janet Brittain, John Ford, Ted Knevett and Bryan Watts, whilst we also lost Dennis Miller, who was a prominent member of the OWCC at both Dulwich and Hayes.

Tennis Nigel Jordan's Report

These are heady days in the tennis club. Taking the year to 30 September 2016, there has been a 10% growth in membership and a 15% growth in membership income. Overall membership is at an all-time high of around 460 currently. Our finances are sound – we have now completely paid for the courtside pavilion and our Sinking Funds stands at £45,000, just where it should be at this stage of the lifecycle of our courts.

None of this would be possible without the hard work of Jake and his coaching team. Without their efforts we would be much the poorer in every respect. Secondly, we value the continued support of the OWA. And thirdly I'd like to thank the many club members and Colts parents who volunteer, week in, week out, and make the club the vibrant place it is today. There is a small army of people who give their time to help run this club – some organize a one-off event and others take on regular weekly commitments; without them this club simply wouldn't function – at least not in the way you recognise it today. Thank you all.

We have the Kent Tennis Coach of the Year in 2015 in Jake Johnson and in 2016 we had the Volunteer of the Year in Judith Heayberd, and were runner up as Club of the Year. For the 2017 awards our coaching assistant Kem Hassan has been shortlisted as Volunteer of the year and the club once again shortlisted for Club of the year. Let's hope this time we are successful.

Looking back on the year just ended, we not only achieved TennisMark, but for the first time we also met the criteria for TennisMark+ - which is an accolade awarded to only 5 of the 120 or so tennis clubs in Kent. Being in that small group confirms our status as an elite club, one that is doing all the right things.

There were other firsts"this year:

1. we ran a Road To Wimbledon event for our 11-14 year old youngsters, the winners being eligible to play in regional finals with the opportunity to qualify to play on the lawns at Wimbledon.
2. we held our first external adult men's singles Open Tournament and had people from far and wide coming to enjoy an event which helped everyone improve their ratings. Both of these will be offered

again in 2017 and we hope even more members will take part.

3. Jake ran 3 courses for complete beginners aged 5-8 years as part of the Davis Cup legacy, seeking to capitalise on Team GB's winning the Davis Cup in the autumn of 2015. These courses were funded by the LTA. There is to be another series of these courses in 2017, also funded by the LTA.

The men's doubles, veterans' doubles and Aegon teams continued to hold their own just! On the down side, we fielded no mixed teams nor any ladies teams in league competitions for the first time in living memory. Hopefully with a few new recruits we will be able to consider a new ladies team or possibly a Midweek Mixed team. Increasing the number of ladies is a priority for 2017 and we have some grant funding from ProActive Bromley to support our efforts.

We ensured the courts were maintained to a high standard despite the groundsman's ill-health. New lines were added to create 4 extra mini red courts for our youngest members. We refurbished the old hut and replaced the floodlight controls. New tractor-access gates have recently been added to the carpet courts, which ensures they will remain well looked after in the years ahead. We have been asked to consider adding new floodlights to the MUGA – and investigating that will be part of our 2017 work plans.

As for reflecting on everything else about the last year at this club, it remains a very positive and encouraging position.

Squash and Racketball Ross Hartley's Report

Kent Priory League team promoted to Winter League division 5. Interest in squad places may see formation of a second team, but this is unlikely at present.
Both courts to be given a face lift and restored. Locks will be put on the doors to prevent 'social' use and damage which has been experienced in the past.
The OWSRC funds will pay for this work. Sponsorship possibilities currently being looked at by the team captain, David Thompson, through advertising on the 'tins' at the bottom of the courts' front walls.

Netball Jane Paton's Report

We had a successful year. Player numbers have levelled off after initial enthusiasm and 'honeymoon' period. Now 22 full time members playing Wednesday evening at Hayes for fun and a committed core in the North Kent League indoors at local venues on Saturday mornings.
We have held two 'Back to Netball' tournaments with Bromley Sports partnership.
Highlight of year was a summer bbq at Hayes in aid of the Evelina Hospital where a member's child had been treated for a rare brain condition and the Brompton Hospital where Lily, the daughter of football club parents James and Nicola Sparrow had been treated for a heart condition. The day raised over £1000. Both children are now doing well.
After paying OWA fees and sinking fund, we have approx £500 in the bank but are spending an extra £30 a month on lighting tokens, may that be taken into account in the future.
Due to a drop off in numbers during the winter months we are considering a longer break from November till after February half term.
We would encourage all associated OWA clubs to spread the word and encourage new members to join us. All ages and abilities over 18s years old welcome, particularly Mums and ladies who used to play at School or University.

14. Any Other Business

Further to the comments in his report NK enquired as to how best to ensure the Junior Football Section was represented on the OWA Website. DF said that undoubtedly they should be, and suggested AF should be approached in order to rectify the situation.

Malcolm Taylor asked that a copy of the Minutes of the AGM be sent to him by the second week in January in order that they might be included in the next issue of NOW and RM agreed that this date would be met.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10:45pm.